

**Studs, Herds and Flocks.**

## FAIR PLAY FARM.

One mile and a-half from the picturesque village of Grimsby, on the stone road leading to Hamilton, is situated Fair Play Farm, the property of Messrs. G. Smith & Son, the well-known breeders and importers of Jersey cattle and Welsh ponies, and, indeed, a more charming spot it would be hard to find than these gentlemen have chosen on which to build their present residence. The home farm, which contains about 100 acres, slopes down from the foot of the mountain towards the lake, while the balance of their land, about 600 acres in all, lies on the top of the mountain, stretching away towards the adjoining township of South Grimsby.

The principal stock bull in use now at Fair Play Farm is Nell's John Bull, winner last year of first prize and silver medal at the Industrial Fair, Toronto, and so far never beaten in the show ring, a son of Canada's John Bull, undoubtedly the most famous bull Canada has ever seen, and out of Nell of St. Lambert, a daughter of Ida of St. Lambert, the heaviest milking Jersey in the world. Messrs. Smith have made a wise choice in placing such a bull at the head of a herd in which the production of quantity, as well as quality, has been constantly aimed at, for when we remind our readers that not only is Ida of St. Lambert the largest milking Jersey in the world, but her full sister Allie of St. Lambert has the second largest record, these two sisters having the largest combined record ever made by two Jerseys, it will be seen that, if pedigree goes for anything, Nell's John Bull should prove a successful sire, more especially when mated with such cows as we were shown in the stables at Fair Play. To attempt to give anything like a description of these would take far longer than we have space for, but we cannot pass over them without giving the milk records of one or two of them, viz.: Hugo's Victoria gave 55½ lbs., Miss Stoke Pogis 50½ lbs., and Polly of St. Lambert 53 lbs., an average daily yield of 53 lbs., or about 21 quarts for each cow, while Hugo's Victoria gave in seven days 373½ lbs., an average daily yield of over 21 quarts. All the young things, upwards of 30 in number, are sired by Nell's John Bull, and a grand lot they are, among them being some very choice young bulls, and a lot of yearling and two-year-old heifers that promise to do credit to their sire, it being Messrs. Smith's intention, we understand, to test a number of them. Before leaving the Jerseys we would mention one more point that struck us very forcibly, and that is, the uniformity shown by the cattle, a greater amount of size than is ordinarily seen in Jerseys being combined with characteristic dairy points.

The herd of Welsh ponies numbers in all over 50 head, with the imported pony Glendower at head of the stud. Glendower was imported by Sir Jos. Hickson, and was purchased from him by Messrs. Smith. He is a very handsome pony, rich bay in color, stands 44 inches high, and weighs 500 pounds; he shows a wonderful lot of bone, with clean flat joints and good feet, while his head and neck are simply perfect. Glendower's colts, shown at Buffalo in 1889, although in competition with the largest studs of ponies in America, won every prize they showed for, and amongst those shown us by Messrs. Smith we picked out several colts that we think could

hold their own anywhere. One of these, Glendower Boy, a three-year-old chestnut with a silver mane and tail, standing 42 inches high, is a perfect model of symmetry, while his full brother, two-year-old, promises to make one equally good. Both these ponies are very breedy-looking and show capital action, their dam being a very fast trotting mare. That these ponies are handsome and breedy-looking we saw for ourselves, and Messrs. Smith tell us that they are very gentle and free drivers, being in their opinion very much superior to Shetlands, while they are quite as easily kept, the colts we saw having all wintered out round a straw stack with a little hay towards spring. Parties needing Jerseys or ponies should read Messrs. Smith's advertisement in another column.

## LANSDOWNE FARM

is situated about three miles east of Grimsby, on the south side of the stone road. It consists of 100 acres of rich, level land, running down to within one mile of the shore of Lake Ontario. A large part of the farm is planted with the choicest varieties of fruit, while around the house is laid out tastfully with various ornamental shrubs. Here the proprietors, Messrs. J. C. McNiven & Son, have laid the foundation of a herd of Holsteins, and acting on the principle that the best are none too good, they have got together some of the choicest specimens of the breed that they could find in Ontario.

At the time of our visit the herd comprised some eight or ten females and two bulls, the older of these being the yearling bull Siepkee 3rd Mink Mercedes Baron, bred by Messrs. Smith Bros., of Churchville, Ont., a very useful looking animal, showing prominently the dairy points characteristic of the breed, and with a skin like a glove, so beautifully soft and mellow, while the other, Baron of Helderleigh, is a very promising calf, dropped last fall and sired by Smith Bros.' famous bull Mink Mercedes Baron, out of Margaret 4th, a very promising young cow with a milk record of 1,387 lbs. in 30 days as a two-year-old. With the older cows, all of which were purchased from Smith Bros., we were very favorably impressed, every one of them showing very distinctly the dairy points of the breed. Indeed, one of them, Lady Maveinga 2nd, struck us as being one of the best three-year-olds we have ever seen. Wide across the hips and light in the shoulder, she shows the wedge shape, so indicative of a good milker, while her prominent milk veins and well-shaped udder, with the teats large and well placed, all seem to say the one word, *milk*. We understand that Messrs. McNiven refused a long price last fall for the cow, and well they might, if she continues to breed such calves as the heifer we were shown in an adjoining paddock, while her milk record as a two-year old is 61½ lbs. in one day.

Another plum secured by the enterprising owners of Lansdowne Farm is Maud Tensen, a daughter of the famous Cornelia Tensen and a prize-winner wherever shown. This heifer has given close to 40 lbs. of milk a day for 30 days, the third month after calving, while her milk shows 16 per cent. of cream.

Altogether Messrs. McNiven's Holsteins are a credit to the breed, and their owners are now reaping their reward for money well laid out. The herd, we are told, will be exhibited at Toronto this fall, and parties looking for young stock of choice breeding and individual

merit will do well to see them. Their advertisement will be found in another column.

## INGLEDALE FARM.

Horsemen, like poets, are born, not made, and we presume the same applies to horsewomen, for a more thorough horsewoman than Mrs. Carpenter, of Ingledale Farm, it would be hard to find. A successful breeder of Jerseys for many years, Mrs. Carpenter has of late devoted more of her attention to trotting stock, and at the time of our visit two youngsters from Ingledale, viz.: Fides Stanton, a son of General Stanton, and Belle Howard, by Almont Wilkes, 2.28, were in training for the St. Catherine's colt stakes. Mrs. Carpenter's rule has always been to breed only to the best, and as a result the brood mares at Ingledale are principally got by such horses as Brown Douglas, General Stanton, Winfield Scott, etc., while the stallions chiefly used the last few years have been Almont Wilkes, 2.25, a son of Wilkie Collins, and consequently a grandson of the famous Geo. Wilkes, and Superior, by Wood's Hambletonian, he by Hambletonian 10. The only two stallions at home when we paid our visit were Pogis Stanton and Amber Stanton, both, as their names imply, sons of the famous General Stanton. The first, a big dark chestnut, standing over 16 hands, is a pacer, out of Winona Maid, by Winfield Scott, 2nd dam by Tempest, 3rd dam by Marshall's Durock. Although never trained Pogis Stanton shows a very promising gait, having done quarters several times in less than 40 seconds; the other, a four-year-old, is out of Clara P, a full sister to Amber, 2.25½, exported a few years ago to Vienna, where he has gained the distinction of being the fastest two mile horse in Europe. Of the brood mares it is sufficient to say that they do credit to their breeding, being from such sires as before mentioned and all registered in Wallace's Stud Book, while amongst the youngsters growing up are several very choice fillies, two especially by Almont Wilkes, and out of Stanton mares, struck us as being very promising, showing size, style and action, with clean, flat legs and good feet.

As Mrs. Carpenter does not believe in working young horses to any extent, so far none of the colts at Ingledale have been trained; it is, however, the intention in the future to develop some of the youngsters, for which purpose a half-mile track has been laid out.

Besides her trotters, Mrs. Carpenter still maintains a herd of richly bred Jerseys. Among them we noticed the grand cow Allie of St. Lambert, and a very nice lot of young things of both sexes. Mrs. Carpenter's advertisement of road horses and Jerseys will be found in our columns, and we would recommend all in search of such stock to pay a visit to Ingledale, where we can guarantee a hearty welcome, and a sight of something good in both horses and cattle.

## VINE VALE FARM.

About five miles from Hamilton, and between that city and Stony Creek, lies Vine Vale Farm, the property of J. W. Jardine, Esq., and known in former years as the home of some of the best Ayrshires Canada has ever seen, but now devoted to fruit growing and the breeding and raising of trotting horses.

This year, in addition to a large quantity of strawberries and other small fruits, Mr. Jardine has eighteen acres of hops and sixteen acres of grapes.