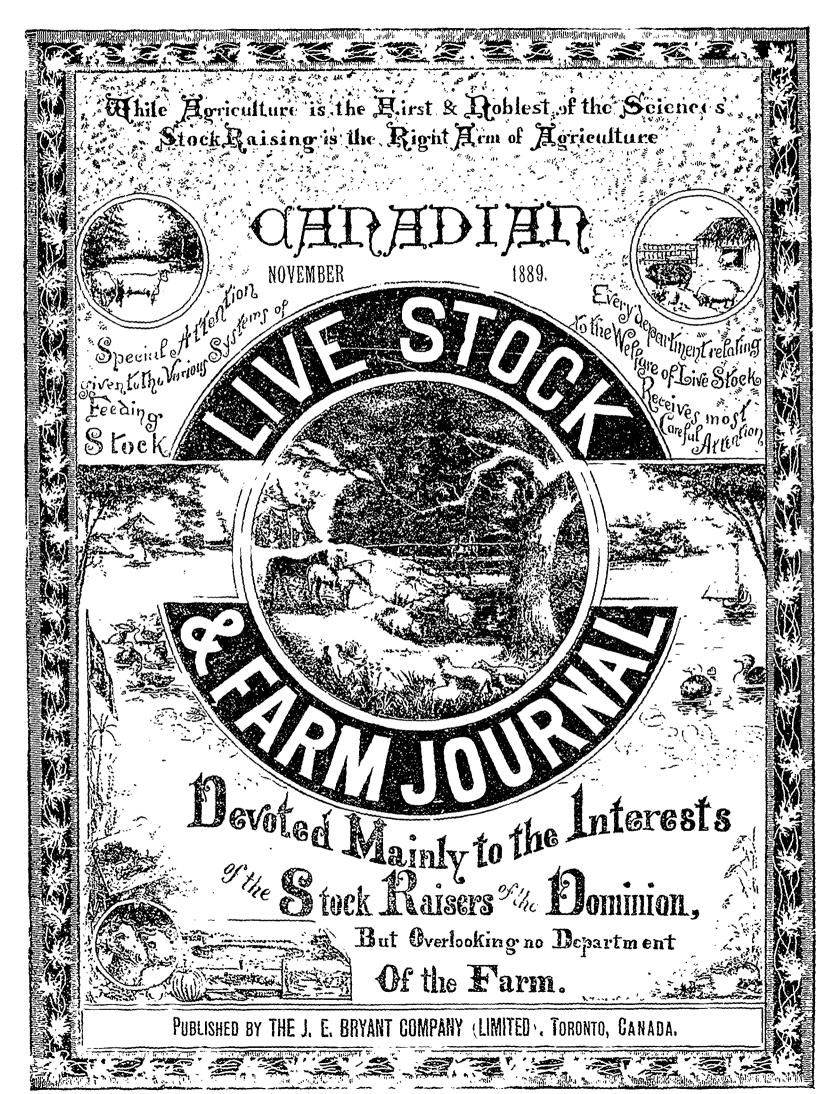
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A PRIZE-WINNING AYRSHIRE HERD.

Owned by Mr. James Drummond, of Petite Cote, Montreal, P.Q.

Our Illustration.

Strange would it have been indeed if our artist had failed to produce such an excellent embellishment for our front page as adorns it this month with such capi tal models before him as the prize-winning Ayrshire herd of Mr. Jas. Drummond, of Petite Cote, Montreal, P Q. This herd, besides being winners individually of a vast number of prizes, have made a clean sweep of all the herd prizes this year wherever shown, winning first at Kingston, the same again at Ottawa, yet again at Toronto, and finishing the truly glorious series with first at Hamilton. It is certainly a great honor to be the winners of such high honors, not to mention the many others that they have also separately won at these same fairs.

Standing down at the left hand corner in the above group Rob Roy 3971, at present the stock bull, dis plays his many qualitic, of personal merit. He is a get of the well-known prize-winning bull Promotion 3212, that was also imported by Mr. Drum mond, and used in his herd with great success before Rob Roy attained to maturity. The dam of Rob Roy, Viola 3rd, a grand milker, that is shown in the bove

group just above the bull. The head of Rob Roy is body is excellent, roomy and deep, with a strong masculine in appearance, full of character, clean and though thin loin. Her hind-quarter is wide which, in free from all fleshiness. His quarter, in front, is all conjunction with her cat hams, gives her prominent that a dairy bull should have, while his loin and body adder every chance to expand. Few cows, indeed, is by far better than that ordinarily met with, even in posses an udder such as hers, and fewer yet are the good dairy bulls. His ribs spring out weil from the Ayrshire cows that have such good sized teats. Her back and are lengthy, giving his vital organs plenty of udder runs far forward, and is not at all fatty in its room to work. The rudimentary tests are well placed, nature. Taken all in all she is a cow that adds much and his hind quarter wide, and legs well shaped. An to the honor of the Ayrshire, and must prove a source excellent handler, with a skin and covering of the of much revenue to her owner. stock getter he is by even the merest novice.

finest quality, he would easily be taken for the grand Viola 3rd 3822 is placed just above Rob Roy in the ock getter he is by even the merest novice.

above group. If this cow had done nothing more than In the right hand corner opposite appears a splendid what she has done in producing Rob Roy she would milch cow and breeder, Lily of Hardiston 3628, an at least be worthy of appearing in the above good other importation of Mr. Drummond's from the herd company. She was imported by Mr. Drummond, of Duncan Keir, Bucklyvie, Scotland. She is just the and was bred by Chas. Ray, Gargunnock, Scotland. type of a cow that would fill the eve of any dairyman. She has a beautiful head, thin neck, light fore-quarter, She is mostly a pleasing red in color. From even and voluminous barrel. She possesses a back toin and casual view at her milk making apparatus one would quarter that would be hard to surpass, while her udder at once pronounce her a cow of immense capacity, is of the first order, with teats of a fair size. Leading She has a nice head and lean neck, but when her away from her udder those conduits of waste blood, the barrel is reached the conclusion is at once forced that milk veins, are very noticeable, being large and tortuous she is a cow for work, though not without many in their course. In appea ance she lacks but little, while attractions as far as begins beauty goes as well. Her her value as a breeder cannot be estimated too highly.

stock bull Promotion 3212. dam Maggie Sands 3627, imported by Mr. Drummond. This heifer is one of splendid promise, being of excellent breeding and of fine appearance. She is the owner of a neat and pretty head, mounted with a nice pair of horns. Though one would not expect to see her body fully developed, yet in length and spring of rib she will equal many a cow of riper years. In loin she is strong and wide between the hocks, indicating that the claims of maternity will be easily met by her. Her teats are of good size, and are a good distance apart. She is a vigorous and sturdy looking heifer, and will, no doubt, meet the great expectations that her present merits have given rise to.

Viola 5th 4540, another heifer of many good parts, stands in the left hand corner in the group above. She is of good stock, having been sired by Promotion, and out of Viola 3rd 3822. She, however, is worthy of such progenitors, for though yet young she gives strong indications of future worth in the dairy, and as a breeder of prime stock. Though strong in bone and robust in appearance she is of excellent quality throughout. She is light in the fore-quarter, and wide and deep behind. Her barrel is well ribbed and rounded, while her teats are all that could be desired. Over all she has a skin that indicates butter-giving qualities, being of a good color and pliant landling.

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The Best Always Commands a Good Price.

If there is one error which our farmers are more prone to fall into than another it is the production of what is only medium or inferior. What is medium only brings an average price, and what is inferior one that is less than the article is worth. But an article that is first class will bring the highest price going, and in almost every instance finds ready sale when offered. We have an illustration of this in the case of the sale of a pair of two-year-old grade Galloways, which has only recently come under our notice. They were bred by Mr. Keough, of Owen Sound, and when sold last spring they brought 6c. per pound live weight, at a time when good medium beef cattle were being picked up at 41/2 cents per pound. They weighed 1,700 lbs. apiece. Here then we find \$100 each received for a pair of cattle not three years' old, when the large onc. Take the prices for one week at the Chi- Duncan Keir, of Bucklivie; and Lily of Hardinstan

To the extreme right appears a heifer with high average of three-year-old shipping cattle brought no prospects before her, Lily D. 3834, one that has been more than \$73.00, and the farmer sold his half fattened bred by Mr. Drummond himself, sired by their former steer of the same age to the local butcher for about \$45.00. It may be said that the difference between the price in the first and third instances was fed to the Galloway grades. We cannot think that such is true, for the cost of sustaining the life processes in the Galloways, as the replacing of waste tissue, was very much less than in that of the beasts sold to the local butcher. Again, beasts that gained so rapidly as the Galloway grades evidently must have made a much better use of every pound of food fed to them. We should never be content with the production of what is not really first in any line of life.

As It Ought to Be.

Some time ago we inserted a paper in the JOURNAL on growing clover seed, from the pen of Mr. R. C. Brandon, Cannington. We have been much gratified to learn that that article has rendered good service in the country. Mr. Brandon dwelt upon the importance of cutting at just a particular stage which he indicated. A farmer living near Heathcote, where alsike clover is now extensively grown, profiting by the directions given by Mr. Brandon, cut a large field in 1888, at that particular period: several of his neighbors allowed theirs to reach a more advanced stage before cutting, and thereby lost quite a portion of the seed from shelling in the harvesting. They also injured the quality of the hay for feeding. The gentleman to whom we refer considers that ae profited to the value of two dollars per acre in this instance, to say nothing of the results that will be reaped in coming years. The farmers of that neighborhood will also doubtless profit in future from the results of his experience in the instance given. In how many different centres similar results have been reaped from the perusal of Mr. Brandon's letter we have no means of ascertaining. We always had a strong faith in the relative value of the writings of thoroughly practical men, and in their ability to give bread to the readers of their writings rather than husks. We can assure our readers that nothing gratifies us more than to know that we are helping our farmers toward the adoption of improved methods of agriculture, which are sure to be followed by better financial returns.

The Value of Improved Sires.

When pure bred sires were so dear that it required a sum equal to one-half the value of an entire common herd or flock to purchase one, those who hesitated are not to be charged with lack of enterprise. There was then a large risk incurred in investing in a sire, owing to the hability to accident in one way or another. Now it is entirely different. The prices of good sires are within the reach of any farmer who is really anxious to improve his stock. Why more attention is not given to this important matter is one of those things which it is not easy to answer. The advantages of growing improved stock are so apparent that the most careless observers cannot fail to have discovered this. Our cattle shippers will not go into a locality to look for stocks where a pure size has not been kept for some time, and the same holds true of those who purchase sheep. Where good heavy draught sires are used there is no difficulty in finding a market for the offspring and at good prices, but where sites of mixed breeding, or of no special breeding, are in favor, the horse-buyer is seldom or never found. The gap in the prices for the improved and unimproved is also a

cago live stock show yards, where oftentimes the arrivals sum up 12,000 head per day; while good fairly well-finished cattle bring from \$4.50 to \$4.60 per hundred live weight, the same day native cattle, a little older but considerably less in weight, sell for \$3.50 per one hundred pounds. To put it differently the well furnished steers of 1,400 lbs. averaged \$63.00 per head, while the native steers, considerably older, weighing 1,240 lbs. averaged \$43.40 per head. We feel quite safe in saying that the native steers cost the most to raise them, owing to their slower habit of growth, although the price obtained was \$19.60 less. Where the feed and care are right it is impossible to grow a pound of scrub meat as cheaply as a pound from an improved animal, as the habit of growth of the scrub forbids it. Every farmer in Canada should feel a patriotic pride in producing the best, to say nothing of the self-interest side of the question. Purchase a good sire if you are able, and if you are not patronize one though you should have to go miles in

An Ayrshire Stock Farm.

Accepting the historical data furnished us by the chroniclers of early times in rural life one cannot but be impressed with the wondrous progress that has been made in the improvement of the various breeds of domesticated animals, and if we were to single out one breed, confining our selection to cattle that show the greatest advancement considering their appearance and qualities fifty or seventy-five years ago, the now comely and vigorous Ayrshire would undoubtedly be our choice. It is but within the last century that those characteristics, that make them invaluable as a breed, have become fixed through constant selection to a definite type for a well defined purpose, and to meet the exacting conditions of their native district. Their progress may not be so marked in later days. but it is none the less sure, so that with each year the canny Ayrshire fills with greater honor her destined position on the farm—the thrifty and economical dairy cow. Thrifty in the sense of being rugged in constitution, vigorous in vitality, and with the ability to stand climatic severities; economical in the light of giving good returns for all food consumed whatever its-nature.

Among the many that have been successful in breeding these cattle, for all with but few exceptions indeed have done well with them because of the easiness of raising and caring for them, the name of Mr. James Drummond, Parkhill, Petite Cote, Montreal, stands forth prominently. For the last twenty-five years Mr. Drummond has been a believer in the Ayrshire and an enthusiastic laborer for her cause, and during that time he has called into play all the powers that be to build up a herd of the best possible merit. About twenty years ago he began the work of importing them from their native heath, and the enterprize and selective ability shown in importing animals of the best qualities and type, coupled with intelligent breeding and skilful management, has brought his herd to the fore as attested to by the high stand they have always taken at the leading exhibition contests each year. Perhaps the most remarkable of these importations was the superior Ayrshire bull Promotion 3212, obtained from Jas. Weir, of Sandlands, Scotland, when but a calf. This bull has done much to build up the herd to its present high status, and though his place is at present taken by another the good followed his use in the herd will yet show itself for years. Three excellent cows imported in '83, two of which, Viola 3rd 3822, sired by Gallant Graham 255, and bred by

3528, were very superior cows, both in breeding and individual merit, the latter having been sired by Young Invariably they are nothing more than good grades by weaned they should get a small grain ration in the Baron 420, by the noted bull Baron of Bucklivic, that never was beaten in Scotland.

In winning prizes this herd has by no means been playing the part of the lagggart. At the Provincial held at Ottawa in 1879, with three cows bred by himselt, Mr. Drummond had the high honor of capturing the silver medal given by H.R.H. the Princess Louise for the three best dairy cows. At Sherbrooke in 1885 they won, besides several individual prizes, the herd prize as well in strong competitio. At the Provincial of last year Mr. Drummor, I was again successful in winning the bronz, medal in the milking competition. The same year they . en 'tonored with the held price at Montreal, and coming on to Ottawa were there the winners of a like trophy. But this year even their glorious past record has been surpassed. At Kingston Ottawa, and Toronto they took first and second on milch cows, first on aged bull, and bull of any age a: Ottawa, and second at Kingston on the same. At Hamilton they won first on bull of any age and on aged bull, first on milch cow, first on bull and three of his get, second on year old bull, first on yearling heifer, and second on heifer calf. The crowning success of all has been, however, the herd prizes that have been won this year, as they secured no less than first at Ottawa, first at Kingston, first at Hamilton, and first at Toronto Industrial.

The farm comprises three hundred acres, all under cultivation, and the style of farming followed is that of mixed husbandry. The herd numbers seventy head of pure-bred Ayrshires. The farm is situated four miles north of Montreal; C.P.R. Mile End station is the nearest railroad station, which is about two miles distant. Mr. Drummond has on hand at all times young stock for sale, and owing to the great number kept can meet the wishes of all reasonable purchasers. The sales for the year have been many, among which we may mention that it was from this herd that the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa made a selection of no less than five cows and heifers.

The General Purpose Stallion.

It is the universal practice chroughout Ontario for our smallest fairs as well as our largest exhibitions to recognize this class, and make more or less allowance for them in their awards. This we hold is not only a needless expenditure of money, but is also harmfulin its effects, inasmuch as it stimulates the production of a class of horses, useless in themselves, and worse than ciphers in respect to their breeding qualities.

The most complete definition of this anom ly that we have yet seen is given in the following words, taken from the prize list published by one of our exhibition associations: "A general purpose horse is understood to be a horse that is suitable either for the wagon, carriage, buggy, saddle, or plow." We have not a word to say against this clear explanation of the requirements of a stallion before he is worthy of the title general purpose, for the definition certainly covers all the ground, but what we do raise our voice against is the encouragement of a class of stallions that should not be recognized. The visitor from fair to fair has the fact pressed home to his mind that if the awards are made for this class for the purpose of establishing a fixed type of stallions possessing these many qualities required of them, they certainly fail woefully in their avowed object. The stamp of stailions that enter in this class vary greatly, just as the term general purpose horse varies with the requirements of each district in Ontario.

a heavy draught stallion out of a common mare. Now these stallions, ten cases out of ten, cannot be depended upon to transmit their few good qualities to their progeny. These attributes are not fixed by selection and careful breeding, and hence that paramount quality, termed prepotency, that has distinguished all valuable sires, is unknown to them. They may possess many personal attractions, but of what use we ask is any stallion, no matter how splendid in form, style, and quality, if he cannot be relied upon to transmit these to his progeny? Speculation at present is too rife in breeding without increasing it. It should be the breeder's aim to endeavor to eliminate, as far as possible, all chance work from his calling, and not increase it by the use of stallions of unfixed qualities through their breeding.

But the worse feature of the question is that these are the stallions that can afford to travel through the country stinting mares for what their owners may be pleased to pay for their services, and thus undermine the pure-bred stallions that must necessarily ask a higher fee. Our fair associations, by the prizes they offer and the honors they confer, must more or less nid in flooding the country with these cheap stallions of nondescript breeding. It is an easy matter for a jockey to fix up a stallion in good flesh, so that his failings in bodily structure may be mostly hidden, and as these general purpose stallions may be offered at a very cheap rate as they have cost their owners but very little to raise in comparison to what it costs the owner of a pure-bred stallion to assume proprietorship, it is not a matter for wonder that the former, in far too many cases, is given the preference. If our associations would withdraw their recognition of these stallions, and discountenance their production by not only refusing to provide prizes for them but also by giving greater encouragement to the owners of purebred stallions by larger prizes, we feel sure this would have a marked effect on public sentiment in this respect, and thus materially influence for the better our important industry of horse-breeding.

Fattening Sheep.

This branch of the live stock industry has received comparatively little attention at the hands of the Canadian farmer, especially in the winter season. It is one of considerable importance, or at least it might be made so. Lambs in this province are usually sold to the local butchers at about \$3.00 each in the autumn, when by following a certain line of management they might be made to sell for more than twice, or nearly five times, that sum before leaving the farmer's hands. Even now good lambs for the Buffalo and other United States markets will fetch readily \$5.00 in the autumn, but they are of a better quality than those which bring but \$3.00 each from our local butchers. 'nere is no class of sheep better adapted for winter fattening than lambs which are ready for the market when about one year old. They need not of necessity come early, and will answer very well from common dams if from a pure bred sire of good individuality. The more rapidly they can be pushed along from birth, with a judicious haste only be it remembered, the more suitable will they be for the purpose of winter feeding. The ram lambs should be castrated when but a few weeks old,

They had better come to hand say in April or May, for then the percentage of loss of the young lambs is less, and their growth is likely to be continuous owing | will require a large amount of water.

But what about the breeding of these stallions? to the plentiful supplies of grass. When they are field. This may consist of 1/2 lb. oats, 1/2 lb. wheat bran, and a little oil-cake each per day, which may be increased somewhat unless the pastures are plentiful. The aim should be to push them well ahead at this period, but not to fatten them, hence nitrogenous foods as oats and bran are the most suitable. The oilcake may, or may not, be used at this period as convenient. It is of service in securing a laxative rather than a constipated condition of the bowels. Later, when the lambs are housed, it is valuable for laying on fat, in addition to its use in regulating digestion.

> The lambs are housed when the ground becomes covered with snow, and the grain ration still further increased. It may be varied both in quantity and quality to suit the convenience of the farmer. Ford grown upon the farm usually costs less than what can be purchased, and should therefore be fed where there is a supply.

> A knowledge of the blending of these foods so as to make a proper ration is of much practical importance, otherwise much of the food will be wasted in the feeding. If either the nitrogenous or carbonaceous foods are fed in excess, the result stated above will

Experience has hitherto been the sole guide of the farmer. Deductions from his own experience or that of some one else has directed him, and the wisdom of following such guides is certainly to be commended.

But we are by no means sure that the experiences of the Canadian farmer have here covered the whole ground. In fact we are quite sure that they have not. Many combinations of foods that may doubtless be fed with results that would be satisfactory, have not yet

In this we can see a fine field for experiment by the authorities of the Ontario Experimental Farm. When such experiments are undertaken they should have a due regard to the foods that are usually grown upon Ontario farms. To know about a suitable food ration of what is grown plentifully here, is of far more importance to our farmers than to know about one contposed of foods, which in large measure have to be bought, and in some instances brought in from other countries.

Without desiring in the least to under-estimate the value of cotton send meal and com meal as food factors, we hold that it is vastly more important that our farmers should know how to feed peas, oats and barley to the best advantage, than to know the same about the former, because peas, oats and barley are likely inall time to form leading food factors in the fattening done in Ontario.

Different rations might be named for winter feeding of such as the farmer raises, but a mixture of peas, oats or barley, bran and oilcake, will answer very well along with some roots, good pea straw a d clover, or clovery hay. The grain ration should vary as the feeding season progresses. The quantity of oats should predominate at the commencement of the indoor feeding season, and the quantity of peas'should gradually increase, while the oat ration may remain stationary; the oilcake also should increase as toward the close of the feeding period; the object is to lay on fat rapidly, for which purpose both peas and oilcake are very well adapted. Alsike clover is very suitable, being finer than the common variety, and, therefore, more relished by the sheep. One feed of good pea straw per day will answer very well if fed in the morning, the residue being used for bedding.

The supply of water should be constant, as unless a quantity of roots larger than is necessary is fed, they

Plenty of fresh air is indispensable, and also access to a yard in weather not severe, but so much liberty is not necessary as in the case of breeding ewes.

A lamb that is properly cared for should weigh, say 130 to 150 lbs. at one year, from which the selling price may be easily estimated, as lambs about one year old bring readily from 5 to 51/2 cents per pound live weight. The price for older sheep is at least one cent per pound less. In this way a quick return is secured for the outlay. In the case of cattle the return does not come in for at least two years, and oftentimes not so soon. There is a wide opening here for the farmers if they choose to fill it. There can be no doubt but that the home markets for this kind of produce will continually increase with the growth of our towns and cities.

The Live Stock Industry

The condition of the live stock industry must always be of paramount importance to Ontario-she is so favorably situated for its growth. While Ontario cannot any more compete with the great North-West in raising wheat cheaply, she can hold her own in raising the superior grades of meat. It is well then to have Ontario stocked to her full capacity with beasts of the right stamp. Yes, that is it; beasts of the right stamp, if her farmers would only all realize its importance.

If the lands of Ontario were only stimulated to their utmost capacity by the aid of the soiling system and artificial manures of the right kind, there is no question but that the numbers of live stock kept would be more than doubled.

But numbers alone is not the great consideration. It is never so important as quality. A large number of animals may be kept on a farm at a loss, while a small number on the same farm might fetch a profit.

We do not then take it as a bad omen when we find in the 1888 report of the Bureau of Industries, that, while there has been an increase during recent years in the growth of almost every kind of food for keeping stock, there is a decrease in the numbers in every branch of the live stock industry as compared with 1887 except that of horses.

It is hopeful to note an increase in the number of horses at the present time, for two reasons. First, they have been bringing good prices in the market for some time past, at least relatively, and second, the staff of working horses on Ontario farms has been too few in number, and too light in body up to the present. Because of this the ground is not sufficiently tilled, hence the superabundance of weed life on every hand. Horse power is always the cheapest power that can be employed in driving weeds away to their own place.

There were 20,857 more horses in Ontario in 1888. than in the previous year, and of these 4,303 were working animals. We talk about liberating agencies of plant food, but, if we would only see it, there is indirectly no liberating agency under the sun that will compare with working horses when turning the land over and over, and through and through, thus preparing it for that comminution of weathered particles so favorable to the support of plant life.

During the same period the number of cattle decreased by 19,626 head. This decrease was chiefly in working oxen, store cattle and young animals. It is not necessarily a sign of retrogression. We have it is very helpful. National stock-taking is quite as never lacked so much for numbers as in quality. A little improvement in quality would soon more than

numbers, and we have good reasons for believing that there is an increase in quality, owing to the increasing number of the good sires that are being

It is also encouraging to notice that while the whole number of the live stock in the country has decreased as mentioned above, there has been an increase of 33,238 head in the number of cows kept. From this it is apparent that dairying is on the increase, which is as it should be.

But while there is an increase in the number of cows kept the average milk yield per cow during the cheese factory season is less than in 1887, and even less than the average for the past six years. It amounted to 2,673 pounds fc; each cow against 2,740 pounds, as the average during previous years. Now, it would be clearly better every way to try just to increase the average milk yield than the number of cows. There can be no doubt but that 400,000 cows would do the work of the 781,559 cows now in the Province. if managed and fed according to the most approved rules. At dairy association meetings, line upon line and precept upon precept have been given to the people, urging upon them the wisdom of increasing the average yield per season per cow, and yet there has been no increase in this direction since 1882.

The falling off in the numbers of sheep kept in the Province is to be regretted, for we are now clearly under rather than overstocked in the line of sheep. The whole number of slicep in the Province is 1, 349,044, as compared with 1,850,733 head in 1884, a falling off during that period of 441,689 head in five years, or nearly 90,000 head each year. This decrease has been constant, as well as large, and mostly in the coarse wool classes.

The number of sheep on every one hundred acre farm in Ontario on an average is clearly less than seven head, which is too small a number to perform well the office of scavengers. The odds and ends of pasture on every one hundred acre farm will keep more than seven head of sheep in prime condition. They will at the same time render good service in biting off many forms of useless and noxious weed life which are so fond of growing in fence corners and bye places. The sheep industry would in no way be overstocked, if the farmer kept as many for public disposal as at present, and raised half a dozen each year in addition for home use.

While there is room for a large extension of the sheep industry, there is also room for their improvement. Large numbers of highway sheep are still in the land. And wherever this state of things exist there is a class of sheep far below the average.

On the whole, however, the indications are hopeful. The growth of good food for stock is on the increase, while the numbers of the live stock is on the decrease. The export of coarse grains is also decreasing. The conclusion then is irresistible, that more is being fed to the stock, and therefore there must be an improvement in their quality. If the numbers of live stock were decreasing and there were also a decrease in the amount of food grown, there would then be just cause for alarm.

The Signs of the Times.

Sometimes it is well to take stock. It is a practice that will not harm any business, and to most pursuits helpful to the nation as private stock-taking is to the individual. This, however, can never be done in

Happily we in Ontario are thus supplied, and through the painstaking of the indefatigable secretary, Mr. Blue, we are enabled every year to lay the finger on the pulse of the prosperity of this Province, and hence discern pretty clearly the signs of the times.

Since the commencement of the existence of THE LIVE STOCK JOURNAL, which, by the way, was almost cotemporaneous with the establishment of the Bureau of Industries, we have been advocating growing a less acreage of wheat, and a larger acreage of food adapted to the support of live stock. That the current has set in this direction is very apparent on reference to the tables of the Bureau.

Below we give the comparative acreage in the various farm crops for the years 1882 and 1888 respectively. It will be remembered that the report of the Bureau only goes back to the former year.

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Fall wheat	1,188,520 a	cres.	826,537	acres.
Spring wheat	386,817	**	367,850	44
Barley	848,617	"	855,432	**
Oats	1,387,487	"	1,849,868	44
Rye	285,276	**	84,037	44
Pease	560,770	**	696,653	**
Corn	206,755	**	222,971	• •
Buckwheat	50,035	11	57,528	**
Beans	19,787	"	22,700	**
Potatoes	160,700	**	153,915	**
Mangolds	15,791	**	21,459	**
Carrots	9,955	**	11,524	••
Turnips	78,823	"	113,189	**
Hay and Clover	1,825,890	**	2,292,638	**
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From this table it is apparent that in every kind of food suitable for stock keeping the whole acreage devoted to its growth has increased very considerably. The largest increase has been in the acreage devoted to the growth of oats, where the increase of 1886 over 1882 is no less than 462,381 acres.

This is as it should be, for no kind of grain grown is devoted to so many uses as the oat. It is excellent for feeding horses either crushed or uncrushed, alone or in conjunction with cut feed. It forms one of the important factors in the diet of a calf, whether fed whole or ground as a part of a mixture, and is equally useful in the development of young cattle as in pushing on the growth of colts. It forms usually a part of the ration of the milch cow and the shipping steer. It is extensively used when ground to feed young pigs in conjunction with ground corn or pease, and is particularly helpful in producing that kind of pork having fat and lean, which has been advocated by Mr. Davies for some time past in our columns, with a judgment that is well timed. It is encouraging therefore, to note that in 1888 the yield of this crop was 65,466,911 bushels, or 9,469,486 bushels more than the average for the seven years for which we have returns. The future for the oat. at one time a crop that was pushed into the poorest fields and sown last, is widening, and it should widen in all stock-keeping countries. The oat is an important factor in the growth of green fodders, the area of which is extending every year.

The custom, too, is growing of cutting oats a little green, and feeding them to dairy cows unthreshed, and of cutting oats and peas when grown together at the same stage, and feeding thus to different kinds of stock, thus obviating the labor of threshing and grinding, for when thus fed, the cattle and sheep at least grind them most thoroughly for themselves.

It is a good indication to note the increase in the acreage of field roots which always will form an important factor in stock-keeping in countries which can grow them, and more especially where meat is an important object. The only serious objection that counterbalance any loss from so small a decrease in any country where there is not a bureau of statistics. can be urged against their increasing growth is the

when we consider that this crop answers the purposes of a summer-fallow most completely, where the work is properly performed.

The increase in the acreage of hay and clover is a step in the right direction, for this means not only rest, in a manner, for the land, but also resuscitation, more especially where much attention is given to the growth of clover.

The whole acreage of wheat fall and spring, which in 1882 was 1,775,337 has fallen in 1888 to 1,194,387, or a reduction of 580,950 acres in that period. This, too, is as it should be. The country had, it is true, been largely indebted to its prosperity to wheat-growing, but that prosperity was being seriously curtailed by continuing the process too long. The resources of the soil were rapidly being transported to other lands. We hold it, therefore, as a most hopeful sign of the times, that the area devoted to wheatgrowing has to so large an extent decreased.

This decrease cannot, of course, go beyond a certain limit, for a certain acreage is required for home consumption and for the production of straw for litter, but beyond this there is no occasion for attempting to grow wheat in Ontario. The farmers of those vast plains to the west of us can carry on this work, as they have so much more nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash that they can spare than we have.

The increase in the acreage of pease is encouraging, as this is one of our best crops. A leguminous crop -it draws its food mostly from the atmosphere and is therefore not hard on the soil. The grain is very helpful in laying on fat. Pease may be used as a part of the ration with much advantage when this is the aim.

The increase in the acreage of buckwheat is also as it ought to be. The fowl industry is one of our most important, and buckwheat renders excellent service when fed to fowls. This c. op is, however, more liable to damage than some crops, from frost or blight, from the strong sunlight when in blossom, which will always so far tend to hedge in the area of its cultivation.

The increase in the acreage of corn is also considerable, but less than its importance demands, and less than it will be, we confidently predict, when the fruits of the teaching of Professor J. W. Robertson, the great apostle of corn growing, will be more apparent. The dairy interest is ever growing, ever increasing, and an extension of its growth must be largely dependent on the extension of the growth of corn for silage purposes. The increase in the acreage of corn since 1882 is only 16,216 acres, which is less than the increase that will probably take place every year in the future for many years to come. It is now pretty clearly established that an equal amount of food for dairy stock, similar in value to that of ensilage corn, cannot be realized from the growth of any other ctop of an equal area.

We have repeatedly said that Ontario must grow great through stock keeping, and we rejoice to notice that there is a steady increase in the growth of all the essential food-factors that are identified with successful stock-growing in this country.

Canadian Exhibitors in the United States.

Of all the national traits that cling to the inhabitants of the "tight little island," there is none so marked as that which gives rise to the disposition to try anything, no matter how discouraging the prospects or

amount of labor connected therewith, but it is labor told of the Duke of Wellington which all Englishmen worlds to conquer. Cupbearer won for him first in the that brings its reward, which is especially apparent at least will believe, if we cannot quote the authority, class of aged bulls. Baron Waterloo sustained the illustrating this feature that enters so largely into the herd's reputation by winning first in the two-year-old of the latter, which had been called out for review for highest honors in the two-year-old heifer class; Julia men of the empire and excellently equipped, Wellington, with an expressed admiration and enthusiasm usually foreign to him, complimented the Emperor on the appearance of the men before them. "Yes," replied the Czar, "we think they are fine men; and I ask you to tell me whether twice the number of your British household troops could beat them?" "That," answered Wellington, "I do not know, but I do know that half the number would try."

> Transplanted to our soil this characteristic has not languished, but has rooted deeper. Innumerable instances arise to mind to prove the assertion, but the one freshest in our memory is the foray of our stockmen on the prize honors offered by our neighbors across the line. It must be a source of much gratification and patriotic pleasure to the citizens of Ontario to learn of the successes that attended our live stock exhibitors when they came in conflict in the show-ring with the best our friends to the south could bring forward. At the exhibition recently held in Buffalo a very large proportion of first and other important prizes came to Ontario, as will be seen by the fuller report elsewhere, which we had to hold over owing to our crowded issue of last month. In Leicester sheep, John Kelly, jr., of Shakespeare, well-nigh bore down all opposition before him, and the same may be said of John Jackson, Woodside, Abingdon. Mr. Kelly won nine firsts out of a possible nine, and five seconds out of a possible seven. He then divided his flock, sending a portion to Canadian shows, where they won many prizes, and another portion to Detroit, to the dismay of all his opponents in that great show-ring. Mr. Jackson was over in Buffalo with a full contingent of his beautiful Southdowns, and won every red for which he entered them in competition, including the flock prize. He also divided his flock and utterly routed his opponents in Detroit, bringing home the most coveted honors in his line. Robert Marsh, of Richmond Hill, along with other prizes, brought back first for best ram and five of his get, but left most of his exhibit for the benefit of the flocks of that country, so eager were the shepherds of the Union to obtain the excellent blood which he has bred in much purity for many years. Peter Arkell, with his finely developed Oxfords, also came home with some good prizes.

In the horse classes a complete review is given elsewhere, and here we need not do more than state that our horsemen deserve great credit for the excellence of their exhibits, as testified to by the many honors they

But the crowning laurels for Ontario fell to Bow Park, whose able manager, Mr. Hope, has so frequently, on former occasions, come off victorious in competition with the whole American continent. On Sept. 11th, 1889, the following telegram, which tells its own tale, was received by R. Gibson, of Delaware: "Sweepstakes for best aged bull, beef breeds, also for best yearling bull, best cow, best two-year-old, best yearling, and best calf. First for aged herd and first for young herd." This herd was brought out in fine condition, and was the admired of all the beefing breeds on exhibition in that great show-ring. Journeying on to Detroit here again the invincible Bow Park beauties made conquest after conquest, putting Manager Hope in the position of the great Alexander, how insurmountable the difficulties. An anecdote is who, tradition says, wept because he had no more much gain to his owner.

composition of the Briton. Wellington was riding class, Havering Nonparell 2nd proved invincible in with the Emperor Nicholas of Russia before the troops; the class of aged cows; Isabella 3rd carried away the the Duke's inspection, and as they passed before the 24th secured first and Lady Aberdeen 9th second in Emperor's invorite regiment, composed of the finest, the yearling class, while in heifer calves Bow Park was again to the fore. Higher honors were yet in store for Bow Park, for Baron Waterloo was decorated with the first rosette, the young herd prize was similarly awarded, and to fittingly cap the whole series, the aged herd wrested from strong competitors the champion-

> With such examples as these before us, we shall only say to those of our live stock breeders that Ontario and all Canada is proud of their achievements. So long as they can score records such as these in continental competition, we need not fear much for the live stock industry of Ontario.

With the Stockmen.

THE COMMENTS OF A RAMBLER.

There are few articles which justly may claim space in live stock periodicals that are more effective in exciting an interest and mangurating new practices in the vocations they apply to than those partaking of the nature of reviews; for stockmen, as well as others. are always anxious to hear and read with avidity what their neighbors are doing, so that they may profit by the nuggets of experience that brightly gleam in the everyday practice of their distant though keen competitors. Recognizing this we have, not without some difficulty, secured the services of one competent in every sense to act as a reviewer, not one either of the laudatory or carping style, but a writer that, with a wide experience and extended acquaintance with our live stock industry, is able to draw conclusions and place their applications, so that we are not the least backward in asserting that before the series that this introduces is finished our readers will find much that they will do well to make their own and apply in their methods, not to say anything of the pleasant reading which the articles will undoubtedly afford all those in the least connected with our important live stock industry. - [EDITOR.]

MR. HUNTER'S SHORTHORNS.

Mr. James Hunter, of Alma, rightfully resting on past laurels, did not come out in the show-ring this year. His herd of strong, large, and good fleshing cattle numbers some 60 to 70 head. The feature of the herd at the present time is a large number of heifers of various ages, which would answer nicely to build herds upon but are not in show condition. For breeding purposes they are all the more valuable because of this, but it should not be forgotten by breeders that they orr far oftener by having their stock under rather than over-fleshed. Let the animal be ever so good in conformation, and let it have a hundred crosses of the very best blood, if lean in flesh ninetynine out of a hundred purchasers will pass it by.

The stock bull Sir Ingram, three years old, by the Bow Park Ingram's Chief, and out of the dam Queen May 9th, by Socrates, is a massive bull and of good parts. He is one of the heaviest bulls in Canada.

Mr. Hunter's Shrops are not numerous but excellent. His rams are very fine, being low, deep, well-covered on head, body and legs, and are withal of fine symmetry.

The young imp. Clyde stallion promises to do very well. If he prove as serviceable to Mr. Hunter as imported Gambetta, his predecessor, he will bring

The calves at Sunnyside are in goodly supply, and possess the framework in miniature of their ancestors, which gives so much room for the laying on of flesh in any desired quantities.

THE SHORTHORNS OF THE MESSES. J. & W. WATT OF SALRM.

This firm, so favorably situated as to railway facilities, being only two miles or so from Elora Station, still retain a strong love for good Shortherns. Some of the winners of other years are still in the herd and are doing well. A pretty two year Scotch heifer with calf at foot, attracted our attention, as did also a roan heifer calf. Old Barmpton Hero is still active and retains his shape well, though fully twelve years old. It is just questionable if any bull in Canada ever produced so much stock of a character so excellent. At all events he ranks high amongst the foremost, as does the old Knight of Warlaby, Crown Prince of Athelstone, and the 4th Duke of Clarence. The lives of useful sires of any kind are all too short. The calves of the Messrs. Watt are very fine. Their loose but not papery hides and velvety hair produced in so much luxuriance indicate a thrift that denotes that quality so essential to success in beef production. The oneyear bull, bred by J. Miller & Son's Vice-Consul, is deep and massive, but might do with a little more style. Oxford Down sheep are becoming quite a consideration with the Messrs. Watt, whose flock is large and promising.

Canada thistles, which seem to have a peculiar love Ontario. for the deep soils of Wellington. The ground is summer-fallowed, and this is followed by a crop of roots. This process makes thorough work but it is expensive, unless when the summer-fallow is carried | mond Hill, are, many of them, superlatively good. on in conjunction with green manuring for the purposes of soil enrichment.

THE ABERDREN ANGUS CATTLE OF THE MESSRS. HAY & PATTON.

This famous herd of doddies is not very numerous, owing to heavy sales. It numbers some forty to fifty head. Mr. Davidson, the manager, has them as usual in a very presentable condition. He finds no difficulty in making good sales to western American cattlemen, who are more appreciative of their very excellent qualities than many of our Canadians.

The stock bull, now five years old, has a conformation peculiarly his own. Not large in size, but low and deep and broad, he possesses a shortness of limb almost unequalled. I am much mistaken if the use of this bull upon the strong dams of this herd does not give results in every way satisfactory. There is but one young bull of his get on hand, and he is a wonder of perfection. A strong bribe in the form of a high price failed to take him away to Nova Scotia.

Mr. Davidson has some good, strong cross-bred steers of much excellence. This is as it should be. Scatter over this north country cross-bred steers, thick as the charred pine stumps that are yet unpulled, and a spring harvest would be as sure to the farmers as the coming of the seasons. Go on, Mr. Davidson, and bull calves in the herd. breed some fine show steers with Angus bulls as sires, and bring them out to our leading exhibitions to win. He is large and has good quality, but is not so smooth "Thou canst"

The few calves on hand are very fine. Mysie 2nd, of Kinnoul Park, from the samous old Chivalry 1765, ready sale for all he can produce. He has sound it to and the dam Mysie, of Verulam, is one of the best.

Shropshire Downs from the flocks of J. Dryden, Brooklin, and others, are being introduced, they now that he is found wasting food on yearling hulls that remarkably even and level Cruikshank stock bull number 69 head. The soil of this farm is in some can be as well sold when calves. It is taking some of Vice-Consul. He is proving himself a remarkable places fair, in others light sand, and in others lighter our stock-breeders a long time to learn that one year getter, as is evidenced by the shapely and beautiful sand. Mr. Davidson feeds it by growing rye. This, and two year bulls have a particular faculty of eating calves so nearly resembling one another that it is not is sown in August 31/4 bushels to the acre. It is up meal for which no other return is obtained usually, easy in some instances for a stranger to distinguish

on in May. It is then allowed to grow on and is ploughed in. Some is cut in dry seasons, and cured this herd. for fodder, but before the ear is well shot out. It is cut with the self-binder.

MR. FLEMING'S HEREFORDS.

The Park herd of Herefords, owned by Mr. Fleming, of Weston numbers from 50 to 60 head. Most of the animals are running on pastures, and though in fair conditionare not burdened with flesh.

The foundation of this herd consisted of imported stock, bred by such men as John Hill, Felhampton Court; John Mutlow, Torrington; Thos. Fenn, Ludlow; T. R. Griffiths, Jamesfield; A. R. Boughton, Knight; and Thomas Rogers, of Leomnister England.

There are two stock bulls in use, one of these, Lord Fenn 29030, bred by Mr. Fleming, is out of imp. Lady Fenn 29030, and by the sire Corporal (4175) The second of these, Wilton Hillhurst, was bred by the Hon. M. H. Cochrane. He is out of the dam Jessonda 11357, by Cassio 6849, and the sire Ottoman 18364. Both are fairly good bulls, but not equal in all round excellence to several of the females, which are decidedly superior. Calves of both sexes are making good all round progress.

The park and its surroundings are picturesque, and eminently fitted for the purpose to which it is devoted. It is only half a mile from Weston on the G.T.R., and I noticed here a very effective way of destroying but 7 miles from Toronto, the great metropolis of

THE SHORTHORNS OF JAMES RUSSELL & BRO.

The Shorthorns of James Russell & Bro., Rich-The stock bull Stanley, first winner at London, is very complete. He is a fine roan in color; he is large without coarseness, deep without being chubby, broad without under prominence of shoulder, has a well arched rib without corpulency, a broad loin and yet smooth hocks, a long quarter without hollowness, a firm leg without coarseness, and admirable smoothness and style without any delicacy of frame; his quality is extraordinary. The Campbell bull, Killerby, with a strong spice of purest Booth blood, is a roan in color, and two years old.

Several of the females are equally worthy of more than a passing notice, but space forbids.

The cares in this herd are very excellent, and well deserving of the high honors which they won at the leading exhibitions. Indeed for smoothness, substance and quality, one could desire but little more.

Many of the best animals in this herd are descended from females of Kinellar breeding. It usually numbers about 50 head.

MR. ISAAC'S SHORTHORNS.

The strong points of the herd of Mr. John Isaac, Markham, are these: The large number of well-bred Campbell cows which it contains, the healthy breeding condition of the same, and the strength of the young

The stock bull Baron Linton was bred at Sittyton. all over as some.

Mr. Isaac's herd is not very large, as he usually finds his advantage to be content with good rather than to seek extravagant prices, and hence it is but seldom

pastured in Autumn and Spring with sheep until well if they are to be sold, than the worth of the manure. There are seven bull calves and three heifer calves in

> Mr. Isaac has just completed a beautiful barn, with two side-drives. It is 95 x 56 feet wide, and is neatly painted. Mr. Worden had charge of the carpentering, and Mr. Pearson of the mason work. These gentlemen belong to Manchester, Ont., and each is noted in his respective line.

MR. DAVIDSON'S SHORTHORNS.

Mr. Davidson, of Balsam, the veteran importer and breeder of Cruikshank cattle, has not a very large supply of his favorites on hand, not more probably than twentyfive head, but enough to put him very soon in possession of an extensive herd, as he has some very pure Cruikshank females, and one of the best bred Cruikshank bulls that can well be found. This bull, Hospidar by name, is some 5 years old, a roan in color, of fine proportions, possesses excellent quality, and has proved himself a valuable sire. Hospidar is by Dunblane (47792), dam Golden Lady, by Champion of England (17526). There are three young Cruikshank bulls in this herd of fine quality. Mr. Davidson has imported 185 head, first and last from the famous Sittyton herd, without losing a single animal in the transit. But for his labors in this line the merits of the Cruikshank cattle had never been so well known in America.

A remark dropped at this genial Balsam fireside arrested my attention. I wish all our young stockmen to hear it. It was to the effect that there are only some of the many famous families at Sittyton from which Mr. A. Cruikshank would ever choose his bulls. Thus indicating very clearly that some families of purebreds may be capable of producing good females without being able to produce sufficiently impressive sires.

MR. JOHNSTON'S SHORTHORNS.

Mr. A. Johnston, of Greenwood, is still strong in Scotch Shorthorns, his breed numbering some 60 to 70 head, a large proportion of the herd consists of imported animals. The work of importing has engaged the attention of Mr. Johnston for many years, although he breeds largely as well. Of the females six are Nonpareils, and a number are Minas. Several belong to the famous Victoria tribe, some are Lancasters straight through, and others are of mixed breeding, but all are strongly Scotch in their composition. This will be clearly apparent when we mention that the sires include such bulls as Gladstone (43286), Baron Lenton (49081), imp. Duke of Lavender (51135), Premier Earl (48454), and Gravesend (46461). Several of the females of this herd are excellent, and owing to the large number of families which it contains gives wide room for choice in selecting stock when purchasing. We regard Lady Wimple, a roan heifer of 1886, as amongst the best. She is out of the dam Wimple's Pride, by Baron Brawith (46385), and by the sire imp. Royal Victor (53611).

The heifer calves are very good, some of them being as neat in form and well made up in pedigree as could

The stock bull Indian Chief, a roan, is from Sittyton, of the Victoria family, and has for sire Cumberland (46144), by Pride of the Isles (35072), by Champion

THE SHORTHORNS OF JOHN MILLER & SON.

The herd of John Miller & Son, Brougham, is in a good state. He has, as we see it, a fortune in that them for any length o. time when they are running together. It is the old story over again, get the sire right and improvement under rational conditions is sure. A younger Cruikshank bull bought by Mr. Miller in Chicago is shapely.

The Shropshire sheep are found, one would almost conclude, everywhere about the farm. They number some 250 head, of which 70 head are imported. Mr. Miller remarked to us that he always liked to have about him enough to supply a car load on short nptice. He is also doing a good business in imported Clydes, of which there are several head on hand of both

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The Shire Horse and His Origin.

Read by F. Green Jr., before the Shire Horse Association.

(Concluded from last issue.)

In the year 1566 heavy horses in England appear to be superior to those of any other country, and we have a fuller description of the "Great horse" by Thomas Blundeville, who in the quaint old English of his day says: "Though not finely, yet strongly made, he is of a great stature, the marcs also be of a great stature, strong, long, large, fayre and fruitful, and beside that will endure great labor in their wagons, in which I have seen two or three mares go lightly away with such a burden as is almost incredible; but now to content the country man his desire, which seeketh to breed hores for draught or burden, where should I wish him to provide himself of mares and stallions better than here in England," and adds, "I have seen better proportioned horses in their carts than I have known to be finely kept in stables as jewels for the saddle." In the reign of James I. A.D. 1603, we have further evidence that the English draught horse of that period was superior to the Flemish horse, as a mention contained in the Herbert Manuscript, is made that 10,412 horses would be required to carry the baggage of the army, which was to be sent to the Continent to support the claims of the Prince Palatine to the crown of Bohemia, and of a proposal being made to the council that a part at least of these horses should be obtained where they and their drivers could be hired by the day in the low countries (i.e. Flanders). It was also suggested that "in addition 200 strong horses, such as cannot be hired, should be bought outright," thus contrasting the superior merit of the English over the foreign houses of that day. It is worthy of note busides that the low country horses, together with their harness and furniture, were valued at £9 a piece, while the English horses were each estimated at £15. About 40 years laier the Duke of Newcastle, in a book written by him, describes the "Great horse" as having large limbs, heavy crest, silky-haired fetlocks, and flowing mane and tail, characteristics which our present Shire horses still possess. Coming to more recent times Arthur Young, in the latter part of the last century, in describing his tours through the countie, of England and Scotland, mentions only two varieties of cart horses as deserving attention, viz., the large black old English cart horse, the produce principally of the Shire counties in the heart of England, and the sorrel-colored Suffolk Punch, thus completely ignoring the Clydesdale horse as either not in existence or else not coming under the category of a cart horse at that time; while the Sporting Magazine, in the rear 1796, in an article under heading of "Operations of British Horses," says:—"We have a large and strong breed in the more fertile and luxuriant parts of the Island, and there is no country can Ling a parallel to the strength and size of our horses destined for the draught, as there are instances of single horses that are able to draw the weight of 3 tons." From the foregoing brief extracts I think that sufficient evidence has been adduced to show that our present Shire horse is the closest representative of, and the purest in descent, from the oldest form of horses in Britain, and is the direct descendant of the steeds which nearly 2,000 years ago assisted our forefathers in repelling t. e attacks of the invader, Julius Casar. It must not be understood that I wish to imply that the horse of that date was an exact representative of our present whire horse, but there can be no doubt that he must have been an animal possessed of great power and activity to have drawn the attention of Cassar, who must have been familiar with all horses of the then known world, insomuch that he exported some of them to Rome where sustained.

hey excited great admiration. Since that time almost constant attention has been paid to increasing the size and strength, until in the year 1566 we have a breed which for the draught could not anywhere at that time be excelled, and it is worthy of note that this wa accomplished principally by judicious selection. This being the case their character has become permanently fixed, a very important point, for experience has certainly proved that the longera type has been established the more certain it is to reproduce itself. Mr. R. S. Reynolds, M.R.C.V.S., the Veterinary Inspector of the Corporation of Liverpool, amongst other reasons for his preference of the Shire horse, strongly asserts his belief, that the original type of every other draught bread height of much lighter build, the the series of the strong of much lighter build, the the series of the breed being of much lighter build than the existing race, the tendency of the progeny of all other breeds to revert to the original form, will not only be marked when bred amongst themselves, but when crossed with mares of other blood which are deficient in bone, degeneration will be still more rapid. An instance of this may be seen at the present day amongst the Clydesdales. In the earlier volumes of the Scotch Clydesdale Stud Book, horses having Shire blood were freely admitted, but at the time when a resolution was passed to decline all further entries having alien blood in their veins, it was prophesized by many that the result would be a deterioration in size, and their prognostications have proved correct, for at the present time a marked diminution is apparent. I am aware that this has been denied, and that the present Secretary of the Scotch Clydesdale Stud Book has repeatedly written letters to the press to the effect that such is not the case, yet if it is not so it appears strange that at a meeting of the Scotch Clydesdale Association held a short time ago one of the members should have brought forward a resolution to the effect that Clydes-dale judges should be requested to Jay more stress on size when making their awards, and at the same time it was mentioned that they were now doing so, and it is still more strange that a dealer from Scotland should be present at the last London Shire show purchasing stallions with a view of breeding geldings from Scotch mares for the granite paved streets of Aberdeen, while the following week Mr. Geo. Robb, of the Caledonian Railroad, the largest buyer of heavy draught horses in Scotland, should be in England buying geldings, and moreover that these gentlemen should assert that at the present time there is no such thing as good Scotchbred gelding to be found on a Scottish street, and further, that the rank and file of Scotch colts, if castrated, would be atterly unable to perform the heavy lorry work of their cities. Much more could be written on this subject but enough has, I think, been said to prove that there is no breed so well calculated to produce animals fit for the lorries, and I know no other breed that should prove so prepotent in impress-ing his enormous bulk, his prodigious muscular strength, and his lamb-like decility on his offspring as the Shire

For the Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal. Canadian Live Stock at Buffalo Fair.

Buffalo International Exposition has closed and the general verdict given by all who have visited it is, that were the exhibit of live stock from Canada taken away, there would be a very poor show left, and this is more especially true of the heavy draught horses, for here we find that by far the biggest share of the money awarded in premiums went to swell the coffers of some of the more enterprising of our Canadian breeders and importers. The following is a list of the premiums carried off by Canadian exhibitors.

Clydesdales.—In the class for stallion and four of his get there was no representative for Canada, and both prizes went to horses owned in New York State. In aged stallions the blue rosette was awarded to P. Farrell, of Woodstock, Ont., for Custodian, a short-legged, low-set horse, showing very heavy bone and lots of hair, but hardly, in our opinion, equal in smoothness and quality to the second prize horse, Laird o'Logan, owned and exhibited by Charles Dalgleish, of Chesterfield, Ont. Laird o'Logan is a smooth compact horse with nice quality of bone and hair, and had the opinion of the spectators been taken, we hardly think the judge's decision would have been sustained

Three year old stallions: In this class, however, even a greater surprise was in store for the spectators, who had almost unanimously agreed in giving the coveted honor to a colf shown by P. M. McGregor, of Brucefield, Ont., for the judge, Mr. Davidson, the well-known dog fancier, selected a colt, owned by Walter & Mitchell, of Tilsonburg, Ont., and got by the well-known sire McLamon, for the first place, the second going to Andrew Marshall, of Ayr, Ont., for a nice smooth horse sired by Ghillie Callum; McGregor's colt which was undoubtedly the superior of either of these in quality and action, vas placed third.

Two year old stallions: There was but one Canadian competitor, Andrew Marshall, and he was awarded the blue; while in yearlings, the only Canadian, a colt got by Laird o'Logan, out of a grade mare, was not placed, the imported colts proving too much for him.

In aged mares, Alexarder Innes, of Clinton, Ont., came first with a six year old mare weighing some 2160 pounds. While another of Laird o'Logan's get, a two year old filly, took fourth place in her class.

Shires.—The competition in shires was a good deal stronger than in Clydes, some of the best studs in America being represented, still the Canadians managed to take away over half the premiums. The largest exhibitors from Canada being Messrs. Ormsby & Chapman, of Springfield-on-the-Credit, Ont., who showed nine head of colts and fillies and took away eight prizes, viz.: 3rd in three year old stallions; 2nd and 4th in two year old stallions; 1st and 2nd in yearling stallions; 5th in aged mare, with a . ree year old filly, and 1st and 2nd in yearling fillies. Next to them came Messes. Morris, Stone & Wellington, who took 3rd in aged stallions; 5th in year old stallions; 3rd and 4th in aged mares; and 3rd in yearling fillies. While Messrs. Jas. Gardhouse & Son of Malton, Ont., took 1st for stallion and four o his get; and 5th in the aged stallion class, and W. H. Millman, of Woodstock, Ont., 5th in three year old stallions; and 2nd in aged mares, the 1st in this class being taken by Green Bros., of Innerkip, Ont., with their chestnut mare Georgia, by Royal George II., winner of 3rd at Islington last year. Besides these the 1st and 2nd prizes for the best heavy draight teams were awarded to W. H. Millman and Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington, with representatives of several other draugh, breeds.

Light Horses.—The Canadian exhibit of light horses was confined to the carriage and saddle classes, but some capital specimens of both were shown by Messrs. Moorhouse and Pepper, of Toronto; F. C. Grenside, of Guelph; W. Fi. Millman, of Woedsinck; and Jas. Matthews, of Acton, Ontario. The first mentioned gentlemen, especially, deserving a great deal of credit for their exhibit of light harness horses and hunters, their horse Roseberry winning the high jump with 6 st. 6 in. to his credit.

Cattle.—As usual, John Hope was present with a contingent from the famous herd at Bow Park, and r'ght worthily did he maintain the character of Canadian Shorthorns, for the Bow Park herd was awarded not only every premium for which they competed in their class, but also both the sweepstakes for old and young herds in the beef breeds contest. We might mention that the Bow Park exhibit was headed by the amous bull Cup Bearer, purchased last spring by Mr. Hope at the dispersion sale of Luther Adams, by whom he was purchased from his breeder. Mr Wm Duthie, of Collynie.

Sheep. - Insheep, Canada wasagain well represented. Messrs. John Jackson, of Abingdon, and Robert Gibson, of Delaware, several H. C.'s and V. H. C.'s consequently almost worthless. Now, if by the injufor Shropshires.

Swine. - Although there was a large exhibit of swine, there was not a single exhibit from Canada, this being doubtless due to the fact that the quarantine regulations are very strict with regard to hogs passing from the United States to Canada.

"VERITAS."

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Harness Horses?

of stallions of different breeds have not proved as this class) have been bred from Hackney sires, and great a benefit to this country as they might have been a probably on both sides. had a more judicious system of breeding been pursued. | From all horse-buyers of carriage-horses we hear a The practice that has been followed in many and in- cry for action rather than speed, and a well-bred deed in a very considerable portion of the country Hackney whose pedigree can be traced for years is might be defined as experimental mating, and the certain to transmit not only action but more substance result, if we are to judge by the animals one meets on | also to his offspring. Although the Hackney stud-book the roads, is certainly not encouraging; and yet what is but of recent formation, the Hackney has long been can be expected from an admixture of perhaps Clyde, an established English breed of determined character, Percheron, Trotting, etc., topped off with a cross of and many records of old tests are extant, such as 3 the thoroughbred? It was not by such a system that i miles trotted in 9 minutes, to stand at the stone and were formed, but by breeding with a fixed and definite was Marohland Shales, who was master of 20 stone); object kept well in view. Some years ago Dr. Monagle, 16 miles in one hour, carrying 16 stone (this was in his evidence before the Agricultural Commission, Wroot's Pretender, the sire of Ramsdale's Performer, who have taken note of the awful drought to which deprecated the practice of making violent crosses the origin of the Yorkshire Hackney); while the we have been subjected, would have been astonished. which is so common in this country, and the advice following description of a stallion given by Richard and if one is the owner of a heavy horse not to seek, to convert him into a race horse, and vice versa. have been advocated as being the best cross for improving the ordinary stock of the country, perhaps none have of late years been more pressed than the thoroughbred, the latest incentive being the breeding of remounts for the English army. It is needless to point out that this last consideration is of very little moment when it is remembered that these remounts not considered detrimenta in this country are in England regarded as coming within the aennition of unsoundness; besides the prize is too low, horses which would pass such an inspection being worth more in this country; again it is very doubtful whether that market will be permanent, as the horses purchased in Canada cost when delivered more than what is paid for such horses in England. It is difficult to see in what way the thoroughbred will improve the ordinary stock of horses in Canada, for looking at the average class as one drives through the country one is struck by their weedy appearance, usually too much daylight under them and no middle pieces to speak of. It must not be understood that I am entirely opposed to the use of the thoroughbred, as, on the contrary, I am greatly in favor of him as a sire when one has mares of the right kind, but these, more the pity, are not England the uninterrupted breeding and in breeding horses which is of very little use for any purpose what and all army purposes in India. A few Hackneys put into competition, but most of that sort goes in

premiums offered for Southdowns in the face of a to make hunters; and the exceptions to these again number imported is increasing, as their merits are strong American competition; while in Leicesters are the horses that turn out good jumpers, with good Ino. Kelly, of Shakespeare, carried off all the pre- | manners, and sound enough to stand breaking in to miums excepting two or three for which he did not | hunting ; but that a great number of horses are left all | from the use of these horses we shall in time obtain compete. Besides these, High Crawford, of Canboro, I over the country high on the leg, light of Lone, with mares of some substance from which good results may was awarded several prizes for his Cotswolds, and R. (no shapes for harness, with no action for harness, and dicious use of thoroughbreds, that is the case in England where abundance of mares with plenty of substance are to be found, what may be expected where the mares partake too much already of the character above mentioned? The question then arises how shall we improve our light horses? It is possible that we may gain a hint from some of the records of the English shows. Let us take the Islington show, one of the best in England, and we find that for years past in the 15.2 harness class—a class which represents the What Sires Shall We Use to Improve Our | best specimens of an enormous class of horses used for all sorts of purposes in England-the winners (and it is a very important fact that there is absolutely no It can hardly be controverted that the importations restriction as to the way in which a horse is bred in

with which he concludes his testimony is worthy of Laurence in 1816 is well illustrated by Reality, the and seen some droll exhibits. Peacocks on canvas, note, for he urges all to breed with a specific pur see, modern champion at three London shows:-"The proper stallion for breeding road horses should have a small head, and well-turned neck, issuing high out of Among the different breeds of horses whose claims his breast, shoulders deep, and not too narrow at the upper part of withers, rather a broad chest, especially behind the elbows, long muscular arm, and short shank. He should go light in hand with great liberty in his shoulders, the knee should be elevated and advanced during the trot so as to be seen by the rider projecting beyond the breast. His back should be a bad year. In 1887 we had such a big crop to handle short and ribbed home, his girth large, his belly round, must be ancountery sound, and that defects which are his hindquarters should be hold and muscular, and not too long in the thigh or leg.'

Size is certainly somewhat wanting in the Hackney, and pure-bred Hackneys that can raise the standard above 15.2 are not numerous; many people, indeed, held the opinion that no Hackney should be over 15.2, and the Royal Agricultural Society of England also limited the Hackneys in their prize list to that height until their show held at Norwich in 1885, when, at the request of the Hackney Stud-book Society, a class of 15.2 and over was allowed, which was well-filled. The thoroughbred has increased in average height

Marsh, of Richmond Hill, Ont., taking all the ever; the exceptions being horses with bone and sizes have been imported to Canada, and annually the quickly becoming known not only in this country but also in the States, and there can be little doubt that be obtained from a cross of the thoroughbred.

AGRICOLA.

For the Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal. . Our Manitoba Budget.

> (From our own Correspondent). THE FALL FAIRS.

The fall fairs of the North-West have made, the last fortnight especially, a very busy season. Beginning with Stonewall, 25 miles north-west of Winnipeg, where the Governor-General went out to see his first pioneer exhibition, and "open" the show; and running on to Neepawa, on the Manitoba & North-Western Railroad, I am glad to be able to record the best lot of local shows I have ever seen in the country. It began to rain just as Lord Stanley got this side of Port Arthur, and was a miserably damp drizzly night when he came into Winnipeg, but ever since the Indian summer has been with us in perfection, and the fine weather combined with the early close of the working season, has drawn out the biggest crowds of farmers with their families ever seen here. There was rain enough three weeks ago to stop threshing for over a week, and in some few places to check ploughing, but now it looks almost as dry as ever, the subsell the breeds, for which England is now so celebrated, start; 17 miles in 56 minutes, carrying 13 stone (this rapidly absorbing all that fell, as it could have done three times the quantity.

What had we to show? Those of your readers I have been myself, at half a score of these shows, sewed in gilt beads, trees in glass cases with foliage of goose down, and other equally rare works of art, and from that down to the biggest and ugliest potatoes and turnips. At Gladstone, one man had 90 different exhibits of garden and field produce; at Neepawa, another farmer showed 50 varieties of fine potatoes; at Manitou 1500 entries, at Pilot Mound 95 entries of grain and 103 of butter, and so on all round. It is easy to explain this great improvemnt of our shows in that the most enthusiastic supporters of the shows could only give them a few hours attention, and then hurried back to their farm work, bringing in only one or two colts and next to no cattle. Time was too precious to be wasted on shows, and they shrunk into a poor thing. This year the season was corly and the crop in too many instances a poor one and every one brought all he could show. Farm work was not pressing, and everybody that could be spared from home went to the fair, though it might be 20 miles off. Prairie life is monotonous and we need far more of such gatherings.

Cheese and butter factories have not this year made about 3 inches in 150 years, and in the same way the up to last year's production, and in cheese at present Hackney, which was no doubt formerly about 14 prices, about 91/2 or 10 cents, I don't see much hands and even less, has by judicious selection of chance of any expansion of the business. But our animals, by care and proper feeding, likewise increased, tarmers' wives, especially those within 30 miles of the in size. An important item in favor of the Hackney Winnipeg family trade, can, and do make choice home is the report of Mr. Hallon, general superintendent of dairy butter, for which the year round a good maker numerous but are rather to be found few and far be- the horse-breeding department of the Indian Govern- may reckon on 25 cents a pound. In the country it tween Mr. Burdett Courts is of opinion that even in ment, in which he states most strongly that the will not go much over half that figure, and some of it Hackney horse is doing immense good on the small is dear even at less than that figure. Even at a fair I from thoroughbreds, has gradually produced a class of country mares, and getting the best horses for cavalry have seen a greasy over-worked and over-salted tub

getting rid, even at less than cost, of such samples. Few of us have decent dairies; the cellar flavor gets into the milk except when Cooley cans are used, and considering our opportunities it is surprising to find such lots of choice butter put on exhibition. The prairie herbage ensures a fine flavor, and it is a hard task even for an expert to do level justice. I would like to see a standard of honorable mention set up in which every maker within 70 per cent. of perfection should have a place, with a chance of moving it a peg or two higher in case she had not got full justice on the first review.

In vegetables I have seen bushels of potatoes over 2 lbs. each, plenty of onions over 1 lb., cabbage 25 Its. dressed, and cauliflower 10 Ibs. dressed, from a small farmer's garden.

Grain from 661/2 lbs. a bushel for Red Fife, and 66 Ibs. on White at Portage la Prairie, to bright plump large grain from nearly the northern limit of wheat cultivation, north of Neepawa. Oats and barley are low in weight as well as in yield, as compared with former years, the Experimental Farm at Brandon showing the best samples of these to be found in the country.

Horse flesh is the most conspicuous feature at all our fairs, and we go a good deal more on the business than the fancy article. Farmers, as a rule, have too little money and too much sense to be led into the trotting business, though a few very respectable men do gratify their leanings that way. Our main stallion and bull shows are held in spring, and it is only at the smaller shows that entire horses figure. Brood mares and colts are always a full and good show, but mostly of the general purpose tribe. A good few high-priced Clyde mares have been coming in, some of them in foal to very good horses, but those foals make extremely little noise at fairs, and I suspect at home too. Most of them, I guess, have been brought here in a pampered, over-fed condition, have had too little regular exercise and a consequent difficulty in foaling. These fancy mares and over-big horses are the best friends to the veterinarians we have yet seen here, and I cannot find any big returns made by their importers. Every-day mares put to moderate sized and well-mettled horses, give a perfectly good account of themselves, and will in time, save us a good deal of the money that has been, these last two years, finding its way to Ontario to buy horse flesh. I guess most of us are pretty well loaded up, or rather, loaded down with our last year's investments in showy teams of mares, and you will not sell us so many next season.

Shorthorns are our mainstay in cattle. We are at the general purpose stage of cattle experience and they fill nearly the whole field, with a few Ayrshires, Angus, Holsteins, and Jerseys. George Smellie, of Binscarth, and J. E. Smith, of Brandon, are in the front-line as breeders and importers, the Sharman's, of Plum Creek, who have turned out some very good stock, being, I regret to say, about to go out of business. Messrs. Lister, Middle Church, a new man; Lynch, Totogan, our oldest, and Frazer, Minnedosa; Shanks, Nisbet and Mansfield, Rapid City; Barron, Carberry; Leask, Proctor and Routledge, Virden; all showing very good, well-handled stock at our local fairs. The finest lot of working oxen I have ever seen were last week placed at Minnedosa, where an Icelandic immigrant got first for a beautiful pair of blacks. Sheep and pigs are few in number as compared with cattle and not likely to multiply under present conditions. Altogether our fall fairs have been capital with no exceptions known to me. I find cases now here and there on the Portage plains with good

a serious extent, and where threshed in damp weather, burgh, Aberdeen, the Highland Society Show at wheat for fifteen years without developing any smut and it is now in order for us to find out why the others are infected.

For the Canadian Live Stock and Fatal Journal. Clydesdales.

By D. McCRAE, Guelph, Ont.

The past year has been a fairly satisfactory one for the Clydesdale breeders and importers. The losses to importers in crossing the Atlantic have been very much less than usual. The percentage of loss for this year must be much smaller than many former years. This may be accounted for by the fact that the season has been especially favorable, as weather goes on the Atlantic, and also by the greater experience of importers. The class of horses brought out has been fairly good. The heavy draught classes at the late Provincial Show at London was a walk-over for the Clydes. It was simply the Clydes first and the rest nowhere. In the female classes in which Clydes and Shires came into competition, only one of the latter came in for a third prize. Suffolks and Percheronsthe bare-legged draughts-were very little better. At the Toronto Industrial the show of Clydes was also very much superior to that of any other draught breed. The Canadian farmers have certainly shown a very marked preference for the best of the draught breeds.

The public taste is gradually coming to prefer quality to size-feet and legs to a big beefy body. Quality of bone and good action are more looked to than formerly, and over-fed, sleek, shiny bodies do not now weigh much in the scale when accompanied by round bone, coarse hair, a wide, straggling gait, and thin, poor hoofs under straight, upright pasterns. This is a tendency in the right direction. If the patrons of our best draugh! horses would give the preference to those animals that had during the winter done a great deal of hard work in harness, it would be another step in the right direction. This seems at present a good way off. There is no doubt but many animals would be much healthier and would breed much better stock-with more vitality-if, instead of a winter's pampering in idleness, these same animals were put to good, useful, hard work.

Color in Clydes is not yet a fixed quantity. There was a splendid show of two-year-old fillies at Toronto. very uniform in color-white stripe on face, two white hind-stockings, a little white on one fore-foot, and bodies a rich bay. This seems to be about the most fashionable type in color at present. Bay with black points, without any white, are not desirable. It is rare to find a first-class horse of this color. Roans are not scarce. In some sections of Scotland there are many Clydes of light color-a great deal of white, or light roans. The old saw is there often quoted: "A good horse is never a bad color." Yet a good horse is more saleable when his color is pleasing to the eye of his buyer, and this is a point not to be despised. Family traits have not yet become fixed factors in Clyde breeding, but that time is coming, and will probably be here soon when they will so be. . . .

The show season is now well over in Scotland, and Ravenswood" has been summing up the results in the Chicago Breeders' Gazette. He takes the prize-

"trade" to the storekeeper who has much trouble in | fine quality. In a good many cases smut shows to | Spring and Fall, Ayr, Kilmarnock, Maryhill, Edinthe price has been pulled down a good few cents in Melrose, and the Royal of England at Windsor. In consequence. There are men liere who have sown placing the winning sires, account is taken of the number of prizes and relative value. The following is the roll of honor: I, Darnley (222); 2, Prince of Wales (673); 3, Macgregor (1487); 4, Prince Lawrence (Vol. VII.); 5, Top Gallant (1850); 6, St. Lawrence (3220); 7, Prince of Avondale; 8, Lord Erskine (1744). Of these eight sires which make the short cut, only two are now alive-Macgregor and Lord Erskine. Darnley has for several years kept first place. This year there are no yearlings got by him, and of course, as his produce become older, he will drop back from his present position. The animals which did best of his produce were Flashwood, Ensign, Eastfield Stamp, and Royalist, in stallions, and the mares Chrystal, Laura Lee, Vanora, Sunrise, and Scottish Rose. One point in all the list is made very clear-the widespread influence exerted in Clydesdale breeding by the mare Keir Peggy (187), the dam of Darnley, and to go a step back, by Samson (741), alias Logan's Tom, the sire of the dams of Darnley, Prince of Wales, Old Times, and Prince Charlie, and of the historical horse, Lochfergus Champion (449).

> A great deal has been written of late years about the need of fresh blood among the Clydes. Some very foolish statements have been made about the Shire blood in Scotch horses, and how breeders lost much by excluding cross-bred animals from registry. Some thought that the best type was the produce of the best Shire mares, crossed by the old Prince of Wales (673). Several of these Scotch shows do not require animals shown to have any pedigree, but allow such cross-bred horses to compete. There is one of these in the above list, No. 7, Prince of Avondale, and of all the good horses bred in the way mentioned-Prince of Wales crossed on selected Shire mares-this is the only one that gets a place out of 52 stallions that take good places as sires at the Scotch shows of 1889. Enough

> The next rank contains the following: 9, The McCamon (3818); 10, Castlereigh (Vol. IX.); 11, Springhill Darnley (2429); 12, Titward Lord Lyons (3321); 13, Good Hope (2146); 14, Sir Wyndham (4728); 15, Flashwood (3604); 16, Goldenberry (2828); 17, El Ameer (3591); 18, Belted Knight (1395); 19, Arduacraig (4812); 20, Garnet Cross (1632). Those in the rear rank are: 21, Young Lorne (997); 22, Gallant Lad (2781); 23, Lucky Getter (1483); 24, Westfield Chief (6390); 25, Lord Lynedoch (4530); 26, Macfarlane (2988); 27, Duke of Hamilton (2074); 28, Taste All (2460); 29, Baron O'Shreave (3404); 30, Crookston (5676). This is a valuable list and is well worth keeping for easy reference. Clydesdale breeders owe thanks to the secretary for compiling such a table, though there are a few more shows that might have been included, especially some in the south-west. As to tribes from the above list, he sums them up as follows: 1, Darnley; 2, Prince of Wales; 3, Lord Erskine. We are fortunate in having in Canada a good deal of the blood of all

The Most Northern Pure-bred Herd in the World.

The Binscarth Shorthorn herd in Assiniboia belonging to the Manitoba and North-Western Railway, occupies the very unique position of being the most northern herd of pure-bred cattle in the world. But areas, having up to 40 bushels per acre of yield and winners at the following shows in Scotland: Glasgow 4,000 acres was wild prairie, over which but few

white men had ever trod. Going up from Portage la The Clydesdale man would bave been happy in Prairie, we left all other breeds behind us -the Gallo-looking over the exhibits of Messrs. Bell, McIntosh, Mcways being the last we saw, some fifty miles further Kay, and Dover. A pair of brood mares, owned by Mr. south, and these were too coarse, and were giving McInosh, were a marvel of strength and beauty of place to the Shorthorn and we then looked upon as proportion. Mr. McKay's youngsters were a source fine a lot of good constitutioned, massive, and hardy of wonder to hundreds of sightseers; A. C. Bell's eattle as any country could show. It says much for Harlequin, a three-year-old, won first in the stallion the Shorthorn breed that thus record can be written class, and is surely a grand representative of the Land that in the most northern spot in the whole world of Cakes, Messrs. Sutherland and Chisholm showed in which a breed of pure bred cattle is to be found, a finely proportioned Percheron, black as night, in the there the Shorthorn thrives. He need fear no competitor. The herd itself consists of 200 head of pure-kitten; the Amherst Stock Improvement Company bred animals and improved grades. These are kept showed the Gold Spray, a grand sample of the Nor-The pedigreed stock is all registered in the Dominion action was the admiration of all who admire graceful Herd book, all having been bred in Canada, though movement. Truly he would put to shame the machine from stock originally imported from England. At the like motion of the trotter; there can be but few finer time of our visit (Suptember 3rd, of last year), the lookers than Gold Spray in the world; there may be, chief sire of the herd was l'inne Arthur, a massive still I have not yet met them. A fit monarch he would and symmetrical toan, of which we give an illustra have made for knights of old, aye, who knows but tion. He was calved on March 16th, 1881, and bred "Richard Ceur de Lien" may not have ridden an tion. He was calved on March 16th, 1881, and bred by Messrs. J. and R. Hunter, of Alma, Ontario, his lancestor of Gold Spray. Truly such a horse would stree being Knight of Warlaby 2914, and his dam be worthy of even such a warrior of old.

Lady Mary, by Lord Aberdeen. He is just the stamp of animal required for the country, being not robust in constitution, and with good hair. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that his show record Davis, out of Bertha, by Daniel Lambert, winning first was one of unbroken successes, having taken first at in the sucking colt standard class. beating the winner was one of unbroken successes, having taken first at in the sucking colt standard class, beating the winner all the shows in Ontario and Manitoba at which he at the Moneton Maritime Exhibition. Heek is a was exhibited. In the latter province his calves had handsome chestnut, three-year-old past, and his speed last year won over fifty prizes at the leading shows. We are sure our readers will be pleased to have so good a portrait of such a famous bull in such a note worthy here. We would only add that the manager of the farm and herd, Mr. G. L. Smellie, reported of the farm and herd, Mr. G. L. Smellie, reported tion in 2.41. Considering his limited education and that a ready sale is found for good animals, and that this heavy stud season the performance is considered the herd will gradually become entirely pure. blood is constantly being imported, several of the animals so bought costing over £100. - Mark Lane Express.

Norfolk Red Polis

Editor Canadian Live Stock and FarmJournal:

Fredericton, N.B., 1889.

DEAR SIR, -I noticed in the September issue of your valuable magazine an appreciative reference to the Norfolk Red Polls. In 1870 the Government of this province introduced this breed of cattle, and they have always been kept at the Provincial Stock Farm. They are very much liked. If the person who buys Mr. Hall's bull, advertised in your columns, wishes to Mr. Hall's bull, advertised in your columns, wishes to all good, all looking fit for a show ring. The showing obtain pure bred heifers I shall be very glad to give of Jerseys was large. Ex-Mayor Walker showed him the names of those persons in New Brunswick some choice specimens; Mr. Murkland a full herd; from whom they can probably be obtained. Yours truly,

CHAS. H. LUGRIN.

Secretary Department of Agriculture.

New Glasgow Exhibition.

THE LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY OF NOVA SCOTIA IS MOVING AHEAD.

Editor Canadian Live Stock and Faru Journal:

County of Pictou, and the efforts of the management done it, securing property adjoining Prospect Driving we shall have nothing to complain of in not being up to Park, and with it certain privileges from the Park the mark asstock breeders, even infar away Nova Scotia. Company, as to use of the grounds and track in addition to their own during Exhibition time; and as I say, the first exhibition under the above conditions is just over, and if a winderful attendance of satisfied people is any indication of successful effort then the New Glasgow Agricultural Society are to be congratulated on their efforts as successful caterers of amusement 1 and instruction to the people. The attendance was large, the exhibit bounteous, and of grand quality

The Standard Bred Trotter.

ENLISTS IN ITS FAVOR THR PEN OF A FRIEND FROM DOWN BY THE SEA

The Clydesdale man would bave been happy in Morgan family of trotting horses, and later the JOURNAL has given us a portrait and notice of a trotter, so that it is clear the standard bred horse is not a forbidden subject, although hitherto, from design or accident, not much considered. Now, with all due respect to the Clydesdale, the Shorthorn, and the Shropshire, we may say that we love the trotting horse more than either, and that we consider him as standing higher in the order of creation than any of these.

The high bred horse is more of a companion to man than any other animal, excepting only the dog, and in majesty of appearance and nobility of character he surpasses the dog. There is no littleness about a well bred and fine horse. He is surely, of all the animal creation, that one on which man may

confer the honor of friendship and companionship.

The highest bred of all horses is the English thoroughbred, unless we admit the claim of his Arab. progenitor, to superiority in intelligence, docility and good breeding; but he is almost exclusively the hors of the race-course, and it is only in his days of neglect and downfall that he becomes the horse of the saddle or buggy, the horse of our every day association.

Hence it seems to me that the highest type of horse,

which we all know and use and admire, is the trotter; and I feel that the JOURNAL should devote far more space to the history and daily doings of that animal, and the more as this breed of horses is now approaching its fixed form, passing rapidly to that point in development of form, speed, and intelligence, where its progress will be stayed. Moreover, this subject will justify the devotion of much space, even if considered solely from the standpoint of money value.

No other breed of animals offers such large prizes for successful endeavor of the breeder, and no other so soon and so surely repays his skill. At the same time there are ample rewards for the breeder who has only moderate success, as valuable indeed as the highest prizes in many another department of breeding. But while it is most satisfactory to note these substantial rewards, it is still true that altogether apart from these, there is every inducement, both in the pleasure and usefulness of the pursuit, to stimulate us to aim at improvement in the breeding of all animals, and particularly of the horse.

The trotter, sometimes called the American trotter, is a creation of the last fifty years, and in some respects we might say, of the last twenty-five years. However, for the last fifty years, breeders have been selecting strains of blood and families with increasing success, until now a trotter may be bred as surely as a Short-

hom.

Still, while men are so far agreed that they are breeding with almost absolute certainty, they are widely opposed in the theories which they teach and And singularly enough their several theories, believe. practically limited to two, are a positive and a negative; not two diverse theories, but one theory and its converse. Thus some, indeed many, breeders believe that the foundation blood in the trotter is, and must be, thoroughbred blood; the blood of the English thoroughbred, or as he is more aptly and expressively called, the blood horse.

The other school bitterly denounce such talk as trash, and speak of the thoroughbred element so much deby the first party, as running bred foolishness, and think and say that the thoroughbred cross should be studiously avoided. Now there is, as is usual, a good deal of reason in the two opposite opinions thus

expressed.

In the first place, the trotting horse of to-day has a pedigree running at the first, second, third, or fourth generation, to a thoroughbred sire in almost every instance. In the second place, where this does not occur the pedigree ends sooner or later in unknown blood, or in a pacing progenitor. In the third place, the *frobability* is that the mares of unknown breeding, which occur so frequently in these pedigrees, are either thoroughbred or of thoroughbred descent, as they usually exhibit qualities of speed, gameness, and prepotency in tixing their color and qualities in their off-spring, which would be strange if found in animals of mongrel breeding.

In all probability a new race of trotters could be produced, using the thoroughbred and the pacer as foundation elements, in less time than it has taken to large, the exhibit bounteous, and of grand quality

The horse show was a marvellous improvement over past efforts. We Nova Scottans are a horse-loving attention to the breeds of animals, more properly world, by which the vigor and hardihood of the stock people, so that this may in a measure account for the great improvement manifest in the grand showing the existence of the right breeds of horses. Anotable produce the trotters of to-day. Indeed, to use a produce the trotters of to-day. Indeed, to use a simile, engraling, practised so largely in the vegetable attention to the breeds of animals, more properly world, by which the vigor and hardihood of the stock called farm animals, that it has appeared torgetful of its diverted to other and more convenient use in the the great improvement manifest in the grand showing the existence of the right breeds of horses. Anotable produce of the sain, is very much like the process in this department

or die. or die.

Mr. John McDonald, our Ayrshire man, just outdid himself. Such a showing of Ayrshires were never seen here before; grand to look at, and undoubtedly grand milkers; Messrs. Cameron bros. had a grand showing of Holsteins; Bell & McKay, and McKay & McIntosh, Durhams; Mr. Scott Fraser, Polled Angus;

promise is very great; he is the product of Brookside, Farm, but owned by Mr. Hugh Murray, New Glasgow.

Mr. A. C. Bell's young stallion, Israel, by Ram part, out of Jessica, won the 3 mile race at the Exhibi

very promising, and although he is but five years old there are a large number of very promising colts after

him, the oldest being one year old past, principally

bay in color, of good size and grand finish. Israel is one of the most promising young standard bred trotting stallions in the province, and there is

no doubt at all if he is withdrawn from the stud for a

season, and put into active training that he will trot

in 2.25 or better, for he is perfect in gait, and a resolute fellow that carries in his breeding the will to do

the Jersey showing was full and choice.

The sheep pens contained a flock of Shropshires that were fit to be shown at your best Ontario shows. And too much credit cannot be given to their owner, Mr. McKay, for the care and pains he must have given to his flock to bring them up to the present great standard of excellence. One such, who breeds up his flock by individual effort, effort of brain and forethought, is of more good to the real advancement of improvement than a dozen men who buy the prize winner with money, and only show the production of somebody else's work.

To name over all of those who were prize winners We are just over our Exhibition, taking in as it did would take up more space than you would permit in the County of Antigonish, Colchester, and our own this communication, the efforts will be duly noted and County of Picton, and the efforts of the management, made public, and desirably so through the regular re have been truly successful; the improvement since the last show here, four years ago, is almost past belief.

Say that it showed to all who attended it, either as the New Clean American County of the New Clean Count This year the New Glasgow Agricultural Society exhibitors or onlookers, that we are moving ahead, decided to put up permanent huildings, and they have and that it we continue on in our work of well-doing

"FARMER JOHN."

On the thoroughbred stock the trotting action has been fixed by crossing with the pacer, and the result is a new thoroughbred, with all the power, speed and endurance for which the race is noted, but with a new way of going. And this being so the reasoner who argues that the trotter owes most to the thoroughbred is right. But the battle between believers and unbelievers is about the proper course to follow in the further improvement of the trotter, rather than about the foundation stock on which the trotter has been bred. There are some who believe that the ment of the trotter being largely due to the thoroughbred, that merit must be increased by calling on that same blood for assistance, and can be as well done in no other way; while there are others who abhor the thoroughbred, and one might almost say all his works; although of course, that cannot be so if the trotter be admitted to be one of these works. The principal and most bitter opponent of the thoroughbred is John H. Wallace, editor of Wallace's Monthly, and registrar of the Board of Censors by whom the American Standard Trotting Horse Register is compiled. He should be the best informed of all authorities on the trotting horse, but has apparently allowed his earnest advocacy of the claims of the pacer to warp his judgment so far as to prevent his giving that measure of credit to the thoroughbred which is due. Mr. Wallace earnestly advises breeders to breed to and from trotters if they wish to produce trotters, and in so doing he follows the recognized canon, that like produces like. Mr. Wallace accepts the recognized trotting families of to-day as sufficient foundation stock whether qualities of size, speed, and beauty be considered, and believing that sufficient out-crosses to prevent evil effects from in-breeding can be secured he objects to the introduction of any new blood, and particularly thoroughbred blood. However, there are breeders, and some of them most successful in obtaining results, who believe that the highest class of trotters may be obtained in two generations by the use of trotting bred sires on thoroughbred mares. these the most successful is Governor Stanford, of California, and he has done enough, we think, to demonstrate that the true outcross for the trotter is the thoroughbred horse.

This outcross should not be resorted to unnecessarily and only with moderation, but when used with judg ment we believe it to be capable of producing trotters

superior to any we have yet seen.

Now, this opinion has some value to Canadians if correct. In Canada we have not a leading position as producing trotters, but we have the natural advantages which have enabled us to produce horses of the best quality of their kind. We have besides the two foundation breeds from which the trotter has descended, the thoroughbred and the pacer. We thus have the raw material required to produce trotters of the greatest excellence, and we might produce a race which would become famous entirely from our own resources.

In the light of experience, however, that would seem not so wise a course as to use the advantages gained with much expenditure of time and money by our American cousins. We should, by all means, import American-bred horses, and mate these with our thoroughbred or part bred mares. If we, in Canada, had the means, or rather if we had the courage, to buy the best stallions, and that would, of course require a long purse, there could be no doubt as to the resulting profits. With the enormously rapid increase of wealth, and the equally rapid spread of Anglo-American fashions in horseflesh, a world-wide market for the highest class American trotter is assured, and in no department of live stock breeding can such profits be expected.

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Veterinary.

For the Canadian LIVE STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL Choking in Cattle.

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means infrequent, so that a description of the causes, appliances for keeping the mouth open, such as a symptoms, treatment, etc., will not be untersonable. clevice, for in knocking about, the instrument is apt

swallowing a considerable sized piece-which ability they are apt to impose upon -renders cattle particularly liable to this accident.

Ordinary sized apples appear to be of very convenient shape for swallowing, and being tempted by this, cattle often attempt to swallow a larger one than the calibre of the gullet will admit of, so it becomes lodged in same portion of that canal. Sometimes a beast having scooped at a whole turnip, will attempt to bolt the remainder, before it is sufficiently reduced in size, but in the majority of cases slicing with a spade or in some such way, produces pieces of inconvenient shape for swallowing, so that cut roots are more frequently the cause of this accident than uncut, unless they are pulped, or cut into finger like pieces. Carrots, mangels, and potatoes also occasionally act as offending bodies. Choking gives rise to great distress and occasionally causes fatal results, so that humanity, as well as pecuniary considerations demand that owners of stock should be in a position to promptly detect and relieve a case of this kind.

The distress varies somewhat according to the situation of the offending body. If it is just at the entrance of the gullet, it seriously interferes with breathing, and may result in smothering the animal. When lower down along the neck portion of the tube, or in that part of it which passes through the cavity of the chest, the symptoms are not so apparent unless bloating becomes extreme, nor are the consequences likely to be so serious unless the coats of the canal become strained, which will interfere with the process of swallowing after the obstruction is removed.

An attendant can generally correctly detect a case of choking, particularly when the circumstances are known to him. Occasionally we have known people mistake the somewhat hard and prominent organ that is situated between the branches of the lower jaw, and at the commencement of the windpipe, for some foreign body, where there was a cough or some bloating that gave rise to a slight resemblance to the symptoms of choking, but usually the evidence of obstruction is very plain.

There is a cough, and if the source of trouble is at the commencement of the windpipe, it is a very distressing one, and the other symptoms are aggravated. There is champing of the jaws, a profuse flow of saliva, staring eyes, bloating, voiding of freces, and urine frequently, but in small quantities, all of which is accompanied by more or less restlessness. If the bloating becomes very extreme it may so interfere with breathing so as to cause death. Liquids poured down will soon return. If the foreign body is in the neck portion of the gullet, it can be readily felt on the left side. It is usually not a difficult matter to afford relief, unless the arrested body is very large, or of awkward shape. If at the entrance to the gullet, it will have to be drawn up as it cannot be shoved down. The hand is the only suitable instrument.

By getting the head held by a couple of strong men, or tied to a post on each side, one is quite safe in passing the hand into the mouth, and placing it sideways, with the thumb up, towards the roof of the mouth, and the little finger placed right on the floor, in the space between the grinders and the tongue. It can then be forced back into the space behind the mouth, and the body felt and removed. This is a safer plan if one understands it At this time of the year cases of choking are by no and has the confidence, than using the ordinary Instances of this casualty are rare in the domestic 1 to turn, or get out of the mouth, when the protection animals except in the ox tribe. Being voracious to the hand will be lost. Occasionally handling the ectiers, and largely fed on roots, and being capable of neck over the body will cause it to move, and pass down. he should get some to sow, for which a high price is

The lubricating and softening effects of oil poured down will also sometimes move the obstruction. As a rule, however, a more effectual means has to be employed in the shape of what is called a probang. This is a flexible tube six or seven feet long, with perforated ends, one of which is cup-shaped and the other round. The round end should not be used when there is a body to be dislodged, as it is apt to slip to the side of it, and the pressure used will be likely to stretch the coats of the tube, and perhaps permanently injure them. The cup-shaped end cannot go past, so is much the best for moving the body onward. A gag with a hole in the centre is always sold with a proper probang. A mouthful of oil facilitates the passage of the instrument into the stomach. The foolish practice of using ropes, whipstalks, and other unsuitable instruments cannot be too strongly condemned, as they often cause serious if not fatal results, by injuring the entrance to the

The Farm.

Wheat Growing in Ontario.

It is questionable if the export of wheat can continue for very many years from the United States. The population, it is stated, has increased 20 per cent. during the last ten years, while the area devoted to wheat has only increased three per cent. There is no likelihood that this increase of population will be less in the future than in the past, while the same will not hold true as to the increase in the production of wheat only to a limited extent. The area for its production will still extend with the settlement of new territory. but this extension cannot, in the nature of things, last very long. Again, the areas devoted to wheat may be stimulated to produce a higher yield, but this is not likely to keep pace with the growth of the population. It is not improbable then, that within two or three decades the United States will want all her own wheat and perhaps a little from us, which will be good news to the people of our own North-West. While in the meantime, it is wiser for us to grow what will remunerate us the most highly, having a due regard to the maintenance of the fertility of our land. We must continue to grow a certain amount of wheat for home consumption, and to provide straw for litter, but over, and above this, with our splendid facilities for raising stock, we can afford to leave the growing of wheat for export to our Manitoba friends and their neighbors further west.

Variations in Grain Yields.

There are few things more perplexing to the farmet in the management of his work than the difference in results obtained from the same variety of crop when sown in different localities. Take fall wheat, for instance, during the past season, and we will fine this difference most marked. The Manchester gave a fair yield in the vicinity of London, while in the vicinity of Guelph it was scarcely worth harvesting. The Garfield did remarkably well in the neighborhood of Toronto, but not so well around Hamilton. The Surprise did well pretty generally where sown. The Democrat gave a good crop on stiff soils, but was not very successful on loams. In this way we might continue the enumeration indefinitely. The farmer reads that a certain kind of wheat has given an extraordinary yield in one locality, and he naturally concludes that

paid. The next year he is probably disappointed in the result. The most perplexing feature is this, that regardless of difference in soil, difference in locality seems to make a marked difference in returns. What then, is the farmer to do? Why, to get a small quantity of one, two, on three new varieties that have done very well in some localities, and sow them under similar conditions. He then has a test such as no Experimental Farm is able to give him, to guide him in his next year's operations. It is of vital importance for every farmer to keep abreast of the times in the growth of good cereals, for the improvement in these is far more rapid than the improvement amongst men.

Seed Inspection.

Seed inspection in Great Britain and other continental countries receives careful attention, but as yet has attracted but a limited amount of interest in Canada. In the State of Delaware, where and inspection has been adopted by the legislature, it has been found that the condition of the seed trade is much better than was expected. We apprehend that in Canada its condition is not so bad. Sometimes a farmer may feel chagrined that he gets mustard instead of rapeseed, and now and then grain may be purchased, the vitality of which has in some way been destroyed, are purchased from a reliable seedsman, he is usually willing to guarantee them, and if he will not, some other seedsman will, who is therefore, more worthy of patronage. Some argue that the farmer should test all the seeds he buys before sowing them, but this should not be necessary. It may be inconvenient for him to do so, and he may not have time between the period of purchase and that of sowing. The seedsman for his own sake should test his seeds, when his guarantee should satisfy in all ordinary purchases. We think it will generally be found that when bad seeds have been purchased, it is oftener the graindealer who has supplied them or some one whose principal business has not been dealing in seeds. The age at which the vitality of seeds ceases, is still a hazy question, as the literature upon the subject is not a very large quantity. Grass and clover seeds deteriorate rapidly with age, and soon become very much impaired in value. In purchasing seeds it is important to have them fresh as well as good in appearance.

Corn Notes.

It was our pleasure this summer to view a capital field of Mammoth Southern Sweet corn at the farm of fed with plents manure, either from the barnyard, law of expansion and contraction. One who watched compost heap or derived from ploughing under a good their movements at such a time would almost suppose thick sod. It is a coarse grower and, like turnips, it should be fed liberally to keep it pushing ahead. To that even though they act independently, both are either of these crops the manure for the rotation may intent on harassing man. be applied as they are greatly benefited; while in the It is an annual and very hardy, and one of the There is, however, a limit to the feeding of the corn amongst other grains before coming out in head. It There is no form of weed life which will not ulticrop. It should not be fed too liberally, or forced ripens earlier than most other cereals, and the seed mately succumb to the adoption of intelligent methods

too much it does not attain to maturity before the frost forces it to be harvested. Corn that does not produce ears in our climate, or in other words does not mature and yields a vast bulk, is more watery and less valuable as a food than a variety that tassels out and forms ears ander our conditions.

The value of planting the rows further apart than three feet has been pressed by some, especially those that sowed their corn on ground that had not been well purged with plough and cultivator. Such had to stop cultivation as early in some cases as June. The aim should be as far is consistent with an eye to maturity, as well to encourage the growth of leaves, and this can be best done by liberally manuring and long-continued cultivation, and to carry out the latter the rows should be from 31/2 to 4 feet apart.

It was noticeable this spring that owing to the cold damp spell shortly after corn sowing in a number of districts the kernels were very slow in germinating, and some did not grow at all. Dr. Sturtevant claims as the result of much experimenting on his part that it is not the cold that kills seed corn but that this merely checks its growth, giving time for the moulds to act upon the seed, and so cause its decay in the damp soil. His work shows that by drying corn in the fall at a high temperature, in the near neighborhood of 100° but usually the purchaser gets what he buys. If seeds Fahr., the kernets will sprout quicker, and be able to resist the attacks of these moulds that causes the seed corn to rot if the season is damp and cold. It is certainly worthy of trial as it could be easily done in a common stove oven.

The Wild Oat.

The wild oat (Avena fatua) is supposed to be a native of Southern Europe. How it came to this country is not known, but weeds like evil seem to follow in the wake of man. Whatever we may not know about it, we know, to our sorrow, that wild oat is here. It flourishes in all kinds of soils, and will even make a bold fight for supremacy in strong clay, where some other kinds of weed life can only eke out a very precarious existence. It bears a considerable re-emblance to the common out (Avena sativa), which latter some persons think, originated from it. This, however, is not probable, for the presence of this bold marauder only calls forth effort for extermination, rather than improvement, which would not likely be the case if the plant was so susceptible to improvement.

There are several distinct points of difference between the two in structure and habits. In the wild out the Mr. John Stewart, Felton P.O., Ont. This we learn chaff scales which adhere to the grain are thick and has yielded at the rate of 581/2 tons to the acre. Our hairy, in the cultivated out they are not so thick and informant tells us that it was probably over that, as are hairless. The former has a long stiff awn usually the sixteen square feet that was taken as a basis for twisted near the base. When dry it is coiled closely the calculation was not by any means the heaviest of upon itself, but when moistened by dew or rain it the field. This corn, as all that which grew right along slowly uncoils, causing the seed to sprawl about upon this season from first to last, was sown on land the ground. This curious property gives them oftenthat was in sod the year previous. Corn is by times the appearance of an animated existence, which nature a rank feeder, and hence responds best when is due, however, only to the operation of a natural

case of the grain crops the growth of too much most difficult of weeds to destroy. This arises in part out has headed out, that the last stray stalks may be straw is sure to follow heavy applications of manure. from the difficulty of recognizing it when growing secured.

too much in its growth, as this will react on the value I falls to the ground almost as soon as ripe. Indeed of the crop by decreasing its nutritiousness. If pushed, the grain will fall out of that portion of the head which ripens first while other grains in the same head are immature. It is unsafe, therefore, to allow a crop of barley even to ripen which is infested with wild oats, or the ground on which it has grown will be so strewn with the seeds that it will prove a long and laborious task to destroy them.

> As the wild oat is an annual, it can certainly be destroyed, for if none of the seeds are allowed to ripen, the time must come when the last one will have sprouted and been destroyed; but this process must prove expensive, as, like the mustard seed, the seeds possess the power of retaining their vitality for a long time.

Several me hods have been adopted by which this daring invader can be overcome. We give some of these below:-

- 1. Sow with barley and cut the same a little green. This prevents the wild oat from ripening, but to make doubly sure, the food should be cut and steamed before using, or threshed and the grain ground for feeding. Follow with a hoed crop allowing none of the plants to escape. Sow again with barley, and seed to clover, treating the barley crop as in the former instance, if necessary. As the clover is cut before the wild oat ripens, none of the latter are thus allowed to reseed. The process may commence with a hoed crop where everything is suitable. Cultivation with a view to cleansing the land the preceding autumn will prove advantageous, and frequent harrowings preceding the sowing of the roots in the spring encourages the oats to sprout and so destroys them.
- 2. Grow a soiling crop as rye. Cut this when in the early bloom for todder. Follow with a crop of rape sown in drills and carefully cultivated. Sow to barley and treat as in the first instance, if necessary, and follow with a clover crop succeeded by roots.

Both of these methods proceed on the assumption that the soil is suited to the growth of barley and roots, which it may not be. The mode of procedure in a stiff clay will, therefore, be manifestly different, hence, we give another mode of destroying this weed well adapted to any kind of soil.

3. Break up sod about the end of June which may have been either pasture or hay land, work it well on the surface through the summer, and sow to winter wheat. If the surface cultivation has been thorough prior to the time of sowing the wheat, but few, if any of the oats will appear next season, and if they do, they will not mature if the wheat is of good growth. The wheat is sown to grass and the hay is mowed one season, the ground being pastured the second year, when, to make thorough work, it may be followed by a soiling crop cut early enough to prevent the oats from ripening, or by a hoed crop where the soil is suitable. In very stiff clays the pasture may be ploughed in June and treated as the sod land in the first instance, or two crops of hay may be cut preceding the season for pasturing.

This method has been practised with complete success by Mr. Joseph Atkinson, formerly of Egmondville, County Huron, Ont., to whom we are largely indebted for our information regarding this third method of fighting the invader.

It should be remembered that here, as in all methods of destroying weed life, that the value of the work is in proportion to its completeness, hence it is wise in farms that have been infested with the wild oat, that the fields of grain be gone over after the wild

of destroying them. Indeed, there is nothing to understand that old Jethro Tull was right when he For the CANADIAN LIVE STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL hinder all Ontario from obliterating the most per said that the soil contained in itself all the elements nicious forms of weed life but the apathy of her far- requisite for the continuous growth of crops for an mers. Let no one, then, look so discouragingly upon indefinite period, and that because of this all that was the condition of his farm, as to consider the effort to requisite in growing crops was mechanical cultivation clean it effectually a hopeless task. What is so hard after a system which he prescribed, for if any soil as a rock, and what is so soft as water, nevertheless; contain a certain amount of plant food, locked up or hard rocks are hollowed out by the agency of soft unlocked, it is quite plain that if some of it is carried water.

Chemical Analysis of Soirs.

The popular idea that the chemical analysis of a small quantity of soil taken from a field will furnish a true basis of the value of the soil of the field, has fallen before the increasing light that experimental research in chemical analysis has brought to us. The idea was apparently based upon two assumptions. The first was that much of uniformity would characterize the compositions of soils in the same field that were similar in appearance to the eye, and the second, that plant food in soils containing the same ingredients in equal proportions, was in an equally available condition.

The fallacy of both assumptions will be readily A quantity of soil apparent to the reflective mind may be taken from a field, and another plot from a spot not ten feet distant, that will give in analysis results that are quite different. This may arise from the different quantities of organic matter which these contain, because of the decay of living substances which once they held in different proportions. It may arise from various other causes which we stay not to mention now, but to get to the bottom of which would take us back to the time when the rocks were ground to powder by the action of the glaciers, or to those pre-historic periods when the currents of receding waters gamboled in channels that are long since dry.

But we are not to conclude that chemical analysis of soils of a field that are similar in appearance and texture in the different parts of it are of no value at all, for though the analysis of soil from one portion may not be a sufficient guide, the analysis from different portions of the same, when their average is ascertained, should give us a fair idea of the general nature of the contents of the soil of such a field.

The idea that plant food in soils is equally valuable on the basis of quantity, regardless of condition, can only find a hiding place in minds that have not yet looked beyond the norizon over which the sun of agricultural light has not yet arisen. Any practical farmer must have noticed that when one part of a field is ploughed early in autumn and exposed to the action of sun and frost and rain, that the crop sown upon it in the spring will, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, he much better than the crop sown upon another portion of the field ploughed in the spring, although the respective portions may have been sown the same day.

The lack of most soils is not a lack of fertility in the abstract, so much as a lack of available fertility, and the farmer should bear in mind that no influences are so potent primarily in unlocking latent fertility as the plough is autumn, the cultivator, harrow and roller in the spring, and the hand and horse bee in the summer. The chemist may tell the farmer that his suil contains certain elements of plant focul, and that these elements are requisite to the growth of certain crops, but the chemist can but partly well him the elements that are in an available condition. This, however, he can ascertain in the way that we have indicated. We would not, however, have the reader

away every year, that the time eventually comes when the whole supply will be gone, and the entire surface soil will be poorer than a church mouse, though the stores of the subsoil may be abundant beyond the lower line of the plough.

Another method of what may be termed practical analysis for determining the fertilizing needs of soils is by dividing them into plots, applying fertilizers of different kinds to these plots, and judging of the needs of the soil by the difference in the yield of the plots. Theoretically this sounds well, but in practice it does not always stand the test, since plots side by side and similarly treated as to fertilizers sometimes yield results quite a little different. Differences in results are caused by variations in sunlight, a slight difference in the mechanical or chemical conduition of the soil, the number of plants grown, different degrees of moisture, and other causes. Again, the condition in which a fertilizer is applied may cause some variation. If the fertilizer which is applied is not in the most available condition, it would be an easy possibility to come to a wrong conclusion as to the wants of a soil regarding it.

Another doctrine extensively promulgated, especially by the manufacturers of fertilizers, is that a complete fertilizer-one containing in itself all the elements or plant growth-should be used by the farmer. The objection to this course lies in the fact that some soils are only lacking in certain elements, and so do not need a complete fertilizer. We can readily understand that land which may not require the application of barnyard manure, a complete fertilizer, may be benefited by the application of lime, which in itself is far from being a complete manure.

Another theory of chemical analysis, which, however, is not generally accepted, is that the amount of certain ingredients contained in the plant itself, furnishes a basis or which to judge of the needs of the soil: that is, if a plant contains a plentiful supply of any one ingredient, it is an indication that the same is present in sufficient quantity, but that if the converse of this is true it is an indication that the soil is lacking in a supply of the same. It seems to us that some potent objections may be raised to this seemingly very plausible theory. A difference in season and in the mechanical condition of the soil, will make a difference in the vigor of the plant, and so of its power to build up its structure on any ingredient, as it otherwise

Are we to infer, then, that the chemical analysis of soils is of little or no practical value? Not by any means. Chemical analysis will tell us whether soil has plant food or not, after the nusbandman has failed to get good crops. It will also tell us whether there is an abundant supply or a great lack of any one or other of the ingredients necessary to plant growth; it will indicate whether the infertility is due to injurious acids in the soil or not, and it will tell us whether a subsoil within easy reach of the husbandmen may afford him supply s for the surface by the adoption of a certain course that will render them of practical use: out in all such experiments it is the result of the average of several analysis from different portions of a field that should be relied on, rather than the result of one analysis.

How to Make a Good Binder Cover.

By F. J. SLEIGHTROLM, Humber, Ont.

Procure sufficient ten-cent cotton to cover your machine, sew it together in proper shape, and tack it to the side of a building or to the floor of a mow of the barn. With a suitable brush give it a coat of boiled linseed oil, and, after allowing it to dry, two or three days is usually enough for this, give it a second coat, putting on all it will take in each time. Do not allow the sun to shine upon it while drying. When the second coat is dry it is ready for use. The cost will vary with the size of the machine to cover. The following estimate is for a six-foot binder: 24 yards, yard wide, cotton @ 10c. = \$2.40; 11/2 gallons @ 90c. = \$1.35. Total, \$3.75. Sheeting cotton is to be preferred before the other, and costs but a trifle extra. Be generous with cotton, and let the oil be put on without stint. If these directions be followed the writer guarantees the cover will keep the machine dry in any weather. It will hold water like a tub, and prevents the harmful effects of dew and sunshine. The shape of the above cover is four yards wide by six long.

Its use is very evident. If an unexpected shower comes it is ready in a moment. The average man require twelve to fifteen minutes at least to put the canvas on to an ordinary binder, this cover can be put on in one, and no canvas need be touched. Experience delights the user.

The Banner Oat.

EDITOR CANADIAN LIVE STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL:

SIR,-In response to the letter of Mr. Hutchinson, of Aylmer, in the October number of the JOURNAL, I would say that I started to grow Vick's American Banner Oats with a ten cent package of seed sown in the garden a few years stace. Of the product last spring I sowed some 15 or 16 bushels on nine acres of clay logge soil and though not that the other started to grow the product last spring I sowed some 15 or 16 bushels on nine acres of clay logge soil and though not that the other started to grow the started to grow the other started to grow the started to grow the other started to grow the started to grow the other started to grow the star clay loam soil, and though not yet threshed the yield will probably be over 60 bushels to the acre. It was one of the finest fields of oats I have ever seen, heads being well loaded with plump heavy grain (white); stalks not crinkling or lodging, and being covered with broad leaves, making the straw excellent food; straw bright and free from rust and ripening almost two weeks earlier than other varieties. In fact, this out gives promise of being a valuable addition to the grains of this Province.

Derwent, Ont.

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The Dairy.

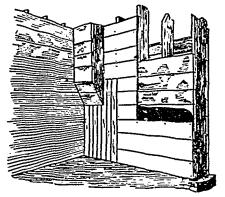
Remarkably Rich Milk.

While the Jersey is known as a giver of milk of the richest nature, yet few would expect from even the best of these useful beauties the wonderful results that have been the outcome of a late test of the cow Toltec's Fancy 27172, the property of Maury Jersey Farm, Columbia, Tenn. She yielded milk so rich in butter fat that five pounds of it gave one pound of butter containing about eighty-five per cent. butter fat. A sample of the same milk that averaged the above good results was analysed by an expect chemist and was found to contain the high percentage of the 16:32 of butter-fat. This is remarkably high, as the normal percentages with the general run of other cows is between four and five per cent. The test was conducted on fair principles and there are no reasons whatever for doubting the trueness of the results. This cow was sired by Toltee 6831, the sire of no less than eight other cows that have yielded fourteen

pounds or over of butter in a week, while the dam of Toltec's Fancy is the remarkable butter cow Landscer's Fancy 2876, that tested 936 lbs. 1434 oz. in a year, and 29 lbs. 1/2 or, in seven days, besides being the dam of many others noted for their wondrous buttergiving powers.

A Chute Instead of a Door for the Silo.

The question as to whether it is better to take the silage from the top of the pit or through a door at the bottom has given use to more or less differences of opinion. It is claimed by those that advocate the former that there is less chance for the ensilage to spoil, and it was found that a door to a silo acts like a damper to a stove when open, by admitting a strong draught of air. The others advance the argument that it is far easier to feed from a door, and for this reason, if for no other, they have adopted it. Prof. Shelton, of Kansas, in a bulletin from the Experimental Station of that State, advances an idea that will undoubtedly turn the scale in favor of feeding from the top of the silo. We append an illustration which will clearly explain how the ensilage may be got out of the pit by means of a chute. Describing it



he says: "The operation of feeding from the silo is usually performed from the door, as shown in the cut. In feeding, it is well to remember that if a silage surface is left exposed to the atmosphere for a number of days, it moulds quite rapidly, and not infrequently a considerable loss results. On this account I prefer to feed from the top of the silage, so that more or less of the entire surface can be fed every day. To accomplish this purpose I have planned in the new silo, the chute, shown in the cut, over the door of the silo. It cons. 's simply of a 2 x 10-inch plank spiked on edge securely to the silo, 20 inches from the corner. Twenty-inch pieces of shiplap lightly tacked to this projecting plank connect it with the adjacent wall, thus forming a 10 x 20-inch shute which passes through the inner door of the silo. We expect to shovel the silage constantly from the top, emptying the silo through this chute. As the silo empties, the pieces of shiplap may be removed, thus saving the lifting of silage to the top of the chute."

W" le at Guelph Agricultural College a short while ago, we saw an idea there carried into practice by Prof. Robertson in a new silo, that will be found to even surpass the plan outlined in the above illustration. Instead of building a separate chute on the inside and thus materially lessening the capacity of the silo, Prof. Robertson used the space between two of the uprights of the wail for this pupose. In this case it is best to use two of these spaces, so as to have two chutes, so that the strength of the wall may not be in the least weakened. To further provide against this tendency to weaken the walls, the inner wall of the chute, which is identical with the inner wall of the silo, has only alternate places where the boards may be pulled out to pass the silage down, and these places that may be so opened are so arranged that they are never opposite each other on the two chutes, but alternate, and thus preserve the strength of the wall.

Stable Floors.

A tight lasting floor is one of the most valuable features of a good stable. It means that the latter will be warm, for the draughts of cold air come in most freely from the bottom; and it further guarantees that the liquid manure will be prevented from escaping, and also saved by the aid of straw and gypsum. No need for tanks, expensive and troublesome, if these agents, a close floor, plenty of straw, and free use of gypsum, are employed. They furnish a cheap method for the complete saving of manure, a matter of more importance to the farm and farmer than most are willing to concede.

A correspondent makes inquiries as to the best floor for horse and cow stables, and desires to know how to lay a good cement floor. As a rule it is best to make the floors of horse stables of wood, either cedar blocks or planks. The former are most in favor, though after a time they become uneven and soggy. Their lasting properties may be greatly increased by a coat of hot tar, mixed with fine clean sand to give it enough body, put on as soon as they are laid down. It should be a matter of care to see that the blocks are sound, and that the sand is well packed between them, as the thoroughness of the work in the first place determines the amount of trouble and fixing that may follow after. When cement floors are laid in horse stables the calks of the horse's shoes begin after a time to chip the floor and break it up, and to prevent this it has been recommended that if used for this purpose a small quantity of tar be mixed with it, so as to give it a slight elasticity. Considering the cost the cedar blocks give as good results if not better than any other form of flooring for a horse stable.

better than cedar blocks or plank floors, for the reason that cow manure is very moist, and the liquid manure plentiful, and owing to this the flooring, being dry and wet alternately, rots very quickly. The best plan in laying the foundation for the floor is to fill to within eight inches of the height desired when finished with feed in the same manner, without other grain. To clay, or if the site is damp, coarse hard gravel. make the best use of her food a cow must have it well This should be made as firm as possible by hard balanced; that is, one set of the substances, such as pounding. Over this should be laid a six-inch layer the albuminoids, should not be greatly in excess of of broken stones, the harder in nature the better, the others, but should be given as near the proportions about the sire of hens' eggs. This is also thoroughly that experience as well as experiment says it should pounded down and made level. Portland cement | be, namely, one of the digestible albuminoids to 5.4 and the best of clean sharp gravel, in the proportions of the digestible carbhydrates and fats. If a cow is fed of one of the former and three of the latter, is then food varying much from this, suppose the above proscattered over the surface, and washed into the spaces portion was reversed and the albuminoids given in laying this use a level and straight edge, and make the utilise this extra quantity of albuminoids, would be grade just as you desire to have it when the job is unnecessarily taxed and there would also be a great completed. For the next two inches use fine clean waste of food, as that which she could not make use sand and Portland cement mixed dry, so as to insure of would pass out in the manure. While crushed peas thorough mixing, in the proportions of two of sand to or oats are undoubtedly more nutritious and better one of cement. Wet but a little of the mixture at a foods for a milch cow than commeal, yet it is when a time as it soon hardens. This last coat should be laid combination is made so that one kind may meet the in narrow strips, say two or two and a half feet, so I shortcomings of the other that the best results are that it is easy to reach across. By kneeling, when tobtained. Now, an even mixture of pea meal, chopped at work, on a two-inch plank and filling just even loats and commeal would make an evenly balanced with the top of it uniform thickness may be maintained. I ration, and experience has proven this mixture to be A trowel should be used to smoothen the last layer, I a good one. Wheat bran might be substituted for the and where much is to be done it will pay to hire one pea meal, but the proportic a would be better increased who can use the latter quickly. It is to be remem- so that the mixture w ald be two of bran, one of bered in mixing, or in laying it on, that the cement chopped oats, and one of commeal.

sets rapidly. If the basement is at all warm no danger need be thought of in respect to the frost getting into it, and so causing it to break up when the cattle are put upon it. To secure a good straight drop behind the stalls into the gutter it makes a complete job to face the end of the stall with a row of flat cut stones. Very hot or dry weather is apt to cause the cement to dry too rapidly, and is just as bad as cold weather in its effects. The cattle should not be put upon it until it is thoroughly hardened, which will vary from two weeks to a month.

Foods for Milch Cows.

Editor Live STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL.

I would like to know in the next number of the JOURNAL how commeal compares with cracked foods for milch cows, and also of the different roots which is the best for feeding. Yours, etc.,

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The feeding value of all foods is largely determined by the amount of albuminoids, fats, or carbhydrates that they contain. The relative scarcity of the albuminoid or nitrogenous substances in plants, as well as their importance in the animal economy, gives them a first place when considering the value of foods, with fats second, and the carbhydrates, which include the sugars, starches, etc., are the least valuable of the three mentioned. The composition of cornmeal may be stated to be as follows: water 14.50, albuminoids 8.25, fat .44, carbhydrates 77.12, fibre, .32, ash 38. By the term "cracked foods," we infer our correspondent has reference to crushed oats, peas, or barley. The analysis of the oats would be as follows: water 12.96, albuminoids 9.82, fat 5.24, carbhydrates 56.97, fibre 11.91, ash 3.10. Peas contain the following water 13.2, albuminoids 22.4, fat 3.0, carbhydrates 52.6, fibre 6.7. Barley contains, water 10.92, albuminoids, 12.39, fat 1.86, carbhydrates 69.88, fibre, 2.57. Comparing cornmeal with these, it will be noticed that in carbhydrates or carbonaceous substances the cornmeal contains by far the most, while it is deficient in For floors of cattle stables Portland cement is far albuminoids, especially so when compared with the peas. A milch cow, to do her best at the pail, must be given very nutritive food, and this cornmeal, in conjunction with meadow hay or silage, would not supply. On the other hand, such a food as pea meal or crushed peas would be too rich and expensive to

We suppose our correspondent limits the latter part of his query to those roots that are suitable for feeding milch cows. The two kinds that are most used for this purpose are turnips and mangolds, though others, such as carrots, may be fed occasionally for variety. Between the two kinds mentioned there is but very little difference as regards their composition, as the following analysis will show: mangolds-water 88 per cent., albuminoids 1.1, fat 1, carbhydrates 9.1. Tarnips-water 91.5, albuminoids 1.0, fat .15, carbhydrates 5.8. The mangolds are less watery and slightly more nutritious. The general practice is to grow both, and feed the turnips first until the last of February, when the mangolds are fed, as it is claimed that the latter after being stored for a few months become sweeter and the cattle like them better. Considering cost of growing and the many other items that are entailed, there is no doubt that ensilage for milch cows is a better food than any of the roots.-En.

Clover For Hogs.

The idea still clings to a number of our stock-raisers that the pig is only of use as a general scavenger to live on sour swill and the general garbage of a large farm. While the pig, owing to its extra development of digestive power, is able to abstract nourishment from food that would starve other animals, yet, it does not follow that they should only be fed refuse matter to get the best results. Mr. Stephen Favill, of Delevan, Wisconsin, favoured the Wisconsin Dairymen's Association with his views and practice in respect to growing pigs. After describing at some length the method of curing the clover and storing as practiced by him, he speaks of the feeding of hogs in the following words:

"They will eat the kind of hay I am talking about and do as well on it, especially store hogs; one feed a day should be given, and they will be much more healthy and less likely to get that dreadful scourge, the cholera, than if fed entirely on corn. But it is not from the winter feeding that we get the best results from hogs with clover. It is for summer pasture that it gives us the greatest profit. I suppose that the statement that more pounds of pork can be made from an acre of clover than from an acre of corn would be thought extravagant: but the facts and figures will warrant its being made. Let us use our pencil a little. Fifty bushels of snelled corn would be fully an average yield per acre, and twelve pounds of pork for a bushel of corn (fifty-six pounds) would be fully up to the average. That would give us six hundred pounds for the acre of corn.

"An acre of fair clear will pasture eight hogs from the time the clover starts in the spring till fall, and anything of a good hog that weighs when turned out, say 100 pounds, will gain another 100 pounds by fall, without any other feed, and that would give us 800 pounds as against 600 pounds for the corn. The question of whether it is best to feed hogs when running to grass is still an unsettled one, some good farmers claiming that it is better to give no other feed; only plenty of water and salt. But my opinion and practice is to feed a little corn every day; not enough so they will depend much on it, but enough to neutralize to some extent the gas in the stomach caused by eating the clover. From one to two pounds a day is enough, and it should be fed regularly the first thing in the morning. Hogs are creatures of habit, like the rest of us, and will soon get to look for their feed only at the regular time.

"Many make a mistake in letting the clover get too care it ma arge before the hogs are turned out. They want to own herd.

be put on it as soon as it is up a fair bite, if not it will outgrow them and get too cold. They should have free access to salt and ashes mixed, keep it under cover, and those that have not tried it will be surprised at the amount they will eat. It will be understood from what I have written, that I consider clover as the sheet anchor of the dairyman and the hog-raiser, and in order to get the most from it, it must be cut early and not dried too, much in the sun. Another advantage of early-cutting is the second crop. The chances for a crop of seed, and certainly for a second crop of hay are very much better if the first is out of the way.

Keeping Records.

This practice is one that should find more general favour among our dairymen, considering the amount of benefit that follows from its adoption and the small amount of time and trouble it gives rise to. Those that conduct their work on business principles, recognize the need of well established data as to the milkgiving capacity of each cow in the herd, but there are a number that let the little trouble that has to be taken stand between them and the collection or statistics of the work of each animal. That there is a vast difference in the amount of milk cows will yield or butter that their milk will give, is a fact apparent to all, and it is equally so that it is unreliable to guess at the amounts and so form conclusions as to the relative worth of each cow. Continual culling out of the herd is necessary to secure the best results, and to aid in determining which ones shall be disposed of when the opportunity arrives, the past records kept are almost infallible guides. There is nothing that will tell with more effect on an intending purchaser than to refer him to the records of the animal that one is desiring to sell, or even to the dam and sire's dam, showing him what each has been doing for days or even years past. Keeping records infuses the dairyman with a deeper interest in his work. The slightest shrinkage in the milk yield will be at once noticed and this springing on an investigation which in itself may not only remove the cause but lead to greater production. A small spring balance and a note-book are all that the beginner will find necessary, though by these means only the yield of milk may be determined, but its quality could be guaged by the churn. The data collected by the weighing of each milking, though by no means an infallible guide as to the comparative worth of the different cows as dairy animals, it would greatly aid one in arriving at right conclusions in that respect. Our Jersey and Holstein friends have certainly adopted the right idea in paying so much attention to the compilation of records, and the patrons of other breeds not omitting the ordinary dairyman with no special breed to champion, might well pursue a like course. A reputation built on the records of a herd, is one reared on hard rock and not on sand. If we were to call Princess and merely a good butter cow, it is not nearly so expressive and so convincing as the record of 46 lbs. 121/2 oz. of butter in one week that should follow her name, nor would the first-mentioned appellation be of much value to those breeding her descendants; the name of Pierterje would not now be known throughout the dairy world, nor her kin so highly valued, but for the enormous record she made of 30,318 lbs. of milk in a year. Records when honestly and carefully entered, are of immense worth. Every dairyman, whether breeding pure-bred stock for sale or a, and especially the former, should not begrudge the little time and care it may take to collect such information about his

Dairy Husbandry.

By Prof. JAMES W. ROBERTSON.
[FIRST PAPER.]

While dairy farming is perhaps the most profitable branch of agriculture in our Dominion, it has only lately received the same relative notice and recognition that nave been given to the other departments of animal husbandry and soil cultivation. Until quite recently, there has been no general, systematic or comprehensive effort put forth for the improvement of the methods or the investigation of the principles that underlie those practices that invariably lead to success and profit. This is all the more remarkable when the value of dairy farming, as a source of the nation's supply of food, as well as a means for the conservation of the fertility of the land, is thoughtfully considered. The true aim of all farm operations that are wisely planned is directed to the attainment of a three-fold object; (1) the production from nature of an abundant supply of wholesome appetizing nutritious food, in such a way as to leave a satisfactory profit to the owners and tillers of the land; (2) the preservation and where practicable, the augmentation of the available fertility of the soil; and (3) the providing of remunerative occupation for a large population upon the area that is cultivated.

In the following up of that aim the intelligent farmer will call to his aid the service of domesticated animals that are able to change into food suitable for his use those parts of most crops which in their natural state are unsuited for consumption by him. During the early stages of human experience upon the early, many tribes subsisted mainly upon roots and the fruits of the forest. These were meagrely supplemented in some cases by the game from the hunter's traps, arrows, and spears. But as man emerged into a higher state of civilization, the powers of both mind and body naturally were turned to the production of a more varied diet, as well as the establishment of a more controllable and dependable source of supply. In the ancient historical documents that have come down to us, mention is made of the use by man of the products of animals domesticated for the meeting of these newer desires of his appetite. Nowadays the nations in the front rank of civilization and influence, subsist upon the most varied and substantial articles of diet procurable. Bread without butter does not satisfy. Flesh-meat of some sort accompanies the dinner vegetables, and throughout the whole of the extensive bill of fare, in even the plainest homes of American and European people, animal products are spread upon the table with the purely vegetable foods. To provide the former kinds in the most economic way is the purpose and place of dairy farming. The more particular products of the dairy, such as milk, cheese, and butter, are not the only foods that are provided for human consumption by this kind of husbandry. Since experience has demonstrated that animals of the cow kind must be kept to consume the coarser crops of the farm and elaborate them into such substantial delicacies as milk, butter, cheese, and beef, it follows that all these are the special but not the only kinds of food from the production of which, profits should arise from this branch of agriculture.

Milk is universally recognized as the perfect food, containing all the elementr of nutrition required for maintaining life and supplying energy requisite for the demands upon human strength, and all in proportions best suited for assimilation by the organs of the human system. As an article of diet for furnishing life-sustaining energy, 3½ lbs. of ordinary milk may be reckoned as equal to 1 pound of flesh-meat from well-fed steers. The 3½ pounds of milk can be produced at less cost

to the farmer, and, therefore, during the coming honor of introducing co-operative cheese-making into by the great masses of wage earners. One bound of time the Ontario Dairymen's Association was organcheese and half a pound of bread will furnish more | ized. It held an annual convention and was subsi-The cost of the former to the producer is lower than directed towards the extension of co-operative dairythe consumer.

As an evidence of the trend of popular preference consumption of milk in both Ontario and Great of feeding and rearing stock suitable for dairy uses. It Britain is now almost five-fold as great per head of the population as it was twenty years ago. The con- at which the products of the factories could be sold sumption of cheese on this continent has increased almost five-fold per head of the population within the by mutual agreement among its members became same period. There will be no danger of a tack of divided into the Dairymen's Association of Western market or a lack of consumers for fine articles of dairy Ontario and the Dairymen's Association of Eastern products for all time to come.

milk, skim-milk, and whey, can be elaborated by pigs (1886 the Ontario Creameries Association was organinto another article of diet highly relished by most people. These by-products may be cheaply supplemented by parts of the same forage crops as are grown for the feeding of cows and by the cheaper coarse grains that can always be successfully raised upon a dairy farm whose land is enriched by the plentiful supply of barnyard manure.

In the endeavor to produce large supplies of food without exhausting the fertility of the soil, the farmer can best attain this end by the selling of such products as remove from his fields the least amount of valuable plant-food. At this stage of discussing the subject, a single illustration will suffice to indicate the adaptation of dairy farming to conserve the fertility of the soil. When 1,000,000 bushels of wheat are exported from any district they carry away in the substance of the grain, plant-food to the value of \$240,000. In other words, the elements or substances of fertility removed in the wheat, if replaced by the use of commercial fertilizers, would cost the previously mentioned sum. Whereas, when butter to the value of \$1,000,000 is exported it carries away from the place where it was produced less than \$850 worth of the substances required in the soil by crops for their growth.

It is evident that the production of a \$1,000,000 worth of butter will give occupation to a larger number of persons than the production of a quantity of wheat equal in value. The difference between the two amounts, which represent the value of the fertility removed, can be applied to the payment of the extra labor employed. A larger rural population may certainly be occupied in remunerative work by dairy farming than by any kind of exclusive grain growing. The culture of fruit, and market gardening alone offer equal facilities and opportunities for the profitable employment of labor in the production of food from nature's storehouse and resources.

These facts have been recognized by many of our leading farmers for the past quarter of a century. A knowledge of the underlying principles upon which they rest, is now being systematized and made widely available by means of co-operation and organization among farmers for this purpose. The Farmers' Institutes so popular among those living in the most progressive and prosperous districts on the continent, are largely the outgrowth of successful co-operation among dairymen. The cheese-factories were the first agencies through

years, will prevail in the keen competition for popular, this Province. His factory which was erected near favor between the different articles obtainable as food, his home, began its operations in 1867. About this strength to the eater than two pounds of flesh-meat, dired by the Provincial Government. Its efforts were the latter, as also is the price at present required from ling, and the giving of information and encouragement to beginners in the erection and equipment of suitable factory buildings. Instructions were given at its confor foods, the fact may be cited that the city and town ventions by competent persons, on the best methods promoted the organization of Dairy Boards of Trades to the best advantage. In 1877 the first Association Ontario. Each of these then received an annual Then the by-products of the dairy, such as butter- grant of \$1000 from the Provincial Government. In ized to promote the creamery interests of the Province. At first it received a grant of \$500. During the current year the Government appropriations to these Associations are \$2,500 each to the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario and the Dairymen's Association of Eastern Ontario, and \$1,500 to the Ontario Creameries' Association. The need for the enlargement of the grants made by the Government arose from the employment of inspectors and instructors by these organizations. Now eight competent and experienced men spend their whole time during the summer months visiting the cheese factories, inspecting the milk, and advising with the cheese-makers as to the best methods for the manufacture of cheese and the management of the factories. The Creameries' Association employ two men to render similar service to the Creameries of the Province. The work of these inspectors has been extremely valuable to the farmers interested in dairying. The quality of our cheese has been generally improved to such an extent that during this season, market reports reveal the gratifying fact that the cheese of Ontario on the average has sold for more than three-quarters of a cent per pound higher than the cheese of the adjoining States, of the same month's make and at the same time. Three-quarters of a cent per pound on the total season's make, will represent over \$475,000 of increased revenue to the patrons of the cheese factories of this Province.

> During the current year the Dominion Dairymen's Association was organized. A grant of \$3,000 was made to it by the Dominion Government. Its special line of work will be to look after the inspection of the milk for factories, to distribute literature on the best methods of preparing the same for delivery, to take such steps as will secure new markets for our products -for instance those of China, Japan, East Indies and South America-to search out the needs of markets which we already supply, to direct the skill of our manufactures and the enterprise of commerce to meet these needs in order that our customers in all the markets to which our goods find access may be encouraged into the further development of trade relations mutually satisfactory and profitable.

Quality of Holstein Milk.

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competent opinion as to the quality of our own herd. As our milk goes to a cheese factory and the greater part of it is Holstein, we asked our cheesemaker (who, by the way, is a first-class maker) how our milk came in. The answer was, "Very good." As it is our aim to obtain a breed of cattle capable of giving large quantities of good milk to beep pace with our great and growing cheese indu-ry, his answer should be satisfactory; but, being in an inquiring frame of mind, we wanted more light to that end, so we took at one milking samples from four different cows, as we would not consider it fair to judge a breed from the performance of one member. The samples were strained into jars immediately after each cow was milked, the cows being of course milked dry, and a portion of each cow's milk taken. The samples were the same day taken to Wood-tock and placed in the hands of A. McLay, M.D., milk inspector and health officer for that town. Only the amount of "butter-fat" was obtained. He only the amount of butter-iat was obtained. He reported one sample normal, another slightly below, and two of the samples tested six per cent. of butter-fat. As 3.50 to 4.75 per cent, is the Government standard normal, it will be seen that our cheesemaker's opinion of "very good" is fully warranted, and also confirms the opinion that, like all other breeds, the Holsteins vary in the richness of their milk. It is amusing to one who knows to see how some will jump to the conclusion that because a cow gives a large quantity of milk it must necessarily be at the expense of quality. Our limited experience with Holsteins and grade dairy cows brings us to the conclusion that the quantity given has very little to do with it, and every practical dairyman may know, if he observes his own herd, that the richest milkers are invariably heavy milkers, if not the very best. That this is so with Holsteins we will give a few instances. The Holstein cow, Clothilde, in her time had one of the largest milk records ever made, and at a late New York dairy fair test made more butter than any cow of any breed. And later, Jewel, who has always been a great milker, giving in "the quiet of her own home" from 85 to 100 pounds of milk a day, and at the great Buffalo Fair of 1888 taking the milk prize for the three days' test, open to all breeds by averaging 71 pounds per day, and this after being in milk six months. This year she has demonstrated that she is making a record of 31 fbs. 5 ozs. for seven days; and this fall, at the great butter tests in Iowa, winning against the other great "doers" all the prizes for the "blacks and whites," although not nving as many pounds of milk, probably owing to not being in as good form and on different food. We are proud that we have a direct descendant of this great prize-winner and "doer" at the head of our herd. MESSES. A. & G. RICE.

Currie's Crossing, Ont.

Poultry.

Clover For Fowls.

The Poultry Keeper says the best substitute for green food in winter is clover. Steep the clover over night in hot water, first passing the clover through cutter, cutting it as fine as possible. The tea made by steeping is valuable. For every 12 hens add a handful of linseed, a teaspoonful of red pepper, half a cup of powdered charcoal, and salt enough to season. Then add a mixture of one part bran and two parts corn meal until thick enough to throw to the fowls. This is a complete food for laying purposes. Feed it in the morning. Fowls will eat the softened clover greedily, especially with a little meal mixed with it.

Eggs All the Year Round.

When one lives so far from market that a large which this co-operative principle was first made practically useful in a wide-spread degree for the profit and improvement of the ordinary farmers. The first one on this continent was erected near Rome, N. Y., in 1851, by Mr. Jesse Williams. The late and deeply-lamented H. Farrington, of Norwich, Ont., had the then the farmer's wife will find it to her interest to turn her attention in that direction.

To those who have come to this same conclusion yet have not had time to investigate the subject very closely. I should like to offer a few suggestions in regard to the breeds of fowls best adapted to farm life, and the a es at which they can be most profitably

What we want is a hen that will sit upon her own eggs in the spring, raise enough chickens to supply the family the year round, and spend the remainder of the time, summer, fall and winter, in producing eggs. This model, general-purpose fowl, has not come within the somewhat limited range of my experience. If any one else has found her I should be glad to know about it. The Plymouth Rock is the nearest approach. The hen is a fair winter layer, begins to sit at the proper time in the spring, and raises her chicks in the most orthodox manner, but the trouble is she wants to keep this up all summer, " that at the moulting season instead of busying hers with the renewal of her attire she is apt to be hid off in the weeds covering a nestful of eggs, or escorting a young family around that she has hatched in spite of you. This puts back her moulting considerably, so that when the rest of the flock are gorgeous in new dresses she presents a most dilapidated appearance, and often does not get herself into good condition for egg-production until Christmas. In order to fill up this wide gap so as to keep a regular engagement for eggs, we must employ one of the non-sitting varieties. The Brown Leghorns will do this admirably; being active thrifty little birds, not at all troubled with the sitting fever they accomplish their moulting without interruption, and are in good trim for fall work. But when the penetrating north winds come, and the ground is covered with snow, the Leghorns, being more delicate, feel the cold so intensely that every particle of surplus food goes to making heat instead of eggs. So that unless we had some arrangements for heating the poultry house it would not do to depend upon them alone for winter layers, and they in their turn must be complemented by one of the heavier breeds, as Langshans, Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks or Wyandottes. As a rule, those varieties that have the thickest coats of feathers are the best winter layers, their warm clothing rendering it necessary to generate a smaller quantity of heat, so that the surplus food can be used for making eggs. The Langshans are especially recommended for this purpose, as their abundant feathers which lie close to the body in many overlapping layers are zemarkably warm, soft and If bees are allowed to chill they will manifest sympdowny.

As there are so many different characteristics to be taken into consideration, it is not strange that no one breed gives perfect satisfaction in every respect. Some have tried to remedy this by crossing judiciously one of the non-sitting varieties which lay well except in winter, upon one of the Asiatic breeds which are exceptionally good winter layers, and profess to be quite successful in obtaining excellent layers at the most profitable seasons of the year.

Now let us consider the question, "At what age is it most profitable to keep hens for winter layers?" The wise ones tell us that pullets of any of the better varieties that are hatched early enough in the season to reach materity, and begin laying in the fall, will continue throughout the winter with short periods of intermission, provided, of course, that they are fed and cared for in such a manner as to promote the be left alone. Even now, after opening a few hives, egg-making process. We are also told that hens of the results are very unpleasant. Bees will, after the heavier varieties are at their best when two years | being disturbed, try to rob one another, and sting | combs have become mouldy in other ways, treat in the old, and that a larger per cent. of their eggs are people and horses for some hours upon very slight same manner, unless rotten, when destroy.

fertile, and produce finer, healthier chicks than those hatched from pullet's eggs. Of the smaller and more active, the non-sitting breeds, hens can be kept with profit until five years old.

This winter I am going to keep 75 hens for eggs; 25 of this number are Plymouth Rocks over one year old, handsome, broad-breasted, dignified matrons; the econd 25 are Brown Leghorns, lovely trim little birds with white earlobes, and great crimson combs and wattles: the third 25 consists of earl, hatched pullets that were apparently grown in size the first of September, nearly all of which are a cross between the Plymouth Rocks and Brown Leghorns, having the colors of the former though somewhat darker, and the white earlobes and tall red combs of the latter.

I should like to keep them in separate pens, then the experiment would be complete; as it is, however, I shall have to judge of their performance as best I can from observation. The color of the eggs of the pure breeds will testify to their prowess, those of the Plymouths being tinted, and the Leghorns pure white, but the eggs of the third lot will not be so decided. Still, if one goes about the poultry house now and then it is very easy to tell which kind is oftenest on the nest. At any rate I feel pretty sure that among them I shall be able to keep a regular engagement for eggs. Indeed they appear to have the business in question so very much at heart that, although they are at present busily moulting, there is a cheerful sound of cackling coming up from the poultry yard almost all day long, and at evening a goodly number of eggs is the result. -A FARMER'S DAUGHTER, in Country Gentleman.

The Apiary.

For the CANADIAN LIVE STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL November and Other Notes.

By R. F. HOLTERMANN, Rouney, Ont.

Bee-keeping, to be a success, depends largely upon the careful doing of little things, and making an effort to do them at the right time. November is a very trying month for bees, and a large portion of the success in wintering may depend upon management for this month. As has before been stated, the hives should have been packed about with chaff or saw-dust. and if it is intended to place them into a winter repository, it should be done as quickly as the indications are that the bees can be kept sufficiently cool, toms of dysentery and be weakened, or if they cannot fly, they will through restlessness, daubing of combs. etc., cause the other bees in the hive to have the disease, and, as we all know, an attack of this malady will result either in death to the colony or very serious decimation.

All old cloths and quilts should be removed from the hive and fresh porous ones put in their place. unless it is intended to winter them in a repository, when the advisability of the step advised above may be questioned. When the propolized cloth is removed, the new cloth or quilt should have enough packing above it to prevent the warmth from passing off readily from the bees.

Bees, should, as far as handling combs is concerned

provocation. Just here it may be a question how much of an inconvenience a bee-keeper may allow his bees to become. My bees were close to a lane, through which a great many people and horses passed. The honey season passed without giving any trouble. there being an incessant flow of honey until the first night of severe frost, when next morning the bees found themselves out of employment and in a very pugilistic state of mind on account of the mpping of the flowers. The bees stung several horses and people, and one man came to me saying: "I want no trouble, yet I want you to move your bees away from there." I knew I had the law on my side and could not be made to move the bees, yet considering it was only just and right that I should do all I could to prevent any unpleasantness, and my neighbor having by his courteous, out-spoken speech made it none the harder to do what I could to meet him, I moved them away from the lane, and thus ended that little unpleasantness. The bees, too, as all bee-keepers should know, soon became reconciled to having no honey to gather and quieted down.

THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL BEE ASSOCIATION.

The above Association will meet at Brantford, Dec. 4th to 6th next, the first session being at 2 p.m. on the 4th. This promises to be one of the best bee-keepers' conventions ever held. Reduced hotel rates may be secured at the Kirby House, and reduced railway rates may be secured by applying to me for railroad certificates, which must be used before starting for Brantford. The programme is already partially complete, and is as follows: "Bee-keeping as an Occupation for Women," by Miss F. F. Buller, Campbellford, Ont. Mr. E. Root, Medina, Ohio, will treat on, "Riding Hobby Horses," and "Bee-keeping, a Recreation from other Pursuits and an Antidote for Disease.' Mr. R. McKnight, Owen Sound, Ont., promises a paper upon "Cellar vs. Outdoor Wintering." Prof. A. J. Cook, Agricultural College, Michigan, will lecture on "The Alimentary System or Apparatus of the Honey Bee." Prof. Cook is a most pleasing lecturer and has a world-wide reputation as a scientific and practical bee-keeper. Mr. S. T. Pettit, Belmont, Ont., will give a paper upon "The Specialist and his Relation to Progress of the World." Mr. F. H. Macpherson, Beeton, Ont., will give in a paper his experience in "Shipping Queens," a matter of much importance, directly or indirectly, to all bee-keepers. Thomas G. Newman, Chicago, Ill., will give an address upon that important subject, "The Disposal of the Honey Crop." This should be a bill of fare palatable to every bee-keeper. Then there will be times for the discussion of questions asked by bee-keepers, and this alone should attract many. The Rev. L. L. Langstroth, that father of modern bee-keeping, has been invited to attend, though his poor health may prevent his being present.

MOULD OF COMBS AND HIVES.

A subscriber wishes to know how to get rid of mould in combs and hives. If it is the mould that is found in combs and hives in the spring, I dry out the hives and combs, and perhaps afterwards scrape the hives; then put the combs into strong colonies, alternating them with good combs, and the bees will do the cleaning out. It is better not to put too many of these combs in a hive at a time, as it may cause a swarm to abscond. However, give them to strong colonies (hives and combs) when perfectly dry and all will be well, the ess at a time the better. If the hives or

Horticultural.

Rules for Naming Vegetables.

From the Department of Agriculture at Washington there has been issued a circular giving the result of the work of a committee appointed to devise methods for co-operative work in horticulture. This committee enlisted the aid of the Experimental Station horticulturists, and the outcome of their consultation over the naming of vegetables has been the drafting of the following rules, which they hope all horticulturists will observe in naming new varieties:

- 1. The name of a variety should consist of a single word, or at most, of two words. A phrase, descriptive or otherwise, is never allowable; as, Pride of Italy, King of Mammoths, Earliest of All.
- 2. The name should not be superlative or bombastic. In particular all such epithets as New, Large, Giant, Fine, Selected, Improved, and the like should be omitted. If the grower or dealer has a superior stock of a variety, the fact should be stated in the description immediately after the name, rather than as a part of the name itself; as, "Trophy, selected stock."
- 3. If a grower or dealer has procured a new select stra a of a well-known variety it shall be legitimate Or him to use his own name in connection with the established name of the variety; as Smith's Winning stadt. Jones' Cardinal.
- 4. When personal names are given to varieties titles should be omitted; as, Major, General, Queen.
- 5. The term hybrid* should not be used, except in those rare instances in which the variety is known to be of hybrid origin.
- 6. The originator has the prior right to name the variety; but the oldest name which conforms to thes rules should be adopted.
- 7. This committee reserve the right, in their own publications, to revise objectionable names in conformity with these rules.

Wintering Apple Trees Procured in the Fall.

The principal advantages that advocates of fall planting of orchards urge are due to the fact that the trees are bought in the fall, and not that the season is the best one for planting the trees. Our climate is rather opposed to fall planting, but at the same time there are many benefits that result from purchasing the trees in the fall. As a rule you can buy the stock temperature may be easily regulated, there should be cheaper, and the nurserymen are able to give your two windows, hung on hinges, in the room, and if order better attention than in their busiest season, which is spring, and so you are likely to get better stock. On the farm, too, the fall season is less busy from one to the other. The temperature should be than that of the spring, and so the preparatory work carefully regulated by these windows so that it may may b mostly done at this time, and not interfere with other work of the farm. While the question of fall planting varies in its solution with the differences of soil and climate, it is yet a settled question that it is a good plan to procure the trees in the fall and bury them, so as to have them on hand for early spring.

The delay of the nurseryman in filling orders in spring time often keeps the work back materially, so that there is a value in having the trees at hand when wanted. Green's Fruit Grower gives the following will be found presentable to barrels for the saving of method of burying the trees when bought in the fall, the poorest keeping sorts, as those that soon begin to and kept until the next spring:-"Choose a dry spot | decay cannot be removed after they have all been where no water will stand during the winter, a dry

it to invite mice. Dig a trench, 18 inches wide, 4 feet long, throw out enough dirt to admit one layer of roots-below the surface, and place the trees in it, inclined at an angle of forty-five degrees. Dig a new trench directly in front and close to the previous trench, throwing the fine soil amor the roots in position. Place another layer of trees in the trench, recining the tops on the others, and so on, until all are in the trench. Then finish by throwing up more soil. It is also well to bank up the earth around the sides to insure more thorough protection. Care should be taken to fill solid all the interstices among the roots In the spring the roots will be found to have formed the granulations necessary to the production of new spongioles, and when planted at the proper time will start to immediate growth. Use only finely pulverized soil. In severe climates the entire ton is covered, so that nothing can be seen but a pile of soil,"

Storing Apples.

A fruit room is needed by every farmer, so that he may be able to provide his family with fresh fruit all the year round. Unless some attention is given to the fitting up of a room especially for this purpose, there is always more or less loss from rotting and otherwise spoiling of the fruit, so that it becomes a matter of necessity to reserve a separate room, or part of one, for this purpose. It is not a very difficult matter for the fruit grower who only seeks to supply his family wants in respect to fruit to make a room suitable for storing. Many make use of a part of the cellar, or partition off a section of another room for this purpose, and if attention is given to the few details that should be considered, it becomes an easy matter to modify such apartments to satisfy all the needs of a perfect store room. It is a harder matter for those growing fruit on a large scale, who desire to withhold their fruit from the market until spring, to construct a building that will answer all requirements of temperature and ventilation.

In a store room, when it is but desired to keep the family supply, the important consideration of having it handy is an additional one to those of dryness and suitability of temperature, that are so necessary in all cases. To secure a dry floor few would care to go to the expense of laying one of cement, though it would be beyond question the best; but a good plank or gravel floor will answer for the purpose and be far cheaper. To secure good ventilation so that the they are opposite each other so much the better, as it then becomes an easy matter to secure a draught of air vary but little and be constantly a few degrees above freezing point. There is nothing that will cause apples to rot quicker than sudden changes of temperature, and to guard against this a thermometer should hang at all times in the fruit room.

Of all the different ways of storing apples, a wooden rack with a series of shelves one above the other will be found best for the person only keeping a few for family ise, and this method, even for larger growers, packed away solidly in a barrel. A rack of this kind built in the centre of the room, with a passage on each side, will be found to meet most requirements, though

knoll is preferable, and with no grass or rubbish near the side. When stored in this way it becomes an easy matter to run through the lot occasionally and remove any of them that are showing signs of decay, and thus by prompt removal of these the others may be easily kept sound until well on towards spring. Modifications of this plan are to be found, one of them being the use of small open boxes with slatted bottoms, about 11/2 by 2 ft, a size which is easy to handle. They should be about 3 or 4 ins. deep. They are easily handled in the orchard, where the apples may be placed in them, but in respect to economy of space in the store room the shelves are certainly preferable. Some have combined the two ideas, having boxes somewhat larger than these fit into a rack, so that they become drawers, each one of which holds a bushel. To hold this much they should be three inches deep and the sides three by three and a half feet. This is a neat and handy method and possesses an advantage over the-open shelves in that the temperature may be easier regulated and the fruit protected from strong draughts, which alone are very important considerations.

Forestry.

Editor Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal:

SIR,—The following article from the New York Garden and Forest is of importance to Ontario, as we have made too many errors of a similar nature in clearing. Perhaps you would allow it space in your columns. It is from the pen of one of the best informed writers in the United States.

R. W. Phipps. Toronto, Sept. 27th, 1889.

FORESTS AND CIVILIZATION.

We might have had some real forestry here in the State of New York if we had been sufficiently advanced in the art of living; if we had had the interest in the public welfare and the perception of our obligation to coming generations, which are necessary to the development and persistence of civit ration. The entire Adirondack Wilderness should have been held permanently in the possession of the State. Then a real school of forestry could have been stab lished somewhere in the woods, and young men could have been trained in the practice of this art, and they could have been employed in the care of the forests and woodlands of other portions of the country. The whole tract of 8,000 square miles was originally heavily wooded. The timber could have been cut off as the trees matured, and, of course, should have been so cut off. Nothing could be more absurd than the notion that trees hould never be utilized or removed. Whenever a tree has come to its best it should be cut down, and its wood applied to some useful purpose, so as to obtain its value, and in order to provide for a succession of generations of trees, and thus for the permanent life of the forest.

If the Adirondack forests had been thus intelligently managed and administered they would now have been for a long time yielding an increasing revenue to the people of the State. The whole population would have been greatly benefitted by the reduction of taxation. Every man and woman in the State would have been richer to-day-would have had more of the means of subsistence and of comfort and happiness than at present. Every child in the State would have been born to a better inheritance, and into more favorable conditions than now. The forests would have been better now than ever before, and they would have gone on increasing in value to the people of the State, with the increasing density of population, and on account of the exhaustion of the timber supply in

regions fit for agriculture.

The Adirondack region is not fit for agriculture.

No part of it is suitable for any other than forest-conditions, and these should have been maintained forever. It is indeed impossible to disturb these conditions very extensively or to remove the forests perditions very extensively, or to remove the forests per-manently, without destroying the region itself and annihilating everything that makes it of any value. I doubt if an instance of more obvious and complete adaptation of a region to a special and particular use can be found in the whole world. Nature made this region for the permanent and everlasting growth of forests, and this sole and exclusive adaptation to a it might be well in some cases to range them along most important function should have been recognized.

A hybrid is the product of true species. There are few, it my instances of true hybrids among common garden vegetables. any instances of true hybrids among commo The union of varieties gives rise to a cross.

As I said years ago, if the Adirondack forests could be saved by legislation, one of the best possible measures would be "An Act for the Discouragement of Agriculture in the North Woods." The lumber business is not by any means the only destructive agency at work here. Tens of thousands of acres, entirely unfit for any use but forest-growth, have been stripped of trees, and by cultivation and pasturage have been rendered incapable of reproducing the only crop for which the land ever had any adaptation. is strange—if anything in human folly is strange—to see so many people persist in the effort to "farm where the soil is so meagre, and the country so high and cold, that no profitable return for their labors is The thin film of soil disappears after a few years, leaving only the bare, inert sand or gravel, and as most of the "farming land" here is rolling or hilly, he slopes soon begin to break down and wash away Great gullies are formed, which grow wider and deeper every year, till vast waterless tracts of shifting sand, or of clay and gravel, varied only by rock-ledges and boulders, stretch before the unhappy traveller where once grew noble forests fed by perennial

The region was meant to be let alone. It has no natural fitness for agriculture. It is pitiful to see the scanty growth of vegetation which the farmer's toil produces here cut off by frosts in both spring and autumn, and in many places, even in the middle of summer, while in the Southern States of this country there are millions of acres of fertile soil lying untilled beneath most genial skies. The effort to farm these inhospitable lands has also been the source of a large proportion of the fires which have destroyed so much of the remaining forest. Land is cleared by being burned over, and in a dry time the fire extends from the fallow to the woods, despite the best efforts to keep it within bounds, and it is a common saying in the woods that such a conflagration is often a convenient accident for the farmer, as he plants corn the next spring in the burned woods without any clearing whatever, and raises a crop in the ashes. A great deal of the "farming land" here has been brought into cultivation in this way. It is all, from beginning to end, a most wasteful and suicidal process, and the inevitable end, the ruin and disappearance of the soil itself, is speedily reached. Man has no power to create a new world. He has not yet learned how to take care of the one which he inherits, but his ability to wreck and exhaust it is very great.

J. B. HARRISON.

Young Stockman's Department.

Books for the Boys.

We feel quite sure there are many farmer's sons who would like to read good books on agriculture, but they neither know the names of the books nor the place where they can be got. Farm books of high merit are not very plentiful and they are not kept at all by a good many booksellers.

We believe that we can help our boys in this matter if they will only help themselves. We are offering any one of the following books delivered through the Post Office free, to every person who mails to us in a registered letter \$2.00 along with the names of two new subscribers for one year:

- 1. The Soil of the Farm, by Scott & Morton.
- The Crops of the Farm, by Scott & Morton.
- 3. The Chemistry of the Farm, by Warington.
- 4. Hand-book of Agriculture, by Wrightson.

Although these books are used as text books at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, they are so simply and so clearly written that they are easily understood by any careful reader, and they contain a large amount of useful information on a great variety of agricultural subjects.

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Our Prize Essay.

CARE OF BREEDING EWES FROM TIME OF HOUSING UNTIL LAMBING TIME.

By Applison H. BAIRD, Chesterfield, Ont.

This subject is of great importance, as the spring crop of lambs depends almost entirely on the care which is bestowed on the sheep during our long and severe winters. In the first place, the sheep should be in a good, thrifty condition when housed in the fall. A small quantity of oats and bran given daily, commencing a few days before putting them with the ram, will not only improve their condition, but will insure more and stronger lambs.

As sheep do not like close, warm stables, it is a good plan to let them have the run of the barn-yard when the other stock is stabled. If they do not take exercise enough themselves, drive them around gently for a while each day, as the exercise taken by them has a great deal to do with the strength of the lambs at birth. One year we kept our sheep very closely confined, and the result was that although the ewes produced a great many lambs, nearly one-half of them were dead when dropped, or died within twenty four hours. Since then we have given them plenty of exercise, and we seldom if ever lose a lamb.

After the ewes are safely in lamb, remove the ram to a roomy enclosure, as the latter are sometimes vicious and may injure the ewes while feeding at the trough. _

The main food should be good early-cut clover hay, with a few roots night and morning until about a month before lambing time, then reduce quantity of roots and give in two feeds, about a quart of oats and bran to each ewe. Always have plenty of good fresh water before them and let them have free access to

Rise to Your Opportunities.

It pleases us to know that there are but few boys on our Canadian farms that would knowingly be guilty of an unmanly action, but there some, we are happy to think they are not many, that are inclined to make little of the work of their parents and their abilities, and there are many more that do not value highly enough the labor that their fathers have expended, the troubles they have passed through, and the hardships they have endured for the sake of "the boys." Amid the great quantity of writings that have seen the light, urging the parents on the farm to give their sons an education, few have ever said a good word for the parents that labored and are yet toiling to give the boys a chance

Boys, think of the chances your fathers had and you will inwardly feel gratified at ever seeing the light in these days of wondrous enterprises and inventions. When around the warm fire, the coming cold nights, have them tell you, if they have not already done so, of the trials that they have withstood, the necessities they denied themselves, and the laborious days they lived; and your farm as it is now, will appear an Eden, your home a palace, and the simplest dainties the richest luxuries. Think of the slow-going oxen they had to drive, when you are out with the colts; remind yourself of the toil it must have taken to hew out the farm from the virgin bush, when sitting on the horse rake or binder; and remember the way they had to travel the coldest of mornings, to the neighbors to get a brand when the fire went out in the days when matches were rarities, as you doze over the cosy kitchen fire. Ponder thought fully over the fact that books were rare in the most cultured of homes, schools were but dotted here and and some, not too many we fear, want a book. A

there at rare intervals over the land where your fathers and mothers lived and fought the battle of life in their younger days. Revolve these things over and many more that will arise in your mind and you will be the better for it and rise to the opportunities that you have at present.

During the coming winter you have the long evenings to yourself to master some of the standard works in agriculture that are at present plentiful. It is not absolutely necessary that you should attend a college to become a man of mark, for many are the men whose names will never cease to be household words in all countries that have received their education through their undying energy and untiring industry. The graduates from the "University of Adversity" are many in the world's roll of fame. If any one quality runs as a strand through the lives of all illustrious men, that of constancy of purpose is perhaps the most noticeable. They had an object before them and all their spare time was given and energy spent to secure it.

Prize Essays from our Boys.

You will remember boys that in the October number of the JOURNAL, we offered a prize for the best

- t. Curing Pork for House Use on the Farm.
- 2. Care of Breeding Ewes from the time of Housing until Lambing time.

We are very pleased to be able to say that although the time was short, three essays have reached us on the second of these subjects. The one to which the prize was awarded appears in this department.

The subjects for Essays to appear in the December issue as stated in last number are:

- 1. The Feeding, Care, and Management of Fowls during the Winter Months.
- 2. The Feeding, Care, and Management of a Foal during the Winter Months from Weaning Time until

The subjects for Essays to appear in January are:

- 1. The Feeding, Care, and Management of Lambs from Birth until Weaning Time.
- 2. The Feeding, Care, and Management of Breeding Sows while Carrying their Young.

To the writer of the essay winning the first prize in each instance will be forwarded by mail, free of cost, any one of the following books, the retail price of which is about one dollar:

- I. The Soil of the Farm, by Scott & Morton.
- 2. The Crops of the Farm, by Scott & Morton.
- 3. The Chemistry of the Farm, by Warington.
- 4. Hand-book of Agriculture, by Wrightson.

These books are all used as text books at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and they con tain much useful information for those who are engaged in farming. The first prize essays will be published in the Young Stockman's Department from time to time.

It should be remembered that the essays should not exceed in length one column of the JOURNAL and that they should reach the office of publication not later than the 15th of the month.

Now, boys, brush away the cobwebs, up in the morning early, and give us a lot of essays for December. Though you should fail to win, your labor will not be lost.

Watches for the Farm Boys.

The boys of the farm vary in their tastes. One wants a gun, another a dog, yet another a watch,

favorite equipment, however of an average farm boy, is a watch. He is not in a position to look up at a town clock several times a day. His only clock is the sun and on his dial the boy cannot always read the hour of the day. It is a great misfortune to come home to dinner too late, when the dumplins are cold and nothing on the table that was brought there hot is in the best of condition. A watch is the great companion for a farm boy

Now, boys, we can put you on an easy method of getting a good watch. We have made arrange ments to get good running watches with hunting case, at such rates as will justify us in making the following offer:

To every los who sends us the names of ten new subscribers to the JOURNAL for one year and ten dollars, we will send a good guaranteed watch with hunting case, and for the names of twelve subscribers and twelve dollars torwarded to us, we will send a ; watch with plain case and glass face, but with superior | ford, and that they make better cows than the slick Jersey. finish to the first. The names may belong to different past-offices, and those who subscribe will get the JOURNAL from the date of subscription until the end of 1890 for one dollar.

We can assure you, boy, that the watches are really good. We cannot afford to tarnish our name by sen ling into the country an article that is not firstclass in exchange for subscription lists. The writer many years ago bought a watch with hunting case at twenty-five dollars which he considers was not one whit better than those which we are now offering for the names of ten new subscribers and ten dollars.

Drop a postal card to the J. E. Bryant Publishing Co., 58 Bay St., Toronto, asking for sample copies of the Journal to aid you in your canvass, and they will be sent to you, and commence the canvass at once. Every farmer's boy who wants a good watch need not be long without one, when it can be got on terms so easy.

Press Notices.

THE CANADIAN LIVE STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL has removed its headquarters from Hamilton and is now published in Toronto. This Journal has for a long time held a high place among American stock journals, and is thoroughly up with the times in all matters of breeding as well as the various branches of agriculture. The Eastern Chronicle, New Glasgow, N. S., Oct. 10th, 1889.

THE October number of THE CANADIAN LIVE STOCK AND LARM JOURN 1, containing the awards at the Toronto Industrial and Provincial at London, will be more than usually interesting to the stockmen of our country. Cattle and horsemen who wish to keep up with the movements weekly and daily occurring in stock, will find the for RNV indispensable, but short pointed articles on every department of fain life permeate the number from beginning to The Free Precs, Forest Cut.

It is satisfactory to note that the evidences of progress are month by month apparent in THE CANADIAN LIVE STOCK JOURNAL, the headquarters of which were recently transferred from Hamilton to Bay Street, Toront, where it is now published by the J. E. Bryant Company. In every department the J. IRNAL aims at a high standard of excellence, keeping in view not live stock alone, though that is the distinguishing feature, but the general interests of the agriculturists of Canada. The Western Advertiser, London, Ont., Oct. 11th, 1889.

From C G. Boynton, Georgeville, Que:

Jottings.

Prize Sliage. The winner of the first prize given by the Ensilage Congress at Cleveland, John Finzel, describes his methods as follows in the Rural New Yorker The silo is built of wood, fined inside with two thicknesses of lumber, with tarred paper between. The corn was leaning and almost matured. It had been planted in drills, from two to three stalks to the foot, three and one-half feet part, cut about the middle of September, in seven eight inch lengths. Every load or alternate load was levelled and tramped down. I put in 150 tons, covered it with, stallions or mares presented for registry. Anotice of motion was tarred paper and about eighteen inches of straw.

Unbellevers in Sliage. -At the Maine Ensilage Convention, Hon Rufus Prince said: "There are two classes of farmers who do not believe in rusilage. One of these classes believes that book farming is a humbug, they keep their stock in old barns to make them tough, and year after year will drive their cattle through drifting snows to the nearest brook to drink, rather than, at small expense, provide water in the barn of yard. The same class believe that you can make more money raising steers from scrub stock than from the noble. Shorthorn, or Here-

The Poultry Monthly. - This paper is one that always is replete with information in regard to the poultry yard and rarely is devoid of interest to the poultry fancier. It contains a Canadian department as well as an American, so that the reader is treated to the best practices and doings on both sides of the The subscription price is but one dollar. A dollar expended by a positry raiser in this way, will return itself in a short while. Our readers should notice an advertisement now running in our columns that calls attention to the merits of this paper, which is certainly a credit to agricultural journal

Milch Cows for Britain. Mr. Wm. Bulloch, Cockburn, Springburn, Gla-gow, Scotland, is trying an experiment just now of some interest to Canada. He (Mr. B.) brought out some Clyde horses a short time since, conveying them on to Michigan, and on the return trip is taking home a carload of milch cows well forward to calve. The cows chosen are good specimens of Shorthorn grades. This class has purposely been chosen, so that if any of the cows meet with a mishap resulting in the loss of their calves, or if they prove poor milkers, they may be sold for beef. It is quite possible that a trade of some importance may soring up in this line. At any rate it is to our interest in every way to raise only good cows that are fit for any market.

A High Pricea Stallion. - The highest price that has ever been known to have been paid for a horse of any description was given to Charles W Williams by a syndicate for the standard bred trotter Axtell 2 12. This stallion was foaled March 31st, 1886, and was sired by William I , a get of the great George Wilkes, and full brother to Guy Wilkes 2 15% His dam was Lou by Mambrino Roy 2.264, a son of the renowned Mambrino Patchen Lou never gave any indications of merit as a trotter, further han that she was a mare of great endurance and could travel in the near neighborhood of four minutes. When five years of age Charles W. Williams bought her for \$75. She was sent to Lexington, Ky, and there served by William L., and Axtell was the offspring.

Death of Mario, 51713. A report has reached us just as we are going to press to the effect that the celebrated Shorthorn bull Mario 51713, belonging to Mr. C. W. Brierley, of Rosedale, Tenbury, has just died very suddenly. Mario, as every one knows, was the champion Shorthorn bull at the Royal and Highland Society's shows of last year, and he was again first in the aged bull class at Windsor this year. He was bred by Mr. William Duthie, Collyme, and was sired by the famous bull B.S.A., and the business management is under the charge of Ar. Field Marshal 47870, which was brought back to Collynie a few days ago after a lengthened service in the Royal herd at Windsor Mario was a grand, massive, level bull, and has proved a most impressive sire, the calves left by him, both at i Rosedale and at Newton of Insch, being of the very highest order of excellence. - N. B. Agriculturist.

Literary Note. - The National Magazine for November will contain, among other articles, "Comparative Philology," by Prof. Schele de Vere, Ph.D., J.U.D. of the University of Virginia, "Political Science," by Prof. Raymond Mayo Smith, A.M., of Columbia College; and "Shakespeare," by F. W Harkins, Ph.D., Chancellor of the new National University of Chicago, whose instruction by mail and University Extension System for non-residents, now meeting with such favor, will also be explained in this number. In future numbers will appear a symposium comprising articles by prominent scholars and statesmen, giving their opinions on leading questions, such as "Darwin's Theory," "The Chinese Question," "Socialism," and "Should Immigration be Restricted?" Published the first | known, might easily be questioned. Mr. White was travelling

Subscription of each month, at 147 Troop Street, Chicago, price, \$1.00 a year. Sample copy to cts.

Horsemen's Meeting .- A meeting of the directors of the Dominion Draught Horse Breeders' Society was held in the Rattenbury House, Clinton, on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, President John McMillan presiding. A large amount of routine business was transacted. It was decided to close the acceptance of entries in Volume II on March 18t, 1890, when the volume will be immediately put in print; and to recommend to the annual meeting, to be held in December next, that the standard of the next volume require three crosses of accepted sires in either made to define more clearly at the annual meeting that the progeny of stallions or mares registered in the books of the Socrety shall also be elegible for registry in the same or succeeding volumes. The books of the secretary and treasurer show the Society to be in a first-ciass financial condition, and the directors, report for the coming annual meeting will be most satisfactory to the Society.

Two Good Papers. - No better scheme could coramend itself with more vigor to the Canadian public to arouse in our young folks a patriotic love for their country and its traditions than that adopted by John Dougall & Son, the proprietors of the Montreal Witness. Liberal prizes were offered for tales illusirt 've of pioneer life in Canada, and it is pleasing to know that there was a hearty response to the strong inducements which were hung forth. The Dominion prize, a type writer, was won by Miss May Selby Holden, of St. John's, and the second honor was awarded to Norman L. Cork, of Gay's River, N.S. The best story from each of the several provinces made their writers the recipients of a set of Parkman's works, writings that should be in every Canadian home. Each county winner received a set of Macaulay's works, and the Northern Messenger was offered for the best tale in every school in the Dominion. This firm publishes one of the most readable papers in Canada to-day, the Montreal Witness. The subscription to the daily edition is \$3.00, and to the weekly \$1.00. They also publish a bright and nicely illustrated weekly, the Northern Messenger, at the low subscription price of 30c. a year.

The Farmer and Stock Breeder. - Those of our stock men who had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Alex. Macdonalu tast year, who was then editor of the Mark Lane Express of London, Eng., will be pleased to know that he has assumed the proprietorship and shall edit in person a long-established English agricultural periodical, formerly known as The Farmer and Chamber of Algriculture, but now bearing the title given above. This paper has been established since 1843, and we feel assured that under the supervision of its new editor its field of usefulness will materially widen. In all matters pertaining to live stock, their history, breeding, and management, we must acknowledge that from our English friends we have much to learn, for they are the residents of a country that is unequalled for the production of high class stock of all breeds. From the pages of this publication we have no doubt many of our stockmen would be able to glean much of great value to them; a statement which the past editorial work of the Mark Lane Express leads us to freely express. They would certainly receive good value for the money expended, as the subscription price is only \$2, post free, to any place in Canada. The address is 325 Strand, London, W.C.,

The Maritime Agriculturist. -Of the many periodicals that adom our files, there are few indeed that we read with he much interest and pleasure as a brightly-colored semi-monthly coming from the theiring town of backville, in our sister province of New Brunswick, and bearing as its title The Maritime Agriculturist. The editorial chair is filled by an able graduate our Guelph Agricultural College, Mr. B. Eaton Paterson, R J. Gilbert. The editorial work bears the impress of a vigorous and original mind, and we have no doubt but that this paper will fully attain to that position in agricultural journalism that the many Ontario friends of Mr. Paterson feel justified in expecting of it as long as he remains the caretaker of its character and the director of its views. Certainly the early numbers augur well for a future of power and usefulness, and we feel sure that as long as the agricultural wants are so thoughtfully ministered to as in the initial numbers, our maritime farmers will no doubt appreciate the efforts that are being put forth in their behalf, and recognize that of all things required by a journal of this character stands foremost the unanimous co-operation of those whose calling it defends, whose rights it nobly fights for, and whose work it materially advances.

North-West Possibilities .- Mr. John White, ex-M.P., gave The Empire to-day a piece of information testifying to the immense possibilities of our North-West country, which, if the reliability of the source from which it springs were not well-

[&]quot;I took your journal for a time some years ago, and by reason of some mistake in the Post Office it was discontinued. It is a good paper and one every former should have." farmer should have

SUPPLEMENT

Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal

TO BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

An important proposal, well worth looking into, and acting upon:

Boys, Read the Other Side. - Boys, we want you to read the other side of this sheet-it contains much that will interest

The Stock Journal is for You.-If you are going to be farmers and stockmenthe Journal is for you; and we want you to reap all the advantage you can from it.

These Rewards are for You.- Every boy reading this page can get one of the fine watches here described, if he only makes up his mind to do so. This means that you, young friend, can have one if you wish,



Watch No. 1. NOTE.—Some of these watches are plain faced, some have ornamental faces.

FORM OF GUARANTEE FOR WATCH NO. 1

KENT BROTHERS, WATCH HANGFACTURERS AND INPORTERS 108 Youge Street,

[Swaed] KENT BROS.

What the Rewards Are .- The rewards are hand-ome strong, serviceable watches. Read what we say about them on the other side of this sheet; look at the engravings of them on this page; read also the guarantees which Mesers. Kent Bros. give of them, printed also on this page; read also what we say further on.

Watch Number 1 .- Watch Number 1 will give you excellent satisfaction. The movement in it is a very good movement, quite as good, so Messrs Kent Bros say, as is ever put in an \$18.00 or \$20.00 watch.

A Chat, Boys, with You ling attachment. But instead of being solid silver, it is of a composition which is only partly silver, but which is white like silver, and being the SAME ALL THROUGH, will wear like silver and always look as well as silver.

> Moreover, it is Strong, -Moreover, it is very strong, and is just suitable for work on the farm, being able to stand the rough usage which farm work always inflicts upon a watch.

And it is Guaranteed .- Remember that we offer the watch to you on the strength of the reputation of Messy. Kent Bros. of 168 Yonge Street, Toronto, whose watch-making business is one of the older and most reliable in Canada. Before the watch is sent you, it will be taken apart by Meson. Kent Bros. examined by them, and put in good running order, and every watch will be accompanied by their written guarantee.

Value of the Watch .- This watch is sold by Messrs. Kent Bros, at \$10.00. This is their regular price for the watch.

For What This Watch is Given.-This watch will be given to any boy or young man who secures for us TEN NYW SUBSCRIBERS (that is TEN SUBSCRIBERS NOT ALREADY ON OUR BOOKS) at the regular rate of \$1.00 a year. Subscribers sent in before January 1st, will receive the numbers for the remainder of the year free of charge; so that all subscriptions will end with December 1830.

Cash Must Accompany the Orders. - The cash, in every case, must accompany the orders; but the orders need not be sent in all at once. When the ten orders are sent in and paid for the watch will be shipped.

How the Watch Will be Sent. The watch will be sent by express to the nearest express office of the one who earns it, directly from Mesors, Kent Bros', establishment.

Trial Orders. -THE LIVE STOCK JOURNAL will be sent on TRIAL to any person for SIX MONTHS for 25 cents, provided the person understands and agrees that should be take. THE JOURNAL beyond the six months he will do so at the regular rate of \$1.00

Blank Forms.-We have blank forms both for "regular subscriptions" and for "trial subscriptions," and we shall be glad to send a supply to any one who will send us a post card, asking us to do so. Use the forms whenever possible. They will save both you and us a lot of trouble.

How Trial Orders Count.—Trial Orders count this way: THREE "Trial Orders" will be accepted by us in lieu of one Regular Order. So in making up your list of ten, every three "Trial Orders" will count as one "Regular Order." This makes it all the easier for you to secure the requisite number of

Watch Number 2.-WATCH NUMBER 2 is smaller than WATCH NUMBER 1, but its case is solid silver. It is a very handsome watch, well finished and with a good movement.

Its Case -Its case, which, as we said above, is solid silver, may be had either in the hunting-case style, or open faced. The watch may be had also as _ 'em-winder or a key winder.

Its Value-It is old by . Years. Kent Bros. at \$10.00 also. We have examined the watches carefully, and would recommend the open-faced watch, as, for this size, somewhat the hand-omer. But it is a matter of taste, and some would prefer the hunting. see. It is all the same to us; the choice remains with you.

What this Watch is Given For-This watch is one which Messes, Kent Bros have marked down low and made a specialty of when they sell it at \$10.00. It costs us more than the other. But we will give it to you for TWELVE NEW SUBSCRIBERS, that is twelve new names not already on our books.

Remaining Conditions-The remaining conditions are just the same as for the other watch. Each order must be a ma side new one. Every order must be accompanied by the a determination to succeed and you will succeed.

Its Case. - Its case is a strong hunting-case with stem-wind- | cash. The orders may be sent in at any time, and wh. n all are in and paid for, the watch will be went to the earner of it. Each watch will be taken apart by Meases Kent Bross before it is sent out, examined, put into good running order, and sent by them direct by express to the one entitled to it. At the same time a written guarantee will be sent with the watch.

> How Trial Orders Count-Trial orders count for this watch precisely as for the other, viz., three "Trial Orders," as equivalent to one "Regular Order."

> Forms for Entering the Names-We have specially prepared for this purpose a ruled form, which our young friends will find most useful in writing out the names and addresses of their subscribers. We shall be glad to send a supply of those forms and also of Trial Order forms to any one sending us a post card saying that they are desired.



Watch No. 2.

FORM OF GUARANTEE FOR WATCH NO. 9

KENT BROTHERS, WATCH MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS 198 Younge Street, NO... TORONTO... 1560. WE HEREBY GUARANTIE the solid piece Coo Watch No... sent this day to the solid piece Coo and WE AGREE to keep it in good transity order for heavy year from this date unless dam, god of broken by [Signed] KENT BROS.

A New Watch for Christmas-There are six good clear reeks before Christmas. Now who will treat himself to a new ratch for a Christmas present?

Kow to Send Money-Send money every time by Post OFFICE MONEY GROER, OF IN A PLEAT-TERED I KITED. NEVER end money in an un-registered letter. If so, you must do it at your own risk, and the chances are that you will lose it.

Remember Our Address-Remember our address as gives below. But, if you send to us for order farms, we will send you a supply of DIRECTED ENVELOPES which will save you from making mistakee.

Go in to Win-Now, boys, comember that ENERCY IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS, and enter upon this business with

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The J. E. Bryant Company (L'td),

Publishers of "The Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal," 58 Bay Street, Toronto.

ENERGY

tells more powerfully in the struggle to get on in this world than any other human quality. If a man or boy has energy he is sure to find a scope for his abilities, and his merits will, sooner or later, be recognized

and rewarded with success. As a practical illustration of the force of this truth we would announce that we are ready to reward liberally the energetic efforts of any of our young friends who may be willing to devote some time and pains towards increasing our circulation. Read to the end, young folks, and you will see.

there anything which a boy or young man more desires to have than a good, reliable, respectable time-keeper? We know of nothing; and be teving this we have devised a plan by which every boy or young man taking The Live Stock and Farm Journal may obtain a good watch for himself, and that without the expenditure of a cent of money, but only by the expenditure of some of that native energy of his by which alone he can win success in any path of life. And the reason why we ask the young people to help us is that we are building for the future, and we want those who in the future will be the enterprising farmers and stock raisers of the Dominion to become interested in The Live Stock Journal now, while they are young, so that when they are grown up to man's estate and man's responsibilities they will look upon The Live Stock Journal as an old friend, a tried triend, and a triend of their youth, and one that they will be very unwilling to east aside. Therefore we say, we want the young to help us, and therefore

rian is this. The Live Stock Journal never was so good before. It never was so popular. It is recognized by every farmer interested in making a good profit out of his farm, to be well worth the money many times over. Every department is filled. Every number contains most valuable information about horses, cattle, sheep, pigs,

to the young people we make this appeal, an appeal which we are sure will be

poultry, grain crops, root crops, soiling crops, fruits, dairy work, and veterinary matters. Every thing put in the L. S. J. is written specially for it, and so is doubly useful to Canadian farmers. Its motto is "Nothing but What is Useful, and of What is Useful Nothing but the Best." For this excellent farmer's helper we want New Subscribers; and for getting us these new subscribers we are willing to pay handsomely. Here then, you have the

pay you well. There is not a boy who reads The Live Stock and Farm Journal and knows its merits but is quite able to obtain ten new subscribers; that is, to get ten neighbors and friends who do not already subscribe for The Journal to take it for a year. Now boys, who

read these lines, count up your friends, and see if you cannot think of ten men, interested in farming and anxious to make the most of their farm work, to whom The Journal would be a blessing, and who might take it for a year provided you recommended it to them and pointed out to them all its merits and how useful it was to you and to all your people. Having made up your list, go forthwith

each one of them and talk to them in a husiness-like, straightforward way, telling them all about The Journal and how
useful it is, how instructive it is to anybody who will take the
pains to study its pages. Tell them frankly that you wish to get
ien names, and ask each one to make one of the ten. You may
not succeed at first. Nobody ever does succeed at first. If you
always give up because you don't succeed the first, or even the second time that
you may try for anything, you will prove a failure, not only in this but in everything else. It everyone succeeded with every enterprise he undertook, the first or
second time he tried to put it into effect, every bo would be successful and well
off. But as a rule only the few are successful and well off—and the reason is that
only the few Stiek 2t a thing till they eventually succeed in it. Remember

SUCCESS

only comes to those who merit it; and meriting a thing means pretty much the same as sticking at a thing till you have accomplished with it just what you

want. Therefore, young folks, if you wish to win our reward. Stick at the List till you get ten men. Overyone of ten to put down their names on an order sheet (that we will send you on application), and give you then dollar. For that dollar we will send to every man whose name appears on your list The Live Stock and Farm Journal for a year, and if the order is given before the end of this year we will give, in addition, the numbers of The Journal published between then and the end of the year, thus making all orders count to the end of 1890, so that every subscriber will, get not only his twelve numbers for 1890, but also one or two extra humbers for 1889, or thirteen or fourteen in all. In sending in these ten orders you must, of course, send in also the ten dollars paid you for them. Now what shall we give you for going to this trouble? We will give you a valuable and reliable watch worth in itsen \$10.00, so that for the \$10.00 you you send us, we will give you in return that which is quite fully worth

—namely \$10.00 worth of Journals, that is one each for a year to each one of your ten subscribers, and a watch to you, worth at least \$10.00, making \$20.00 in all. Now what is this watch like? We will tell you. We will describe it to you as it is described to us by the firm from whom we obtain it. The firm in question is

tha of the well-known, and old established watch-making and jewellery establishment, Messrs, Kent Bros., of 168 Yonge Street, Toronto. Their business is one of the best in Canada; and their guarantee affixed to any description of watch is a full surety that the watch is just what they represent it to be. No the watch which we will give as a reward to you for sending us ten subscribers as described by them as being in every way a good serviceable watch, with movement (jewelled) quite as good as will be found in any fifteen or twenty dollar watch. It is a stem winder. The case is not pure silver; but of a substance partly of silver, which looks as well, keeps its color as well, and will wear as well as real silver. The case is a strong hunting-case, and the watch is in every way adapted to heavy out-door work. Each watch before being sent out, will be taken down by Messrs. Kent Bros., examined, put in good running order and guaranteed by them for one year. This watch is sold retail by Messrs. Kent Bros

FOR \$10 s

but we offer it to you as a reward for sending us ten new subscribers. Every watch will be sent direct to you from Messes. Kent Bros' establishment, by express, so that we Eshall not he die it at all, but it will

reach you direct from them, accompanied by their Writa in Guarantine. Now how can you earn \$10.00 more easily? or how can you obtain a good, honest, serviceable watch for yourself at less trouble. But if you say: "Well, I like the idea of a watch well enough, and would like to have one, but when I get a watch I want one with a Real Silver Case," we have arranged for that too. That is, we have made arrangements with Messrs. Kent Bros., by which we can offer you a good Silver Watch with either an open case, or a hunting case, and with either a stem-winding movement or a key-winding movement. But for the silver watch we must ask you to obtain for us twelve new subscribers at \$1.00 each, as this watch, though sold by Messrs. Kent Bros. at the same price as the other, costs us more. Now whether you are successful in obtaining twelve orders or only ten, that is whether you send us \$12.00

OR \$10

you will get in return, not only a copy of The Live Stock and Farm Journal for each dollar that you send us, but also a handsome, reliable watch, from a a first-class, reliable firm, that is the Messrs. Kent Kros., guaranteed by them

to be just what we represent it to be. A further description is as follows:—
(1.) The first watch is not pure silver, but of a composition only partly silver, which however, is the same all through, and will always look and keep color quite as well as silver, the other is a solid silver case. (2.) The first watch has a large strong case and is most admirably adapted for all sorfs of heavy work; the second watch being of pure silver is smaller and of lighter make, but still is a good sized strong watch. (3.) To this it may be added that both watches are handsome, and well finished, both have jewelled movements, both are stem-winding (though the second watch may be had as a key-winder), both are hunting-case (though the second watch may be had in an open case), and both will have Messrs. Kent Bros' guarantee. Now we have something more, something even better

Now we have something more, something even better our young friends to think over, and see if they cannot turn it to their own advantage. It is this: We will send The Live Stock and Farm Journal to new subscribers on trial for six months for 25 cents, on the condition that each person understands that should he take The Journal beyond the six months, he must do

so at the regular price of \$1.00 a year. These six months' orders we call Trial Orders and in allotting the above rewards we will count Three Trial Orders the same as One Full Order. We shall have pleasure in sending blank order forms which you can use for obtaining trial orders. You may send in the names and the money as soon as you secure them, but take care that every name is properly entered in the blank forms with which we will supply you. Remember

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of importance can be gained in this world without some expenditure of time and labor. If you wish to get one of these handsome watches you may do so, but you cannot

do so unless you go to work in earnest about it. Once having made up your mind to win the reward, stick to the thing until it is accomplished. You have a good cause to work for—the betterment of the farming interests of Canada. You have a good helper to back you up in your work—the Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal which undoubtedly gives such practical information to the Canadian farmer, every month, as he can obtain no where else. And you have good rewards to work for—one or other of these beautiful watches. Therefore, go in to win, boys, go in to win, and you will win.

Cochrane Ranche Company. The two gentlemen naturally discussed, among other things, North-West prospects, when Mr. Cochrane made the following remarkable statement: Six years ago the Cochrane Company drove Into Alberta six thousand head of cattle, locating them on what is now the town site | of Calgary. Many of the animals were footsore from constant travelling, and before they could be safely housed for the winter a tremendous snowstorm came on and 5,500 head died, representing a loss to the Company of \$100,000. The ranche was restocked, and by mismanagement during the following year a further loss of \$150,000 was sustained. Since then prosperity has been with the Company. During the last three years their previous losses have been entirely made up, and in addition the Company has paid ten per cent, on its investment, and put \$100,000 to rest.

The World's Exposition. - As to whether this important event shall be held at Chicago or New York, speculation is rife, but certain it is that if looked at calmly and free from self-interest, the first-mentioned city will be conceded to be in many ways preferable, as it is able to furnish the best facilities and be more likely to do full honor to such an auspicious event. Looking at the question from the standpoint of the farmer and the stockbreeder, there is not a vestige of doubt but that Chicago with her past and present achievements in the direction of live stock shows, would be able to surpass her weaker rival in every respect. From the view of those who look at the question unbiased by any considerations but those on which the success of such an exposition would rest, Chicago with her great railroad facilities, vast accommodations, central site, and many other facilities, most decidedly appears to be the best suited for the holding of this vast exposition. The fact that she has made such an unqualified success of her fat stock shows as attested to by the crowds of foreigners that annually attend these displays, should bear weight in a matter of this kind. The fat stock show has grown to monster dimensions, and this should surely be sufficient guarantee of the suitability of Chicago as the site of this exposition now talked about. In matters of this nature urban jealousies should be buried and all unite in choosing that city as the favoured one which would do most honor to such an important and far-reaching event, and if this was done, unbiased judgment must pronounce in favor of Chicago.

Banner Oats.-We are able to furnish our correspondent, Mr. E. J. Hutchison, of Aylmer, Ont., who inquired in our issue of last month as to how Vick's Banner Oat, that is handled by Mr John Miller of Markham, had succeeded in different localities, with the following extracts from letters written by some of those that have tried them. Mr. Keanedy, who has a farm at Beaverton, informs us personally that from seven acres he has received by measur. 90 bushels per nere, while other varieties on his farm only yielded 40 bushels. Mr. Edwin Gaunt, of St. Helens, Ont. who obtained so bushels, which were sown on nine acres, reports a yield of so bushels per acre from the machine, while white ordinary outs in that district only yielded 18 to 23 bushels per acre. He writes: "The oats here are very hadly affected with rust; the Banner oats not nearly so much They stood up well. The frost on the 28th May froze about an acre and a half of them, consequently that part of the field did not yield much. We consider them the best on's we ever grew, having tried all the new kinds that have come out for a number of years past." T. G. Bowley, of Napperton, Ont., writes that he threshed 200 bushels from three acros, though they were accidentally sown too thick, viz 3½ bushels to the acre. Quoting his own words, he says: "I intend to sow all Banner oats next year, and thus supply my neighbors. I had the common white oats sowed on land just as good as where the Banner oats were sown, and the latter best them three to one." Mr. Allan A. McDougal, of the Homestead Farm, Hornby, sowed a burnel on half an acre and this produced at husbels of cleaned

Nulching the Wheat Field with Straw.-I had the pleasure in August, 1888, of visiting the farm of that well-known writer and most intelligent wheat-grower and potato-raiser, Mr. T. B. Terry, of Summit County, Ohio, and there observed some of the effects of straw mulching. Mr. Terry s land is a cond clay, not naturally very fertile, but made good wheat land by the rotation of crops, in which wheat and clover play second parts, potatoes being the main crep. On this farm wheat straw was drawn out just before winter closed in and scattered thinly ever the land, about half-an-inch deep, I should think, from the appearance of the field when we visited it. The effect of the straw was to pievent the snow from blowing off. It also tends to prevent thawing in the winter and early spring which is the bane of the winter wheat crop. Mr. Terry holds that one of the best uses for winter wheat is to make the clover eron which

brough the North-West a few days ago, and on the cars he a much better catch and was stronger where the straw mulch nappened to meet Senator Cochrane, head of the well-known was placed than where none had been used. The dense green clover showed to the very inch where the shulch had been used. Mr. Terry assured us that the wheat showed up in the same way before harvest in favor of the mulched portion of the field. The practice is entirely reasonable and should be profitable, if a fair amount of straw is at hand. There is no reason for scattering it very thick, and if not too abundant it will not interfere with the harvester at cutting time, or the mower later on, when the clover crop, which should always follow winter wheat, is mature.-W. A. HENRY, of Wisconsin, in Breeders

> Our Promiums.-The things of this world that combine in themselves features of beauty and utility are rare indeed, but among those that possess these qualities to an eminent degree. the watch may be said to stand among the foremost. For the person of mature years there are few articles of more utility than a strong, serviceable watch, and for the budding youth there is nothing that will so infuse into him a feeling of manliness than a watch that is pleasing to the eye, and a good time-keeper as well. Recognizing the universal leaning of the popular mind to read reliable watches, we cast about us to find a well-established firm that we would feel safe in trusting in such an important matter. We choose that of Kent Bros., well-known throughout Canada as a house of old and tirm standing in Toronto, to supply us with a first-class watch so that we could feel in offering it as premium there was not the slightest danger of our past record for uprightness in dealing with our patrons being in the least tamished. We are happy to say that we have eventually succeeded, in securing two styles of watches that are reliable and serviceable in every respect, and these we are enabled to offer on liberal terms for subscribers. For twelve subscribers at one dollar each, we offer a splendid silver watch, a good timekeeper, and not without some pretensions to beauty. For ten subscribers a very strong watch is offered, such as one around a farm needs for every day use. The casing is strong and the works also. Both these watches are of good make, excellent finish, and the outcome of good workmanship in every respect. With two such premiums as these we hope to secure the cooperation in this work of every farmer's boy in the land. We feel sure that once one of these watches get into a neighborhood it will set the community to work. Write us and we will supply you with all particulars and materials necessary for canyassing

> The Ayrshires as Milk Producers. -At the milking competition held in connection with the Ayrshire Agricultural Association Exhibition in 1860, commonly known as the Duke of Atholes milking competition, in which all of the competing animals were of the Ayrshire breed the following is the average of ten successive milkings, twelve hours between each nulking. viz., 26 lbs., 5% or: 24 lbs., 7 or; 22 lbs., 10 or; and 22 lbs. 2 oz. At a more recent competition held under the auspices of the same Society in the year 1886, prizes were offered for the Ayrshire cow that would give the greatest quantity of milk in twenty-four hours. This tost was not altogether satisfactory; several of the cows did not take very kindly to the wooden erection put up for them, and a dog show was held within 20 ards from where the cattle were stalled, which prevented some of them from feeding. The weight of the four at the top was 57% lbs., 56% lbs., 55% lbs., and 5132 lbs. At the Oxfordshire Agricultural Society's open show at Henley-on-Thames on the 19th and 20th May, 1886, for the greatest quantity of milk at two successive milkings, and not more than twelve hours apart. the first-prize was awarded to Mr. Geo. Ferrie's Ayrshire cow Lady Elphinstone, with a yield of nearly seven gallons or 68 lbs., in competition with all other broads and cross breeds. At the Bath and West of England show at Brittol in June, 1886, this same case also beat all comers for quantity and quality combined. Within recent years the demand for really good Ayrabire cartle, even for export, has reached a very high figure, and realized prices which a few years ago were never dreams o. A really good bull or cow of a prize strain will now sometimes bring £100 and upward. I say that in modern times in the excernous to secure fancy bodies and prize vouels, there has been a tendency to neglect or ignore milking properties. I also look upon the anall texts as a delusion; and this point has operated more than any other to prevent the universal adoption of the Ayrabire as the dairy cow. In show yards of late they small teats have been discarded, and not a day too soon.-. N. E. Aericulturist.

Products of a Small Gardon.-We have just to hand the account a village neighbor has kept with his garden the past age. The land was purchased in May, was in sod, rough and intrinsic realise, and popularity. We assure our readers that we tough and in poor condition for a garden the first year stake a great deal on these "Offers to Boys," and nothing but tough and in poor condition for a garden the first year The cash expended for seed, manure and labor during our superior facilities for procuring these valuable gifts, and car follows entirely possible. A careful inspection of the field where the summer amounted to about \$33.00. The crops grown the great confidence in the worth of The Live Stock Journal, straw mulch has been used over a portion aboved that clover had first year would have cost the owner not less than \$50.00. The could warrant our making the offers so liberal as we have done

past two years the average product has been, three barrels Roxbury r sset apples, twelve bushels peas, eight bushels string and shell beans, one bushel green peas, one bushel beets, fiv bushels tomatoes, one-half bushels onions, twenty-five bushels potatoes, three-dozen summer squashes, ten dozen cucumbers, twenty-three dozen ears sweet corn, forty pounds winter squash, thirty-five boxes atrawbernes, eight quarts currants, besides a considerable quantity of blackberries and raspberries; lettuce was also grown in abundance and there is a young asparagus bed large enough to supply a moderate sized family. Most of the labor of planting and cultivation is hired at higher prices than farmers pay for labor in the country, which makes the products cost more than they should cost farmers. But, then, if he had purchased his vegetables and fruits in the market he would not only have been charged the cost of raising but also a large profit by the retailer. His family have spent some time in gathering the products but it has been attended with the satisfaction of knowing that they are fresh and wholesome, and when the strawberries come to the table they are free from suspicion as to cleanliness. Very few farmers have gard in vegetables and fruits as fine in appearance or in as great variety as they may be found in the large city markets, yet few people can obtain those things in as fine and choice condition as the farmer or country resident might have them if he was so disposed. We all ought to give more attention to the kitchen and fruit garden. There is money, health and a good deal of satisfaction in a really good garden .- N. E. Farner.

Publishers' Column.

Special inducements. -Our subscribers are taking advantage of our special inducements and are sending in orders for new subscriptions every day. Reader, why do you not take advantage of these offers?

For two new subscribers. First offer. Remember that for sending us two new subscribers (that is, names not already on our list) and \$2.00, we will send you any one of the great weekly secular papers published in Canada, from now till the end

For two new subscribers. Savad offer. Remember, too, that for sending us two new subscribers and \$2.00, we will advance your own subscription to THE LIVE STOCK TOURNAL for one year.

Our plan of trial subscriptions.-By our plan of trial subscriptions you are enabled to get people to subscribe for THE LIVE STOCK JOURNAL very easily. For we will send IME JOURNAL to any new subscriber, on trial, for six months, for 25 cents, on condition that if such subscribers take THE JOURNAL beyond the six months they will do so at the regular rate of \$1.00

Howtrial subscriptions count. - I mai subscriptions when ocured in conformity with the above conditions count this way. Three "trials" will be accepted in lieu of one "regular." that any one sending us either six "trials," or three "trials" and one "regular" or two "regulars," may have either any secular weekly paper published in Canada for one year, or his own subscription to THE JOURNAL extended for one year.

Blank Order Forms, -We have blank order forms, both regular" and "trial," nicely put in little books, quite convenient for carrying in one's pocket, and containing all necessary information for securing subscriptions, which we will be glad to send to any one, post free, on receipt of application for the same.

Don't Lose Time. Your own subscription will soon be running out. You cannot do without THE JOURNAL, and you will therefore soon have to be sending us a dollar. Who not save this dollar by sending us two new subscribers as above described, or else six trial subscribers?

Why not got a great weekly? Why not do more and secure for yourself, besides THE JOURNAL free for a year, a copy of The Globe, on The Mail, on The Empire, on any other secular weekly for a year? This you can do by combining the offerdescribed above and sending in four new subscribers and \$4.00.

Do you want to act as our agent?-if you want to act as our agent and secure cash commissions for new subscribers write to us for terms and we will tell you how to go to work at

But, above all, get your boys to work.—But, show all, get your boys to take advantage of the offers described in the accompanying loose sheet. These offers, we believe, are the most liberal ever devised by the publisher of any monthly paper three years. It contains nearly 35 rods or 2000 square ft., 2-5 published in Canada. We believe that they combine every the area being thickly set with fruit trees which are of bearing quality that Reward Premiums should have, viz. suitability,

If you want to see your sons at useful work, for which they will be well and appropriately rewarded, get them at once to set about securing one of these excellent watches.

If you are in doubt. - If you are in doubt as to the watches, write to Messrs. Kent Bros., 168 Yonge Street, and they will tell you just what these watches are.

Call at our office. - Or else call at our office and we shall be very glad to show you samples of the watches, and supply you with blank forms, sample copies of THE JOURNAL, and any other information which you may desire.

How to send your money. - Send it by Registered Letter. This is a perfectly safe and satisfactory way. If the amount is large send by Post Office Money Order. Never send money in an unregistered letter There is no means of tracing it if it be lost, and losses are sure to occur now and again.

Keep your eye on this column.—Keep your eye on this column. In it every month you will find something to interest you, and also to profit you, as we hope. Now, send in your orders as fast as you can.

The picture of the Ontario Agricultural College.-We have received from the late managers of the JOURNAL a number of fine lithograph pictures of the Ontario Agricultural College. It is a beautifully colored plate, 14x27 inches, giving a good view of the College and the surrounding buildings and grounds, and quite suitable for framing. To every present subsubscriber sending us money, either for arrears or for renewals, we will send a copy of this picture until the stock is exhausted.

How to address your letters.-Address all correspondence to THE J. E. BRYANT PUBLISHING COMPANY (Limited), 58 Bay Street, Toronto. Put all matter intended for the editor, all items of news, stock notes, and matter intended for publication, on separate sheets. Please bear this in mind; it saves a good deal of trouble.

Stock Notes.

Messrs. J. & W. B. Watt, of Salem, Ont., make a slight change in their advertisement in this issue.

Mr. Jas. McCombie, of Galt, Ont., makes an alteration in his advertisement this month, as he has sold one of the Clydesdale mares advertised. He now offers another, Georgie Vol. XII., a two-year-old of good breeding. See his changes.

A thoroughbred horse of good breeding is held for sale by G. Bunbury, of Suffolk Lodge, Oakville, Ont. Jack Frost is his name, sired by Jack Malone, and out of Kitty Purgear. He is wafranted a sure foal-getter. Owner having no use for him will sell on easy terms. Do not fail to notice the advertisement, and write to the proprietor.

Messrs. Ormsby & Chapman, Springfield-on-the Cred t, Ont., offer in this issue a number of their young prize-winning imported Shire colts for sale cheap. These two and three-year-old stallions were very successful at the leading shows, winning many prizes at Toronto as well as at Buffalo. Do not neglect to see their advertisement.

Mr. John Dunkin, of Brucefield, Ont., writes:—"I have arrived home safe from the Gld Country with my stock. I bought a young Clydesdale stallion, Glenelg, of Kippendavie, from Col. Stirling. He was sired by Knight Errant. I also imported at the same time a very choice lot of Shropshire sheep from Mr. Buttar's celebrated flock of Shrops."

Mr. W. H. Hutchinson, of Napanee, Ont. writes: "I am sorry In w. I. Huteninsen, of Napanee, Ontwrites: "I am sorry to inform you that since sending my advertisement to your paper I have had the misfortune to lose the Shire stallion Black Jack from inflammation of the bowels. He was a very promising colt and likely to have left some good stock, being very well-bred, and having tremendous bone and muscle."

A HIGH PRICE FOR A-LORD ERSKINE FOAL

Mr. John Marr, Carmbrogie, has bought from Mrs. Davidson, Mains of Caimbrogie, for Mr. Peter Crawford, Eastfield House, Dumfries, at the price of Lizo net, a Clydesdale colt foal, sire Lord Erskine 1744, dam Grace of Caimbrogie 7145, by Grand Turk 1748. This is a very promising youngster, with plenty of sire and extra good feet and pasterns.

A GOOD PURCHASE.

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Mr. S. C. Johnston, Manilla, Ont., last week made his second trip to Scotland this season, and purchased the chorcely-bred yearling colt Scotland's Pearl, got by Lord Erskine, from Mr. W. S. Park Hatton, Bishopton, and the finely-colored, strong-boned colt Newshot from Mr. A. Lang, Garneyland, Paisley. Mr. Johnston does not import as many Clydesdales as some of his brethren in Canada, but what he does import will, in respect both of quality and breeding, compare favorably with the ports of any others in the trade. "Farming World."

A SIRE OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

Mr. Jos. Vance, of New Hamburg. Ont. writes us: "My horses are alldoing well, and the foals from my Clyde stallion, Wigton Lad (5441) (5521), have taken the following prizes: First at Woodstock, Galt, Berlin, New Hamburg, and Drumbo; and

the yearlings got by him have also taken prizes wherever shown, and the two-year-old Yorkshire Coach horse, Alderman Kirby, (a cut of which appeared in September number of Journ 1), and which I have since sold to Sayers & Halleck, of Albion, New York, won the first-prize at the New York State Fair, held at Albany, in a very large class.'

A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR.

W. H. Hutchinson, of Napanee, Ont., writes: I have been pre 'y successful at the two local fairs at which I exhibited, winning at the Midland Central, held at Kingston, 1st three-year-old carriage stallion, and diplonia for best carriage stallion any age with the Cleveland Bay Ingmanthorpe Lad (852), 1st two-year-old gelding or mare with the Yarkshire Coach mare Victoria (125), 1st heavy draught stallion, three years old, with the Shire Melton IV. (7703), and 2nd three-year-old General Purpose Stallion with the Yorkshire Coach horse Prince o. Orange (1250). At the Bay of Quinte Fair, held at Belleville, I won the same prizes in the respective classes.

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Mr. E. A. Bricknor, of Rednorville, Ont., is now one of the foremost breed sof Percheron horses in the Dominion. Although he hazarded a good deal in his foundation stock he began right, that is, he secured animals of the very best types at the outset. The famous prize-winning stallion Producteur 428 (68) he bought at the cost of almost a farm, but this horse, even more famous as a stock-getter than as a prize-winner, has already more than repaid the outlay. Producteur won first-prize as the best Percheron three years and over, and first as best French Draught stallhon with five of his get. Mr. Bricknor has been successful in raising the colts which come to hand with a very small percentage of loss.

A NEW IMPORTER.

Mr. T. W. Evans, of Yelverton, Ont., well-known as an extensive importer of high-class Clydesdales, and a successful exhibitor in Canada, places with us in this issue an advertisement to which we desire to call attention. Mr. Evans imports only animals of the best of breeding, including the gets of such horses as the famous Topgallant, the meritorious Jordanshaw, and the well-known getter of prime stock Old Times, and many others of similar kin. Neither expense nor risk has been spared to secure the best stallions and fillies that the breeders of Scotland could supply, and hence the reason of so many prizewinners in their native land finding a home in the stud at Yelverton. In importing only the best Mr. Evans has full faith in the intelligence of the breeders of Canada, and we have no hesitation whatever in recommending to the latter his stud, for we feel sure that intending purchasers will find that he has a collection of stallions and fillies to pick from that would be hard indeed to beat. Be sure and see this advertisement.

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Writing to the Peterboro' Review "A Spectator" drawing attention to the excellence of the stud of Mr. Samuel Staples, of Ida, Ont., says: "In looking over prize lists of the many fairs held in this vicinity for the tall of 1889, we think there are few horses in Ontario that can show records among the prize winners equal to those of Cheviot and Lord Sudley. We find Lord Sudley's colts among the winners at Port Hope, Lindsay, Peterborough, Bethany, Centreville, Ouemee, and Milbrook, taking 1st and 2nd as yearlings, and 1st and 3nd so folks of 1889 at Peterborough, and 1st and 2nd as colts of 1889 at Peterborough, and 1st and 2nd as colts of 1889 at Bethany, with a strong class of confectiors. Chevio's record is even brighter, though not quite so far-reaching. "Fe find his colts prominent among the winners at Keene, where they were 1st as yearling colt, and 1st as mare and foal, and at Peterborough; 1st as two-year-olds, and at Bethany 1st and 2nd as two-year-olds, and 1st and 2nd, as colts of 1889, and at East Durham County Fair at Millbrook, he was represented by seventeen of his colts, among them gaining sixteen prizes, including the prize for the five best two-year-olds from any draught horse. And just here, let me say that I think it would puzzle any draught horse in Canada to show five better colts of any age than were exhibited here. With these facts before us, and, I have not heard, I am fully convinced that Mr. Staples is the owner of two of the best stock horses for their respective classes that stand in Ontario."

THE IMPORTATIONS OF MESSRS. MCKAY, CHESAR AND CHANDLER:

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Mr. Stewart McKay, Saintfield, Ont., sailed last week from
Glasgow with four well-bred Clydesdales, one of which was
purchased from Mr. Lang, Garneyland, Paisley, and another
from Mr. Taylor, Park Mains, Paisley, and two, a horse and a
mare from Mr. Park Hatton, Bishopton. The first was a fiveyear-old horse of a rich dark brown color, and free from white
markings, got by Pure Gowd 1799, out of the well-known prise
mare Paisley Nancy 201, the dant of the noted prise horse Ivanhoe 306, winner of the Glasgow premium two years in succession,
and first at the Highland and Agricultural Society's. Show in
1878. The colt bought from Mr. Taylor was got by the successful breeding horse Lord Clyde 482, whose stock having taken
first-prize at the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show;
and at Kilmarnock last spring a filly got by him was well for
ward in a strong class of yearlings. One of the purchases from
Mr. Park was a very fine three-year-old mare, bred by Mr. D.
Henderson, Netherton, Langbank, got by a son of the celebrated
Sanquhar, and a prise-winner at Paisley and Bishopton. The
other was a colt got by Doncaster, the sire of the well-known
stallion General. Neil. 1143, and out of a choicely-bred mare.
This is Mr. McKay's first visit, and the animals he has purchased
should ensure his return. Mr. J. Crass, Langside, Ont., purchased two well-bred yearling colts from Mr. Robert McKay,
Corswill, Barrhead, which he shipped from Glasgow yearerday.
One of these was got by the superior breeding horse Ghillie
Callum 3620, out of a mare by Young Lord Lyon 904; while the
other is by Robertson, out of a very fine mare by St. Lawrence,
gr. dam by Dunnore Prince Charlie. Both are unseful, promising horses. Mr. R. Hutchison, Craiksland, Dundonald, sold a
heavy boned, well ribbed two-year-old colt by Old Times 579,
out of a Lorne mare, to Mr. Chandler's other horses a few days ago.

—Farming World.

Cattle.

Messrs. Smith Bros., of Churchville, make a change in their regular advertisement this month. Our readers should observe

A herdsman, who claims to be a first-class hand with a wide experience with cattle and sheep, desires a situation as herdsman or as farm manager. See his advertisement elsewhere.

G. Bunbury, of Suffolk Lodge, Oakville, Ont., offers for sale, reasonable in terms and liberal in time, a pure-bred Holstein bull eighteen months old. Here is a grand chance for somebody. See advertisement.

The entire herd of Ayrshire cattle owned by Messrs. W. H. & C. H. McNish, of Lyn, Ont., is offered for sale in this issue. Those interested will do well to see this notice and write the proprietors. They also hold for sale a number of choice Southdown sheep.

Two Jersey bulls and two Jersey heifers all registered in A.J.C.C.; are held for sale by Mr. John Fennell, of Berlin, Ont. They are said to be highly bred, and animals of excellent quality. If you want anything in this line do not overlook this advertisement as the animals will be sold on fair terms.

By a slight oversight the address of Mr. Thos. McKay, of Woodbine Farm, Richwood, was given as Rockwood in our Provincial report. Mr. McKay was successful in his showing and secured second on Victor Hugo Ingram, in the aged Shorthorn bull class at London, and third at Toronto.

Messrs. A. & G. Rice, of Curries Crossing, Ont., were very successful in exhibiting their Holstein Frierian cattle this year, having concluded their circuit at Otterville Fair, where they won twelve prizes on ten head, securing sweepstakes and special for the best milch cow of any breed on Daisy Texel in competition with nine others.

A handsome Jersey cow registered in a J.C.C.R., due to calve Nov. 1st, and a pure-bred Jersey bull calf of excellent breeding, by a Lambert bull, out of a Rioter cow, is advertised for sale by John Snell's Scap, of Edmonton, Ont., in this issue. Be sure and notice it. This for sale Cotswold ram lambs for sale.

Mr. S. Shunk, jr., of Maple Grove Farm, Edgely, Ont., is giving up farming, and hence offers for sale his entire herd of pure-bred Holsteins. Any one desiring to procure animals of this breed at reasonable prices will do well to look up his advertisement which appears elsewhere, as he claims to have a choice lot from which to make a selection.

If you want a four months old pure-bred registered Jersey bull calf, one thirteen months old that has been a winner of many prizes, or a three-year-old grandson of the great Stoke Pogis 3rd, look up the advertisement of T. E. Brameld, Lakehurst Jersey Farm, Oakville, Ont., that appears in this issue. Want of room forces Mr. Brameld to make the sacrifice.

An entire herd of pure-bred Shorthorns all entered or eligible for entry in the D.S.H.B: is to be sold by auction on Nov. soth, thus offering a grand chance for the securing of excellent young stock for breeding purposes. Mr. John J. Braven, of Byng, Ont., is the proprietor. As there will be no reserve some good stock will fall under the hammer. Notice his advertisement.

In a letter from Mr. J. S. Smith, of Maple Lodge Farm, the well-known breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Leicester sheep, enclosing payment for his advertisement in the Live Stock Journal says: "We think very highly of the Journal as an advertising medium. Our stock are all doing nicely, and we are in a position to supply intending purchasers with good specimens of anything in our line, both male and female."

Mr. T. E. Brameld, the proprietor of Lakehunit Jersey Farm, Oakville, Ont., made an excellent exhibit at a number of our leading exhibitions. In this number he places with us a card advertising his Jerseys of the noted St. Lambert and other meritorious strains. They are all registered, and good dairy working animals. Mr. Brameld also breeds Berkshire pigs, and is prepared to meet all demands in this respect. No one will do himself justice that neglects to observe Mr. Brameld's card.

Mr. Thos. McCrae, Guelph, Ont., hassold to Mr. D. Parish, St. Thomas, Ont., the Galloway bull calf, Bruce 5948. Bruce, by the dam's side, is from the oldest family among the Galloways, the Blackies of Balig, tracing back to Blackie the 1st, 1818. He is sired by Stanley II., O.E.F. (4473), and he by Stanley III., of Drumlang (1793), bred by the Duke of Buccleuch, Scotland. Bruce was a winner in his class both at London and Toronto this year. We wish Mr. Parish every success in his venture with the hardy black skiers.

Edward jeffs, of Bond Head, Ont., writes: On the seth of last month I sold to Mr. Thos. Andrews, of Cambridge, Neb., U.S., sine Shorthorn heifers and a yearling bull, six Southdown lambs, and four Berkshire pigs. Some of them were extra good ones and may yet be heard from, though they have gone so far West. This sale interfered slightly with my showing at our local shows, yet I cleared the board with calves through Sincoe, Cardwell, and York, and did very well with Leicester and Southdown sheep, making a few sales, and taken in prizes about \$200.00 at five local fairs.

T. Ballantyne & Son, of Stratford, Ont., writes: We have solduring the past month the nine-month old Shorthorn bull calf Neidpath Prince to Green Bros.. "The Glen," Innorkip, Ont. He is a red, sired by the Lenthenty bull, Prince Royal (56340), and out of Missie of Neidpath, by Methilick Hero imp. = 2783 = 1, g. dam Missie 79th imp., by Prince Royal (46413). He is a very

promising calf, having at nine months and one week old weighed 995 lbs. Our Shorthorns are all in grand shape for winter, especially our lot of heifer calves, this being a heifer year for us. We were very successful at the North Perth show held at Stratford, Oct. 3rd and 4th, taking all the prizes competed for except one, three herds competing. We have also sold eleven Shropshire ewes to John Campbell, jr., Woodville, Ont.; one shearling ram to A. Telfer, Avonton, Ont.; one shearling to A. Moses, St. Marys; and one lamb to J. Whalen, Stratford. The two-year-old Guernsey bull goes to J. Meigher, St. Marys. For quality and richness of color of butter we believe the Guernsey has no equal.

AYRSHIRES IN GOOD DEMAND.

Mr. Jas. Drummond, of Petite Cote, Montreal, reports the following salea this year: To David Benning, Williamstown, Glengarry, a bull calf; Thomas Watson, of North Georgeston, Beauharnois, a heifer calf; Mr. W. K. Miller, Miller's Corners, Kemptville, Ont., bull calf; William Deeks, Morrisburg, Ont., bull calf; Daniel McKercher, of Winchester, Ont., bull cal; Mr. William Sanders, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, May 3633, Clara 3590, Eva 3828, Countess 3838, Gipsy 3979; Mr. D. Nicolle, of Kingston, bull calf of Viola 3rd, prize cow; Archibald Kennedy, Vernon, Ont., first-prize two-year-old heifer at Ottawa; Thomas Guy, Oshawa, Ont., bull calf of Lily Hardington; two prize cows, Ottawa, and others not mentioned.

SAFE IN QUARTERS AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CIRCUIT.

F.A. Fleming, of Weston, Ont., writes us: The herd of Herefords exhibited by me-at Kingston, London (Provincial), Tosonto and Hamilton, arrived safely home on Saturday, the 28th Sept., after being away for nearly a month, having been shipped to Kingston on 30th August. Although the competition at the different exhibitions this year was strong, I was very successful, my prize money amounting to \$441.50, enough at least to cover expenses. Since my return I have made the following sales of pure-bred Herefords: To Mr. E. W. T. Elton, of Pincher Creek, Albertz, N.W.T., I sold the yearling bull Amethyst 36807, and the heifers Lily Grove 26395, and Midnight 36821, and to Mr. T. Farrell, of Etobicoke township, York County, the yearling bull Weston, and the heifer Lady Fenn 3rd 36817, these cattle also go to the North-West, Mr. Farrel having taken up land near Calgary.

GALLOWAYS FOR THE N. W. T.

Cecil H. Hanson, Esq., of Cannington Manor, N.W.T., purchased from Thos. McCrae, of Guelph, a small herd of Galloc ways for a trial in that section—one bull and four heifers, all two-year-olds. The bull Professor (4593) was bred at Proquhain, New Galloway. Scotland, and was a winner in Canada in the class of yearlings last year. The heifers were Hebe V., of Drumlanrig (10330), bred by the Duke of Buccleuch; Blackie 27th (10403), bred at Balig by R. & T. Sherman, and one of the old Blackie family; Idle Queen (10507), bred by T. Biggar & Sons, Dalbeattie, Scotland; and Blackie of Janeneld 4621, bred at Guelph, and about the best of the lot. They went by rail from Guelph to Moosomin Station, C.P.R., being eight days on the train. They were driven at once 40 miles in two days, and stood the journey very well; the bull coming off the train as fresh as he went on it, but he being in good flesh did not take so well to the march. The animals were selected by Mr. W. T. Alkins.

EXCELLENT BUTTER PRODUCERS.

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Ant. John Fennell, of Berlin, writes ust. I send you change of advertisement as I have sold a number of head of the Jerseys advertised in former issue. I may state for the information of farmers that a leading farmer in Dumfries Township, to whom I sold two excellent butter producers, making now on poor pasture over so his butter per week, told me he had been experimenting with Jerseys and other breeds during the summer, and that he had obtained from three Jerseys nearly three times the amount of butter he had secured from a like number of other breeds, all on the same kind of feed. This result settled him in his determination to keep only Jerseys for dairy purposes. Dairymen and farmers may be slow in arriving at the conclusion, but if they want "gilt-edge butter and plenty of it," they must buy Jerseys. It is, however, a mistake to buy inferior stock. Get well-bred, registered animals, and the result will be pleasure and profit.

THE GALLOWAYS NOT POUND WANTING.

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D. McCrae, of Guelph, writes:—"Mr. Daniel Steinmetz, of Schoeneck, Lancaster Co., Pa., has purchased from Mr. Thomas McCrae, Guelph, a small herd of Galloways, consisting of a bull and eight cows and heifers. About ten years ago Mr. Steinmetz purchased anumber of Galloways from Mr. McCrae, and they did so well that he has come again. He takes the imported buil Commonwealth (45°5), bred by Mr. Biggar, Chapelton, Dalbeattie, and the winner in the two year-old class-at London and Toronto this year. He is-a very deep thick bull with good loins, and belongs to the fashionable Hannah family. The cow Mad of Killimingan (1220), is a fine large cow, with small fine bone, very level-both above and below. She was third at Toronto Industrial Exhibition both in 1883 and 1859. Queen Mary of Airds (8720) has never been shown, but is a good specimen and a-good breeder. Dainty Times (2050) was second as a three-year-old at Kingston and Torontoin 1889. Her sire, Lucky Times (2058), has been a noted prine-winner in Scotland, and was first at Dalbeattie show this year. Victoria II., of Closeburn (9649) is a very big cow for a three-year-old, sired by the celebrated John Highlandman. (205). Hetakes three two-year-old heifers, Carline (10555), third-prize heifer at Toronto in 1883; Blackie, of Balig 28th, (10404), and Countess of Arran (2050), a fine trio; and the yearling heifer Chusic 5027, a very nice level heifer with good hair, and a member of the Wellington (22) Blaiker family—altogether they are a fine herd.

POLIZED AND HIGHLAND CATTLE FOR CANADA

Mr. Smith, Mullochard, Ballindalloch, has just bought for Mr. Proctor, Hamilton, Canada, a nice lot of Highland and Polled cattle which Mr. Proctor, who is now in this country, has sent out for his farm near Hamilton. They consist of a Highland yearling bull, two Highland yearling heifers, and a cow calf, all from the well-known erd at Castle Grant. As

Highland cattle thrive well in Canada, this lot, which has been chosen for color and good hair, should prove very attractive at their new home. The Shorthorn bull is Scotland Yet, from Mr. Leith, Glengerrack Mains, an animal of very great promise. Though only nine months old he has already gained many prizes, viz., ist prize at the Huntly Show, both as the best bull calf and the best suckled calf; ist prize bull calf at Keith; and prize yearling, and special prize as best Polled or Shorthorn bull belonging to a tenant whose rent does not exceed froe sterling, when only seven months old. He will probably equally distinguish himself on the other side of the Atlantic. Another purchase is a neat Erica-Pride bull calf, only five months old, from the Pitglassie herd, and of the Sabrina family, and a grandson of the celebrated bull Egbert. He should prove an excellent sire in Mr. Proctor's new herd. Two Polled heifers, coming three years old (both in calf), have been purchased from the Home Farm of Drummuir, descended from the Corskie tribe. They are strong useful animals, and it is to be hoped that the present venture will turn out so well that Mr. Proctor may be induced to make further purchases. —Banffshire Journal. Highland cattle thrive well in Canada, this lot, which has been

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M. H. Cochrane, of Hillhurst, Que, write: The Hillhurst show herds reached home on the 30th Sept. in fine order after a very successful five weeks tour at the Stanstead, Sherbrooke, London, Toronto, and Hamilton Exhibitions. The 1st prize Hereford bull calf Paul Wilton, Vol. XI., was sold at London to Mr. Joseph Baker, of Littlewood, Ont., and at Toronto the 1st prize vearling Aberdeen-Angus bull, Black Hussar, was sold to Mr. Herbert Stairs, Hillside Farm, King's Co., N.S. Last month an importation of twenty-five very handsome Shropshire ewes and two rams reached Hillhurst, ex S.S. "Toronto." The ewes were all bred by Mr. A. E. Mansell, of Ostoll, and are by such sires as Contentment 434, Attractor 2017, The Patrician 1768, and Potentate 3660. The rams are Beau Ideal 3871, winner of 1st prize at Newport, and 2nd at Burton and Lancaster as a lamb, 1st prize at Congleton, and Reserve Number at Walsale, 1889, as a yearling, bred by Mr. J. Bourne, Arbour Farm, Market Drayton, and Fair Wind, bred by Mr. John Harding, Norton House, Shifnal, by Fair Trade (3479). Your reporter was in error in stating that only one Hackney stallion competed for the prize offered by Mr. Holderness, viz., the fine horse Foung Nobleman, as the stallion Fordham 287 (by Denmark 177), which was imported in 1881, and has been so successful as a sire at Hillhurst, was also shown, as well as a pair of Cobs (in roadster class), and a chestnut gelding by him. The latter was greatly admired, and was sold to go to Philadelphia for Mr. Wayne MacVeagh. He is own brother to a mare that was thought to be the best mount in the Montreal Hunt last: season, and was sold for a high price to go to New York. Hackneys are rapidly making themselves appreciated on this side of the water.

Sheep

Mr. Jno. Campbell, Jr., of Woodville, Ont., was the winner of first prize for the best five Shropshire lambs, bred by the exhibitor, and not Mr. Jno. Dryden, of Brooklin, Ont., as stated in our report of Toronto Industrial.

John Snell's Sons, Edmonton, Ont., say the demand for Cots-wolds is rapidly increasing, and they have filled orders lately from several of the Provinces, and many of the States. The farmers are returning to their first love, and the refrain of many a one is, "Oh, why did I sell my sheep,"

, Mr. John Telfer, manager for Rutherford Stuveysant, Esq., of Tranquility Farm, Allamuchy, New Jersey, U.S., has purchased from Thomas McCrae, Guelph, a number of Cotswolds, bred from the fine lot that Mr. McCrae imported last year from Russell Swannick, Esq., Circnecster, Eng. The sire of these lambs has developed into a fine sheep, and has been awarded first-prize wherever shown this year."

A NEW IMPORTATION OF SHROPSHIRES.

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Messra T. C. Patteson, of Eastwood, and Joseph Stratford, of Branford, have made a joint importation of Shropshire sheep, which are described by those who have seen them, as being among the very best, as they are among the costlest, ever brought into this country. They were bought at the annual auctions of Messras Back, Fennand Thomas; each getting a ram from the flock of the last named breeder. They came by the Dominion Line Steamer, "Toronfo," and only two casualties occurred, one ewe dying at Montreal, and a second on the cars

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F. W. Stone, Guelph, Ont., reports recent sales as follows: To Mr. H. J. Tiffin, Montreal, for shipment to his farm in Florida, U.S., ten choice Southdown sheep (one ram and nine ewes), also Hereford bull, Grandee 26th 35272 A.H.R., sire Grandee 12th 1385; 865865), 6am Graceful 37th 13862, etc., etc. To Mr. Thos. McCrae, Guelph, a Southdown ram. To Mestra. Reid, township Egremont, Ont., yearling Hereford bull, Santa Ciaus 39368, sire Grandee 12th 13825 (10010), dam Bonny Lans 25th 16727, etc., etc. To Mr. Peterson, Prince Albert, N.W.T., three Shorthorns, viz., bull, Baron Knightley oth = 17930=, and hersers, Baroness I. 10th = 16773=, and Magdalen 15th = 16774=. D.S.H. Herd Book. Mr. Stone holds a large sale of pure-bred stock on 6th and 7th November as advertised in September and October issues, but is still in the ring as a breeder.

ONE CHANCE IN A THOUSAND.

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Our readers will not forget the date of the anction rale of Dorset. Homed theep to be held by Mr. S. B. Fuller, of Woodstock, on the 20th of November. This will be a good chance to secure some of these popular sheep, and it is one that will not occur again for some time. They are the flock that belonged to Mr. V. E. Fuller, former proprietor of Oakland's Jersey Farm. The lot consists of seven bucks, thirty-one ewes, fourteen spring lambs and October lambs, make a large collection from which to chooke. The terms are liberal. As this is one of the best flocks on the continent of the kind, those at all thinking of investing should recognize this as one chance in a thousand for the securing of prime stock's mimals. See advertisement.

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J. Campbell, jr., of Woodville, Ont., reports the following sales of Shropshires at the fairs: To J. Cooper, Kippen, Ont., two ram lambs, one imported, second winner at the large fairs in Canada, and choice of pen of five ram lambs, winners in England; the other, Canadian-bred, one of the best I ever raised. George Hindmarch, Ailsa Craig, ram lamb, from choice show ewe, and by imp. sire. W. E. Wright, Glanworth, ram lamb; S. Savage, Scone, ram lamb; Hay & Paton, New Lowell, imp. shearling ram, 1st at London, 3rd at Toronto, and 2nd at Hamilton; Ormsby & Chapman, Springfield-on-the-Credit, ram lamb, from imp. ewe; D. Moyer, Campden, two ewe lambs and a ram lamb, whose imp. dam is half-sister of shearling ram winner of 1st at the Royal in 1888; Robert Shaw, Millbrook, four imp. ewes, two of which are half-sisters of Royal winners as above; D. D. Wilson, Seaforth, four imp. ewes, two of which are half-sisters of Royal winners as above; D. D. Wilson, Seaforth, four imp. ewes, two of which were winners wherever exhibited, A. McKay, Woodville, two two-year-old imp. ewes, first winners at the three large shows. All the homebred lambs are by imp. sires. Several large lots were sent across the lines in August and September, when many sales were also made to Canadian breeders, making the season's business a very satisfactory one. The three best rams of this year's importation are now in the flock, so purchasers of breeding ewes this month, or of young stock in the future, will get some of the best blood available on either sides of the sea.

AN IMPORTATION OF ROSCOMMON SHEEP.

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Mr. John R. Martin, of Clareville Stock Farm writes us: "Being absent in Great Britain since early in June, I missed all the great Canadian exhibitions. My compensation consisted in doing the great Royal show at Windsor, the end of June, and the Dublin Horse and Sheep Show, of world-wide reputation, the end of August. I held my annual fall sale 22nd of October, but I was not back in time to advertise in your Journal, and so had only a local sale of sheep, all of which were sold at fair prices to make room for an importation of the large hardy Roscommon sheep in the spring, a breed now of great reputation both in England and Ireland. My improved Berkshire pigs also sold well. In future I purpose adding the improved Yorkshires to my herd. Of cautle, I only offer bulls and heifers, of which I sold the following, but do not give prices lest I should shame some of my brother farmers here for their want of spirit, but as it was a first venture for the most in the field of raising half-breeds for shipment to Ireland, I cannot contylain: Baron Constance 13th, to Guy Cuener, Cantoro; Baron Constance 14th, to Thomas Lishman, Cayuga; Baron Constance 15th, to W. Petch, Seneca; Baron Constance 16th, to John Ferguson, Oneida; Heifers', Princess 4th, and Livinia 7th, to A. Anderson, Tynside; Lady Jane, to Alex. Stuart, Onedia; Princess 5th, to J. Mussen, Oneida; and Young Darten to same party. I also sold several cross bred colts and horses at fairly remunerative prices, and then owing to the approach of night was forced to adjourn to the 29th inst., for the sale of the residue of herd."

Swine.

Mr. J. E. Brethour, of Burford, Ont., who has been very successful as a breeder of Berkshires, places with us in this issue an advertisement offering for sale a number of Berkshire boars and sows fit for service.

Mr. Brethour breeds only first-class stock of reliable breeding.

See advertisement.

Messrs. H. George & Sons, of Crampton, Ont., made a change in their regular advertisement, which all should observe. Messrs. George have been very successful at the fall shows, and have an excellent collection of superior animals, including purebred Ohio Improved Chester Whites, Suffolks and Berkshires. They make liberal offers, and handle only superior stock. See advertisement.

John Snell's Sons, Edmonton, report an active and increasing demand for good Berkshires in Ontario and Manitoba, as well as throughout the United States. In fact, say they, the hog is just now one of the most interesting animals on the farm, and the Berkshire fills the bill for the farmer's bacon-hog, mixing and marbling his meat in the most approved way. "There a millions in it," says the Minister of Agriculture.

Our reference in last issue to the firm of Messers. John Snell's Sons, of Edmonton, as exhibitors of Berkshire pigs and Cotswold sheep at the Provincial and Industrial, was misplaced as J. G. Snell and Bro., of Edmonton, are the parties that made such an excellent exhibit. This firm has been heavy exhibitors for eight years back, and have made specialties of these two lines with the result that they have always kept to the fore and gave a good account of themselves on every appropriate occasion.

For early maturity and rapid growth to a marketable weight few breeds of pigs indeed will equal the Chester Whites. One of the veteran breeders of these growing favorites is Mr. C. E. Morrison, of Londonderry, Pennsylvania, in which State in the county of Chester this breed originated. Mr. Morrison inserts in our advertising columns a card setting forth that he is prepared to supply all demands for these pigs. Being a breeder of some years experience he guarantees all his stock and ensures satisfaction. Be sure and see his advertisement. He will gladly answer all inquiries in respect to this breed, and all intending purchasers will do well to write him at once.

Messrs. Green Bros. & Brethour, of Innerkip and Burford, write that Improved Large White Yorkshires are booming, and report the following sales: Sow to Mr. G. Green, Innerkip; sow to Mr. J. Frizelle, East Oxford: boar and sow to Mr. G. Thomson, Bright; boar to Mr. D. Cowing, Innerkip; sow to Mr. J. Cowing, Innerkip; boar to Mr. Palmer, Goldstone; boar and sow to Mr. C. Walker, Beaconsfield; two-sows to Mr. Hodgson, Horning's Mills; boar to Mr. D. Burt, St. George; two sows to Mr. Jull, Mt. Vemon; sow to Mr. H. Lewis, Burford; sow to Mr. A Pollard, Burford; boar to Mr. McGill, Hillsburg, Ont; boar to Mr. Henry Jarvis, Woodstock; boar to Mr. Thos Kneal, Vandicar; boar to Mr. J. D. Willson. Oakville. The above pigs were all imported in dam, and were bred by Mr. T. Walker-Jones, England.

SALE OF PRIZE WINNERS

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H. George & Sons, Crampton, P.O., Ont., report the sale of their famous Suffolk sow Beauty a few days before the Provincial fair to R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe, P. O., Ont., price \$60.00. This sow took at the Provincial Fair, London, first price as sow under two years, and diploma for best Suffolk sow any age; beating several imported sows at Toronto. This sow took first in her class and was one of 3 pigs that took the Herd prize. They also report the sale of their young Chester boar Seldom Seen, to Mr. Geo. Gill, Roseadale, P.O., Ont. This boar took first at the Provincial fair in a class of 15; he is sired by their noted stock boar Royal (1216), who also took first at the Provincial fair; he was bred by S. H. Todd, Wakeman, P.O., Ohio. They also sold their Chester www Snow Ball to Mr. Geo. White, Emdale, Muskoka. This sow took second at Toronto fair in a class of 20. They report a steady and increasing sale for their Ohio Improved Chester Whites.

GRAND SUCCESS AT THE EXHIBITION.

Mr. R. Delbridge, of Winchelsea, Ont., writes us: My stock of Berkshires has done well the past season. I have had good success at the fall shows the last two seasons, having taken over seventy first and second-prizes. I have also make the following sales by advertising in your Journal: A. Hooper, Crediton, one sow; W. Balser, Exeter, one boar; J. Bell, L'Amaroux, one boar; Mr. Sanders, St. Thomas, one boar; W. Perkins, U-borne, one boar, W. Yule, Fullerton, one boar; J. Martin, St. Marys, one boar; A. Eckmier, Mitchell, he boar; J. Roe, Stephen, one boar; A. Eckmier, Mitchell, he boar; J. Roe, Stephen, one boar and one sow, one boar lately imported by John Sneil's Sons, beed by S. W. Andrews, Todber, Blendford, England.

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Mr. C. T. Garbutt, a breeder of Berkshires, of Claremont, Ont., writes us as follows: Since writing you last we have been very busy attending the fall fairs where our winnings have been exceedingly large. At Whitby, Por Perry, Stouffville, and Goodwood we succeeded in capturing some thirty-five firsts, ten seconds, a diploma, and two silver medals, besides several special prizes. We have lately made the following sales: One ram lamb to Price Pugh, Goodwood, Ont.; one ram lamb to Geo. Cooper, Claremont, Ont.; one ram lamb to Geo. Cooper, Claremont, Ont.; one ram lamb to Geo. Cooper, Claremont, Ont.; one ram lamb to Jos. Law, Claremont, Ont.; one pair ewes to A. S. Collins, Claremont, Ont.; one boar to Samuel Snowdon, Bowmanville, Ont.; one sow to Wm. Gourlie, Glasgow, Ont.: one boar to tax Hopkins, Bloomington, Ont. one boar to J & king Uxbridge, Ont.; one sow to Wm. Gourlie, Glasgow, Ont.: one boar to to tax Hopkins, Bloomington, Ont. one boar to J & king Uxbridge, Ont., one sow to Vincent Wagg, Goodwood. Ont. one beer deeding sow and young boat to Theo. Salter, Greenbank, Ont.; one sow to B. H. Frink, Napanee, Ont.; one sow to A. S. Collins, Claremont, Ont.; one pair shearling ewes and two good weed lambs to Wm. Garbutt, Arnott, Ont.; three ewe lambs to John Russell Brougham Ont., one shearing ram to Mr. Burron, Brougham, Ont.; one ram lamb to Geo. Middleton, Greenwood, Ont., one ram lamb to Edward Norton, Goodwood, Ont., one ram lamb to D. Cunningham, Claremont, Ont.; one ram lamb to W. Dickinson, Glasgow, Ont.; one ram lamb to Geo. Ockley Goodwood Ont For a considerable number of these cales, Mr. Edutor we have to thank your advertising columns, which to us have proved very valuable.

W B Cockburn, of Aberfoyte, Ont., well known as a successful poultry breeder, places with us again his card. He has been very successful at all the shows, and has an excellent collection to supply the wants of intending purchasers desiring Pekin ducks, Plymouth Rocks, Light Brahmas, or Black and Brown Leghorns. Notice Mr. Cockburn's advertisement.

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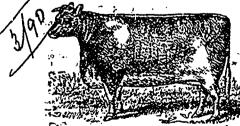
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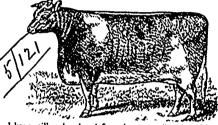
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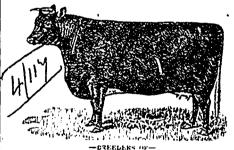
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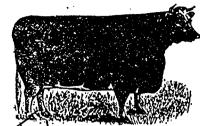
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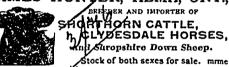


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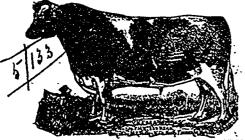
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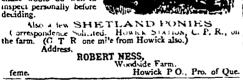
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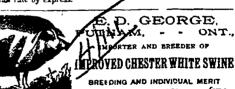
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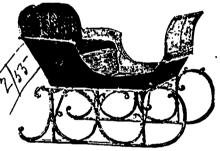
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