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# Purchased at the Bow Park sale by Mr R Davies, Thorncliffe Stock Farm, Toronto.

# Our Illustration.

painting was executed by Mr. Charles Ross, the artist are very proud. Toronto, and is a faithful representation of that prime show cow, Isabella 5th, at celebrated establishment from which so many one time the property of Mr. Robert Davies, Thorneliffe Farm, Todmorden, near Toronto. Banot, her dam being Isabella 3rd, a daugh auction, on Thursday, May 10th, next, the ready purchasers.

ring at the last Industrial will readily recog fold show cow, Ludy Isabel (imp.) - 5150 . Among the many thousands who visited the inize her in the half tone engraving which we so well known on this continent. At the dis ported Crutckshank bull, Northern Fight Toronto Industrial Exhibition lasi fall, a large present to our readers on our front page, and persion sale of the Bow Park herd she was (57081) - 11111 -, by Standard Rearer proportion, in inspecting the contents of the which was taken from the picture mentioned purchased, together with several other head, main building, passed through the art gallery, above. The artist has truly caught the spirit by Mr. Davies, and formed one of his show and noticed, with pleasure, the fine painting of the thing, and the result is a beautiful, life herd during last fall's campaign. Her beauty of a white cow that was there exhibited. This like picture, of which both Mr. Davies and and symmetry can be clearly seen in the illus

Isabella 5th was bred at Bow Park, that old cow, Lady Isabel.

tration, and she is a worthy descendant of the

As announced elsewhere in our columns, winners have come She was sired by The Mr Davies intends offering for sale by public cattle, and should have no trouble in finding

Those who saw this fine show cow in the 'ter of Ingram's Chief, and out of that famous whole of his fine herd of Shorthorns. Among the balls to be sold was that celebrated im-(\$5096), dam Nonpared 20th (46144), and that grand Bow Park bull, Lord Outhwaite - 18787 - . out of Lady Isabel (mp.). which not only won first in his class, but also the sweepstakes as the best bull at the last Toronto Labilition. The females to he offered are also a grand tot of well bred



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### The Horse Show.

The success that has attended the first meeting of the great Canadian Horse Show should encourage the promoters to make it a yearly event. When the idea of holding a big show of this kind was first ir poted, there were not wanting many to assert that a successful exhibition was impossible, as there were not enough good horses in the country to fill up the classes, and, besides, there was the failure of the Chicago Horse Show to point to. These people must have been astonished at the number of entries made and the size of the audiences present. Everything went off satisfactoril; ; even that capricious element, the weather, put on her best face, and the large balance left on hand of over \$4,000 should ensure another successful show next year We heartily congratulate the managers and all concerned on the way in which the programme was carried out.

# British Exports of Cattle.

We are so accustomed to look on Great Britain as the great live stock mart, whither all countries which have cattle to export are continually shipping their surplus cattle, that it seems strange to find her herself doing an export trade in cattle. This, too, is independent of her export trade in purchied stock, which was at one time so great, but now has sunk | upward grade.

to comparatively small proportions. The official returns show that last year 8,281 head of store and beef cattle left the ports of Great Britain. A small trade had been done previously, but it was during the latter half of 1894 that the figures denoting the exports underwent any substantial increase. Bel-gium was the best customer, taking more than half the total export, while France came next, followed by Germany. One hundred and sixty-seven head of breeding stock were sent to the Argentine Republic during the year. The total value of the cattle exported was \$676,585.

An encouraging feature for our live stock export trade during the coming season, which we glean from the report before us, is that the imports of live stock to Great Britain from Ireland during the first two months of the year, with the exception of pigs, showed a marked falling off as compared with 1894.

# Improvement in Trade.

There is every reason to believe that the slow but steady improvement visible in general trade will be permanent. Things have been at rock bottom, and trade generally is on a more satisfactory basis now than it has been for some time. Wholesale houses and dealers are more careful in giving credit, and the weak and unreliable establishments have been forced to go to the wall.

I. the farming line things are looking better. Fat cattle are dearer than they have been for some time, while sheep are also better property. Hogs are keeping their own, while horses, so long a drug in the market, are selling fully 40 per cent. better than they were three months ago. Good horses, for which it was hard to get \$60 in the winter, have been lately sold for \$100 and \$120. Even wheat is up a little, while, as far as one can judge, there is every prospect of good crops this year. We believe that there are good times ahead for breeders and farmers generally.

#### **Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders'** Associations.

A joint meeting of the members of the above associations will be held about May 24th, at which every member is requested to be present. The actual expenses of each officer who attends from the opening to the close of the sessions will be paid by the associations.

Several important matters will be brought up for discussion, such as the annual winter show, the revision of rules and prize list, and the selection of judges. It is also proposed to carry on experimental work with different breeds of sheep and swine for comparison's sake. Arrangements will also be made for assuming control of the swine records.

# Improvement in the Horse Market.

The long-expected turn of the tide in the horse market seems to have come in the United States, and, while there has not been so much change yet in this country, yet the market is getting steadier, and will, ere long, show an upward tendency. Writing on this subject, Mr. Alex. Galbraith, secretary of the American Clydesdale Association, says :

" Reports from all over the country, and especially from the horse centres of Chicago and New York, confirm the well-founded belief that the horse market has at last definitely turned the corner, and is now on the

\*\* Notwithstanding heavy receipts, prices for all kinds, except unsound and inferior animals, are more satisfactory than for a long time past, and the demand for first-class draft and coach horses is most decidedly strong. Draft teams are selling right along at \$400 and \$450, while several large buyers last week signified their willingness to pay considerably more for strictly first-class matched teams of 3,400 to 3,600 lbs. The latter weight, when combined with action, quality, and proper conformation, are scarce, and those who own such can practically name their own price and get it."

Commenting on this, Mr. Galbraith gives the following sensible advice, with which we thoroughly agree :

"Clydesdale breeders should take especial encouragement from this improved condition of the market, and endeavor to make up the great lee-way of the past few years by breeding all their good mares to the best stallions obtainable during the present season.

"Remember that your colts from this season's breeding will be four years old in the year 1900, by which time we shall, in all probability, see prices one hundred per cent. higher than they are to-day.

"Those who wish to see the good times and then begin their breeding operations, which occupy, at the least, five years, will most assuredly be too late to reap the benefit. You must anticipate, or 'get left.'"

# The Prize Poultry Essays.

We would remind our readers that all essays to be sent in for competition on the subject of " How to get the best results from Farm Poultry" must reach us on or before May 15th, 1895, otherwise they will be too late. We have already received several, and hope to have the number largely increased before the date mentioned.

### Firm Bacon.

The feeding of swine is so intimately connected with dairying, for which the greater part of our country, as at present settled, seems so suitable, that there will always be a large output of bacon to find its way to Great Britain and other countries. To have that bacon put on the market in the best condition should be our constant aim. Only by so doing can our bacon hold its own in other lands. The first requirement is to get pigs of a suitable kind, and the next and most important step is to feed them on suitable food.

That this is not always done is evident from the evidence of Prof. Robertson given before the Select Committee of the House of Cummons on Agriculture and Colonization at Ottawa. During the past winter several complaints have come from the large packers and curers of bacon as to the unsatisfactory nature of Canadian bacon. Some of it has been unusually soft, and the lard was also unusually soft in quality. The packers have ascribed the cause to the too prolific feeding of roots, but Prof. Robertson thinks that a good many farmers killed their swine without giving them three or four weeks' hard feeding. He would fatten them as fast as possible on soft food, and then give them grain for a few weeks immediately before killing, so as to prevent the flesh shrinking in weight. He would give the grain without milk, as, if milk is given up to the very close of the feeding period, while it will make a soft, luscious bacon, yet it is not profitable. In answer to Mr. Featherston, he said that whey fed pigs made soft much the better for our country.

pork, but, as soft pork made in the summer time gets on the market very quickly, there is no complaint about it, and packers generally consider such pork as good as grain-fed.

In reply to further questions, Prof. Robertson stated that barley had also the effect of making pork soft and oily Wheat made soft pork, but it was so luscious that the English consumers are very much in its favor. Frozen wheat gave bacon a flavor and flesh much like the English product. He had found that a mixture of barley, rye, wheat, and bran had given a good deal of satisfaction. ' Pigs fed on this mixture, when from two to five months old, had gained a pound of live weight on the average for 3.82 lbs. of grain. The grain was ground and soaked.

### A Brighter Outlook for the Growers of Beef.

It is a long road which has no turn in it. So says the proverb. For a good while now the beef interest has not been a very encouraging one, but it would seem that the turn has come at last. Prices of beef and mutton have advanced during the winter, and the indications of a speedy change in the opposite direction are not prominent. In fact, the indications would all seem to point upwards. Our exchanges from the Western States all speak of the scarcity of stocks of beef cattle, and more especially of beef bulls. This would seem to indicate that good prices may be expected for beef cattle for a good while to come; for, when high prices for beef are brought about by a scarcity in the supply, the scarcity cannot be made up anything like as quickly as though it were a scarcity of pigs, or of sheep. It takes a much longer time to grow cattle

In view of the dearth of beef bulls in the United States, our farmers who have this class of stock for sale would doubtless reap a rich harvest, were it not for the barrier of the quarantine. That barrier is serious, for it will mean that bulls will not be taken into that country except in carload lots. The expense of the quarantine would otherwise be tco great. There is no doubt but that the quarantine regulations of the United States are working against the beef-producing interests of this country, since they, to a great extent, shut us out from a market which at one time was our leading one for purebred cattle of the beef breeds.

But the great change in the beef market in the United States cannot but react favorably on prices here. Both countries send their surplus to the same market-that is to say, to Great Britain. If, therefore, meat is high in the United States, it will also be high in Canada. The former country is quickly increasing in population, and will more and more absorb its own supplies, which will mean that for us there will be more standing room in the markets beyond the sea.

The advance made in dairying in this country is very marked during recent years. All honor to the men who have helped to bring it about! They have, no doubt, helped to build up what will be an enduring industry. But in a country so well adapted to growing beef, we ought never to forget the art. It has been said, and truthfully, that during recent years dairying has paid better, relatively, than beef-making. But it is a possible thing that these relations may change. They are changing, and they are likely still further to change. And if they do so change that the two industries can be made to continue to flourish, so

In view of these things, let us take heed as to how we govern operations in the line of calf-reating. Good beef animals can be reared in two years if they are properly reared; and they can be reared on skim milk in very good form if the work is properly done. This will greatly tend to cheapen the cost of production as compared with rearing them on new milk. Then take care of the calves which ought to be reared for beef.

It is singular how much inclined people are to rush to extremes. Farmers are much prone to rush in the direction of an industry that is paying well for the time being, and then when a change comes in that direction they head off towards the change. Thus they oscillate when they should mark out for themselves a straight course, and adhere to 'it most tenaciously. The men who at one time took three cents per pound for their pork, dressed weight, were the men who at another time got nine cents per pound. Those who would not take three cents went out of the business, and when nine cents were paid they had no pigs to sell. Then they rushed into the business again, and when their pork was ready for market the price was down. The true system is to go straight ahead, without turning to the right hand or the left because prices vary; and those who are doing something in beef should put on more steam. Those who are dairying should continue in the business. Those who are doing something both in dairying and beefmaking should lean more to dairying.

### Riding on Horseback.

Horseback riding is not very generally practised in Canada, except by the wealthier class of people. The same conditions, moreover, exist over a large extent of the United States.

The reason for this it is not easy to find. Riding on horseback is such a healthy form of amusement that it might well be much more extensively practised by the well-to-do dwellers in the city, while farmers and their families might with advantage break out of the usual plan of using a buggy on every occasion, and, when possible, try horseback exercise instead. This should be done more generally by the younger members of the family, and more especially where the kind of horses kept and bred are such as are suitable for saddle purposes. The farmers' sons should welcome with delight the opportunity of breaking in the colt for riding purposes, and they may rest assured that, if thir work is well done, the value of the animal will be increased in the buyer's estimation. There will thus be a pecuniary advantage to be obtained. besides looking at it from a healthful point of view

We have written these few lines, calling attention to riding on horseback, because we feel that the encouragement of it will be conducive to the interests of saddle horses in Canada. We can raise excellent horses here for saddle purposes, as our American cousins well know, and we annually ship a certain number across the lines to the south and also to Great Britain, but the number sent is below what could be exported, were there sufficient horses of that kind to be got. And not only can our export trade be largely increased, but our home market can also be cultivated. Fashion is everything nowadays, and, if we can encourage riding and persuade others to do the same, we shall soon find a greater demand for saddle horses in consequence of the greater number of people using them There ar some people who think that the in

the gradual disuse of horses for road purposes, but we are not of that opinion. Horses are not likely to fall into disuse , at any rate, not for some time to come, even if then. There is this, too, to be said for horseback rading, that a good rider always looks gracefulwhereas a bicycle rider, with his humped back, can hardly be said to do so.

# Prizes for Wool.

Ald. John Hallam, of Toronto, has always been in the van in encouraging the wool industry in Canada, and has now given a practical sign of his interest in it by donating \$75 towards prizes to be offered at the next Toronto Exhibition for the best display of fleece wool. To this sum the directors of the exhibition have added a similar amount, and the following premium list has now been drawn up :

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### For The Canadian Live Slock and Farm Journal. Feeding Pigs from Weaning Until the Time of Fattening.

When spring litters are weaned in spring on farms which cannot furnish them with skim-milk, they can be pastured on clover when they are from ten to twelve weeks old. They must also get food of a nitrogenous character to make much growth of muscle and frame. They can be pastured in the clover in the day, and get the meal ration morning and night.

This meal ration may consist of shorts alone, but shorts and commeal make a better ration when fed in the proportions of two and one parts respectively, as the clover and shorts are both of a nitrogenous character, and a little food carbonaceous in character, even in the summer season, will add to the lusty development of the pigs.

While the dams get a few ears of corn in the field the young pigs come up regularly from the pastures to get their meal food. This is given to them in the pens, and it is, of

soaked twelve hours at this season by using cold water. The corn portion of the ration may be given in another way, and probably with better advantage. The corn may be soaked for, say, twenty-four hours, or until it is soft enough to admit of being dented by pressure of the end of the thumb. This may be given to the pigs and sow just after the mording meal, while the pigs are yet on the sow. It should be spread on a floor, and not put into the trough, else the pigs, and the sow especially, would eat it without mattication. This food may be continued with the young pigs after they have been weaned, and it may be given in the same way, that is to say, it may be spread over the floor of the pen in which the pigs are given their meal. The pigs are thus fed until the time comes for putting them up to fatten, that is to say, they get the meal factor all along, but the quantity to be given must be judiciously varied, according to the amount and kind of the other food

which the pigs are able to glean in the fields. When the time comes for gleaning on green peas, the pigs should have some cut and thrown to them before they are allowed into the field. When they are turned in to glean, the peas should be about ready for cooking for table use. If the peas have been sown at two or three different times, and hurdles are used to fence off the divisions, as required for pasturing, the peas may be made to last for several weeks.

When the peas are nearly done, but not quite, the feeding of sweet corn may begin. At first it is thrown in to the pigs in the pea field, and later it may be fed in a yard near the pig house, but it is economical always to feed it upon a floor. The corn is ready when it has reached the cooking stage, and it should be fed stalk and all. It is surprising to see the amount of stalk the pigs will eat. By planting the corn at two or three different times the season of feeding it will be prolonged, but it should be planted early. Other corn may then follow sweet corn, but, when the heavy feeding necessary to finish the animals is well under way, the feeding of corn in this way should cease.

When the pigs do not get green peas or corn, they will require just that much more meal, but if they have extensive stubbles to glean upon they will not require so much meal. The feeding of peas and corn in the way mapped out is a cheap way of feeding them at that season of the year.

If the pigs are weaned with the aid of skimmilk when they are six weeks old, the course of feeding during the summer will be substantially the same, with the difference that the

pigs must not be made to depend too much on the grass or clover factor at an early age. With autumn litters there cannot, of course,

be the same opportunity for giving them pasture, but they may be weaned if they come early enough while the pastures are still accessible. Rye pasture, or, better still, rape pasture, would be helpful to them at such a time, but they should not be allowed out upon it when the weather become cold. Turnips, mangels, or carrots, may then be fed to them, but only as a part of the ration, right up to the fattening period.

# The Pure Breeds of Cattle.

By PROF. THOS. SHAW, St. Anthony Park, Minn, POLLED DURHAMS-THRIR LRADING POINTS

A scale of points does not appear to have been drawn up as yet for the Polled Durhams troduction of bicycles and electric cars means course, fed as swill rather than dry. It is I this not at all surprising that such is the fact, I

as a scale of points has not as yet been drawn up for the Shorthorns, and the latter have been registered for about three quarters of a century. It is somewhat surprising, however, that a scale of points has not been drawn up for Shorthorns, and the same is true of Herefords. The breeders of Fulled Durhams have aimed to bring their favorites as nearly as possible to the Shorthorn form, and it must be conceded that their aim has been realized in a most marked degree. The Polled Durham is really the Shorthorn, except that the horns are absent.

In answer to the question, therefore, which are the leading essentials as to form in the Polled Durhams, it would be convenient to say that they are essentially the same as in the Shorthorns with the exceptions named. But the questioner to whom such an answer was given would not be much wiser unless he knew the leading points of Shorthorns. And in the absence of a formulated standard, the question can only be fully answered by formulating one. This I shall now attempt to do.

General appearance. The Polled Durhams should be large, of the parallelogramic type of body, symmetrical, medium in bone, and standing on short limbs.

Head. The head should be somewhat small in proportion to the size of the body, the poll high and pointed, and covered with a tuft of hair hanging downwards ; the forehead wide, the eyes large, calm, full, and clear; the muzzle broad and clear, rather than cloudy ; the nostrils of good size, the jaws clean, and the cars medium in size, inclining outward, a little upward and forward, and fairly active in movement.

Neck. The neck should be short rather than long, not large where it joins the head, but increasing in width and depth toward the shoulder, and blending insensibly, as it were, into the body.

Body. The body should be broad, deep, and massive, and about equally balanced before and behind ; the back broad, level, and well fleshed; the shoulders large and smooth, the coupling short rather than long ; the ribs well sprung and deep; the breast wide, full, and deep ; the chest and barrel capacious, the forearm well developed ; heart girth good ; the hindquarters deep, full, broad; the tail not prominent, and medium to fine ; the thigh broad, full, and thick ; the twist low and full, and the hind flank deep, full, and thick. In the cows the udders should be capacious, well placed, and the system of milk veins well developed.

Legs. The legs should be short, and fine below the knee and hock, straight, and standing. well apart.

Color. The color should be red, white, and roan, but red is preferred.

The above is at least an approximately correct description of what the Polled Durham should be, if she is to be modelled exactly after the fashionable Shorthorn of today. It is probably a f-irly correct representation of what she is and what she will be, if she is going to compete with the modern Shorthorn in the show rings of to-day. Ίt was my duty at the Ohio State Fair, held at Columbus, to make the awards in the sweepstakes class open to all beef breeds. In the contest were Shorthorns, Polled Durhams, Aberdeen Polls, and two very excellent herds of Herefords. The Aberdeen Polls were also very choice. The award was given to the Shorthoms, owned by Col. Moberly, of Kentucky. His herd was headed by the worldrenowned young Abbottsburn, and in it two of the females, a one-year and a two-year-old,

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were of marvellous development. Yet, not withstanding, the Kentucky herd was close pressed by the Folled Durhams, and there the award would certainly have gone had the Kentucky herd not been contesting. The Polled Durhams were owned by J. H. Miller, of Mexico, Indiana. They were a magnifi cent lot of cattle, and it may be mentioned here that the breed has had a fine record in the show rings since it first entered the lists for honors in 1888.

The breeders of Polled Durhams doubtless know what they are seeking, but is there not danger that this exhibiting, especially in the beef classes or against beef cattle, is going to prove a suare? The muley blood was resorted to with the two avowed objects of get ting hornless cattle and milkers. Now the perfect beef form is not consumant with the highest type of milk production. Therefore the all-purpose animal will possess the same form exactly as the model beef animal. If, therefore, the Polled Darham is to fulfil this mission, it should not be quite the same in form as the model Shorthorn of the highest beef type. To produce much milk, the neck should be longer and not so massive. The ribs should be wider apart, more easily discernible to the eye, and the coupling of the females not too short. There would also have to be some sacrifice of flesh in the thigh and twist. In a word, the Polled Durham should be a close modification of the dairy Shorthorn of England, rather than an exact reproduction of the American Shorthorn of to-day.

The day is not far distant when, in the judgment of the writer, the demand for cattle that will give a fair amount of milk, and that will produce calves which will grow into fine animals for the block, will be in much greater demand than at the present time. Many reasons may be given in support of this view, but space forbids. If it is correct, then the retention of good milking properties will prove of prime importance in all animals of this class, and those which have it in the most marked degree will stand highest in favor with the public.

With the present issue the series on the pure breeds of cattle is concluded. If any have thought it worth while to follow the writer, they will remember that the series commenced several years ago. The work of gathering some of the material used was very considerable, but the hope is here expressed that the labor has not been expended in vain. If the series has furnished information to the farmers of Canada, and particularly to the young men of the farm, the writer will feel that he has received ample compensation."

# Quebec Cattle.

The illustration of a typical Quebec cow in our April issue has attracted much attention, and we are in receipt, among other letters, of a description of those interesting cattle from the pen of Dr. J. A. Couture, V.S., Quebec, secretary of the French-Canadian Cattle Hetabook. Dr. Couture writes:

I was pleased to read in your last number your short article on these cattle, and to see the cut representing, as you said, a good specimen of this breed; but I must say that the original is much better than the photograph. It may not be uninteresting to your readers to know a little more concerning these Quebee cattle, or French Canadian cattle, as they are called in this part of the country.

French Canadian cows are small, weighing, on an average, 700 pounds, and are of ex-

tremely kind temper. They are the easiest kept of all breeds of cattle, and the hardiest also. They are free from tuberculosis. Their teats are large, and, consequently, they are easily milked. In color, they are solid black, or black with a yellow stripe on the back and around the mutzle, or brown with black points, or brown brindle, or even yellowish. These are the colors that are accepted for registration of females. The males must be black with or without the yellow stripes, for we want to get, in as short a time as possible, the color uniformly black.

As milkers they are the best cows of any breeds in Canada for the average farmer. They will not give the large quantities of milk yielded by the Holsteins or even by some Ayr shires in one day or one week, but they will give a good quantity daily from calf to calf, and the total for the year will be surprising, asually larger than that given by other breeds The difference in their favor will be still more evident when the cost of keeping is considcred.

Here is a farmer, Odilon Robichaud, residing at St. Denis, Ka., P.Q., who owns twenty-four cows of this breed, and who has had the following results from May 12, 1892, to May 12, 1893 :

63, 193 lbs. milk to cheese factory...\$ 531-19 1,616 " butter made at home, at

20 cts. per lb..... 323 20 9,125 lbs. milk consumed at home, 109 50

at 12 cts. per gallon ..... 3 calves fattened with milk ..... 12.00 partly brought up with milk " 15 00

Total of revenue. . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 993 S9 Gross revenue per cow, \$41.41.

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4,480 bundles hay, at \$6, \$268 So 2,240 " straw,at \$3, 67 20 1.800 lbs. bran, at 84 cts. 40 32 Pasture at \$5 per head ... 120 00

Total expenses \$496 32	496 32
Net revenue	\$ 497 57

Gross expenses per head, \$20 68 44 44 Net revenue 20 73

This farmer has no feed cutter and no ensilage. He gave neither grain nor oil cake; the cattle got only the dry hay and straw and a little bran; still they gave him a profit of 100 per cent. What other cow can give such results?

I know that some of your readers will find that the average yearly yield of milk of each cow of this herd is not very high, but they must think of the poor feeding they got.

When the little Canadian cow is properly fed she repays well for the trouble and expense, as proven by the following result obtained from the cow Première 1712, the property of the Hôpital du Sacre-Cour, Quebec. She calved on the 28th August, 1892, when four years old, and was milked until 15th July, 1893, being due to calve again on the 31st of the same month.

During these 31S days she gave (11,310) eleven thousand three hundred and ten pounds of milk, or a daily average of 35 3rg. She weighs about 675 pounds. The food consisted of

Cut hay	IO pounds
Cut straw	5 "
Ensilage	20 **
Bran	2 "
Cotton seed and m	cal. 2 "

All mixed up, and fermented for twenty-four hours in advance. She was kept all this time in the stable.

I may say that I myself bought this extraordinary cow, when two years old, for \$15. The cow Arilda de Levis (956), whose picture you published in your last number, gives \$,000 pounds of milk a year on pasture alone

in summer, and on fifteen pounds ofdry hay and four pounds of grain, oats, bran, and oil cake daily in winter.

Let me say, for the benefit of your readers, that the French-Canadian cow that does not give 6,000 pounds of milk in the year, when she receives reasonable care and food, is not a good cow. On common pasture and dry hay and dry straw, with a handful of bran in water, she ought to give from 4,500 to 5,000 pounds of milk in the year.

This is sufficient to show your readers that with regard to the quantity of milk the little French-Canadian cow can compare favorably, if not better (we say better), than all others.

Is this milk of good quality? Of course it is. The average percentage of fat by the Babcock test is from 4 to 51/2 per cent. It is sometimes 6 and 61/2 per cent., but these are extraordinary cases. It scarcely goes below 4 per cent., though some have given only 31/2 per cent.

Speaking of the matter in this part of the country, we say : Percentage of fat from Jerseys. 1/2 to 6 per cent.; from Ayrshires, 21/2 te 4 per cent.; from French-Canadian cows, 4 to 5½ per cent.

The above is the average percentage of the three breeds from a large number of tests in the various butter and cheese factories of this part of the country.

We admit that generally the Jersey's milk is somewhat richer, that the Ayrshire gives a larger yield when in her best condition (in June, for instance), but we hold that our little cow gives, everything being equal, from calf to calf, a larger yield than the two others of sufficiently rich milk. We know, also, that for the common farmer she pays better than any other.

### Selection and Care of Breeding Stock.

Read by H. BOLLERT, Cassel, at the Canadian Hol-stein-Friesian Breeders' Association,

I do not expect to be able to tell you anything new on this important subject, yet a good thing cannot be too often repeated, and must ever remain interesting and new. It would seem, after so much has been spoken and written on the question, that every one should be familiar with it, yet my experience during the twelve years since I started breeding purebreds leads me to the conclusion that at least 90 per cent. of the general farmers and breeders of dairy cattle are either ignorant or totally ignore the importance of carefut selection. Of the several hundreds of letters of inquiry which I receive every year, at least ninety out of every hundred ask for prices only, and, if anybody else offers an animal \$5 below your price (regardless of what the breeding of the animal may be), of course he is the man to make the sale.

It would seem that the large majority of our farmers have an idea that all purebreds are alike so long as they have a registered pedigree, and must naturally be superior, and here is just where they make the greatest mistake in their career. I will admit that, especially in males, all purchreds are superior to the scrub, or even grades, for breeding purposes, yet there is a vastly greateridifference in the superiority among the purebreds than among the scrubs, which, I admit, are all

that they never should be used, as they are so sure to transmit their qualities to their offspring that nothing but scrubs will and can be produced from them.

There are also purebred scrubs and weeds which have a registered pedigree, and may be fitted up to have he appearance of fairly good individuals : but, when used for breeding purposes, they can no . 1 we than reproduce themselves, and their offspring will be scrubs. In speaking on this subject at an institute meeting, one of our pioneer and leading dairymen said that he had used purebred Shorthorn sires for many years in his dairy, and that his cows, which at one time stood above any other herd in this section as milkers, were now hardly paying to milk them, as they had all some to beef. I asked him if he had paid any attention as to whether the sizes used had descended from milking strains, and whether their dams, grandams, and great grandams had been superior milkers. The answer was : "No; all I looked to was that the bull I purchased had a registered pedigree." No wonder that he failed and had to begin anew, and, though he had changed to another breed, yet, if he still pursues the same slipshod course, the result will be exactly the same. Now, let us consider this from the purely financial standpoint of profit and loss. At the late Western Dairymen's convention it was stated that the largest amount received per cow in 1893 from a herd was \$65, and the lowest \$9.96-quite a difference, I should say. Both herds had to be maintained, one at a loss, the other at a profit, or, if the cows that made \$10 profit proved remunerative, the others must have been a gold mine. What an object lesson for all to strive to possess the \$65 herd ! But this grand result was not obtained by mere chance, it was the result of careful selection, breeding, and feeding. It is an admitted fact that the sire is one-half of the herd, and I claim that he is the better half, as every call produced in the herd springs from his loins, and, if he is inferior, the calf must naturally be the same ; but, if he is descended through many generations (on both sides) from superior producers only, and is himself a good individual, satisfactory results must follow, especially if only the best of his get are selected. Since the difference between a poor and a good cow is \$55 in a single year, I would ask, Is it wise economy to look at \$15 or \$20, or even \$50, on the price when selecting a sire, when one of his calves will more than pay the difference in a single season? This, of course, may be an extreme case, but let us take only one-half of the amount, say, \$28 per season, and, if you continue to milk your cow for ten years, you have a net gain of \$2So in favor of the superior cow, and, if you raised ten such cows from the superior sire. I would ask you to carefully consider what the difference in your bank book would be, and whether you can afford, for the sake of a few paltry dollars, to use a poor sire in preference to a superior one. Just think over this when you again select a sire. It should be an object lesson. Now as to selection. My advice would be

to go to a reliable breeder, who has a reputation at stake, and to buy the best bull within your reach. See that he is possessed of a strong, healthy, and vigorous constitution (do not begrudge a few extra dollars for a superior individual ; they are well spent), investigate carefully what his dam, sire's dam, grandams, and great grandams on both sides have been doing as milk and butter producers. If there are any sisters, see what they are alike for breeding purposes, and are so alike I doing in the dairy. See that he is a purebred

with a registered pedigree. All these are essential points, and if properly observed the result must be gratifying to you. The same will apply to females alw, but not necessarily to so rigid an extent, as you can improve on them with the superior sire. But now comes another very important point, that is to properly feed and care for yoar stock. Only disappointment and loss will be the result of improper care and feeding, no matter how well bred your stock is. If you neglect and stunt them, they will be little better than scrubs. The care of the cow should begin months before she is born, her dam should be fed liberally with bone- and muscle-producing feeds, and this again continued with the calf, which must be kept growing every day up to the time when she produces her first calf. Then change to succulent and milk-producing foods. It is during the first and second year that the foundation for future usefulness is laid It is a mistaken idea that breed alone will produce exceptionally large quantities of milk and butter. Feed must necessarily accompany it. Even the great cows, Picterije and and Pauline Paul, could not have produced 30,1381/2 lbs. of milk, or 1,154 lbs. of butter, respectively, in a year, had they only been fed on straw. To you as breeders of purchreds I cannot urge this point strongly enough. You all, undoubtedly, are aware that purcheeds are only the outcome of careful selection, breeding, and feeding, and that it has taken hundreds of years to bring them to their present high standard of excellence. Nevertheless, it is an undeniable fact that we can, through improper care, breeding, and feeding, utterly destroy in less than ten years what it has taken generations to build up.

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# Notes from Great Britain.

#### (By Our Own Correspondent.)

The position of English agriculture at the present time is one of the greatest depression. Wherever one goes the same depressing tale is told. Land is going out of cultivation, or only being half tilled. Cottages are empty, their occupants having been compelled to leave to go where a chance of getting a livelihood appears better, i.e., to drift to the towns, thus adding to the already overstocked supply of unskilled labor. Country mansions, once the homes of the resident landlords and country squires, are, in many cases, disfigured with notices "To be let," their owners being compelled to go elsewhere, being unable to maintain and keep up the establishments that their forefathers built. All this and more can be seen at a casual glance as one travels through our country, but more and worse lies behind, for, if one only just takes the trouble to enquire, he will find out that a very large majority of even the present occupiers of the soil are not entirely solvenr. Many just manage to keep struggling on; others will be found who are simply stopping on their farms because no one else can be found to take their places. This is, indeed, a very serious position of affairs, and one for which some remedy will have to be found, and found before long, too, or, otherwise, one hardly dare contemplate for a single moment what will be the outcome. What the remedy will be, or what may be done or could be done, is a question beyond the scope of this article. Perhaps the best way of letting our brother farmers in Canada, who have not, from all accounts, themselves had the best of times, know what is the true state of affairs at home is to give a brief notice of the report of the statistical committee of the Central Chamber of Agriculture,

which was presented by the committee to the has taken place to a very large extent, probcouncil of that association at their meet- ably to nearly 30 per cent. On laborers still ing held March 5th, 1895. The council in employed there is a loss of perhaps 25 to 36 December last directed that a circular should cents per week in wages.

be addressed to the associated chambers and [ The chief suggested remedies are : (1) A clubs, asking them each to draw up a report | change in local taxation to suit the present on the conditions of agriculture in their dis- state of agriculture. (2) The abolition of tricts, and to make suggestions as to how its preferential railway rates on foreign produce. state could be benefited for the better. Forty- (3) A lowering of home railway rates. (4) Daties on imports. (5) Currency reforms. four replies were received from twenty-five counties. The reports were all drawn up on (6) Change in conditions of tenancy. (7) All one plan, and the duferent headings hereafter | foreign meal and produce to be sold as such. will give the general effect of the whole of the These and a host of other remedies are suggested for the prevailing distress.

Effects of the depression on landowners. What will be the outcome it is hard to say, Reductions in the letting value of land are in- (but it is to be hoped that some means will be cluded in every report, the extent of reduced | devised to bring back to our com-growing agrivalue being from 5 to 75 per cent. on letting culturists and general farmers, and, through rem. The selling value of purely agricultural I them, to the laborer and landowner, renewed



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According to the Inland Revenue returns, the gross value of the land in England is less now by \$69,000,000 than fifteen years ago.

On tenants. The reports received all more or less amplify this very serious question, but do it more or less in different ways. Figures published in the minutes of evidence taken by the Royal Commission on Agriculture, now sitting, show that the shrinkage in the receipts of the occupiers of arable land is nearly £40,-000,000 per annum, as compared with twenty years ago. The reduction of the tenant's capital is estimated to be from 30 to 50 per cent. by the reports sent in, although from private knowledge of many individual cases I fear these are far too favorable.

land has depreciated to quite an equal extent. | prosperity. There is one very remarkable thing about the whole depression which is a very valuable lesson to all farmers, i.e., that wherever one goes and happens to find a farmer

whose farm is well or better kept than his neighbor's that farmer is certain to be found to be a man who, in addition to using his farm to grow grain, mutton, beef, or pork, is one who is keeping some kind of registered stock, and who finds that, although this kind of stock costs him a little more at the start, he has in this department a reliable source of income, and one upon which he can depend, with a market ever ready for all he can spare at a good and remunerative price.

The Glasgow Stallion Show took place on March 15th, but the show was not quite up to

of entries or of quality This is accounted for in a great measure by the fact that the show was held later in the season than usual.

In the open class for aged and three yearold horses we found a good entry, the leading position being awarded to Mr. A. Scott's Prince of Fortune, by Prince Fortunas, out of a Darnley mare.

In the three-year-old class Mr. P. Craw ford's Royal Garily again most worthily took the premium place, as he did last year, and subsequently won the Cawdor cup.

Two-year-olds were a small class, but for first and second places the competition was severe and close, Mr. W. S. Park's very nice colt, Royal Gallant, ultimately taking the lead. He is sired by Prince Gallant, and won, as a yearling, first at Paisley, Ardrossan, and other shows. The second colt, Knight of Cowal, the property of Mr. William Curr, by Gallant Prince, out of a Top Gallant mare, worthily filled the second place. He is bigger than the first-prize colt, and was second at the Highland Society's Show last year, the firstprize winner there. Mr. D. Riddell's Nonpareil, being placed third here.

The horse trade, so far as stallions are concerned, has been very good. First-class horses have been let for the season at satisfactory figures, and those whose owners travel them themselves have their lists well filled up. This applies to most breeds, particularly Shires, Clydesdales, and Hackneys.

Several important Shorthorn sales have been held, and very good prices have been made of anything with good quality, and particularly if of milking strains.

The annual sale of the Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association was a very successful one in every way. Good stock were shown, and, what is better, an excellent demand and good, sound paying prices were the order. The herd of Red Polls, the property of Mr. R. E. Loffi, were dispersed during last month, and they made an excellent average price. These cattle, apparently, are being looked after by many buyers, not only at home, but abroad, for they are grand animals for beef as well as milk.

Reports about sheep are, for the most part, satisfactory, but there does not appear any likelihood that we shall materially add to our permanent stock any number to make up the large deficiency in our flocks as shown by the returns for last year. The price for best mutton is very high. Eighteen to twenty cents per pound is easily obtained. Store sheep are very dear, indeed, and the demand for sheep is very firm, not only at home for stock for butchers' purposes, but also from abroad for breeding purposes. Enquiries are being constantly received from all parts, and almost every week we hear of lots being sent away, thus making it more than ever needful that full and proper pedigrees should be kept. It hardly matters now where the enquiry or order comes from, the almost invariable request is made that every sheep sent have a proper authorized official pedigree.

# An Excellent Appointment.

We take great pleasure in presenting our readers, in this issue, with an excellent halftone engraving of Mr. R. F. Holtermann, Brantford, who has for some time been iden tified with THE JOURNAL as a contributor to its apiary department, and whose articles are always found very much to the point.

The skill in beckeeping shown by Mr. Holtermann attracted the attention of the Hon. On laborers. Reduction of employment its usual standard, either in point of numbe. I John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture,

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and he has appointed him lecturer on apiculture at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and has also engaged hun as experimentalist in beckeeping. The appointment is one which will be sure to give general satisfaction, not only to the college, but to beekeepers throughout the province. The sub ject of our sketch was born in Hamburg, Germany, and is of German and Norwegian extraction. He came to this country with his parents in 1862, when only 2 years old. Their first place of residence was in Hastings county some too miles from a tailroad. Mr. Holtermann was a student at the Ontatio Agri cultural College in 1879-80, and, although unavoidably absent from lectures for ten weeks, he graduated with first honors in almost every subject, ranking second in the tinal examination, and being entitled to more than the maximum number of prizes any student could take. Since that time he has devoted the greater part of his time to beekeeping, having spent two years with Mr. D. A. Jones, Beeton, Ont., who was then the best-known beckeeper in the world. On leaving Mr. Jones he engaged with Messrs. E. L. Goold & Co., Brantford, and has been with them almost continuously for ten or eleven years. During that time he has be come one of the most prominent contributors to appeultural literature in America and Europe He has been a paid contributor to the British Bee Journal, also to German, French, and Norwegian papers, and is now editing the Canadian Ree Journal. He is also president of the North American Beekeepers'Association, the Brant Beckeepers' Association, and the Farringdon Debating Society, and is secretary of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union, a very prominent arganization composed of graduates and students of the Ontario Agricultural College, which receives a government grant where with to carry on co-operative agricultural experiments. As a practical beekeeper Mr. Holtermann has won his laurels, as awards won by the Goold, Shapley & Muir Co. (Ltd.), at Chicago, Toronto, Oltawa, Montreal, and other places, amply testify. Last winter he successfully wintered 95 hives - We approve most heartily of Mr. Dryden's selection of him to advance the interests of apiculture in this province.

# The Canadian Horse Show.

No event in recent years has been as popularly received as this new departure in the way of exhibitions, while the fact that it went off with such flying colors is a tribute to all classes, and especially to the society people of Toronto, who not only patronized it freely, but also lent their horses and equipages to delight the assemblages attending the show.

Held under the joint management of the Agriculture and Arts Board and the Country and Hunt Club of Toronto, its suc cess was assured, but the history of other shows, such as the Chicago Horse Show, made one dubious as to the wonderful success that actually was achieved.

It is exceedingly gratifying to horse breeders that the interest grew keener each succeeding day, and that a horse show, pure and simple, has such drawing capabilities, and that everything savoring of circus performances was as foreign as possible to the programme.

Bright and handsomely decorated was the appearance of the new Armories building, and the fact that the capacious accommodation was taxed to its utmost made many people augur

that this show will yet require more space in the future. The boxes and seats were fairly well arranged, and there was room left for an oval ring, which was lined with tanbark, and which afforded ample room for an arena in which to show each class on the programme. Once or twice, however, so keen was the competition, and so well represented the events, that there was no space to spare.

It must be exceedingly gratifying to Mr. Henry Wade and Mr. Stewart Houston, the point secretaries, that no hitch in the proceedings could be detected, and it reflects great credit upon the unanagement that there was no sign of dragging or dreariness in the conduct of the programme, while all agreed that Mr. J. H. Allen, of New York, proved a great acquisition in the performance of his duties as ing-master, his experience in this line at New York show bringing out his talent for this work.

The arrangement by which drivers and riders alike wore the number of their entry in conspicuous figures both before and behind made it easy to identify each exhibitor, as well as the names of the horses. Managers of fall exhibitions might take a lesson on this point. On one point we would offer criticism. This was the keeping of reporters out of the ring while the breeding classes were being judged. This makes it impossible for us to give a fair criticism on any decision, and prevents us giving a full report on the different noted horses. The American judges who tied the ribbons on the majority of the saddle and harness classes gave pretty general satisfaction, as also did Mr. R. Stericker, Springfield, Ill., among the Hackneys. Mr. Alex. Galbraith, Janesville, Wis, the genial secre tary of the American Clydesdale Association, was also warmly welcomed by Canadian breeders.

The parade of the members of the Country and Hunt Club, all spick and span in scarlet coats and knee breeches and tops, including the master and the whips, with five couple of hounds well under control, and the reappearance of the repeatedly successful sweepstakeswinning Thoroughbred, Mikado, from Mr. Robert Davies' stud, all added generally to the interest.

Too great a measure of praise cannot be accorded to the assemblage for the liberal and unbiased manner in which they applauded all competitors alike, whether they belonged to Toronto or outside points. Especially was this the case during the skilful driving of Miss Macdonald and Messrs Schultz and Batonyi, of New York, when long and loud were the plaudits given from boxes and galleries.

Another feature that added to the promised success of the show in the future is that the interest did not abate while the decisions were made in the breeding classes, and the company signified their approval by the warm reception that all classes received at their hands.

That this show will give a great impetus to horse breeding is certain, as those who have the means will acquire a taste for riding and driving, and, therefore, none should gain as much profit by its becoming a fixed event as the horse-breeding public, who should support it by every means in their power. The very classification of horses for the different patterns of vehicles will show what type of horse is required, and thus an educating medium may be developed which will be of great value to the country.

THOROUGHBERD STALLIONS.

Although further down the list in the programme, Thoroughbred stallions, as usual,

were placed first on the catalogue. Sixteer seventeen entries were forward in the section for horses forled previous to January 1st, 1892, and this was the strongest ring yet brought out at a spring stallion show. To Ist, 1392, and this was the strongest ring yet brought out at a spring stallion show. To attempt to describe this grand lot of horses would occupy more space than we have at our command; and, if we may be allowed to judge by the dissatisfaction among disinter-sted outsiders arising from the decisions given, the most fortunate horses will stand criticism the least. But we ask are the index closether least. But, we ask, are the judges altogether to blame for the dissatisfaction brought out ; or, rather, has this class ever been properly defined? We think not. Now, it would be or, rather, has this class ever been properly defined? We think not. Now, it would be idle to suppose that the eighteen stallions shown in the two rings at the Canadian Horse Show, in addition to the grand lot of Thor oughbreds that are to be found in every locality, are to be used for breeding race-horses. If the Thoroughbred mares in the country were divided among the stallions, there would not be one apiece. The grand lot of horses shown in harness and under saddle at the late show are largely indebted saddle at the late show are largely indebted to the Thoroughbred blood in their veins. Numbers of visiting American horsemen were astonished at the number and quality of these while they stated that the superiority of Can class of Thoroughbred stallions, specimens of which were shown. Then why not define the class so that the proper type of stallions should be encouraged? No one can doubt that Strathspey, the winner of the first prize in the aged ring, has stout running blood in his veins, and that his sire and dam have been wonderful producers of winners. But should the judges look at the catalogue or at the horse? If the former, they may as well leave the horse in the stall and decide on the pedigree alone. Conformation in the sire is what we want, if handsome harness and saddle horses are to be bred. Then, either the class should be divided, or prizes given for the type which will benefit horse breeding the most. Of the other horses awarded ribbons, Mono ony is a horse of nearly sixteen hands, but certainly not as handsome as Graham Bros. Montana, which horse carried 5th. He looked deserving every inch a runner, and certainly of a higher place. To Wiley Buckles the fourth prize tibbon was sent. Had these four been all the horses in the class, we would have reversed the decisions, and placed the last named first, Montanasecond. and placed the last nameri nest, Montanasecond, etc. ; but there were some good horses left out entirely, such as Pillarist, which, for breeding for the turf, should have been noticed. In class 2. Thoroughbred stallions foaled

In class 2. Thoroughbred stallions foaled subsequent to January 1st, 1892, the handsome horse, St. James, imported and exhibited by Thos. Irving, Winchester, was given the red, while a very useful horse exhibited by A. Frank & Son, The Grange, by a son of Terror, was given and. For the best horse calculated to get saddle horses the judges chose Stereoscope, the 3rd prize-winner in the aged class, owned by Haines & Paterson, OwenSound. CARELAGE AND COACUL HORSES

CARRIAGE AND COACH HORSES. In class 4, for carriage and coach stallions, foaled previous to January 1st, 1892, seven competitors were brought in, and, as usual, they comprised all shades of breeding. The first prize was awarded to Graf Bremer, a German coacher, exhibited by James McCartney, Thamesford. This horse moved freely and well, but had more of road action that is required in a carriage horse. He is, however, a handsome horse, and also won the sweepstakes for the best coacher. The second wrs carried off by Picador, also a German coacher, o owned by the Milton German Coach Horse ter) Bon Ton, a handsome English coach Horse with beautiful quality, sired by the celebrated breeding horse, Favorite 581, carried off third. Bon Ton is the best pattern of an English coach horse that has been imported for years. He is rising four, while the others were one and two years older. Bon Ton should prove a grand breeder, or he will turn out differently from the other many good ones that Mr. Irving has imported. There were several other useful horses in this class, notably imported Londonderry, exhibited by Robt. Atkinson, Thistletown, a well-bred horse by Luck's All (189), dam by Sportsman (291). In the class foalced since 1892, a good son of Shining Light, exhibited by J. L. Reid, Meadowvale, was awarded first, and a neat, handsome colt, Abdallah Stanton, was given STANDARD-BRBD ROADSTBR #

Some good horses appeared in the class for Standard-bred toadster stallions, in which seven out of eight entries came to the call, the absence being Graham Bros.' Deacon, that won first and sweepstakes last season. To Gold Ring (owned by Learn & Miller) was sent the red, a tribute to Canadian breeding, as Gold Ring is sired by Eden Gold Dust, his dam being from one of the best bied Canadian trotting families 'To Dr. McCully's Altoneer was sent the blue ribbr- Ile is a handsome horse, and nicely brew. Bourboanais, owned by W. R. Ptoetor, Richmond Hill, is a nice horse of combined Wilkes and Almonte breeding, that carried third place.

Almonte breeding, that carried third place. A neat class of four three-year-olds came to the bugle call, in which the prizes were awarded according to our list given in another column. The sweepstakes was sent to the Brampton horse, Gold Ring.

### HACKNRYS.

The Hackneys were splendidly brought out, and rounds of applause greeted each horse as he was put through his paces. In fact, the Hackney is becoming the favorite horse among society people, who know how to appreciate high steppers. Nicely-mannered horses are a necessity, if the fashonable vehicles of the day are to be properly horsed. In the class for stallions over three years old the two old-time competitors from R. Beith & Co.'s stables, Ottawa and Jubilee Chief, were placed first and second in the order named. Both horses were in grand form. Ottawa was in particularly fine fettle, going his very best, while Jubilee Chief is certainly wearing exceedingly well, and his success in the stud becomes more and more evident.

II. N. Crossley's Wildfire has also steadily improved. No Hackney horse at the show is a truer type of the breed. He is as handsome as can be found, and his action is true and of the right sort, but hardly as sensational as that of the two premier winners of the class. Yet from Fireworks' breeding and individuality we shall be disappointed if he does not give great satisfaction in the stud.

No greater surprise awaited horsemen than when A. G. Ramsay's Courier was put through his paces. He goes away and comes back with a brilliancy that all admired. He has improved wonderfully since he last appeared in public, and we do not wonder that he is greatly sought after. The fact that his son, Typhoon, was sold by Dr. Seward Webb to Mr. Astor, New York, for \$3,000, should remind the Hamilton people that they have a great size at their doors. Courier carried the third ribbon, and Fireworks the fourth, while the Norfolk-bred horse, Coker's Nelson, from the stables of A. G. Bowker, Woodstock, was placed fifth.

In Hackney stallions, over 15 and under 15½ hands, foaled previous to January 1st, 1892, the beautiful horse, Kilnwick Fireaway. exhibited by Graham Bros., Claremont, was awarded the red ribbon. Never did this handsome horse show to better advantace, his knee and hock action are simply superb, and rounds of applause greeted each turn of his up and down the unbark. The Shah, exhibited for the first time by A. G. Bowker, is a cobby built black, with good bone, of James Coker's breeding. To him was sent the blue, while Black Prince, from the stables of Geo. H. Hastings, Deer Park, carried away the third premium.

In the class for Hackney stallions foaled previous to January 1st, 1892, 15 hands and under, Geo. II. Hastings held all the honors, just three competing. These were Black Nobleman, Little Nobleman, and Little Duke, all three sired by imported Young Nobleman, and the two former both from imported Norfolk Duchess.

Three entries in the class for Hackney stallions foaled in 1892 were forward. R. Beith  $\hat{\alpha}$  Co.'s Banquo won here hands down. He has the most sensational action at the knee and goes well all round, while in nice quality and showy looks he clearly outclassed anything in his ring. Banquo, it will be 1 cmembered, is by Jubilee Chiel, dam Mona's Queen (imp.). His stable companion, Lord Rosebery 2nd, by the same sire, and out of Florence (imp.), was given second place, while the coh stallion County Council, imported and owned by Robert Dack, Toronto, was placed third on the list.

The ring for sweepstakes brought in all the first-prize winners in their respective classes,

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and caused considerable excitement, while Mr. R. Stericker was deciding which should have the highest honor of the class.

have the highest honor of the class. Ottawa had many friends outside the board barrier, while Kilnwick Fireaway had charmed the critics in the bases and galleries, who applauded him every time he showed his dashing style down the tanbark. Others contended that the colt Banquo should have it. Perhaps none were quite as undecided as the judge himself. Banquo and Kilnwick Fire-away were then stripped to see how they would perform in their bare bridles, and most nobly they did it, better than with their rollers, nobig they did it, better than with their rollers, bearings, and side lines, all declared, but at the finish Banquo won, his age gaining the preference, although the judge admitted that it was hard to pass the Graham horse, to whom was sent the reserve ribbon.

whom was sent the reserve rubbon. A beautiful ring of Hackney mares repre-sented the class for three-year-olds and under. Jessica, a full sister of Banquo's, but two years younger, is a sensational yearling, and quite charmed the judge. Such wonderful action she has, and she has plenty of it and of the noet builling root. the most brilliant sort.

the most brillant sort. II. N. Crossley's Althorpe Duchess (imp.) is a grand mare rising three in August, and she, too, is nearly all one could desire. She goes well all round both on the line and betgoes well all round both on the line and bet-ter yet in harness. She is a right good sort, and her substance, style, and quality all com-bined carried her to second place in the list. John Holderness' Cherry Ripe is as sweet a filly as any in the crowd, a beautiful bay with high and true action, and with the best of be-bavior. Many wan outside the barrier would

havior. Many men outside the boards would put her a notch higher, while others wanted her to have the red ribbon, but the judge de creed otherwise However, there was little creed otherwise How to pick between them.

#### SHIRRS.

The numbers of Shire stallions in this coun try do not seem to increase as they should, judging from the few that are exhibited from time to time at our shows. We have plenty of room on this continent for all the best of this fine old breed that we can get, and they are the very ones that we should get, in order that we may breed the heavy geldings that are so much in demand in the large cities of

While only five aged Shire stallions entered the ring at the bugle call at the tate show, yet they were all of a good stanp. Six had entered, but one was absent on account of sickness. The contest for first place lay be-tween II. N. Crossley's Bravo 2nd and Mor-ris, Sione & Wellington's Fride of Hatfield, tween 11. W. Crossey, and the senerative of Hatfield, ris, Stone & Wellington's Fride of Hatfield, both imported horses. The former is a horse of grand Shire character, of good width and stands on short legs. He has the nicest quality of feather, while his legs are as fresh as ever. Pride of Hatfield, who, by the by, is half-brother to the celebrated Harold, now considered the best breeding Shire horse in England, is a good-topped horse with a good middle and end. He stands well on his legs, which are as clean as could be desired. He which are as clean as could be desired. He was, as will be remembered, the sweepstakes horse last year at the spring show. The judges eventually placed him first, and Bravo and next. Third place was given to Garfield and, a well-bred horse shown by J. M Gard-house, Highfield. He was got by that grand sire, What's Wanted (2332), and is looking wonderfully fresh for a fourteen-year-old horse. For fourth honors the judges selected another entry of Morris, Stone & Wellington's, Prince Charles, a heavy, low-set horse : while a use-ful imported horse, CAA, shown by John

Charles, a neavy, low-set norse; while a use-ful imported horse, C.A., shown by John Semple, Tottenham, was highly commended. The three-year-old class had but two entries. Here Duke of Blagdon (imp.),owned by J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, proved the winner. He has a taking style about him, has lots of quality and neatness, but lacks in scale. The quanty and neatness, but tacks in scale. The blue ribbon went to Frederick William, a homebred horse shown by Morris, Stone & Wellington. He is by Prince Charles men-tioned above, and out of the imported mare, blie Meine Theorem complete blie the Elsie Morin. Though somewhat plain about the hind legs, he is well turned about the top and front, and is a thoroughly useful horse Pride of Hatfield secured the Prince of Wales' prize for the best Shire stallion of any age, Bravo 2nd taking second place.

#### IMPORTED CLYDESDALES.

Great things were expected when the Clydesdales came into the ring at the late show. The class was decidedly a strong one, not, indeed, in point of numbers as compared

with other years, but the ten horses shown were almost all toppers. Several new horses made it interesting in the class foaled previous

to January, 1892. Graham. Bros. had forward the imported horse, Esquire of the Park, shown for the first time in Canada. He is by the Darnley horse, time in Canada. He is by the Darnley horse, Laird Darnley, and looks it, too, and is very much like his near kinsmen, the Macgregors, in appearance. He has a handsome top, and is equally grand at the ground, has plenty of bone, oblique pasterns, and the lest of feet, and that silky feather which adds to the charm. He was a strong favorite from the first, and carried the covered ribbon. He also afterwards secured the sweepstakes for invorted Clydesdales.

also afterwards secured the sweepstakes for imported Clydesdales. Prince of Qual'ty is the new arrival at Thornalific, in getting which Mr. Davies anticipated the breeders of Scotland, who delight in quality at the legs and feet, for Col. Holloway is breeding that kind. Such feet and pasterns are rarely seen, but Cedric gets them that way, or Col. Holloway would not have kept him so long at the head of his stud. He is one of the Prince of Wales' best breed He is one of the Prince of Wales' hest breed ing sons. A wonderfully handsome horse is Prince of Quality; his breeding is right for the mares at Thorneliffe, and Mr. Davies knows it.

knows it. Golden Crown won the third ribbon. He was imported by D. & O. Sorby, and ex hibited by Vance & Eby, Shakespeare, his owners. Golden Crown was sired by Silver Twist, his dam being by Belted Knight. He is a big one, and has lots of good points about him In fact, he is the type of a horse that should get quick selling geldings, for it is the big ones that bring the most money for doing work between the shalts. Tofty, by Botanist, dam by Grand Turk, is

work between the shalls. Tofty, by Botanist, dam by Grand Turk, is the way the breeding runs of a capital horse exhibited by John Davidson, Ashburn He was imported by John Isaac, Markham. He also is a big one, a kind of which more are wanted.

Wanted. Erskine Style came next; he was bred and is owned by John Vipond, Brooklin. His sire was Erskine (imp.); his dam, imported Brooklin Metal, was by Farmer's Boy.

Then there were other right good ones, and of the proper breeding, but a bit off that day, or some of them would have been put higher up in the prize list; but it does not take much with Craigisla, Craichmore Darnley, and Uanwar, all right good ones.

First premium for Clydesdale stallions rising three went to a good one. This was Grand National, sire imported Tannahill, dam import ed Mary's Pet, by Cairnbrogie Stanup, a well put-together cult, with lots of size and quality.

A neat son of Lewie Gordon, bred by John Davidson, Ashburn, came next. Ilis dam is by Boydston Boy. The third ribbon was sent by Boydston Boy. The third ribbon was sent to Roslin, one of the few imported in 1894. He is owned by S. J. Prouse, Ingersolt, Graham Bros. Symmetry 2nd was the only exhibit in the younger class.

CANADIAN-BRED CLYDESDALES. CANADIAN-URED CLYDESDALES. The call for Canadian bred Clydesdale stal lions, foaled previous to Ianuary, 1892, brought out three of four entries. P. Kelly's (Orillia) Pride of Dollar, many times a first. (Orillia) Pride of Dollar, many times a first-prize winner, again carried the day. There are few more useful horses than he, for size, conformation, and quality are nicely com-bined in his make-up. Ashburn Hero, a son of that capital breeding horse, Tannahill, foaled in 1891, came second in his class, with a promise that he will make a good horse as he develops more middle, for but little fault can be found with his quality and appearance He was bred and exhibited by Job White, Ashburn, Ont. Ashburn, Ont-

Asthurn, Ont-Royal George, that carried third place, was sired by imported Candlemas, dam by Peer of the Realm. He is a good-bodied horse, with nice quality at the ground. He was exhibited by Geo. Gray, Clarke, Ont. Addison, bred and exhibited by Wm. Fos-ter & Son Humber, was the only represented

ter & Son, Humber, was the only representa-tive in the class for colts foaled in 1892, and City Boy, by Granite City, bred by Mr. J. Howard, entered the ring alone for the class a year younger. To Pride of Dollar was sent the sweep

stakes ribbon, thus adding one more to the long list of honors won by this horse. HORSKS IN HARNESS.

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Saturday afternoon, was for mares or reldsaturally alternoon, was for marks or gen-ings over 14 hands 2 inches, and not ex ceeding 1512 hands, to be driven to gig, dog-cart, or phacton. The class was a big one of over twenty-live entries, and here a one of over twenty-live entries, and here a victory was scored by the Hackneys, this sort taking two out of three ribbons. Actress, a beauiful bay mare by Norfolk Hero, eshib-ited by R. Beith & Co., Bowmanville, and Althorpe Duchess (imp.), from H. N. Cross-ley's contingent, were 1st and 3rd, respect-ively, while a lay mare exhibited by T. A. Crow. Townto using the and wire.

Crow, Toronto, gained the 2nd prize The second event on the boards for harness horses was the class for single mares or geld-ings over 151 hands, shown to gig, dog cart, or phaeton, and splendidly was the call re-ponded to, no less than twenty eight turnouts answering the bugle call. Dog-carts of different patterns were the most numerous, although one or two gigs and a phaeton added variety, if not tone, to the scene. High action in the horses told the tale in this competition. plain, every day jog trot cut no figure, no matter how smartly the rest of the turnous was gotten up.— It was a class for horses, and the best won it.— A chestnut gelding of Major A chestnut gelding of Major ne red ribbon. He was sired Hay's carried the red ribbon. Hay's carried the red ribbon. He was sired by Dennison, a Thoroughbred, his dam being a half-bred Hackney of R. Beith & Co.'s (Bowmanville) breeding. The blue ribbon was sent to Silver & Smith's Artist, a bay horse with good action, while D. T. Lowes captured third place with London, a horse with both substance and quality.

A splendid ring of nicely matched horses were gayly applauded by the audience when the class for pairs over 141 and under 15 hands 2 inches, was called. These were chiefly driven to T carts, although one high four wheeled dog cart, and other less pretentious vehicles were also in use. A pair of beautiful bays, shown by R. Beth & Co., and by that capital Hackney sire, Norfolk Hero, were all round favorites in the loves and gal-leries, but the judges ruled otherwise and awarded them second, while a pair from D. T. Lowes' string were given first, and to Silver & Smith was sent the third.

The class for pairs over 151 and unler 16 hands brought out some nicely appointed pairs. A pair shown by II. Winnett, Toronto, pairs. A pair shown by 11. Winnett, Toronto, nicely matched in form and action, carned the coveted color. Mrs. W. D. Woodruff's stylish pair came next on the list, while Geo. H. Gowlerham gained third with a smart going pair named Dot and Harry. Some capital pairs were forward in the com petition for horses over 16 hands, in which we could hardly coincide with the decisions given by the unless. Here a pair of chestom

given by the judges. Here a pair of chestnut geldings exhibited by Quinn Bros., Brampton, were awarded first honors. They are horses of good substance and nice quality, but were hardly the type for brougham or landa horses—the way this class should be defined or Innihu they were entirely too light in color, and suit-able only for wheelers or a four-in-hand, or a pair for a mail phaeton, in which size and light colors combined are allowable. The econd pair were better in color, and received their just dues at the hands of the committee, but a pair drawing a landau, owned by Robert Davies, Toronto, were truer to the type re-quired and a better pair in every way, accord-

As expected, a good seal of interest centred As expected, a good seal of interest centred in the class for the best i ppointed gentleman pair driven by the owner; horses to be 15 hands 3 inches to 16 hands 1 inch inclusive, and to be driven to T cart, solder, or mail phae con. Horses to count 50 yer cent; appoint-ments, 25 per cent; skill in driving, 25 per cent. A pair of beautifully marched horses, with the best possible manners and showy action, owned and driven by Geo. II. Gooderham, Toronto, were the favorites with the majority Toronto, were the favorites with the majority of the onlookers, but the majority are often wrong. A heavily moustached groom killed the outfit, and placed it second to that of John Macdonald, Toronto, who was also credited with better driving, although his horses were not equal to the second placed pair. To G A. Case, To-onto, was sent the third ribbon. This turnout was also greatly admired. greatly admired.

It was thoughtful of the committee to give To Pride of Dollar was sent the sweep-takes ribbon, thus adding one more to the signistical lackney stallion, a chance to show alone, and thus to encourage this popular line of breeding. Most nobly did the owners of this sort respond. Actress, a beautiful ware, sired by Norfolk Hero, carried another

honor for the Beith contingent. She has the right kind of action and plenty of it. II. N. Crossley's imported Althorpe Duchess also showed to good advantage. She has the proper conformation, and uses her knees and hocks after the most approved fashion. A gelding, shown by Chas. Palmer, came in for the white ribbon She drives nicely, and shows up well.

Six splendidly horsed tandems promised an event in which more than usual interest cen-tred. Honors were easily won for D. T. Lowes, Brampton, with his gray gelding for leader, whose sensational action was plainly in advance of anything in the ring; a black wheeler was quite as good in his place, and the pair placed the outnt clearly a strong first. Lieut. Laurie, Toronto, also drove a nicely appointed turnout. The horses matched hand somely, both in manner of going, color, and conformation, but they lacked the dash of the conformation, but they lacked the dash of the previously-mentioned pair, although the ap-pointments were most tastefully chosen. William Hendrie, of Hamilton, brought in a nice pair of chestnuts, easily driven, and thoroughly broken, that carried off the third bremum and were much admired prenuum, and were much admired. Four-in-hands, driven to coach or drag, only

Four-in-hands, driven to coach or drag, only brought out two competitors, but furnished an exhibition in fine driving, which was a rich treat to all who witnessed it. In this com-petition, appointments, the action, and good manners of the horses all counted. The team of Mr. D. T. Lowes were driven to a drag by Mr. Batony, New York, and the way he Mr. Batony, New York, and the way he handled the ribions furnished the Toronto people with food for reflection, and showed them how it ought to be done. He galloped the horses, and turned them about the tanbarked ring as easily as though it was a pair be wasdriving — The leaders drove out with a dash and action which is hard to beat, while the wheelers behaved meely, and the whole outht was defily chosen, and quite won the hearts of the company.

Mr. Beardmore's four-in-hand was the only other one competing. They were driven be-fore a coach, which, although nicely horsed, clearly lacked several essentials in appoint-ments, as, for instance, another footman with a horn. Yet the way Mr. Schultz, of New Yor!:, handled his horses made Toronto horsey people jealous, and wish they could copy his style. There was no lack of precision and style. There was no lack of precision and dash in his manner of driving, and the turnout was well received by the public, and rounds of applause from the boxes and galleries greeted each turn he made around the ring

SADDLE HORSES.

SADDLE HORSES. Class 38, for mares or geldings over 15.2 hands, had 21 entires, of which a round dozen showed up. After looking them over care-fully, and testing the selected ones by mount ing one of their number on them, the judges placed the brown mare Deceit, shown by Miss Irene Jones, Brockville, 1st; Mr. Wyld's brown were Lastic a favorite with a good Miss Irene Jones, Brockville, 1st; Mr. Wyld's brown mare Lassie, a favorite with a good many for first place, 2nd ; and a strong, use ful mare, Kitty Tyrrell, the property of Lieut. Laurie, 3rd. In class 39, for mares or geld-ings between 14 2 and 15 2 hands, there were fewer entries A good looking mare. Bonnie Brier, exhibited by W. M. Douglas, Toronto, scored first, second honors falling to R. Beith & Co's Evolic which moved usel Co.'s Frolic, which moved well.

Great interest was taken in the next class. Great interest was taken in the next class, which was for ladies' saddle horses not under 14.3 hands, ridden by ladies. Two prizes only were given. The horses were tested at a walk, a trot, and a canter, and the horses only were taken into consideration W. M. Douglas' Ronnie Brier, mentioned above, and video how hirs I are Torono concern winner ridden by Miss Lee, Toronto, cante in winner, followed by Miss Janes on the chestnut mare Bimba.

Biniba. A special prize of \$50 was offered by the American Horse Exchange, New York, and Mr. W. D. Grand, for the best combination saddle horse, gelding or mare, 15 hands and over, mouth and manners to be specially con-sidered. The horses were shown first in har ware then under taddle. Here Lioux Louxie ness, then under saddle. Here Lieut, Laurie's biown mate, Kitty Tyrrell, was chosen for first place, the reserve ribbon going to G. W. Beardmore's The Maligned.

#### HUNTERS AND JUMPERS.

In this section quality counted 50 per cent.

and performances 50 per cent. The heavy-weight qualified hunters did not distinguish themselves by their jumping. In fact, with the exception of R. Crean's Prince Charlie and Lieut. Lautie's Carver Doon, none of them cleared all the hurdles placed to test their skill. First and second ribbons went to these two in the order mentioned, G. A. Carruthers' Gray I riar being selected for 3rd place.

Light weight qualified hunters did better. Out of the ten entrics forward, Prof. Andrew Smith's well known aged horse Surprise distanced his competitors, and won amid the applause of the audience. The jumping all

R. O. McCulloch's Maritana, a bay mare by Sharpcatcher, out of a Royal George mare, caught the judges' eyes for 1st place in the heavy weight green hunters' class. J. D. Hay's Melba and G. W. Beardmore's Cock-ton were the other successful connections. atoo were the other successful competitors.

The light-weight green hunters' competition brought out some good horses, but the jump-ing, on the whole, was not up to the mark. Lieut. Laurie's mare, Kitty Tyrrell, however, did well and earned 1st money. Next place was taken by Miss Jones' mare Deceit, and 3rd by W. Backley, (melph, with Steel Gray, During this competition Lieut, Forrester's horse fell and threw hun, fortunately without injuring his rider.

#### SPECIAL CLASSES.

Seven special classes were offered for riding and driving. In these the competitors were severely tested in every way in order to show off-their skill in handling the ribbons or sitting their horses, as the case might be. They were among the most interesting of all the classes, They were and whenever any particular skill was shown by the handler of the ribbons the audience were not slow to give him their applause.

The contest for the best amateur driving of a pair of horses to a four wheeled vehicle excited great interest, particularly as F. M. Ware, the elebrated driver from New York, was one of the participants. Barrels were set up in thering at short intervals, between which the drivers had to pilot their steeds and vehicles, the had to plot their steeds and vehicles, the turns sometimes being rather short. At the first trial G. A. Gooderham and G. A. Case, both of Toronto, were the only ones to drive through all the barrels clear, Mr. Ware tip ping one over in his course IIIs driving, however, was characterized by more (sh and unstitute that the other short and the precision than that of the others, and the crowd heartily applauded him, altrough he did not win a place. F. N. Beardmore was awarded 1st, a decision which was not very popular, as both G. H. Gooderham, who took and, and G. A. Case were, in the opinion of many, better entitled to first place.

The jumping class for the best performance over six fences called out nice entries. Con-suderable skill in jumping was shown by many of the horses, and, as the bars were raised at each turn, only such as could clear a good height had any chance. Maritana, the winner in the heavy weight green hunter class, proved herself the best jumper and won the prize, Prince Charlie getting the reserve ribbon.

The tandem driving, open to shareholders of the Country and Hunt Club and the Toronto Riding and Driving Club, furnished considerable amusement to the spectators. There were three entries, and, to test the skill of the drivers in getting out of difficulties, hurdles were placed in an L shape, between which they had to drive till the leader reached the fence at the end, then they had to turn the leader and wheeler round and drive out without upsetting the hurdles. Lieut. Laurie first essayed the task, but, owing to the nervous-ness of his team, failed to accomplish it. Then N. Beardmore tried, and his well-trained horses went through the performance in good style. G. A. Stimson also succeeded in doing , but not as well as Mr. Beardmore, to whom so, but not as well as Mr. Beardmore, to whom the judges awarded the prize. After this class was judged Mr. Balonyi, of New York, gave an exhibition of driving with Licut. Laurie's team, showing his perfect control over them.

The judging for the best gentleman rider did not give satisfaction to those round the ring, but was, however, strictly correct according to the score cards of the judges. In a great many technical points, Licut. Laurie, who won 1st, surpassed Licut. Forrester, and who won 1st, surpassed Lical. Porrester, and his horse was also better broken. D. King Smith, a son of Prof. Smith, Toronto, and W. D. Grand, New York, had good mounts and showed great skill in handling their horses. When the call of the bugle summoned the

lady drivers into the ring, six ladies driving pairs attached to four wheeled vehicles turned out. Among them were Miss Lily." -'on-

ald, of New York, and several well-known ladies belonging to Toronto. Their appearance was the signal for a burst of applause, which grew louder when it was seen how and well they handled the ribbons. In deftly fact, their way of handhing their teams would put, and did put, many of the gentlemen drivers to shame. The judges tested them severely, making them turn short in every conceivable manner round the neat-looking, stolid dragoons, who were posted round the ring to keep the lines in order and render assistance when required. Occasionally these had to move a little, but, as a rule, the ladies skilfully skirted them with their equipages. Miss Macdonald's driving secured her the red ribbon, while Miss Louise Janes and Miss Helen Beardmore were and and 3rd respec-tively. In our opinion, Miss Cawthra should have had a place in the prize list.

The class for the best lady rider, independent of her mount, was another in which there was close competition. Two Americans were entered, Miss Macdonald, and a more youthful competitor, Miss Dill, who, in spite of her youth, carned off first prize. The judges changed the riders from horse to horse to test their capabilities, and, in this way, got a good their capabilities, and, in this way, got a good idea of how each one showed off on a strange mount The riding of Mrs J. K Kerr was much admired, and she looked, as she is, every inch, a true horsewoman. Miss Mac every inch, a true horsewoman. Miss Mac donald took 3rd place, and Miss Jones, Brock-ville, 4th. The latter had the disadvantage of having a restless horse, but proved her horsemanship thoroughly.

The judging of professional coachmen was a most severe test. Mr Batonyi riding behind each man and watching them closely. Ten teams were present. First prize went to Terence Brady, coachman for John Macdon-ald, Toronto, and and to James Morton, coachman for George Gooderham, Toronto.

#### ROADSTERS.

There were three classes for roadsters. For Incre were three classes for roadsters. For single horses there were 18 entries forward (forming one of the biggest rings in the show), including two from Winnipeg, Egbentetta and Winoga, full sisters, exhibited by Wm. Clougher, Winnipeg. Winoga, who carried off 1st honors, is three years old, and has a record of 2.36, while her companion has one [0, 2.314. Second place went to a hav exof 2.31<sup>‡</sup>. Second place went to a bay ex-hibited by G. S. Fuller, Brampton.

In the team class under 15.2 hands, W. Clougher's two mares came to the front, beat-ing the pairs shown by G. W. Decker, Pickering, and G. II. Gooderham, Toronto. The class for pairs 15.2 hands had but three entries, 1st going to a speedy team owned by E. W. Cox, Toronto. A good many judges would have placed either of the other pairs ahead of his

Ponies had also three classes allotted to The well-known Charlie Burgess, them. them. The weit-known Charle barges, shown by Geo. Pepper, Toronto, was an out-standing winner in the class under 13 hands under saddle. Jumbo, a bay stallior owned by R. J. Hunter, took the blue ribbon, and Geo. Smith & Son's (Grimsby) First Attempt had to be content with the white.

First and second prize winners in the class over 13 hands were two beautiful animals shown by Robert Miller, Brougham, and R. Beith & Co., Bownanville, respectively. The former is an imported Welsh pony of splendid conformation and action, while the latter is almost as good, being by the well-known Hackney sire, Jubilee Chief, out of a gray pony.

A neat pony and carriage exhibited by A Brandenberger, Stratford, won 1st for the best pony turnout, Charlie Burgess being 2nd.

pony turnout, Charlie Burgess being 2nd. There were classes for horses in single har-ness, and for teams attached to delivery wagons. II. Webb, Toronto, wo in the first, and J. Macdonald, Toronto, in the second, the latter being a neat pair of roans. P. McIntush & Co. showed a good team, but too heavy for the class. P. Maher, Toronto, was deservedly awarded the red riblion for the best-appointed pair of horses to licensed cab let for hire. The competition in this class was very keen, and the whole class merited commendation. The last class in the catalogue, and the only one which was not copied from our New York cousins, was a special ladies' jumping class. Eight ladies came into the ting, and soon showed that they were not one whit in-ferior to the gentlemen in taking the leaps over the hurdles. Mrs. J. K. Kerr, mounted There were classes for horses in single har-ness, and for teams attached to delivery wagons. H. Webb, Toronto, won in the first, and J. Macdonald, Toronto, in the second, the latter being a neat pair of roans.

on Kitty Tyrrell, cleared the hurdles in a way that won the applause of the audience every time, and was early picked out as a winner Mrs. Carruthers, on Glen Fox, also did well. Little Miss Dill, on Dr. Smith's Surprise, sat her mount over the leaps as skillully as some of her older competitors. After a critical test the judges awarded the prizes in the order named.

#### Awards.

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MAY Toronto (Trilby and Norma). Pair of horses, over as hands a in, and under a fanads, shown to four-wheeled carriage-rist, H. Winnett, Toronto (fitty and Frank), and, Mrs. Welland S. Woodroff, St. Catharines (Sweet briar and Daffodil) ; rd, Geo. H. Gooderham, Toron to (Dot and Harry). Pair of horses, over a to hands-ret, Quinn Bro, Brampton (Frank and Dick), and, D. T. Lawes, Brampton (Cardinal and Empire); pd. Robert Davies, Toronto (Nellie and Pooh Bah); ath Thos. Brownidge, Brampton (Bawk and Doctor). Bet and best appointed gentlemans y par (dealers ex-cluded), to be driven by owner, horses from 15 kand-sin. to 16 hands e in.; driven to T-cart, mail phaeton, tor spider phaeton; horses to count so per cent., ap-pointments as per cent, and skill in driving 25 per cent. - sti, John Macdonald, Toronto (Fint Officer and Mate); rnd, Geo H. Gooderham, Toronto (Dot and Hatry); rnd, G. A. Case, Toronto (Sunk) e and Shadow). High-steppers, not under 14 har 15 a in, mare or gelding, by registered Hackney stallion--us, R. Beith S. Co., Bownauville (Actress); and, H. N. Crossley, Toronto (Althorpe Duchess) (imp.); rnd, Chas Palmer, Toronto (Althorpe Duchess) (imp.); rd, Chas Palmer, Toronto (Althorpe Duchess) (imp.); rd, Chas Palmer, Toronto (Althorpe Jander or r. T. L. Jowes, Bramp-ton (Cown Privice and Marcvi); rnd, J. H. Lauie Toronto (Carter Doon and Kitty Tyrrell). Four-in--st, Miss freme Jones, Brockville (Dereit); and, Frederick Wyld, Tor ato (Lasie); yrd, J. H. Lauie Toronto (Kitty Tyrrell). Mare or gelding, over 15 hands -in --st, Miss freme Jones, Brockville (Dereit); and, S. H. Jauie, Toronto (Kitty Tyrrell). Mare or gelding, over 15 hands -in, -st, M. M. Douglas, Toronto (Bonne Brier), and yabit to count (adule). Best adule har ness hores, special prive by W. D. Grand- 18, J. H. Lauie (Carver Down), rd G. A. Carver Toronto (Bonne Brier), in, st. W. M. Douglas, Toronto (Bonne Brier), in, st. W. M. Douglas, Toronto (Bonne Brier), in, st. W. M. Douglas, Toronto (Bo

Lightweight green hunters-arist. J. H. Laurie, To-ronto (Kirty Tyrrells ; and, Miss Irene Jones, Brock-Wille (Decit), ynd William Bluckle, Cuelph (Steet Gray). Special Classes. – Rest amateus driving of pair of hores to four-wheeled vehicle - 14, F. N. Beardmore, Toronto, and, George H. Goolerham, Toronto, Summer, best performance over six fences--ist, R. O. McCulloch, Toronto (Maritana); and, R. Crean, To-ornio (Finice Charlie). Best amateur driving of tan den, open to Country and Hunt Club and Toronto-Riding and Driving Club, sitter purch bool--ast, F. N. Beardniore; and, G. A. Stimon, Toronto. Best grantle man tider - 1st, sitter cup, J. H. Laurie, Totoanto, and, W. Forester, Toronto. Hest lady driver of pair to a four-wheeled vehicle- 1st, Miss Lijt Macdonald, New York; and, Miss Louise Janes, Toronto; ynd, Miss Heine Heardmore, Toronto: and, Best dudy rider et, Miss Dill, Orange, N.J.; and, Mrs. Kerr, To-ronto, ynd, Miss Lilty Macdonald, New York; ath Miss Irene Jones, Brockville. Best performance of professional coachman-sist, Terence Brady, coach nan for John Macdonald, Toronto; 2 and, James Mor too, coachuan for George Goodesham, Toronto; ynd, Miss Liele, Bramston, Ont (Crank); ynd, Chas Brown, Joronto (Dr. Ten Eytk); 4th, F. Haraill Thomat Kane, coachuan for George A. Cox, Toronto *Raaditers*. - Mare or gelding, to be shown to a road wagom-114, W. Clougher, Winnipge (Winege). The John Macdonald, Toronto; (La Barde, to read wagon-118, two Cluber, Winnipge (Egberietta and Winoga); and, G. W. Decler Bickering (Dr. Francis and Kitty Mutton); ynd, Chas Brown, Joronto (Jone Te, Yu, Yu, H. L. Branzit Toronto Groms, Patt of mares or gelding, to to et it, Jaanda, to read wagon-118, two shown to read wagon-114, W. Cox, Cronoto (Gorge S. and Photographer); and, John Macdonald, Toronto (Brazelet and Bangle), ynd, J. L. Clark, Brampton (Harde ta and Sangle), ynd, J. L. Clark, Brampton (Goray and Tocca). Best pony under 13 hands, to be ridden by a boyor cylin-st, Geon Pepper, Toronto (Harde Bargess); and, R. J.

# A Pony Team.

Editor Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal :

Sin,-I live on a bush farm, and at present have only a voke of oxen to do my work. It has occurred to me whether a new departure is at all possible. My neighbors are mostly horse poor; some would be better with exen ; others who raise an occasional colt do so at a positive loss if they only figured the thing

I have thought, if I could touch a pair of ponies, stud and mare, which, with gentle treatment, might do my work and raise every year a colt after their kind, that such stock might command a market for the use of children or small carriages.

You, sir, are so well versed in motters pertaining to hones that I do not know where I can better ask for information as to prospects and possibilities. NoRTH LANT.

[We doubt if a team of ponies would be big enough to do what work you would require to do on a bush farm.—Ets.]

# Special Stock Reviews.

## Mr. John Revell's Tamworths.

Mr. Revell's farm is situated in that well-known dairy district near Ingersoll, where chersemaking was early recognized as one of the most profitable industries of the farm.

Hisstation is Putnam, on the St. Thomas branch of the C.P.R., the farm being only a few minutes walk therefrom.

Like most experienced dairymen, he has found that the consuming of the by-products in the growing of hogs for pork production is a very naterial help to the credit dide of the ledger, and, although on a rented farm, so thoroughly convinced is he of the profit of feeding pigs that he has built a most substantial and commodious piggery, in or ler that he may more easily carry out his feeding a d breeding operations. In feeding he has had con aderable experience with the different breeds, and "the many more in his locality, has found that Tan orths are good growers and easy feeders, and, there ore, fill the bill both for the feeder and the bacon er er.

Mr. Revell's herd has furnished quite a number of pigs that have proved prize-minners in the hands of the professional showmen, and, although he has bred many good ones, he has never exhibited his pras humself.

The stock was selected from the large importation of Messrs. J. L. Grant & Co., Ingersoll, most of his breeding stock being the offspring of imported stres and dams of that company's importing, in which such names as Revell's floar (imp.), Tamworth Hoy (imp.), among the boars, and Gun Hill Princess(imp.) and Woodlands' Queen (imp.), among the sows, are the most prominent.

The young pigs on this farm are thrifty, and will grow without any attempt at pushing them forward While others' herds have suffered hally from rheumatism and kindred disorders, cauced by the extreme, continued told of the winter, Mr. Revell's herd appears to be perfectly exempt from troubles of any kind, which fact we cannot help attributing to his plan of feeding, which we hope to bring out in an article on this subject at an early date.

There is no lack of good pigs among both fall and quing litters, the latter being especially fine, while among those farrowed last fall, all, without an eaception, are well grown and healthy, and in fine condition for mating, should purchasers so elect. We counted something over thirty head of purebred Tamworths. These were chiefly sired by Buffalo Bill and Revell's Boar. The former is one of the breeding of Mr. Mitchell, of Elmdale, England, while the latter was stred by Tamworth Boy timp,), dam Gun Hill Princess, and has proved quite a successful sire, as many of last (acon's prize-winners were got by him.

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Tamworths at Mr. Andrew Dunn's.

Ingersoll gained considerable notoriety in swine breeting circles through the fact of Mesus. J. In Grant & Co., of the Ingersoll Fork Packing Company, having gone out of their usual line of lusiness in order to import Tamworth pizs, which the company lad become convinced were necessary in onler to produce the proper kind of bacon hogs for the export trade. The company sunk a large sum of money in introducing these pigs, and at first found it very uphill work to induce the farmers of their locality to breed them after they had brought them over. However, all is changed now, and those who have given the breed a fair trial have found them all that the most sanguine enthusiau could desire.

Tamworth sows are prolific, and good mothers, and right to twelve page can generally be relied upon to a latter, while the young pige are fast growers and quick feeders, developing up to the size required, viz, 200 U.s. in about five mooths. Therefore, spring litters may be relied upon to be ready for the block before the purce of pork has received too far for profit.

Among those who purchased Tamworths of Messrs. J I. Grant & Co. was Mr. Andrew Dunn, who lives a short distance north of Ingersoll. His first purchase thoroughly convinced him of the good qualities of

Tamworths, and he at last secured an imported toat and a lot of sows reserved by Messre, Grant for their own breeding pens. These consist of the imported boar, Gun Hill Reliance 17. (2155), bred by Mr. A. Ibbotson, Gun Hill, Arley, Lingland, and some of which six are imported, including Middlemay, bred by Mr. Egbert de Hamel, Middleton Hall, Inmworth, England ; Lady Whitacre, bred by Mr. D. W. Philip, Whitacre, Coleshill, England; Ingersoll Duchess, bred by Mr. A. Ibbotson, Arley, and Gun Hill Princess, bred by the same gentleman ; while the sixth is Lady Hamel, bred by Mr. Egbert de Hamel, Middleton Hall. With a foundation such as this, together with the advantage of having such other morted boars as there are in his neighborhood. Mr Dunn is most favorably situated for furnishing pigs of the best breeding. At the time of our visit there were also a number of young sows of his own breeding that had farrowed, so that there will be no lack of young pigs, while Mr. Dunn had several young boars and ows that had been held over for breeding, the whole forming a large herd of all ages and both sexes suit able for the wants of the trade.

# Pine Grove Poland Chinas.

Our first visit to Pine Grove was two years ago shortly after Captain Young had first introduced Poland China swine into his part of the country. At our second visit we found a vast improvement in the herd, both as regards numbers and the quality of the individuals. Canada Wilkes - 277 is still freely used on the herd, although several other good Loars have left behind them capital pics. The Wilkes boar, however, with his good breeding and excellent individuality, is rightly thought the most of. He has now completed his third year, and is fully developed, and, although not very large, he is a pig of capital character, with plenty of size, while his heavy bone, smooth finish, and more than ordinary length make him a most desirable sire to breed from. Canada Wilkes is by George Wilkes, claimed by his owner to be the st Poland China pig of his time, while Canada Wilkes is a combination of the celebrated Wilkes, Tecumsch, and Corwhin families. Dover Prince, by Rhets' Chief, dam, Lofty, is a boar that has good breeding, and is showing it through the excellent pigs that he is leaving behind him. He was bred by Mr Oliver Drury, Fargo, - zentleman, by the way, who will have the best blood and the best individuals, and, therefore, is making a success of breeding Poland China swine. Another imported boar, strongly bred after Tecumieh blood lines, has also been freely used, We, unfortunately, had not the opportunity of seeing him, although we were told that he is a particularly good one.

Rebecca ist, bred by Mr. Levi Arnold, Plainville, Mich., was the first sow that Captain Young brought over. She is a capital individual. possessing good size, good length and depth, while she has turned out very prolitic, having produced seventyseven pigs at seven litters. Cora, another of th earlier sows introduced, is also of Mr. Arnold's breed ing, but belongs to a different family, her blood lines being entirely different. She is a neat, well formed, breedy sow, but lacks the greater scale of the prestously mentioned one. Mugg's Climax is a more recent venture. She is full of the blood of the Tecuni sens and Corwhins, and is half-sister to the boar that took first prize and sweepstakes in the yearling class at the Chicago Columbian Exposition There are also a number of other imported sows that have quality and finish to recommend them, while we greatly admired a number of choice pigs of last fall's farrowings that are of just the right age for mating, and should not be long in finding purchasers. In spring latters Captain Young has some very neat, promising youngsters that should push themselves to the front if they are given a chance , in fair there is no lack of first-class material of all fres at Pine Grove, from which a capital choice might be made should any desire to look them up.

Captain Young has recently gone into pouliry breesing on an extensive scale. No less than nine varieties are in the breeding yards, and among them are whitefaced Black Spanish, both brown and white *i.e.ghurna* ulter gray Dorkings, Light Brahmas, Pattrid g Cochins and silver spangled Hamburgs.

## Spring Brook Stock Farm-

It will be remembered that the firm of Messrs. A. C Hallman & Co held a sale during the winter, at which a part of their herd of Holstein-Fries'an cattle was dispersed by auction, the object being to reduce the herd to such dimensions that one farm would accommodate the herd. We were glad, however, to find, during a late visit, that, although the numbers were less than formerly, there is no want of strength as regards quality. We found the youngsters, esper ally in good growthy shape, promising good development for milk production when their time for milking comes around.

Several promising young bull calves were to be seen. Of these, three by Netherland Aagule Edem, a second-prize winner at Toronto both as a yearling and a two-year-old, testify to his worth as a sire. There are also three good ones by the celebrated silvermedal bull, Netherland Statesman's Cornelius, while a line heiter calf from that noted cow. Princess Margaret, will by and by help to strengthen the herd of coming cows. Two choicely-bred Pietertie heiters, lately runchased, will add to the variety of breeding, and will, doubtless, turn out good performers at the pail, or they will not take after the illustrious franily from which they have sprung. We were especially pleased with many of the younger cows that have grown up during the last few years. Much of the credit, doubtless, may be ascribed to the excellent bulls that have been in use, and particularly to the silvermedal bull, Netherland Statesman's Cornelius, which has brought much honor to the herd, both in the win nings he has carried himself, and the prize-winning stock which he has sired. He has now been at service for seven years, yet, notwithstanding his yearly treparation for the show ring, he is as active, vigorous, and as useful as ever, showing how good a constitution he has. The old show bull, Prairie Anonie Prince, has also left two handsome daughters by which he may be remembered. Princess Medina and, a granddaughter of Princess Margaret, is a most promising two-year-ວຳປີ. Polianthus and, a full sister of the fust-price yearling bull last year at Toronto, is a fine good heifer and a heavy producer, while a daughter of the cow Polianthus (imp.) (a prize-winner in high company), Ideal Netherland, was also pointed out to us We were told that her milk tested over 5 per cent., while her dam gave 14 lbs, of butter per week as a two-year-old. These are but samples of the very excellent cattle which still remain at the Spring Brook Farm.

The Tamworth sows had already produced several spring litters, of which one, litiery lianks Rachel, has a fine litter by imported lititish Chieftain, bred by Mr. Norman, of Cliff House. Cliff Helle and (imp.) has some good fall pige, while her spring litter is now ready to wean.

In all, there are some five or six particularly good breeding sows of more than redinary individual merit. A few nice Imptoved Vorkshues are also kept. A young baar of that breed, a thick, useful pig, showed plenty of easy keeping quality.

From the foregoing it will be easily seen that at the Spring Brook. Farm there is a variety of stock to be seen, and those ordering in any line may rest assured that they will be well treated.

### Oxford Downs at Farnham Farm.

Few, indeed, have done their part more faithfully in helping along the breed of their choice than Mr Henry Arkell, whose name has become so thoroughly identified with the breeding and importing of Oxford Downs. He was one of the first Canadian breeders to take up this now popular sort, while, with a lifetime's experience as a flockmaster, the work for him was com paratively easy ; hence the success he has made of this branch of breeding. While other breeders have been content to breed and sell to such buyers as may come across the lines in quest of sheep, Mr Arkell had a higher motive in view, and this was to persuade other Canadians to take up the breeding of Oxfords These, too. he did not leave to their own resources, but ha annually purchased from them their surplus stock. thus at once furnishing them with a market, and establishing a trade which is not likely to grow less as the days go on. To give some idea of the extent of her trade, during a recent visit he was feeding some seventy shearling rams at home for the western trade while we were told that he had forty at another pe awaiting orders. We were also shown eight or ten shearlings that had been pushed for customers requiring show sheep. We have yet to see a better lot o shearlings of this breed than these last, and when we say that these ranged between 200 lbs, and 250 lbs., and were by no means the best lambs of 1844 (these having been sold), experienced sheepmen will have some idea of the skill that has developed them to such extreme weights. Experience in feeding has taught Mr. Arkell the type which is the easiest to handle, and he has come to the conclusion that there is a vast difference in the English flocks. His aim now is to develop a flock low on the leg, with fleshy, meaty backs, that will put Oxford Downs to the front for meat produc tion. How well he is succeeding any one can see for himself by calling at Farnham Farm and inspecting the grand let of shearlings in their quarters. In all, Mr. Arkell has something over 250 sheep on the farm Five grand imported stock rams were in one pen by themselves. These were a fine lot, and comprise such celebrities as The Nob, bred by Mr. Brassey, Chipping Norton, winner at the Bath and West of England show, and two others, also bred in the celebrated

another, bred by Mr. Adams, of Farringdon, and yet another from a flock of equal notoriety, were also good sheep. These dicep were all in their wool, and it would be hard to find in any one place a finer lot of stock sheep of any breed.

The flock of breeding ewes comprise something over fifty, imported from flocks such as Mr. Brassey s, before mentioned, Mr. Adams, of Farringdon; Mr. Arkell's, Fairford, Gloucestershire , and Baron Rothschild's. From these imported ewes had been bred forty shearling ewes, which had been reserved for the future breeding flock, while no less than three pens are being fitted for show purposes, most of which had already been ordered by breeders living in the United States These shearlings were sired by the two Royal winners, Royal Warwick and Royal Doncaster. This lot display a great deal of quality. They are of smooth, blocky build, and their fleshy tops and capital character show both breeding and care. We were also shown three three-shear imported ewes, also in preparation for showyard honors. Two of them werefrom Baron Rethschild's flock, the remaining one from that of Mr. Brassey. They are in grand form for show now, and will, doubtless, speak for themselves at the fall shows.

Mr. Clemons' Importation of Holsteins.

Mr. G. W. Clemony, St. George, has gone more extensively into Holsteins, and now has in quarantine at Point Edward an importation of choice cattle, numbering seven head, selected from the famous Brookside herd of Messrs. Henry Stevens & Sons, Lacona, NY This herd, as will be remembered, secured sixteer out of a possible twenty-seven prizes offered by th American Holstein-Friesian Association for the largest official butter records made during the past year The greatest record made by any cow in these teus was that of Messes. Stevens great cow, DeKol and, made only ten days after calving, and, consequently, at a great disadvantage. She produced i seven days 26.57 lbs. butter, reckoning according to the Columbian test rules, and her week's record, made six years ago under more favorable circumstances, is 33 lbs. 6 or, the largest over made by a four-year-old cow. Her daughter, DeKol and s Queen, made, as a three year-old, 25 lbs. 7 oz. butter in a week, 2rd an-other daughter, Netherland DeKol, made 82 lbs. 7% or in thirty days as a two-year-old, both of which are world's records for age. Mr. Clemons has secured as much as possible of the DeKol blood, which should prove very serviceable in increasing the butter-producing qualities of Canadian Holsteins,

Among the animals included in the importation is the bull calf Sir Pietersje Josephine Mechthilde, whose sire is Empress Josephine 3rd's Sir Mechthilde, whose dam, Empress Josephine 3rd, and sire's dam, Mechthilde, have butter records which average 35 lbs. 11% or for seven days. His dam is Piecertje 3rd's Albino, a grand two year-old daughter of the great cow, Pietertje 3rd, thit gave, before she was three years old, 17, 927 lbs. 1 oz. of milk in a year, and, as a four-yearold, 24, 126 lbs. in a year, the largest record ever made by a four-year-old. In midwinter she made oy lbs. 815 oz. butter in seven days, and 110 lbs. 61/2 oz. in thirty days. Pietertje grds dam was Pietertje and, whose milk record of joint815 lbs. in a year is the largest ever made by any cow. The great cows, Koningin Van Friesland 5th, with the largest threeyear-old milk record in the world-19,700 lbs. 2 or. in year-and Pieterije 4th, with a six-year-old butter record of 26 lbs. 14 oz. inseven days, are half-sisters to Pietersje and. The sire of Pietersje and's Albino was the great show bull and butter sire, Netherland Allan, brother to Albino and, with a milk record of 18,484 lbs. 4 or. in a year, as a two-year-old, which has never been equalled by a heifer of her age, and a but terrecord of 25 lbs. 14% oz. in a week, and 100 lbs. 14 or in thirty days as a three-year-old. It will be noticed that on the maternal side Sir Pietertje Josephine Mechthilde is closely related to all the cows holding the world's greatest yearly milk records for the differentages, while his sire's dam, Empress Josephine ard, has captured more prizes in public butter tests than any other cow in America, and his sire's grandam, Mechthilde, has the largest seven-day butter record ever made by a Holstein-Friesian cow, viz., 39 lbs. 10% oz. This calf is said by Mesur. Stevens & Sons to be the best they have ever bred in nearly twenty years' experience in breeding, and, if he develops according to present indications, he will certainly do credit to his rich breeding.

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one and is probably the finest batter cow of the breed ever brought to Canada. She gave as a five-year-old op! Ilis, milk to a day, and 15,2411, liss in eleven months, and made za list butter in seven days. Lady Akkmin and was the first of six cows selected from the Brooksideherd by Messrs, Hosie and Yeomans for the proposed Columbian tests, and her milk, tested by these gentlemen, showed a to per cent. fat. She i due to valve April oth, by DeKol and's Paul DeKol. The heifer, Queen DeKol, stred by DeKol and's Netherland, a very hand-ome son of DeKol and, by Netherland Alban, mentioned above, has for her dom Woodland Queen, perhaps the handsomest cow in the herd and who has a signeranted report of any. Ibs. milk in a day, testing as high as 4.6 per cent. fat. She should calve about May 1st, having been served by Empress Josephine and's Sir Mechthilde. Next omer the heifer, Inka Rose Pietertje DeKol, sire DeKol and S Netherland ; dam, Inka 4th's Pietertje Rose, a wonderful daughter of Milla & Pietertje Netheiland and Inka 4th, Hon, D. F. Wilber's great show cow. Inka 4th's Pietertje Rose made an official re cord in the recent tests of 75 lbs milk in a day, and sugatto, butter in a week, at only four years old. Mr. Clemons considers that he has a treasure in her daughter, and has already refused \$200 for her. She is due to calve June 12th, by Empress Josephine ard's Sir Mechthilde. Lady Netherland DeKol, sire DeKol and's Netherland ; dam, Lady Netherland of Brookside, who has a two-year-old record of si's lbs. in a day, except, the in a year, and is the butter in a week, is a very fine and milky heifer, and is in calf to Empress Iosephine and's Sir Mechthilde. The remaining heifer is Mondamin's Daisy Barrington, site. Orphe's Lytle; dam, Mondamin's Daisy. The fouteen nearest female ancestors of this heifer, except the dam, average de 5-14 lbs. milk a day. She won first as a calf, in 10,4, at Rochester, Oswego, and Sandy Creek, and sweepstakes over all breeds at Rochester, She was bred February 23rl to DeKol and a Butter Boy, whose six nearest female' ancestor average nearly j line of butter a week.

This importation comprises the blood of the wonderful butter cows, Debol and, Pauline Paul, Mechthilde, and Empress Inceptine and, mingled with that of the Inkas, Pietertjes, Aluinos, Netherlands, Barringtuns, and other popular families.

### Mr. H. Penfold's Southdowns.

Our readers will see on reference to our advertise ment columes that Mr. Penfold, of Selsey, Chichester Lugland, has decided to sell off during August next his flock of registered Southdown sheep by auction without reserve. What an opportunity here presents itself to buyers and breeders of these sheep, for here we have a flock for sale without reserve, every sheep of which has its own individual car number in right ear, the society's registered trade mark, and Mr. Penfold's registered flock No. 21 in the left ear, thus ren dering it absolutely possible for each and every sheep no matter where sent to, to be individually identified. Every sheep sent abroad will be accompanied by a cer tificate of pedigree signed by the association's secretary, certifying the correct pedigree of the sheep and also what its car number is in the right car, and thus every buyer will be certain that he receives the sheep that is lought for him.

As regards the old rams, they are sires of known merit. Norton 14, Vol. 1, was bred by Mr. Penfold in 1898, and is descended from No. 143, Vol. 1, who was bred in 1871 by Lord Walsingham.

Chichester 10%, Vol. 1, is a most excellent sheep, descended through the Goodwood flick from Mr. Henry Webb's celebrated flock.

Selvey Hoy and, Vol. 1, by Constitution for, Vol. 1. as a sheen who is sure or grandsire of very many of the ewes included in the sale. He is by a son (Penfold's Favorite 471, Vol. :) of Mr. Henry Webl's grand and typical Southdown sheep, General tavorite, which sheep, by the by, was sire of that most noted sheep, Webb stoloucester 57, Vol. 1, who, in his turn, wa ure of the celebrated and well-known Webb sheep, Cambridgeshire, for whom the Dake of Richmoul gave St.ov-at Mr Webb's sale in 1889.

Schery Hero oth ero, Vol. 2, by Selvey Bill 102, Vol. 1, by timodwind No. 10 of 1883, 590, Vol. 2, 15 a grand wheen, true to type, a most impressive site, and one that Mr. Penfold has said did him as good, if not the test, service of any that he ever had. This sheep, although born in 1887, is still as active as ever, and, although not now owned by Mr. Penfold, belongs to a neighbor who has for the last two years allowed Mr. Penfold the privilege of sending a few twee each year in his old favorite. Several ewes are by this sheen There are, in addition, five or six more old sheep, all of similar character, as true type and good wool as the shove, in addition to which there will be offered about thirty-four shearing rams descended from such sheep as aforementioned.

from the flock that was dispersed in 1888, for, when this sale took place. Mr. Penfold, who was very wel aware of the value of the true points of the old Selvey flock, whose existence extends back more than to years, retained for the formation of the present flock all his draft and broken mouth exesand his ewe lambs, and thus it can truly be said that the present flock is descended directly from the old flock that made that grand average in 1888.

It should be remembered that it was at the 1.38 sale that the Southdown world was made aware of the fact that breelers of these sheep would give any price almost for the best sheep. At this sale Mr. Chapman the present secretary of the Southdown Sheep Associa tion, for Messrs, De Murrietta, gave Sugt for Victor 218, bred by Mr. Penfold, whose progeny is now doing such grand things for the Pagham Harbour Co." flick. If our breeders want Southdowns of true type character, wool, and constitution, they can obtain them. This is a chance that they should not miss.

# Veterinary.

#### Ontario Veterinary College.

The closing exercises of this excellent and prosperous institution were held on March 29th, when over 150 graduates of the college gained the right to add the distinguishing letters V.S. to their names. The large assembly hall was filled with students, many of whom came from as far off as Great Britain and the West Indies, while a very large proportion were from the United States. The distinction of having won the gold medal went to Mr. T. M. Sweeney, Richmond, Va. The medals and prizes were presented to the successful candidates by the Lieut.-Governor and others of the visitors present, and brief addresses were delivered by leading men, all of whom referred to the good work done at the Veterinary College. Mr. Henry D. Stebbins. of Westmoreland, N.Y., on behalf of the students, presented Dr. Smith with a fine group picture of the graduating class of 1895.

### The Effect of Tuberculin on a Non-**Tuberculous** Cow.

"Does the injection of tuberculin into a cow wrongly suspected of being tuberculous affect the cow injuriously in any way?" is a question often asked by stockmen. The evidence on this point has not hitherto been very clear, and, therefore, the result of some experiments in this line carried on at the Cornell Experiment Station by Prof. James Law, and gi en in Bulletin S2 of that station, is the more welcome.

Five cows were under observation, two being Holsteins, one a Jersey, and two dry farrow cows of common stock, one having some Shorthorn and the other some Devon blood in her veins. In order to compare the effects, if any, of tuberculin on the milk of the three first-mentioned cows, the milk of two other Holsteins and a Jersey which were grade, but no hacilli. not treated with tuberculin was also set apart. The tested animals were treated like the rest of the herd, with the single exception that, in order to take the temperatures, they were tied up in the stalls for twenty-four hours on each occasion for testing, while the others were let out in an enclosed shed, when not tied up for feeding and milking.

The temperatures of the animals concerned in the test showed very little variation after the injection ; in fact, there were no increases of temperature that would not be found in many well-fed, healthy cattle, while in the case of some of the animals the slight rises were explained by other exceptional causes. Taken all in all, there is nothing in the records of the temperature to show that, either at the time of the test, or later, had the tuberculin proved in any way inimical to the The overflock, as it stands, is directly descended general health. Had the health been im- I without fear of harming the healthy ones.

paired by the repeated operation of the tuberculin, it might have been expected that the constitutional disturbance would have been more marked in the later tests than in the earlier ones, and, as no such tendency was observable, it may be safely concluded that test doses of tuberculin do not produce illness in healthy animals. It has been alleged that the repeated use of tuberculin on animals slightly tuberculous abolishes the tendency, to reaction under the use of the agent, but Prof. Law finds that the second test, made a week or so later, produced an equally marked reaction in such animals.

The pulse and breathing of the healthy cows in this test also showed no deviation from perfect health. There were certainly variations, but, in cattle, pulse and breathing vary so widely inder different conditions of the animal's surroundings, digestive organs, exercise, etc., that it would take much greater variations than those shown to give true indications of disease.

Coming to the milk record, which may be accepted as a more sensitive test of constitutional injury than temperature, breathing, or pulse, we find that here, too, there was nothing out of the normal. An appreciable disturbance of the health at any one point will usually be shown in this delicate balance by a variation either in the quantity of quality of the milk, but in this test it was found that the cows that were not injected with tuberculin showed more variation than those that were. What is more significant is that the average yield of milk of the injected cows for the days following the seven injections of tuberculin is practically the same as the average yield for the whole forty-seven days included in the experiment. Extreme variations in the yield of milk cannot therefore be charged as the result of injections of tuberculin into healthy animals.

The test of the butter fats brought out the fact that there was no change in the percentage of these sufficient to indicate any disease or ill-health as the result of the administration of repeated test doses of tuberculin to healthy stock.

The weight of the animals varied so little during the experiment that it might be said to be stationary, and it may be concluded that the repeated doses had in no injurious way affected assimilation of food, the two Holsteins even showing a perceptible improvement in weight.

To complete the record the two farrow cows were killed and subjected to a post-mortem examination, when the main entrails were found sound. There were some slight traces of inflammation in the udder of the Shorthorn

The results of this test are corroborated by the investigations carried on by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry in 1894 with two cows, one of which received one dose and the other three successive doses or tuberculin. The dose on each occasion was a full dose, considering that the cattle were common stock. Of variations in temperature there were no more than would occur with animals in perfect bealth. The analysis of the milk showed the changes in the constituents to be slight.

From these two tests it would seem safe to claim that tuberculin does not exert any harmful influence when given in doses to healthy cows, whether the injection is a single one or repeated several times, and, therefore, those who wish to test their animals to see whether they are affected with tuberculosis can do so

# The Farm.

# The Summerfallow.

In Ontario the old style of summerfallow is not as popular as it once was. With the increased attention given to diversified farm ing, there is less necessity for the bare fallow. Close competition and low prices have taught farmers that they cannot well afford to have land go idle one whole year without producing any crop. Other methods have, therefore, been resorted to of cleaning land. Among these the growing of roots is one of the most popular.

It may still be necessary to summerfallow, but where it is, the work should be done in such a way that a crop of some kind will be grown. It may not be possible to grow a crop that can be turned directly into money, or that can be used as winter fodder, but it is possible to grow something that can be plowed under, or that even may afford pasture for live stock.

Where land is poor and dirty at the same time, it ought, of course, to be put through a cleaning and a building-up process. There is no way, probably, in which this can be done at a less cost than by summerfallowing, and, at the same time, growing green crops to be turned to account in enriching it. To do this effectively, the work should begin in the fall, and as soon as possible after the previous crop has been removed. The land should be stirred with the plow or cultivator or harrow, and some quick-growing crop sown upon it. as rape, or fall turnips, or it may be barley. Thesemay becatenoff, and the land then plowed in the fall or in the early spring. Then some quick-growing crop may be sown and again caten off. For this crop, peas and oats would be good if caten off with sheep, and due care taken not to leave the animals on the laud while the crop is wet with dew or rain. Then a later crop may be grown, as was done the previous autumn, unless fall wheat is to be sown. Another way would be to sow rye early in the autumn, pasture with sheep o cattle until late in the spring, and plow an sow again with some such crop as millet . rape, which in turn could be eaten off. And yet another way would be to grow rye and plos it under, and then grow peas or rape and like wise plow under whichever of these crop would be grown. Usually, it would be found much better to pasture these crops than to plow them under, for the sake of the food thu secured for the live stock. The fertility put upon the soil would be about the same, if the pasturing was done with sheep.

But in Manitola and the Northwest would not be so easily practicable to grow catch crop on land that had produced when or other grain. The season for rivening i late, and it would be hazardous there to grow winter rye, owing to the rigors of the climate But rape, millet, and spring rye will grou nicely, and may be profitably sown on th summerfallow to provide pasture, for th tramping of the light prairie soil is favorali to the production of a crop of grain the fol lowing season. It may be necessary some times to plow under green crops to loose land, as in stiff clays, or to bind it, as in ligh sands, and to render it capable of holdin more moisture, as in dry sections. No crop are better for this purpose than rye and pear but, under some conditions, white mustand rape, and buckwheat may be grown.

Another kind of summerfallow is found sod overtuined in June, after it has been pa tured up to the time of plowing, or in meade Y

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land overturned after the hay has been cut. Such fallows are only plowed once. They are then worked on the surface. Sometimes they are sown with winter wheat, and sometimes the land remains hare until spring. The obstacles in the way are, in some instances, the stiffness of the soil, and, in others, the busy season at which the work would have to be done.

The practice of allowing the land to remain hare all the summer is wasteful of fertility, and it is seriously so in wet summers. When rains wash down through the soil, they wash out fertility in the form of nitrates to a much greater extent than if crops were growing upon the land. If the fallow is bare during the whole of one of those seasons, and if manure has been applied to it early in the spring or summer, there will be a serious loss of fertility, and the lighter the soil the greater will be the loss.

But it would be much better to have the bare fallow and the loss of a crop than to have dirty farm. A dirty farm is an undesirable possession. Of the two evils, if one must be chosen, take the bare fallow.

# The Dwarf Essex Rape.

This plant is growing more and more in favor all the while. At one time its growth was confined to two or three counties in Ontario; now it is being grown in many counties of this province. It is rapidly coming into favor in the Province of Quebec. It is also being favorably tried in the Maritime Provinces. Some of the farmers in Manitoba grow a large acreage from year to year, and it is now grown to some extent in the territories. Much of the attention that is now being given to rape is doubtless the outcome of experiments conducted by the experiment station at Guelph, while Professor Shaw had the management of the farm.

This plant, as is now known to many, furnishes an excellent forage plant for sheep. It also furnishes fine food for cattle and swine as well, but it is, par excellence, a sheep food. The flockmasters of this country can ill afford to do without more or less of it to furnish autumn pastures. But on some soils, as hard clays, for instance, it may not be prudent to attempt to grow it. On these soils, clover may, to some extent, be made to answer the uses of rape. The rape crop, as is now generally known, is usually eaten off in the field. but it furnishes an excellent soiling food for animals of all classes that have to be kept more or less confined, and when fed thus to milch cows, after the time of milking, the results are very beneficial.

The Dwarf Essex rape may be grown in many different ways. It may be grown along with spring grain. When thus grown some ced may be put in along with the crop, say, about one pound of seed to an acre of land. The results from this method of sowing will vary much with the season. If the season is good, that is, if it is growthy, the rape will lumish considerable pasture after the crop of grain has been harvested. If the season is adverse, the benefit will be very slight, but the loss of seed in that case is not a very serious matter.

Sometimes the rape is sown broadcast, about the end of June, on land well prepared and in a good condition as to productiveness. From hree to five pounds of seed are used per acre. This mode of sowing is coming into favor in Manitola on fallow lands to be sown with wheat the next year. Rape should not be it has been applied. Because of this the

such instances be inadequate to the labor bestowed,

One of the best methods of sowing rape is to put it in rows on raised drills, about two feet apart, and to cultivate it much after the same fashion as a crop of turnips. It may then be sown about the end of June, and the cultivation may be made eminently helpful in cleaning the land. The cultivation is also very favorable to the growth of the rape. This mode of growing rape is one of the most satisfactory, and it may be practised where rye has been grown and pastured off. Thus two crops may be grown upon the land in a year. From one to two pounds of seed per acte is required.

Rape may also be grown after the harvesting of an early grain crop. It may be made to follow winter tye, winter wheat, harley, or, indeed, any crop that is cut early. If the season is a wet one, a large amount of food may be thus grown. It may also be grown amid standing corn. It may be sown before the last cultivation given to the corn, and, after the crop has been harvested, it may furnish much food.

Rape, of course, is only one of the fodder plants that should claim our attention. There are others of much importance. But rape is certainly a valuable plant for those who are interested in sheep husbandry. It has been a stand-by for autumn pastures for many years past with some of the best flockmasters in Ontario-practical men, who never put in much time in trying to grow a crop which will not pay them.

Try a little. The seed is not dear. If you try nothing more than a small patch not far distant for soiling, try that much, and convince yourself of its value. The fever of rape growing is rapidly extending in the United States. Many of the New York State flockmasters now grow it as regularly as the season comes around, and the same is true of some flockmasters in Michigan.

# The Value of Marls.

Sometimes the question is asked as to the value of marks in agriculture. That they are oftentimes of real value has been demonstrated over and over again. And yet in many instances their use has proved disappointing. This is just what we should look for when we know something of their value, and of the way in which they should be applied.

The chief items of manurial value in marls are phosphoric acid, potash, and lime. The relative quantities of these which they contain vary much, and the condition also in which these constituents are found varies. It is apparent, therefore, that for these reasons the results from the application of marls will vary greatly. And they vary because of other influences which will be given below.

The phosphoric acid is oftentimes found in combination with iron and alumina. This is less available than that found in superphosphates. Hence, though we know the relative amount of it in the marl, we should be careful not to put too high a valuation on it. The potash in marls is oftentimes not more available than that found in good soils. Much of it, therefore, is in a form that is inaccessible to plants; it may be for years to come. The lime is usually as good as lime obtained from other sources ; but, oftentimes, it is no better. A large proportion of the plant food in marl is, therefore, not available for some time after application of marl than he is aware of, or than he is disposed to give it credit for.

But, in addition to the plant food which marl brings to land, it exerts a favorable influence on the physical properties of the soil, and it aids it mechanically. These influences, too, are sometimes more beneficial than the direct influences from the plant food in it tends to improve their physical texture. When applied on lands containing an excess of organic matter the lime in the marl aids in reducing the same. And it improves soils in other ways

It is evident, therefore, that the effect of marl upon soils, physically and mechanically, will vary much with the character of the soil. as well as wich the character of the mark When soils are nearly tight in texture they may receive but little help from the application of marl, either physically or mechani cally. On the other hand, when the physical or mechanical condition is very faulty, they may be greatly benefited.

The wisdom of applying marl to land will depend very much upon the distance from which it has to be drawn, and the opportunity for drawing it. If the farmer can apply it without drawing it far, it may be eminently wise for him to do so, and more especially at those seasons of the year when he is not over busy. A time may come, in the autumn, when both men and teams may draw marl, and to very good advantage, when they would not be otherwise so profitably employed.

Because of the inert condition in which much of the plant food in marl is found, it is a good plan to get it strewn over the surface of the ground in the autumn. The influences of sun, rain, frost, and snow act upon it, and, in conse quence, more of it is available than would otherwise he by the time the plants come to be sown, where the marl has been applied. And when it has thus been applied, and it is incorporated in the surface soil by the harrow, the mechanical influence on the texture of the same is usually very favorable.

In some counties in Ontario there are immense beds of mark. These may be of great service where the adjacent lands need different conditions of weather. such applications. But it is very doubtful if it will pay to transport marl to any great distance, or to go to any considerable expense in carrying it. Sometimes it is found outcropping on the surface of the soil, and is, therefore, easily accessible At other times it is down in deep beds. In some instances it is found in a dry and almost pulverized state. and at other times it is found with much water in proximity to it. As agriculture progresses, and the necessity becomes more and more felt for the application of fertilizers, marl will receive more attention than it gets at the present time.

# Thorough Cultivation.

In Ontario, and, in fact, in all the provinces to the castward, thorough and cateful cultiva tion is of prime importance ; and the heavier the soil the more careful does the cultivation require to be. In the soils to the west, that is, in the prairie soils, deep cultivation is not nearly so important relatively, although it may be well to have these plowed deeply now and then.

The following are among the advantages that result from the careful preparation of a good seed hed . (1) The seed can casily be de posited to a good depth. (2) The ground presses more closely around the seed, and a

roots of the plants penetrate the soil more easily, and, in consequence, they gather food more readily. (4) The soil retains more moisture

The seed can be planted more deeply. This is a question of no little importance, especially with some kinds of grains, as peas In some parts of the province the clay is stifl, so the mark. When it is applied to stuff soils much so that when plowed in the fail it hardens in certain seasons. When heavy rains fall on it they impact it in the winter and early spring 10 use the farmer's term, it "runs together." When sowing time comes it is very hard, and in the hurry and rush of work at the time the farmer is tempted sometimes to sow without having expended sufficient labor in preparing the seed bed. He, as it were, skims over the work, in the hope that the season may prove propitions, and that, as a result, he may still hope for a fair crop. But why run any risk ' The season may prove just the reverse, and then the crep will be an utter failure. Its roots cannot penetrate the hard soil below. It is, of course, different on the prame. The soil there is spongy, and if stirred too deeply in the spring it will lie too loose, and will suffer through surface evaporation, or it may blow away.

> The germination will be quicker. When eed is put in the soil the particles of earth must lie close to it, if it is to germinate quickly. If they do not, light and air will be too easily accessible, and will, in consequence, retard the growth of the young plant. If the ground is left cloddy it will dry out readily through surface evaporation, and it will very readily admit of the escape of ground muisture. But in Manitoba soils, for instance, the question of fine pulverization would scarcely need to be raised. There it would be a question rather of keeping the land firm than of making it loose. And even in Ontario we may sometimes find the soil so fine and porous near the surface that but little attention needs to be given to the preparation of a seed bed. In some seasons one harrowing over the surface will leave the ground in a better condition than half a dozen harrowings would under

> The roots of the plants will, of course, penetrate the soil more easily where the ground is fnable. In crop growing this ques. tion is one of much importance. It is a grand thing to have the grain get a good start. When tender rootlets come against clods as they push out into the soil, they are turned asule in their course, and in this way time is lost; and when they cannot push out roots readily in all directions, they, of course, cannot grow nearly so vigorou-ly. To note how rapidly the rootlets of young plants push through a congenial soil, one has only to dig up a few plants and examine them. Before a blade of corn, for instance, reaches the surface of the earth, although it has only to come through about two inches of earth, its roots will have penetrated horizontally through several inches of soil. The more easily the roots of plants can pencirate the soil the further can they pash in search of food, and they also multiply their rootlets more quickly, and are, in consequence, better able to gather much food for the sustenance of the plants.

The soil also retains more moisture. When the soil is only stirred a short distance from the surface, and heavy rains fall, they run away over the surface. The water cannot penetrate into the subsoil. And when she subsoil is hard, capillarity is hindered ; hence sown thus on poor land, for the growth will in farmer oftentimes gets more benefit from the quicker germination will result. (3) The when the surface is rough and cloudy, as less moisture comes up from below. And

stated before, the air can sooner dry out the soil.

On the whole, therefore, the question of a deep seed bed and of fine pulverization is greatly important. It is so important that it should never be slighted. It would be better not to sow a crop on ground unprepared, that is, not properly prepared, than to sow and run the harard of getting little or no return if adverse weather should follow.

### The Farmer's Vegetable Garden.

It is simply surprising to notice how little attention is given to the average farm garden, when we think of its value. There is no spot upon the farm, of equal size, which will compare with it, either in money value, in the influence which it exercises upon the health of the family, or in the practical knowledge which it furnishes to those who till it. The vegetable garden and the fruit garden are frequently considered together, but that is not our purpose at the present time. We wish to discuss only the vegetable garden. While both are very valuable, the vegetable garden is the more valuable of the two, and, if either one is to be done without, it should not be the latter.

A small piece of ground will suffice for a vegetable garden. Its size should bear a close relation to the size of the family, but usually it need not be larger than one-fourth of an acre. When managed on the intensive planthat is, on the plan which is calculated to give maximum returns, without so much regard to the labor expended-the garden would answer very well if it were smaller, even half the size named, except for a family which was very large.

It should be plowed in the fall, and deeply plowed, to suit Ontario conditions. A less depth would suffice on prairie soils. But in Ontario, and also in the Northwest, if the ground could be plowed and subsoiled at the same time, it would be a decided advantage. On stiff soils it would be better to leave the land ridged, to present a large surface to the action of the weathering influences. In the spring it should be levelled with the harrow, or, at least, that portion of it which is to be first planted.

Many vegetables should go in early, such as lettuce, onions, carrots, parsnips, and radishes. Of onions there should be several varieties, and also of carrots and radishes, and the same is true of many of the other sorts yet to be named. The various kinds of each should be chosen with reference to their edible qualities, earliness or lateness, and adaptability to soils. After the kinds named, heets, peas, corn, potatoes, and beans follow, and, still later, cucumbers, melons, and squashes. Such relishes as parsley, summer savory, and spinach should not be overlooked. In fact, the aim should be to have the variety as comprehensive as possible, and yeanot to have a large quantity of any one kind except of those which are regarded as stand-bys, as, for instance, carrots, beets, and turnips. Cabbages, tomate , and celery should all have a place. And , aubarb should be given a row in some part of the garden-as, for instance, along one side-where it will not impede cultivation.

By observing due care some of the carlier crops can be grown to be out of the way of kinds at come later, insomuch that two crops in

one season can be grown on the same ground. For instance, late cabbages could come after radishes, and iate corn or turnips after lettuce.

kept free from weeds by the cultivation given to it in growing each crop.

The great mistake made in the garden, usually, is deferring the hoeing season too long after the seeds have been put into the soil. The hand-hoeing may profitably begin before the seeds have been sown many days. It may be stirred lightly along right over the line of the row where the seeds are planted. In this way the weeds which are starting over the line of the row will be destroyed. This work must be done, with much care. Then, as soon as the seeds are up, horse-hocing may begin, for in the farmer's garden the seeds should be planted in rows rather than in beds. They should be planted invariably with an eye to the use of the horse hoe.

Much may be done by way of enriching the garden by a judicious use of the slops of the house. Suds of all kinds are excellent for the garden, and, if carefully used in a dry time, they may be made to serve an excellent use apart from the fertility which they convey. Then, oftentimes, wood ashes may be conveniently applied, which would otherwise be thrown away.

When a young family is growing up, the influence of a garden in developing a love of labor, and more especially in the direction of the tillage of the soil, is very great. Children usually love to witness growth, and more especially when they have a personal interest in it. Let each child have a share in the ownership, and the effect will be greatly encouraging. While engaged in caring for the garden, the young folks are gaining useful knowledge, they are doing what is in itself a good work, and their love of home and of farm life is intensified.

# Planting Potatoes.

No question probably has been more discussed than that of planting potatoes. Opinions differ widely in regard to it, owing, it may be, to a difference in soils and climatic conditions. Opinions ought to differ, for it would not be found possible to lay down rules that would be applicable to different countries, or that would even be applicable to all parts of the same country. But in potato planting, as in other things, there are some leading principles which are generally applicable, and it will be the aim in this paper to refer to some of these.

First, as to seed, good well-developed potatoes are to be preferred. Those are to be rejected which are unshapely, crooked, distorted and small. It will be found that though small seed may be chosen and may sometimes produce a good crop, ultimately the crop would deteriorate if small seed were chosen from year to year. The good crop is not the result of the small sed, but a result obtained in spite of the fact that small seed had been planted.

The question is still undecided as to whether medium-sized seed should be chosen and planted, or as to whether pretty large sets should be chosen, and cut into three or more pieces. Both systems have given good returns. In Ontario the best returns have resulted from planting whole medium-sized potament station, but, taking the continent over, the balance of testimony favors the cutting of large pointoes into pieces having from one to three eyes each. A number of experimenters seem to think that when whole potatoes are used there are more small ones, the result of When two crops are grown thus instead of a growth of too many talks from the one

one early crop, the soil is more likely to be potato. The same result in a more aggravated form comes from planting large potatoes without first cutting them. Those who have tried the plan of cutting off the seed end of the potato and rejecting it for planting do not seem to be quite satisfied with the results. It did not seem to help the yield. It is true, probably, that there is more vitality in the seed end of the tuber. If blind eyes are found it is almost invariably at the rear end of the potato, that is, at its base. In some instances, where the seeds of the top ends of the tubers have been saved and planted by themselves, it has been thought that the early maturing of the crop has been advanced.

Some successful potato planters prefer cutting the potatoes three to five days before planting them, and then strewing them over the surface of the ground to the depth of a few inches, where they are exposed to the sunlight. The cuts heal quickly when the sets are thus exposed, and the sunshine tends to cause the potatoes to sprout quickly. Where they cannot be thus spread in the sunshine, they may be strewn over with plaster of Paris. The difference in the coming up of potatoes thus treated as compared with those not so treated is very considerable. In some instances it amounts to several days.

A vast majority of growers plant potatoes in drills rather than hills. This is not owing to the fact that hills yield less than drills, but rather to the fact that it is more trouble to plant and care for them when thus put into the ground.

The opinion is now pretty general that potatoes should be planted deeply. The drills are usually opened with some kind of plow to the depth of five to seven inches. These drills are twenty-four to thirty inches apart. and in some instances as wide as thirty-six inches with large and free-growing varieties. This is owing to the fact that in the east, where there is sometimes an excess of moisture, the tops shade the ground too much when the potatoes are closely planted, and in consequence the potatoes are more ant to rot. In the far west this excess of moisture need not be feared to anything like the same extent. The sets in the drills are planted from eight to fifteen or eighteen inches apart. In the trial contests for prizes offered by the American Agriculturist, those planted not too far distant gave the best returns.

Covering may be done in various ways. There is no doubt but that the most satisfactory way would be to cover with the hoe, but it is too slow where a large crop is to be grown. Some form of plow may be used in covering, but it should not cover more than three inches at the first. A deeper covering will be furnished when the harrow is run over the ground some days later. Many persons who grow potatoes lose considerably by not | amount before the drains begin to run, and for planting them more deeply. When planted deep they are cut of the way of injury from the harrow, the tubers grow in a damp place, and they do not push their way up to the surface of the ground when they are growing.

# Tile Draining.

The general verdict of those who have had experience in farm operations is that no money toes in the trials made at the Guelph Experi- is so sure of giving a return as that expended in tile draining. On any land that is in good heart, and at all wet, the additional receipts from the first crop will often pay the whole bill, while almost invariably that from two crops will repay the whole expenditure.

Plants derive their sustenance through the

moisture that lets loose, absorbs, and thus prepares the elements for plant food, and it is through moisture alone that the elements coutaining plant food become soluble, and, therefore, through this process plants obtain their nourishment. Now, excessive wet not only wastes these elements after they have become soluble, but through this means the plant food is so diluted that the plants perish for want of sufficient nourishment-although they may escape drowning-for plants require air, water, and food, just as animals do.

Perhaps there is no crop that shows the absolute necessity for underdraining as much as does fall wheat. Walk over a field in April, which is generally the hardest month on this plant. When the wet hollows have been properly drained, and the apparently dry knolls left undrained, the plant will tell to the very inch how far the drains are doing their duty. As far as the soil is dry the plant will be healthy, however cold and unfavorable the weather may be, showing that it is still deriving the proper sustenance from mother earth. On the other hand, when the drainage is imperfect, the cold nights and drying winds by day, slowly, but surely, starve the plants out of existence, thus showing that it is not excessive wet alone that necessitates tile drainage, for the advantages are quite as apparent during a drouth. When land is imperfectly drained the cracks open. These wide fissures admit the hot wind and dry the ground still more excessively, but when the land is thoroughly drained a different action takes place. The soil becomes interlaced with tiny channel-, that not only assist drainage when required, but, as the weather becomes dry, act as capillaries in allowing the moisture to escape upward to the surface for the benefit of the crop, while these again admit the outer air, laden as it is with moisture which it gives off in the cooler temperature of the earth, just as the drops congregate on the cold surface of the water pitcher.

In entering on the practical part of tile draining, the character and varieties of soil are the chief factors which govern the laying out of the work. For instance, a nearly level surface does not require as large tile in the main drains as does a surface that is more undulating or hilly. for, in the level surface, it takes considerable time for the water from the laterals to reach the main drains. On the other hand, when the surface is undulating, after a heavy rain, the water rushes forward with a greater velocity, taxing the capacity of the drains for the time being, and endangering the growing crops.

Again, a strong, heavy clay will not retain much moisture, especially in the subsoil, and, therefore, the water must nearly all run off: while, on the other hand, a deep loam, when thoroughly dry, will absorb a large the same reason they will run for a much longer time in such soils after a shower than in clay.

When at all practicable, a map of the drains in each field should be made and kept for future use. These will amply repay the trouble of making, as any one knows who has had the experience of searching for a drain that has become choked. It is easy to measure ure from some landmark, or the field fences may be made the basis from which the measurements may be taken.

In level fields, or those with a uniform surface, this work is comparatively easy; but when drains are made to follow the depressions in the field, as in the case of draining the hollows or wet bottoms, and therefore moisture taken up by their roots; for it is are not run straight, the work is a little more մե

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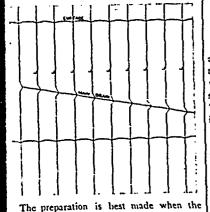
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complicated; but making a map is much more agreeable work than digging over rods of ground searching for a drain of which no bearings can be traced.

There is a vast acreage of land in Canada comprised of strong, retentive clay, which many claim will not repay the expenditure of ile draining, for the reason that the subsoil is so impervious to water that drains will not draw as they do in the more porous soils, and as this clay land comprises a large proportion of many of the best counties any plan by

which they can be permanently improved is of great importance. We find this land plowed in narrow ridges with numerous cross furrows, the whole depending upon surface drains, which not only require opening up each time the field is worked, but only partially do their work, while hey are a constant source of annoyance to running machinery.

But tile draining and surface draining can be made to work admirably together on this land if the work is laid out as shown in the accompanying figure.



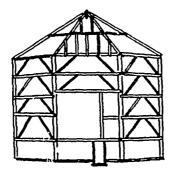
field is in fallow. It should first be levelled, and all old dead furrows filled up and worked out. Then lay it out in lands four rods wide, at right angles to the way the field is generally plowed. Give these lands a slight crown, which may take more than one gathering. The work must be carefully performed so as to give a genile decline from the crown to the dead furrows, where lateral drains are to be put in to carry the water, as in the figure. The advantage is apparent when the field has again he plowed across the lateral drains thus laid, as each furrow as it is plowed forms a drain, the outlet being the tile drain, while the track of each drill or harrow forms a surface drain. A field thus laid out will remain in this form for years while the slight depressions and crowns will not be found the least it. the way, and the field can be plowed in much larger lands as the dead furrows will not be required for drainage.

# An Octagonal Barn.

By WM. RENDALL, A.O.A.C., Camperdown, Ont. The following sketch and accompanying plans are descriptive of an octagonal harn that the writer crected upon a fifty-acre farm in the summer of 1893. The building proves satisfactory and convenient in every respect. For the foundation a trench was dug three feet deep and eighteen inches wide ; this was

tilled with small stones, thrown in dry and pounded down with a heavy stone hammer. Upon this there is a wall of masonry two feet high and eighteen inches thick, on which plank sills 3x10 inches are bedded. The framework rests upon this wall, and consists of eight corner posts and other necessary timbers, as shown in the elevation plan.

Dimensions -Length of each side, 18 feet ; distance from ground to eaves, 32 feet ; height of stable, 8 feet ; each side is 18 feet long, and all the girts are of that length. The length of corner posts is 30 feet, and there is a row of girls every 6 feet. The corner posts are of round timber. They were cut in the winter, and the bark peeled off. The posts are framed by cutting gains into them to receive the girts. Round timber is as suitable for these posts as squared timber, as they are equally easy to frame, and the first cost is much less. The girls are 6x6 inches, and are framed by sizing them down



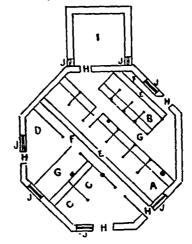
at the ends to 416 inches where they fit on the posts.- They are fastened to the posts with 9x12-inch square wrought spikes, two spikes being driven into each end of the girt. The plates are 6x6 inches, and are halved into each other at the ends, and a 5%-inch bolt passes through them and up through the corner rafter, holding all firmly together. There is a brace of 6x6-inch stuff fitted on the inside of the plates at the corner, and bolted on with 35-inch bolts. This makes the corners of the plate rim very strong. The corner rafters are 3x10 inches, and 28 feet long, and they all meet around an octagonal post at the peak. The purline plates are 3x6 inches and 2 feet long, and are held in place by being tenoned into the corner rafters. The intermediate rafters are 21/225 inches, and are placed 3 feet apart.

All braces are made of 3x4-inch scantling, cut with the proper angles at the toes, but not having any tenons. The girts are framed for the braces by boxing out seats one inch deep for the braces to rest in. The braces were cut 1/2 inch long, and were got in place by springing the girts. In this way every brace was tight and doing its work, and the strength of the girts was not reduced by having to cat mortises for the braces. A 4-inch wire nail was driven into the toes of all bracer, so that they could not be displaced until the siding was put on, when each brace was nailed to it the same as the girts.

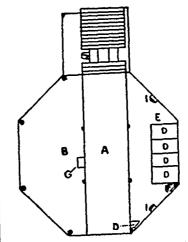
The siding is of inch lumber, fastened on with 3-inch wire nails. To the height of 6 fect all around and of 14 feet on the three sides next the granary it is double boarded, with a thickness of tarred building paper between. This is for the purpose of keeping the stable warm, and keeping the snow from blowing into the granary. The roof is sheeted with inch lumber, and covered with cedar shingles laid 4 inches to the weather. The roof is over one-third pitch.

Arrangement.-The ground plan shows how the stable is arranged; aaa are stalls for 12 head of cattle; bbb are smaller stalls for yearlings, and will hold S head ; ac are double stalls for horses; d, hox stall; cc, gutters, 4 inches deep and 18 inches wide; f, passage behind caule; gr, feed rooms; hkh, doors; i, root house; jjj, windows. The stalls are divided, as shown in plan, by bin at time of threshing, or as occasion may within his reach by the exercise of a little ingenuity?

Rabbits are chiselled into the posts, into which the ends of the stall planks fit. The stall divisions are 4 feet high, and are neat and strong. The stable is laid out to economire space and be convenient, any part of it is easily and quickly reached from any other point, and the feed rooms and root house are so located that the food can be given to the stock with a minimum amount of labor. Light is admitted into the stable through five windows, each having four lights of 12x16. inch glass. The walls of the stable are two feet stone wall and six feet double boarded, with tarred paper between.



Barn floor .- The plan of the first floor shows how the interior of the barn proper is arranged. The barn floor A being placed nearer the granary side leaves a larger mow on the other side, and the floor over the granary side is so much smaller, thus leaving more room for the storage of crops than if the floor had been placed in the centre of the barn. B is a mow, having a floor area of 620 square feet. The mow over the granary has a floor area of 425 square feet. There is also a large space over the drive floor, which can be scaffolded, and used for storing crops; there being a height of twelve feet from the scaffold beams to the top of the plates. There is an open space between the bins and drive floor. It is a convenient place to set the fanning-mill when cleaning grain, and when drawing in Lie team is brought lack past the load along



this space to work the horse fork. This is a great convenience, as in many barns, an extra horse must be kept for unloading, or else much valuable time is wasted singling out the team to get past the load. DDD are bins each of which will hold 110 bushels. E is a space that can be used for a temporary

posts being set in the ground 21/2 feet deep. require. F is a shute to the feed room of cattle. G is a shute to the feed room in front of horses. D is a shute for bedding, and leads to the horse stable. If windows. J is a shute in roof of root house.

The walls of the root house are built of stone laid in mortar. The roof is covered with mica roofing, which admits of a very flat pitch. There is a driveway of planks over the roof, as shown in the plan. Some of the planks are removed to show the shute J, and the joists that the planks rest upon. When routs are being drawn to the root house, these planks are slid two feet to the right, so as to leave the shute uncovered. The wagons can then be drawn alongside, and the roots unloaded. The shoot being near the centre of the root house, the labor of levelling back the roots is reduced to a minimum.

Advantages of octagonal barns .- Great saving of materials used in construction, there being no inside timber required to strengthen the octagon. Less outside wall is required to enclose the same area. The larger the building, the greater the gain. (To build a square barn equal capacity to an octagonal one, with of 22-foot sides, there would be required about 15 per cent. more material.) A roof that is very ridged, self-supporting, and not liable to be damaged by heavy gales; greater strength of building to resist pressure from the crops within and from the wind without ; greater concentration, accompanied by a reduction of labor in feeding stock, and in other ways; reduction in length of timber required for building ; a more attractive style of architecture.

# Ashes.

Editor Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal: Sin,-The article on ashes in the last issue is timely. I am amazed at the density of the Canadian farmer in this regard. Some years ago I spent the night at a farm house, and, after breakfast the next morning, a visitor was announced in the shape of the ashman. Hecame in to warn his hands, which were hard and calcined from his work. The good woman expressed her fear that he might not get any out of the ashhouse, as the winte "ad been severe. He managed to dig out some two bushels, and paid in cash at the rate of fifteen cents a bushel. He drove a team, and went from house to house, and generally made up a load by the afternoon, so he told me.

Bosten firms have standing ads. of "Nature's own fertilizer "-sifted, hardwood Canadian ashes-analysis guaranteed, etc.

Is there not need of THE JOURNAL to extend all along the line of these farmers who throw away their own precious substance? We give good incomes to middlemen and to enrich the farmers on the other side, who pay a pretty stiff price for what they get and must have to keep their farms in good order.

"Man is a bundle of habits," as I have proved in my own neighborhood, where I have counselled great care in saving ashes. Had I been a doctor or lawyer, and had charged a substantial fee, they might have obeyed or followed my advice, but they have not, and, as my example is refused, I seek wider fields and pastures new, and give your readers my experience in this matter.

We use one good cook stove and a box stove in the "keeping room," that is all. Every morning 1 draw out all the ashes into an old pan and set it in the woodshed to cool. I have a rotation of three or four. I take the coolest one and sift the ashes into a barrel, reserving my charcoal and lournt hones for my hens and hogs, which they get periodically. I have now (April 1st) four barrels packed down hard, and ready to be sown on my onion and cabbage leds, which, with a little dried blood, and perhaps a trifle of nitrate of soda, would make you, Mr. Editor, astonished at your own amazement, if by chance you came my BARNACLE MINIMUS. way.

#### Exorbitant Rates.

Editor Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal: Six,-When will the farmer cease to pay exorbitant rates? When will he avail himself of advantages

The farmer is a large buyer ; hay rakes, mowers, reapers, plows, harrows, he must buy. Enter his house, h must have a stove, a sewing machine, and, perhaps, he would like an organ. Why not? Music is the only thing we take with our characters into heaven from weary world. But to the point. How should he avoid exorbitant rates? He must change his method of doing business. No farmer who is fairly afloat i destitute of the trivilege of borrowing money. Bank ers live by lending money. They are always ready for business. Why not use them? A bush black smith was known to have money in the bank. The president of a small cheese factory came to berrow to get some mill stuff to keep up his cows in the early spring and those of his neighbors. The blacksmith said "I have no money to lend, but let four farmers just state what stock they have, and let them give a joint note for \$200, and send it to So-and so, and they will get their money all right. ' And so they did. Now, uppose a farmer wants a new stove, a sewing ma chine, and an organ, and that he is fairly certain that he can pay \$75 in a year from date.

One way to buy these things--alas ! the usual way is on time, say, \$25 for a stove, \$50 for a sewing ma chine, and \$100 for an organ ; total, \$175.

Now, for cash, those articles may be had straight from the makers for \$75, say, a stove, weighing 350 lbs, \$14; a good sewing machine, \$21; and an organ, fit for any farmer's family, \$40. These articles will be sent, freight paid, to your nearest railway station What more would you have \* Look at the difference \$75 at 10 per cent., for a year, \$32.50; same articles bought through agents on time, \$175. M.T.H.

# Orchard and Garden.

### Fraud in the Sale of Fruit.

The bill introduced by the Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, to prevent fraud in the sale of fruit, to which we referred in our last issue, has been amended in committee. Penalties varying from \$1 to \$5 are now enacted for any one altering, defacing, or counterfeiting marks on packages, for any one using an article previously marked, and making false marks to deceive as to the grade of fruit packed in the article. Packing so as to conceal defects in fruit either of quality or size-in other words. putting small or defective fruit in the centre or bottom of the package-also renders the packer liable to a similar fine on conviction.

The bill also enacts that every person receiving apples, pears, plums, peaches, nectarines, cherries, grapes, apricots, or berries of any description whatever, for sale in bulk on commission, shall, when requested to do so by the consignor in writing, furnish the said consignor, within one week after receiving notice or after disposing of the frait, as may be requested, with a written detailed statement in regard to the sale or disposal of the same, giving the price or prices received therefor, and the names and addresses of the purchasers.

No prosecution or conviction under this Act shall be a bar to any proceeding for the recovery of penalties which may be imposed under any other Act, nor to any action for the recovery of damages which may be brought by any person injured or defrauded by the sale of fruit in violation of the provisions of this Act, but all such penalties may be recovered, and all such actions may be brought in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed.

# Irrigation.

The advantages of irrigation are being widely discussed at the present time, and it is well that they should be, for we expect that irrigation will form a most important feature both in farming and fruit growing in the near future. Through its use it hr : been possible for settlers to make a living out of the socalled "desert lands" of the western part of

this continent, and those who have tried it in the more fertile spots, during the drought of summer have found that the results have been extremely satisfactory. In our December number Mr. J. J. Graham, Vandeleur, gave his experience with irrigation, which has given him such good results, and in a late issue of the Rural New Yorker Mr. A. J. Snyder shows how strawberries are benchted by it. He says :

"On our farm there was a living spring that formerly was an eyesore in the field in which it lay, by its overflowing, where nothing would grow but grass. But to-day it is a bank to the money value of the farm. By piping it 40 rods, I found that I could obtain a fall of nine feet. By dipping it dry, I also found that it could support a daily output of 48 barrels, or 1.920 gallons in 24 hours in dry weather. But 4S harrels applied daily to a parched berry patch was like pouring water in a crack. This was in the summer of 1393. The next season I resolved to have a reservoir to draw from, so in the winter and spring of 1893 and 1894 I scraped a hole eight feet deep and forty feet square, and stoned it up with rough stones off the place like a well. I let the spring into it, after having piped it 45 rods to my strawberry patch with 11/2-inch pipe with a three-inch tile drain in the bottom under the iron pipe, to drain the spring's watercourse and carry off the overflow.

"After getting it to my strawberries, I was at a standstill how to apply the water-with a hose in the shape of rain, or by flooding the patch between each row. I chose the latter, and ran the piping across the head of the patch, which measured just one-half acre, thence across a black raspberry and blackberry patch in the same plantation side by side. By flooding four rows at a time until the water reached the lower ends of the rows. I found that I could water them once every ten days (excluding Sunday), turning the water on about 4 o'clock p.m., and turning it off in the morning at S o'clock.

" The patch was heavily mulched the following winter with stable manure, covering the whole plot ; this was raked off the rows into the middles in spring. Thus no cultivation was given the plot other than spudding out docks, thistles, and other noxious weeds before picking time. My first application was when the berries were about half-grown, on June 14th. I kept it up until berries were done, about July 4th, and the way those berries swelled and filled up ! And what berries they were, principally Crescents fertilized with Wilson !

" The profit from half an acre was \$139.85. Two other patches, covering nearly two acres and not irrigated, but mulched only, realized some \$380, not deducting expenses.

# Co-operative Apple Growing.

I advocate the extension to apple-growing of the principle of co-operation, which has already been found of so great advantage in other branches, and more especially, so far as farmers are concerned, in the matter of cheesemaking. This co-operation may be on a small or on a large scale. It may be only the friendly union of two or three farmers in a neighborhood, or it may include a township or a whole county, and it may apply to those who have only small orchards as well, or perhaps even la iter than to those who have large ones, for the latter are generally better able to take care of themselves.

(1) Co-operation may well begin with the gaining of knowledge on the subject. The

two or three may make it a point to compare notes and exchange ideas and information, and the larger body may hold meetings and secure the presence of those who are able to impart instruction with regard to the kinds of apples to grow, the best modes of growing them, and the best modes of disposing of them.

(2) As a second step co-operation in buying trees for planting will secure the advantage not only of lower prices by ordering in larger quantities, but also of greater attention to the order, the prevention of the petty frauds of the tree peddler, and greater satisfaction in every way. If I want fifty trees and two of my neighbors want twenty-live each, each of us will gain by sending in an order for one hundred trees at t . lower rates that are offered for that quantity. This is an obvious and immediate advantage affecting the pocket, and is one that is within the reach of a small number who may choose to unite, as well as of a larger number.

(3) When the orchard is in bearing there may with advantage he co-operation in such a matter as spraying, where the size of the individual orchard does not seem to warrant the providing by each one of a proper spray. ing pump. Two or three farmers in a neighborhood may purchase a pump and provide the materials between them, or a larger number may arrange with a man who owns an outfit to make a round of their neighborhood at the proper times. Many a farmer neglects to spray his orchard, because he thinks it hardly worth while to get a pump for himself, or because at a busy time he does not want to be bothered with something that he knows very little about.

(4) When the apples come to be picked and marketed there is not only a fresh advantage to be gained from co-operation in marketing them, but there is a summing up of all the advantages already gained, the test and realization of the work of the earlier years. The knowledge and information gained, the urudent selection of varieties suitable to the locality and suitable for the market, the care in training the trees from the first year up ward, the spraying, the tilling, and manuring of the ground, are all telling upon the crop produced. If the kinds of apples have been carefully and judiciously selected to begin with, the co-operating neighborhood will become known for certain good varieties of shipping apples. If the trees and the ground have been properly cared for and the trees have beer properly sprayed, it will also become known for the quality of the fruit produced. Buyers will be attracted to such a neighborhood, and, if an immediate sale be made to them, better prices will be obtained on account of the uniformity and quality of the fruit, and that with out any combination to keep up prices. Or, if a shipment to the English or other market be determined upon, the advantage of co-operation becomes even more apparent. The man who has only an acre or two of orchard has not a sufficient quantity to ship by himself. By uniting their forces, two or three, or a larger number, may make up a carload or a larger quantity, and thus secure the advantage of the greatly reduced rates applicable to the larger shipment. Having a larger quantity, too, there is an advantage in dealing with the

of the market. (5) For windfalls and fallen fruit co-opera tion may secure a joint evaporator. This is a matter of great importance, not only to provide a proper means of disposing of this class

commission agent and the better knowledge

glutting the market with poor and decaying apples, which disappoint both seller and buyer. This evaporator may be either on a large scale in a town or a village, or may be a smaller one for a smaller neighborhood.

To sum up, I recommend the formation of county societies to bring together all those who are interested in the subject at stated intervals, and to hold meetings for discussion and gathering information, and to work together as far as possible in the directions indicated. In addition to this the apple-growers in a locality, even if they be only few in number, ought to be in touch the one with the other, and assist one another in such matters as spraying and the like wherever necessary. My ideal would be to see ten, twenty, or fifty farmers in a neighborhood meet together and form a "co-operative society," each one agreeing to plant within the next five years ten acres of orchard, the varieties to be few in number and all suited for shipment; to properly study and carry out the care of their trees, and, when the time should come for fruit bearing, to unite in sending their apples forward under their own brand to the English market, having their evaporator for the windfalls, and, if necessary, their central frost and heat-proof storehouse at the central shipping point .- Paper prepared by Mr. E. B. Edwards, Peterboro, for the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association.

# The Dairy.

# Extracting Butter Fat from Whey.

Investigations carried on at the Cornell Experiment Station show that the proportion of butter fat left in the whey during the manufacture of cheese can be extracted by running the whey through the separator, and can be made into good commercial butter. In Bulle tin 85 of the Cornell Station, which we give in another column, Prof. Wing describes the methods pursued in the investigations.

There seems no doubt but that the fat can be extracted from the whey and good butter made from it if the proper methods are carried out. The main question, however, is, Will it pay to do so? The average amount of fat recovered at the Cornell station was .25 of 1 per cent., which Prof. Wing seems to think was all the fat left in the whey. It is possible that, in some cases, more fat might be left in the whey, owing to careless handling, but whether it would be worth while to undertake the extra work required for separating and churning, not to speak of the extra machinery required to fit up a cheese factory for this purpose, is, at least, doubtful. This can only be proved by experiment. There would also be the fact that the whey, when the fat was extracted, would be so much the less valuable for feeding to swine.

# The Thistle Milking Machine.

The great advantages to be obtained from the invention of a milking machine that will do its work satisfactorily in every respect have stirred up inventors in all parts of the world to try to overcome the difficuities in the way. Many machines have been brought out with the expectation that they would meet the requirements of the use, but, hitherto, with not much success. A Scottish inventor, however, a Dr. Shiels, seems to have done better. This machine was invented in 1893, but, before being put on the market, it has been tested thoroughly by Mr. Wallace, Auchenbrain, for of fruit, but also to avoid the unwise course of a whole season, so that any defects therein

could be remedied. Mr. Wallace reports that the machine, which is called the Thistle, is thoroughly efficient, milking the cows as thoroughly as could be done by hand, while Principal McCall certifies that no injury was done to the teats and milk vessels of the cows. A company has now been formed and the machine will be put on the market at once.

The North British Agriculturist gives the following description of it :

The Thistle milking machine requires to be seen before any one can have any true idea of its marvellous ingenuity and capacity for performing the work for which it is designed. Like most other milking machines which have been produced before, it works by suction generated by an air-pump. But, unlike all other milking machines, the suction is applied on the pulsating principle in precisely the same way as is done by the calf in sucking the milk from the udder of the cow. This is accomplished by means of a teat "cup," which is a marvel of ingenuity. The teat "cup" is of cylindrical shape, and is made of the very best quality of rubber. By means of the suction in the rubber tube connecting with the air-pump, the "lips" of the cup fit firmly on to the vessel of the cow at the neck of the teat, precisely as the lips of the calf do when sucking. But immediately behind the "lips" and inside the "cup" are tw "gums," which, with every stroke of the piston in the pump, clasp firmly round the neck of the teat, and, from the peculiar formation of the tube, the pressure, when it slackens at the neck after each pulsation, is continued down the teat, so that the milk is drawn off just as is done by the calf in sucking, or by the skilful milker with each movement of the hand in the milking process. The air-tight milking pail, into which the milk of each cow is drawn, is also a most ingenious and thoroughly original contrivance. The milk is first received into a small cylindrical compartment on the top of the "pail," this compartment having a glass gauge on one of its sides. In the bottom of this compartment is a small aperture, on which rests a hall of rubber filled with air. The milk as it falls into the compartment causes the rubber ball to rise and allow the milk to have free ingress to the milk pail, the rubber ball again closing and keeping the pail ait-tight the moment the current of milk has ceased. The milk pail has also a glass gauge up one of its sides so that the amount of milk in it may be easily seen. The arrangements for regulating the pressure are equally notable as marvels of ingenuity and simplicity combined. In fact, the machine, as a whole, is one of the most notable inventions of the ninetcenth century. The cows seem undoubtedly to prefer the mechanical milker to the hand milking ; and the milking is done to perfection, even the last strippings being thoroughly drawn off by the machine. If the texts be brushed or washed clean before the teat "cup" is applied, the pure milk, thoroughly free from dirt on the udder or teats of the cow, or on the hands of the milkers, and perfectly uncontaminated by the germs of jutrefaction, is drawn straight away through a vacuum tube into the vacuum in the air-tight milk nail.

# Whey Butter.

In the process of cheesemaking a small percentage of fat escapes in the whey, writes I'rof. Wing in Bulletin S5 of the Cornell Experiment Station. This fat is lost except in su far as it adds a slightly increased feeding value to the whey. From some hints that we had received from Dr. S. M. Babcock, of the

Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station, we were led to believe that this fat could be utilized in the form of commercial butter. Partly with the purpose of making some investigations into this matter, and partly to afford our students additional practice in running the separators, we determined at the beginning of the Short Dairy Course term of 1895 to run the whey through the separators, and, if possible, to make butter of the fat that we were thus enabled to secure. Accordingly, January 18th, 1895, we began to run the whey from the cheesemaking regularly through the separators, and we have been successful in securing a large proportion of the fat in the whey in the form of commercial butter of good quality. This butter has been scarcely, if any, inferior to that made from cream, separated from whole milk, and it has been printed and sold in the same market with our best butter.

Upon the average, we have been able to secure 2.57 pounds of butter from each 1,000 pounds of whey, and the whey has contained upon the average .25 of 1 per cent. of fat, showing that we have recovered, in the form of butter, nearly all of the fat in the whey.

In only a few details does the manufacture of whey butter differ from ordinary buttermaking.

On account of the small percentage of fat in the whey, it was found to be impracticable to secure at one separation a cream thick enough for best results without churning it more or less in the separator. In order to overcome this, the whey was put through the separator in the same way milk would have been, and about one-tenth the whole bulk taken from the cream outlet. This was found to contain on the average from 2 per cent. to 5 per cent. of fat, or to be of nearly the same fat content as ordinary milk. This so-called "first cream" was run through the separator a second time, and in this way the cream condensed to the proper consistency for churning. In running the Danish-Weston machine, this was not found to be necessary. The Danish-Weston machine is provided with a contrivance whereby the proportional flow from the skim-milk and cream outlets can be controlled at will, and in running the whey through this machine it was found entirely feasible to shut off the cream outlet entirely until a sufficient amount of cream had gathered in the centre of the bowl, when by turning in the skimmilk point this cream could be thrown out. and after being so removed the skim-milk point could be thrown back again until a second portion of the cream had gathered in the centre of the bowl. In this way we were enabled to get a clean separation and cream of good consistency in one operation.

In all of our experiments the whey was run through the separator immediately after it was drawn and before it had cooled down. It was at this stage, of course, slightly acid, and the resulting cream was in good condition to churn at once after being reduced to the proper temperature. We have had no difficulty, however, so far as the flavor of the butter was concerned, in holding the whey 24 or even 4S hours in some cases, but would strongly recommend that the whey cream be churned as soon as convenient after separation. In one case where it was attempted to hold the whey 48 hours before separating, the development of lactic acid went so far that the flavor of the butter was spoiled. The practical point seems to be that the whey should be senarated at once, and where possible the cream churned quickly, and preferably in any case the whey cream

The cream from the whey, containing, as it does, very little casein, was very easily, quickly, and completely churned at a low temperature. The most complete churning was obtained when the churn was started at a temperature from 48° F, to 54° F, the time required in most cases being less than twenty minutes.

In regard to the quality of butter; as before stated, butter made from the whey has gone into the same market as the butter made in the ordinary way. Good judges who have seen the two kinds of butter side by side have been in some cases unable to detect which was made from whey and which from cream. In other cases slight inferiority in texture and flavor have been noticed in the whey butter. That it is possible to make butter of good commercial quality we have clearly shown. Whether or not it can be done at a profit is the practical question for the ordinary factoryman.

In order to enable the ordinary factory to utilize the fat wasted in this way, it would be necessary to provide storage capacity for a large part of the whey produced in any given day, and a centrifugal separator, churn, and butterworker. In cases where more than one vat of milk is made up, by so arranging the work that the whey would be drawn from the vats at different times, it would not be necessary to provide so much storage, for the separator could be started as soon as the first whey was drawn, and much of the whey could be gotten out of the way before the last vat would be ready. Most factories have the necessary steam power to run such a separator.

The manufacture of butter from the whey will not ordinarily require much increased labor. The whey can be run through the separator at the same time that the latter part of the cheesemaking process is going on, and the churning will take but a small amount of time and labor. The additional items of expense will be the storage capacity for the whey and the separator.

According to the returns made to the Commissioner of Agriculture, there were made in the State of New York, in 1892, 130,991,310 pounds of cheese. Estimating that for each pound of cheese there would be \$1/2 pounds of whey, we should have a total of 1,113,426,-135 pounds of whey produced in the state. Our whey has contained upon the average .25 of I per cent., but our cheese is made in small quantities, with special pains to prevent loss of fat in the whey, and the percentage of fat in our whey is undoubtedly smaller than that of the state at large. In Bulletin 65 of the New York Experiment Station, Dr. L. L. Van Slyke gives the average of a large number of analyses of whey made by him during the season of 1893. This work represents analyses of whey made at fifty different factories in eight counties of the state, extending from April to October, and the average of the whole shows .39 of 1 per cent. of fat in the whey. Assuming this to be a fair average of the percentage of fat in all the whey produced in the state, we should have 4.342,362 pounds of fat lost in the whey. Allowing that the butter contained 85 per cent. of fat, and providing for all mechanical losses in the mannfacture, we should make from this amount of

fat 4,776,598 pounds of butter, which at 20 cents per pound would be worth \$995,319, or about 50 cents for each cow in the state. In nearly all of the factories in the state this

butter would find a home market among the patrons of the factory, so that expense of packages and marketing need not be taken into account, and the saving would be a clear one to the patrons.

# Feeding Cows Slop.

The experiments conducted by Prof. Dean, in the dairy department of the Guelph Experimental Station, as regards feeding wet mealso-called "slops'—to cows, tend to show that, not only is there no advantage in so doing, but that it is an expensive method. These experiments were first carried on during 1893, but the results have been corroborated by experiments carried on during November and December of last year. Nine cows were used in this trial.

The meal ration consisted of 2 lbs, ground wheat and 4 lbs. bran. While the cows were slopped once a day, half of this amount of meal was given dry and the other half in the form of warm slop. When the slops were given twice a day, this quantity of meal was given at two feeds. Besides the meal, they were getting some silage and pasture during the day for a part of the time, when the weather was favorable. Some of the cows increased in the quantity of milk and in the percentage of fat, while others decreased, during the period of slopping once a day. The difference in the percentage of fat was 0.14 for the group in the first period, and 0.10 in the second, when compared with the dry feed period. The following is the record for two weeks previous to slopping, for two weeks during which they were slopped once a day, and for two weeks during which slopping twice a day was practised :

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After an intervening period of one week, six of these cows—Bella, Violet, Bessie, Pansy, Annie, and Clara—were given nearly all their drink in the form of slop. For the first few days the covers of the water boxes were not properly fastened down, but after this they were given all the warm slop they would drink and no water. The average of the six cows for the week beginning November 19th previous to slopping was 1,110 lbs. milk and 3.60 per cent. of fat. The weekly

average for the two weeks on warm slop feed was 1,085 lbs. milk and 3.63 per cent. of fat, a decrease in the quantity of milk by 25 pounds, while the per cent. of fat remained about the same

#### ----Variation of Milk and Milk-Testing.

This was the title of a paper read by Prof Joseph Hills, director of the Vermont Agri cultural Experiment Station, at the Ayrshire breeders' meeting at Providence, R.I., from which we take the following

The home dairy tests which were inaugurated by this association at its last meeting have caused more interest than hithertc among the members in the matter of milk-testing. In order to obtain a prize in this test it is necessary that the herd of cows give a milk containing 13.00 per cent. total solids and 4.00 per cent. butter fat. Inasmuch as the milk of the same cow or same herd varies more or less from time to time, it is desirable that for the test the most favorable time be selected. A study of the variations normally existing in milk may aid the breeder in selecting a proper time for making the test.

The members of the association will recol lect that at the New York meeting, in 1893. my predecessor, Prof. W. W. Cooke, read a valuable and interesting paper on the "Breed Characteristics of Milk." This did not touch, however, on the variations existing in the herd at different times.

Lack of time and space will prevent us from considering all the variations which may exist, due to different conditions, times of feeding, breeding, and due to the various methods of handling milk, and for the present we will confine ourselves simply to the variations normally occurring in the milk of the same herd, kept under ordinary farm conditions, in the course of a year.

The experiment on a large number of cows has shown that, as a rule, a cow gives the most milk, but of the poorest quality, in the first two months of her lactation ; that, dur ing the first six months of her lactation, the quality does not materially change, but in the last half of the year (if she calves every year) the milk flow shrinks and its quality increases, the latter being, on the average, an increase of about one-quarter of the total fat. It has been found that cows calving in the spring change the quality of their milk in the latter part of their lactation more decidedly than those that calve in the fall, while farrow cows, calving either in spring or fall, hold to the even quality of their milk more than those that calve each year.

The variations, from day to day, of the milk from the same cow or herd are frequently extreme, and are often due to causes which are not understood. If, however, by means of the composite sample, the quality of the yield of several days or a week ·stimated, it is usually found that there -75 wide variations than are found from day to day.

For the past three years we have analyzed the milk of each individual cow of the Vermont Experiment Station herd twice a month, each sample being made up from eight consecutive milkings. It has been found that the milk given when the cow is four months along in Inctation is very nearly the average quality , the milk given by the cow in the course of the year; that if two analyses are made at this time, fifteen days apart, upon composite samples, the result will probably be within a tenth of one per cent. of the actual program. Anylines made at this average. Analyses made at this time and in |

this manner will certainly be sufficient for the intelligent breeder to determine, with the assistance of the milk scales, whether any particular cow is paying her way or not.

Essentially average results will be obtained by making two analyses of composite samples, one when the cow is six weeks and one when she is six months along in milk. The average of these will be found to be close to the average of that at four months.

The extremes of fluctuations in the quality of the milk of a cow are frequently noted in the records of tests, public and private. Some of these are almost beyond belief, yet many are apparently authentic.

The greatest change in quality of milk from day to day that has come under my personal observation was that made by a registered Ayrshire owned by L. S. Drew, of Burling ton, being 2.68 per cent. fat change in two days. This is, probably, the most violent change on record where the test was con trolled by chemical analysis.

Has the cow a fixed quality of milk which she gives throughout life? Does a heifer, in her first lactation, indicate truly her milking qualities, or may we expect gain or loss in the years to come? Our records indicate, in eight comparisons of heifers of our own rais ing, less than .20 per cent. gain in per cent. of fat during the second milking period. Apparently the same general character of the milk is maintained throughout life, although the quantity may be increased or diminished. Minor variations in quality may be expected,

but large ones seldoni occur. Since variations exist in milks, and since they affect its products, a rapid, cheap, simple, and accurate means of measuring them is eminently desirable. This was sought for many years by dairy scientists in many coun-tries. Several American experiment stations have published ingenious methods whereby the fat percentage of milk might be readily estimated. All gave accurate results; most of them were cheap and quite easy of compre-hension. Only two, however, the Beimling (or Vermont station) and the Babcock methods, fulfilled the requirement of rapidity. The latter soon had the field to itself, being easily preferable, and, as is undoubtedly wel known to you all, is now the arbiter in hundred of creameries and cheese factories, as well as largely used by private dairymen. It is easily comprehended and readily run by any one of average intelligence.

# Cheese and Butter Exchanges.

Editor Canadian Live Stock and Farm Journal: Str.-The time is now ripe for what we may call heese and butter exchanges. On every hand the dairy business is being developed, and facilities for marketing are not keeping pace with the growth of the industry. The time is gone past when the country merchant, or even thy city merchant, can handle ou creasing products from the dairy.

The marketing of cheese has been handled system atically through the "Cheese Boards," which have been a great help to this branch of the dairy, but why not extend the scope of these boards" Why could no our dealers who attend these boards regularly through out the season for the purpose of buying cheese also buy butter? Or if they do not care to handle butter, why not have butter buyers attend on the same days and, either before or after the cheese boards are cleared, have the butter put up, and sold in the same manner as the cheese?

At almost any place where there is a chrese marke established, enough creameties could be found in the icinity or within easy reach by rail to make it worth the while of butter-buyers to attend at least monthly We are pleased to note the efforts that are being made to give better transportation to dairy good especially butter, but, at the same time, there should be some better provision made whereby sellers and buyers of butter could meet in a more advantageou manner than at present.

The formation of cheese and butter exchanges either in conjunction with present cheese board

Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph'

# Poultry.

A New Method.

By JOHN J. LENTON, Oshawa. I think the time has nearly arrived when our farmers will have to make up their minds that they are wasting their time in raising nothing but barley, wheat, peas, and such crous from their farms. In the case of some of them, however, the time will not come until it brings with it the experience that the land will not raise any of these crops any longer; that, like themselves, it is played out, and good for nothing better than its worst condition. Those who are wisest among them will put in the stitch in time that saves nine, and will turn their attention to the production of cattle, sheep, swine, and poultry, any of which pursuits, or any two of them combined, will give ample scope and verge enough for any man's intelligence and time, and ample opportunity for the recuperation of his acres.

One of the misfortunes of the country is that too many of our farming population are not as well informed as they ought to be for their own good, and most of that class are too old to be taught. We have gone through portions of this province where the land was so completely exhausted by over-cropping that it could with difficulty raise a blade of grass or oats over six inches long; and the little that had accomplished that growth was as white and as bleached as scutched flax. Year after year everything had been stripped off the ground and disposed of at any price. It was raised to be got rid of. It cost four times as much as it was worth, perhaps, to raise it, and it probably left the ground and its owner worse off than ever. Had a different practice prevailed, the land would have been in better heart, and the farmer better off. It is not a difficult thing to estimate the difference that exists between the two conditions.

This country and every other one where such a practice prevails, together with every one who is responsible for it, must break down at last. It is breaking down now under the persistent offences which are being practised upon it. It would pay our farmers fifty fold more if, instead of trucking everything off their farms, they would truck twice as much on. Barley, wheat, oats, and peas are "played out" entirely in this portion of the province generally as a paying crop. Henceforth it will have to be oxen, sheep, poultry, and pigs-or " root hog or die."

Of these latter productions poultry will unquestionably give the largest profit by probably many hundreds per cent. We believe that nothing that the farmer produces is in any degree to be compared with poultry for value. No animal consumes less, and what it does consume is of less economical value than that which other animals consume. No animal consumes less, none yield more-none are more hardy, more easily housed, or more easily attended to and cared for. These are self-evident propositions which every one will have to admit, and they are propositions which will be forced home to people's convictions before long by the hard facts of practical, and perhaps painful, experience.

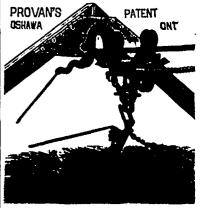
In a recent issue of the American Poultry Tournal, the record is given of the produce for the year of a yard of Wyandottes, which cost about \$40, and showed a net gain of over 30 per cent. What need is there for argument or discussion in presence of conclusive facts? Is there any better business a man may enter upon with like reasonable prospect of success? If there is, we should like to know I what special and particular one it is.

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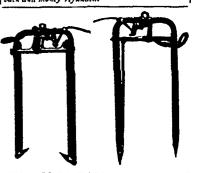
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# Shipping Eggs.

Messrs. D. Gunn, Flavelle & Co., Toronto, the well-known produce merchants, have sent the following timely circular to country merchants and egg buyers, which should receive curcful attention :

At the commencement of another egg season permit us to again call your attention to the importance of handling your eggs promptly, and not holding until they become stale.

In this city last summer thousands of dozens of eggs were sent to the dump, and tens of thousands of dozens were almost useless because they reached market too old.

Our chief market now for eggs is Great Britain, and it requires care and skill to overcome the distance and land the eggs in good order, but all the care and skill is voin if the egg is not fresh when it reaches the packer.

We, therefore, ask you to impress on your farmers the importance of marketing their eggs promptly and regularly while they are at their best; and we also beg of you to dispose of them promptly and regularly, and not to impair their value by waiting for larger shipments, or holding for a rise in price.

The volume of this business is now large, and with the co-operation of producers, local dealers and exporters, it may be indefinitely increased.

We, therefore, ask you, in your own interest as well as in the interest of the trade generally, to give this matter the care and attention its importance demands.

# The Apiary.

# Lessons from the Past.

By R. F. HOLTERMANN, Brantford. Every season brings its lessons, not alone to the careless and inexperienced, but to the expert and those who attend to business in a thorough way. Last season the honey flow was poor, and beckeepers generally secured about half a crop ; more than that, in the latter part of thehoney season there was in many places no crop at all. The result was that many who took it for granted that their bees had sufficient stores for winter were mistaken, and many colonies starved during the winter. Another class said that there was no money in bees, and that they would let the bees run their chances. If they wintered without care and preparation, well and good; if not, let then die. Such methods in business are not likely to lead to success. Whatever business you are in conduct it well, or go out of it in a business-like way. If I am not mistaken the honey flow is likely to be good after a severe winter, and those who have been careful are likely to reap a reward. Bees last winter were likely to starve, with some honey left in the combs. The reason can easily be given. Bees keep warm and alive in very cold weather so long as they remain in a cluster, and the colder the weather the more compact the cluster. But take a few bees away from the cluster, and in cold weather they soon perish. During such a winter as the past, the bees do not get a chance to break cluster and reach stores not covered by the bees; thus they may starve, although there are still scattered stores in the combs.

The best method to pursue during May is to The best method to pursue during May is to see that bees have plenty of stores. Do not spread browd in the combs until settled warm weather comes, and then only when plenty of young bees are hatching, and, instead of put-tung empty combs in the centre of the browd chamber, put the centre combs to the outside, thus enlargner the brood chamber only a little thus enlarging the brood chamber only a little. Better handle the bees too little than too such. If towards the latter part of the month strong colonies crowd their hives, put on supers to prevent the swarming impulse.





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Stock Notes .- Continued MR. W. B. COCKBURN, Aberfoyle, Ont., wishes to sell several choice Ayrshire bull calves from imported CONS MR. JANKS TOLTON, Walkerton, OnL, has three Shorthorn hull calves for sale, also settings of bronze turkeys.

MR JAMRS BODEN, manager for Mr. R. Reford St. Anne de Bellevue, Que, reports that the cattle are doing very well, the calves especially so.

MR. THOMAS IRVING, Montreal, writes : I am glad to say that at my sale, which was a cash one, every thing was sold. Prices, however, were very low.

MR. II. K. FAIRUAIRN, Rose Cottage Farm, Thed-ford, Ont., writes: My young things are a nice lot. The crop of 1801 are three bulls and three heifers sired by fireat Chief (1698). I have a grand young bull, eleven months old, red roan in color, sired by a World's Fair prize winner, grandsire Nonparell Chief, the sweepstakes bull in the United States in 1894. The above animal is now for sale.

Mw. D D. WILSON, Seaforth, Ont., will sell on Wednesday, May 15th, list enture head of shorthorn cattle. This herd has made a reputation for itself in the show rung, and consists of a very choice, well-bred lot of cattle, principally from the famous herds of Wm. Duthie, Collynie, and Mr. Wm. Marr, Uppermill, Southard, whose herds have a world-wide reputation. Some bargains may be looked for in both bulls and fe-males. The sale commences at 1.30 p.m., and convey-ances will meet all trains.

MR. DAVID MILNR, Ethel, Ont., reports: I have made the following sales of young bulls this season: One to Mr. J. L. Wilson, Gorrie, one to Mr. Richard Anderson, Constance, one to Mr. Wm. Barker, White church, one to Mr. Hos, Fear, Chuton, one to Mr. D. M. Campbell, Poplar Hill ione to Mr. D. M. Thompson, Cowal; one to Mr. A. McLellan, Dublin; one to Messys. P. & A. Bishop, Ethel, one to Mr. Wm. McNabb, Cranbrook; and one to Albert Carter, Walton. I have still three choice young bulls for sale fit for immediate service, also a fine lot of bull calves coming on for next season.

coming on for next season. MR. R. DAVIRS, Thorncliffe Farm, Todmorden, near Ticronto, as announced in our last issue, will offer for sale by public auction on Thursday. May 16th, at 12 o'clock, noon, his entire herd of very choice Short horn cattle. A sample of what may be expected at the sale will be seen in the cut of the beautiful white cow on our front page this month. Mr. Davies fe-males are a big, massive lot, smooth in conformation, and good breeders, while among the bulls are the cele-brated imported Cruckshank bull, Northern Light, and the champion How Park bred bull, Lord Outhwaite, a cut of which appeared in our January issue. Biy gers ran attend Mr. Wilson's sale at Seaforth on Wednes-day, and take in Mr. Davie's sale the next day.

day, and take in Mr. Davies' sale the next day. MR. W. J. Bissarky, Edmhurst Farm, Clinton, Ont., writes. Having sold all ny bulls that were ready for service and for sale, 1 enclose a change of advertise-ment. The recent sales since last report are as fol-lows: Mr. Isaac Errait, Varna, Ont., purchased the four-months-old calf, Talisman - 20000 %, a red, sired by General Fromise \*19565-, and from Matchless Giff, by imported General Booth (54353). He is a very provising calf, and, from present appearance, will make a good animal. Mr. Thos. Lane, of Bruce-field, Ont., bought the young Matchless bull, Royal Mbert, ared, sired by imported General Booth (54353), dam, Matchless of Elimburst 10th, a grand cow and famous miker. Royal Albert is a thrify, stylish fel-low, with lots of Shorthorn character and quality, and is likely to make a prize-winner. We are getting a nice lot of young calves of both sease, and expect more soon, all sired by imported General Booth. Mg. H. D. Suitt, Compton. One, in sending in a

soon, all sired by imported General Booth. MR. H. D. Sulrit, Compton, Que, in sending in a change of advertisement, reports : Notwithstanding the long, cold winter we have had, my Herefords have done exceptionally well. The young stock have de-veloped and improved very much, the calves have been numerous, and by far the best lot yet raised at Ingleside. Amongst the bull calve are some really choice ones, for instance, Amos and, out of Amy 3rd, the dam of my noted bull calve for last season, who, by the by, has turned out to be, if anything a better year-ling than he was a call last fail. Then I have a splen-did bull out of my silver-medal cow, Laely Tushing-ham 3rd, and a very promising bull out of Cherry 39th, a full sister of Spot 3rd. This latter has a nice hefter call again this year. Things are beginning to hook up once more in the Hereford line, and I am get-ting lots of enquiries for young stock. The demand for pigs is very good.

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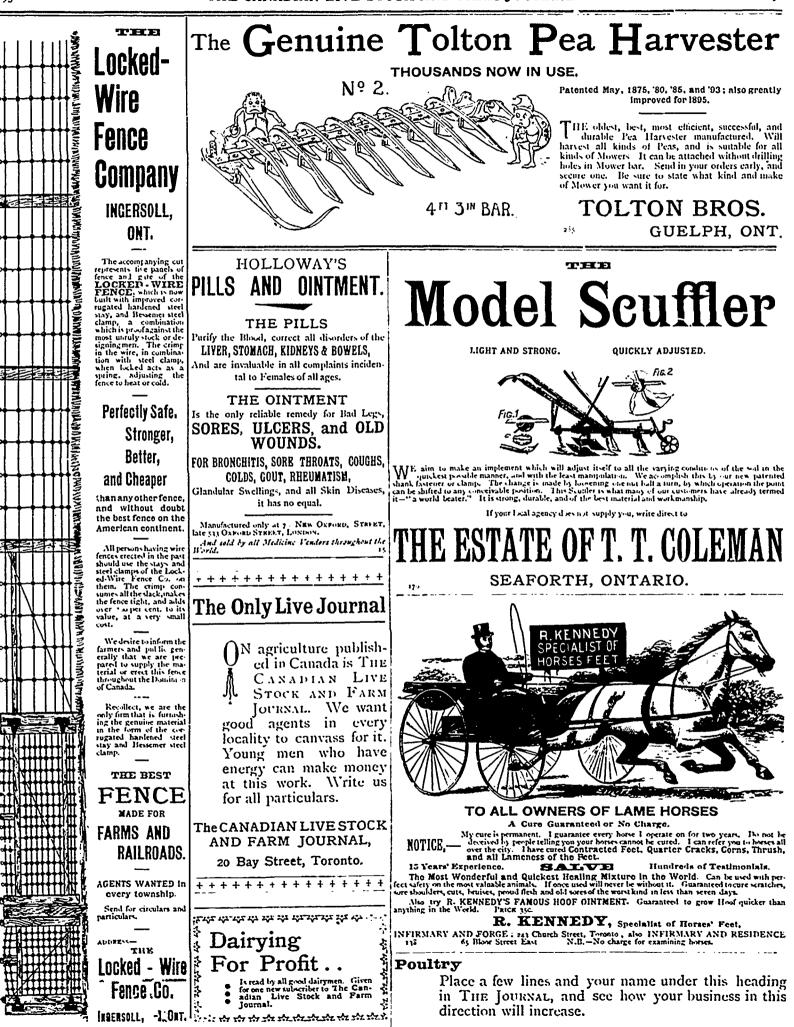




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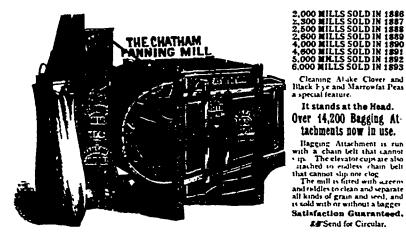


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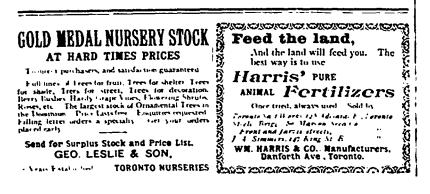
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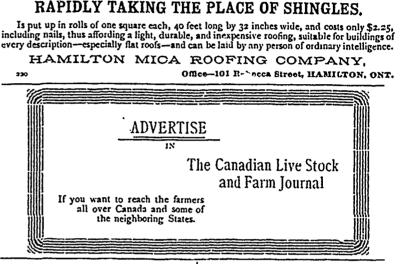
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