

Auction Sales.

It is not often that farmers have an opportunity of buying pure-bred pigs at auction. However, an opportunity is offered this month that is not likely to recur again for a length of time. By referring to our advertising columns our readers will find that the herd of improved large Yorkshire pigs, owned by Messrs. Ormsby & Chapman, Springfield-on-the-Credit, will be dispersed at auction on the 24th of this month. We believe this is the pioneer herd of this breed in Ontario, and should be an inducement for a large attendance. On the following day, the 25th of March, Mr. Robert Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe, holds a public sale, including imported and Canada-bred Yorkshires, Poland Chinas, and Suffolks. At both the above sales implements are included, and as both proprietors are closing out, purchasers may expect the lots offered at their own price.

MR. ROBT. BALLANTYNE'S SALE.

On account of advanced years and the unfortunate accident whereby his son lost his life, Mr. Ballantyne disposed of his farm, and now offers the whole of the stock and implements, without reserve, at public auction, on the 18th of this month. The most important part of the offering will be the Shorthorns, twenty-one of which are catalogued, together with ten calves, that will be sold with their dams. Every cow will have a calf at foot, and will again be bred; and all heifers of sufficient age will also be bred to the stock bull Prince Royal.

The cattle in the herd are all descended from one cow, Lady Bourbon = 922 =, bred by Mr. John Miller, Brougham, and of the well-known Syme sort. She was sired by Prince of Bourbon, bred in Kentucky; the other crosses down to the imported cow Louisa, by Baron of Kisdale, are those of imported bulls, bred in the most noted herds of that day, viz.: President, bred by Mr. Syme; Young England and Captain, both being bred in England. The bulls used in the top crosses have also been most carefully selected, and we find the following exceptionally well-bred imported bulls: Liberator, bred by Mr. Robert Bruce, Torres, Scotland; Lancaster Royal, bred by Mr. A. Cruickshank, Sittyton; Methlic Hero, bred by Mr. Wm. Duthie, Collynie; Prince Royal, bred by Mr. E. Cruickshank, Lathenly. The cows are a strong, well-fleshed, useful lot, and have the appearance of being good milkers. The heifers denote a thrifty growth, with plenty of natural flesh, and are an even good lot. The calves are very uniform, and are exceedingly promising. The breeding bull Prince Royal, who was imported by Hon. John Dryden, sired by the prize-winning bull Prince Rufus, should be wanted to head a first-class herd.

A lot of farm horses of good Clydesdale and Shire type will also make this part of the sale interesting, as the colts, fillies and mares show careful breeding and useful qualities. Trains from the east and south connect at Stratford for Sebringville, where teams will be in attendance. Trains from the west and north will be met at Stratford at 10 o'clock a.m.

At the coming elections many of the ridings have selected farmers as their candidates. There are individual cases where professional men are well fitted to know the requirements of agricultural communities, but it is difficult to understand how these can take the same interest, or are able to judge as keenly of the situation, as those who have been closely identified with the calling they seek to represent. The day is doubtless drawing nearer when the different societies in the interests of farmers, which are growing stronger each year, will yet make it imperative that those of their own calling alone will be chosen for the rural constituencies.

Mr. Jas. Henderson's Clydesdales.

Two miles north of Kelly's siding, on the St. Mary's branch of the G. T. R., Mr. James Henderson, Belton P.O., has been for some years handling Clydesdale horses. These are of the best and most popular lines of breeding. His five-year-old horse Lord Ullin is one of the very few stallions that can boast of being a son of the famous Darnley, and a sort that through the natural turn of events will, unfortunately for the well being of Clydesdale breeding, now grow more scarce as years roll on. Lord Ullin is a horse of great scale and substance; he has good feet, with heavy bone, attractive head and neck, and is altogether a most useful horse. Lord Ullin took first in 1889 in a very strong ring of ten in three year stallion section at Western Fair of that year. He also won first at Goodwood as a yearling before being exported to Canada. We hear that he has proved exceptionally sure in the stud, and that his get are much admired. His stable companion, Scotland's Pearl, a two-year-old by Lord Erskine, is of more blocky type, quite popular among the breeders of this section of country where draught horse breeding has been followed with much success for a number of years. Scotland's Pearl won second prize at Paisley in a class against forty-two other yearlings, also second at Bishopton and second at Greenock. Since being imported to Canada he won first at Sunderland, first at Woodville, second at Canington and third at Western Fair. Farmers of this neighborhood have made considerable money by carefully breeding and raising this sort.

Chatty Letter from the States.

Illinois cattle shippers, who are contracting to pay \$6 on the farm for cattle in June, have a good deal of nerve, but it looks as if they had plenty of company who share their views, if they do not care to bet so much.

The hog market is making the boys perspire freely. January receipts were the largest on record for the first month, but the cry is, "still they come," and February will show a tremendous gain over all records for the month. Over 53,000 arrived one day, and over 61,000 another day. Such receipts for the second month were never before equaled. Prices, of course, go down as receipts go up. The winter has been cold enough in the east and north, and in some portions of the south and west, but in the great corn-feeding belt it has been unprecedentedly warm. The result of this has been a great saving of feed and a heavier production of meat than expected. Warm winter weather not only increases the production of meat from the same quantity of feed, but it also induces the consumptive demand. Then, again, meat will not keep as well or as long in the butchers' stalls. All in all, a warm winter is bad for the meat trade. A lot of 1,000 fat Texas goats sold at \$3 per head. They were slaughtered, and will be sold, of course, for mutton. The production of full blood and grade Angoras is getting to be quite an industry. The skins and meat are both valuable. Compared with one year ago, prices for cattle are \$2.75 to \$1.00 higher; hogs, 35c. lower, and sheep are now nearly as high. The year's receipts so far show a small decrease in cattle, a heavy increase in hogs, and a small gain in sheep.

The country demand for thrifty young cattle to feed is really quite strong, and becomes stronger at every favorable turn of the fat cattle market. Choice 1,000 to 1,200-lb. steers have recently sold as high as \$4 for feeding purposes. The strong demand for fat sheep from the Eastern States is regarded as a healthy feature of the trade by dealers. Very few sheep were fattened in the East the past winter. The demand for breeding sheep is only moderate. Sheep men seem to want wethers that they can fatten, shear and turn off early.

Reports from the Eastern States indicate an unusual scarcity of fat hogs. This, in a measure, serves as an offset to the very heavy crop in the Western States. The result is an unusually heavy movement of live hogs from west to east.

Canadian Percheron Stud Book.

A meeting of Percheron breeders of Canada was held February 10th, at 11 a.m., at 30 St. James street, for the purpose of founding a Percheron Stud Book for Canada, under the sanction of the Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec. The following officers have been elected: Honorary President, the President of the Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec. President, the Hon. M. Louis Beaubien, Montreal. Vice-President, M. W. E. Baker, Demorestville, Ont. Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, M. R. Auzias-Turenne, Montreal. Directors, the Rev. F. Prieur Titulaire, of Notre Dame du Lac, Oka, P. Q.; the Procureur of Institution of Deaf and Dumb of Mile-End, Montreal; the Vice-President of the Council of Agriculture of the Province of Quebec; M. J. X. Peireault, Montreal; M. Peter Campbell, Lachute, P. Q.; M. O. Miclet, St. Clare, P. Q.; M. E. A. Brickman, Rednersville, O.

RULES GOVERNING ENTRY.

Eligibility to entry shall be based upon one or more of the following rules:

1. Any stallion or mare previously recorded in the Percheron Stud Book of France. The original certificate of registration must accompany the application in all cases, under this rule.
2. Any stallion or mare previously recorded in the Percheron Stud Book of America. The certificate of registration in the United States must accompany the application in all cases, under this rule.
3. Any stallion or mare whose sire and dam are recorded in the Percheron Stud Book of France or America. The application to be accompanied by the affidavit of the breeder.

4. Stallions or mares, the produce of five top crosses of sires recorded in the Percheron Stud Book of Canada. In all applications under this rule, the name and address of the breeder of each dam, with affidavit, must be given when application for entry is made. The Secretary may require affidavits in all cases where he may deem it necessary to clearly establish the facts upon which application for registration is based under any of the foregoing rules.
5. All applications for registry of animals bred in France and foaled in Canada must be accompanied by the card of service from the French breeder.

6. Every application for registration must contain all the descriptive, white and other marks, general appearance, and peculiarities, by which said animal can be identified, and the same must be recorded in the registry, and certificate issued for said animal.
7. When proper notification is given to the Secretary, free transfers of ownership will be published in the Stud Book.

8. A registration fee of \$2.50 will be charged for each animal recorded, which will include a certificate of registration issued by the Association.
9. The fund of the Stud Book shall be under the control of the Executive Board, and shall be by such board appropriated for the verification, preservation and publication of pedigrees and stud book annually, when deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Should it seem at any time that any breeder shall be charged with any fraud, in regard to any animal owned or bred by him, the Executive Board shall examine into the matter, and if in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present the facts shall so warrant, the offending breeder will lose all his rights to any registration.

For entry blanks or other information, address
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