

excellent quality were absent. The sweepstakes prize for the best pair of dressed birds was this year given to a pair of Plymouth Rock pullets, while the runners up were a pair of cockerels of the same breed, all owned by Adam Armstrong, of Fergus, Ont. The winning birds were of proper size, excellent color, and first-class quality, and in the opinion of the judges it is doubtful if a better pair have ever been shown. It is a noteworthy fact that never in the history of this show, since amalgamation with the Fat Stock Show, has this prize been won by other than the Plymouth Rock breed, and but once by an exhibitor living outside the County of Wellington.

The annual meeting of the Western Ontario Poultry Association was held in the City Hall, Guelph, on Wednesday, December 13th. The present lack of accommodation was dwelt upon by the President, Mr. Wm. McNeil, London, Ont., and it was decided to ask the Government for a substantial increase of space, in order that there be not a recurrence of the state of affairs of this year. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Dr. A. W. Bell, Winnipeg; President, Wm. McNeil, London; First Vice-Pres., A. Bogue, London; Sec.-Treas., A. P. Westervelt, Toronto; Auditor, J. M. Duff, Guelph. Directors—A. W. Tyson, Guelph; J. N. Baldwin, London; G. G. Henderson, Hamilton; T. H. Scott, St. Thomas; P. Green, Owen Sound; R. Oke, London; A. K. Cornwall, Thamesville; C. H. Wilson, Hawkesville. The judges for next year are as follows: Wyandottes—Mr. Luckner, Michigan. Leghorns and Orpingtons—R. Oke, London. Plymouth Rocks—Mr. Schwab, Rochester. Black Minorcas—Newton Cosh. French Varieties and Dorkings—L. G. Jarvis, Montreal. Asiatics and Hamburgs—Wm. McNeil, London. Games and Bantams—Sharp Butterfield. Pigeons—Mr. Wagner. Ornamentals—Wm. Barber, Toronto. Turkeys and Water Fowl—John Thompson. Dressed Poultry—To be selected.

The Manitoba Winter Fair and Stallion Show will be held at Brandon on February 19th to 21st. There will be classes for stallions of all breeds, in addition to seed grain and the various educational features, such as distinguish the Ontario Winter Fair at Guelph.

#### Ontario Winter Fair Prize List.

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Grade or Cross.—Wether, 1 year and under 2, sired by a ram of a short-woolled breed—1 and 3, A. Rudell, Hespeler; 2, Lloyd-Jones Bros., Burford. Wether under 1 year—1, John Campbell, Woodville; 2, A. G. H. Luxton, Milton West; 3, W. E. Wright, Glanworth; 4 and 5, A. Rudell, Hespeler.

#### Special Prize.

Special prize for best pair of swine carcasses in pure-bred section was won by H. S. McDiarmid, Fingal, Ontario. Owing to delay of the railway company, these pigs did not arrive in time to be judged alive, consequently were debarred by the rules from receiving a prize in the carcass test. However, as they scored first when dressed, the management generously donated Mr. McDiarmid a special prize.

#### GOSSIP.

##### PINE GROVE SHORTHORN SALE.

The half-page advertisement, in this issue, of the third annual auction sale of the year's increase of young bulls and heifers of the noted Pine Grove Shorthorn herd of W. C. Edwards & Co., of Rockland, Ont., near Ottawa, is a reminder to breeders and farmers throughout the Dominion that at this sale will be offered the produce of many of the best-bred Scotch Shorthorns obtainable. A glance through the catalogue will satisfy anyone conversant with Shorthorn pedigrees that the best blood lines of the breed are richly represented in this offering. It is safe to say that no other herd in America contains so many high-class scions of the best breeding Cruickshank and Marr families of Shorthorns, imported or bred direct from imported sires and dams. And the young stock included in this sale will satisfy those who see them that they are as good individually as is their breeding. They are the get of such grandly-bred sires as the following: Missie Champion, son of the \$6,000 Marr-bred Missie 153rd, who, with this son and her daughter, Missie of Pine Grove, won the first prize for the best cow and two of her produce at the Dominion Exhibition, at Toronto, in 1903; Marquis of Zenda (imp.), bred by Mr. Duthie, a Missie bull, full brother to

the \$6,000 cow, and the sire of many prizewinners; Village Champion, bred by Mr. Duthie, of the noted Village family, sired by the Marr-bred Scottish Champion, used successfully by Mr. Duthie, and of the same family as the great sires, Field Marshal and Athabasca; Prince of Fashion (imp.) =36080=, by Prince of the Vale =32084=, out of White Feather 3rd (imp.). Among the noted Scotch families represented by the dams of these young bulls and heifers are the following: Cruickshank Brawith Bud, Lancaster, Clipper, Nonpareil, Orange Blossom and Duchess of Gloster; Marr Missie, Emma, and Goldie; Campbell Mina, Jealousy, Jilt and Rosebud; Bruce Rosewood and others, whose pedigrees show that the best-bred bulls of the breed have been used in their breeding. And the young bulls and heifers in this sale do credit to their breeding, being true to the best type, thickly-fleshed, vigorous and carrying a wealth of the best quality of hair, such as is seldom seen. If these young bulls were in the Aberdeenshire sales, with their breeding, type and quality, they would bring many times the money they may be expected to sell for on January 9th. And they may be secured without the expenses and risks of importation. It is a rare opportunity to secure the most desirable class of sires to head herds, and no one need be deterred from attending from fear that prices will rule high. Such has not been the case at former annual sales, and there is no reason to expect they will this year. And the matter of distance need not deter anyone in Ontario, at least from attending, as, by leaving Toronto at ten the evening before, one can be in Ottawa at 6.30 next morning, reaching the farm in good time for the sale, and get back to Toronto by 7.30 next morning. The fact that the place is out of the way, and difficult to reach, has doubtless kept many from attending these sales; but there is really very little foundation for this fear, and when one gets there, he is in for a treat, as here is seen the greatest breeding establishment in Canada, and a herd second to none in America. And visitors may be assured of the most hearty welcome and generous treatment. Space will not admit of individual reference to the offering in this issue, but we advise all interested to send for the catalogue, and watch these columns for further reference next week. Senator Edwards has invested a very large amount of money in establishing this herd, and he is not looking for large profits, but purposes letting the people have the year's produce at their own prices in public competition, as none have

#### The Chambers Shire Sale.

A consignment of imported Shire horses, from Messrs. Chambers & Sons, Holdenby, Northampton, England, were disposed of by auction at the Canadian Horse Exchange, Toronto, Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Thirty lots were offered, and although a few showed signs of rough usage on the voyage, excepting one or two, all were sold. They were, undoubtedly, the best lot the firm have exported to Canada, and, being of good breeding, are bound to leave a beneficial impression in the districts in which they may find themselves. Mr. D. Smith, of Gladstone, Man., made one or two purchases that he will not regret. W. G. Trethewey, of Cobalt fame, bought a three-year-old and a two-year-old mare at reasonable prices; but the principal buyer was W. J. Church, of Arthur, Ont., who picked up a couple of mares and the grand black stallion, Roxwell Saxon Harold, five years, for which he paid the top price of the sale, \$750. He also paid \$450 for Holdenby Flash Girl, a cracking good two-year-old filly, with exceptionally good bone, fine quarters, a well-rounded, well-coupled middle, and capital head, neck and shoulders, tracing close up to the great Harold. Another buyer was William Laking, of Hamilton, who secured three mares at a decent price, that should prove profitable, whether to resell or to keep. James Gardhouse, Weston, bought the four-year-old mare, Raund's Belle, a real beauty, good enough to win anywhere, and whose sire was twice champion of England. William Pearson, of West Flamboro, was the highest bidder at \$400 for Holdenby Brownie, a three-year-old with excellent points, and J. Braken, of Appleby, was fortunate in having Darby II., a promising two-year-old roan, knocked down to him for \$350. Mossom Boyd, Bobcaygeon, had a bit of a run for the yearling stallion, Rickford Blagdon, but at \$460 got good value for the youngster, who is a horse of splendid promise. Another good purchase was that of John M. Gardhouse & Sons, Highfield, who paid \$305 for Holdenby Nicausis, a two-year-old filly, bred by the consigners, and a good 'un, surveyed from anywhere. One Hackney mare was put up, a four-year-old filly, the quality of which is best exemplified by the fact that Mr. Thomas

Graham, of Claremont, made a special trip to the exchange to bid on her, and got her for the moderate sum of \$325. She is a dark chestnut, by Wrayton Lord Roberts; dam Cambrian Star, by Excelsior VIII., with plenty of quality. Altogether 25 Shires were sold, for an average per head of \$340.

#### Western Fruit Market.

Mr. Philp, Dominion Fruit Inspector in Manitoba, reports that the stocks of winter apples held by merchants in the outlying towns and cities are very low. This is another indication that the market for apples in the Northwest is increasing much more rapidly than even the dealers anticipated. Mr. Philp also says that the merchants generally speak very highly of this year's grading and packing. While not yet perfect, the improvement has been so great that the merchants are fairly well satisfied. The inspector for Saskatchewan and Alberta also reports a shortage in winter stock. To make matters worse, much of the fruit was received too late, and shows signs of having been touched by frost. Excellent warehouses are being constructed at Regina, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Edmonton and Calgary. No doubt, shippers in the future will make allowance for the closing in of the season somewhat earlier in the West, and will not suffer this unfortunate loss by frost.

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#### To the Farmers About Threshing.

The farmer is always on the lookout for ways of having things in good shape when the thresher comes around. That is all right; but I think that most farmers are in too big a hurry about hauling in their grain. There is usually plenty of fine weather after crops are all in. I can always judge of the condition of the grain by looking at the wood pile. The man that has his grain in good condition has also good wood. On the other hand, wet grain and poor wood go together. How can a thresher do a big day's work when these two conditions exist? Whether fed by hand or self-feeder, progress will be slow. I would suggest that wood be got up the year before and covered, and that a few hundred of coal be added. It would pay twice over. Try it.

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been sold by private treaty. Under the care of Manager James Smith, late with Mr. W. D. Flatt, the Pine Grove herd was never in better condition, notwithstanding the destruction by fire in September of all the Shorthorn stables, which are being rapidly rebuilt on even a more liberal scale than before.

#### MR. ED. ROBINSON'S SHORTHORN SALE.

The attention of breeders and farmers generally is called to the advertisement of the dispersion sale to take place on January 10th, 1907, of the entire herd of 41 head of Scotch Shorthorns belonging to Mr. Ed. Robinson, of Markham, Ont. This herd is made up entirely of imported animals, and their produce, and is headed by the imported bull, Royal Champion, many of the young things being sired by him, and most of the females of breeding age have been bred to him, or have calves at foot, a number of which will be sold with the dams. Markham is convenient of access by G. T. R. and C. P. R. from east and west, Locust Hill being the station on the latter road, some four miles distant, while the farm adjoins the village of Markham. See the advertisement, and send for the catalogue.

#### SALE DATES CLAIMED.

Dec. 20th.—J. B. Hogate, Weston, Ont., imported Clydesdale fillies.  
Dec. 27th.—M. Richardson & Son, Caledonia, Ont., 65 Holstein-Friesians.  
Jan. 8th.—G. A. Brodie, Bethesda, Ont., imported Clydesdale fillies.  
Jan. 9th.—W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Ont., Shorthorns, annual sale.  
Jan. 15th.—W. Doherty, Clinton, Ont., dispersion sale of Shorthorns.  
Jan. 16th.—A. H. Jacobs, Blyth, Ont., dispersion sale of Shorthorns.

#### SALE DATES CHANGED.

We are instructed to announce that the dispersion of the Shorthorn herds of Mr. W. Doherty, of Clinton, and Mr. A. H. Jacobs, of Blyth, Ont., will be held at their own stables, respectively, Mr. Doherty's sale on Tuesday, January 15th, and Mr. Jacobs' sale on Wednesday, January 16th. This change is made owing to Mr. Jacobs being under the necessity of leaving for California as soon as possible after the 15th of January. Stockmen interested will please make a note of the dates, and look out for fuller particulars of these herds in the next issue of "The Farmer's Advocate."

#### COL. MACGILLIVRAY'S SHORTHORN SALE.

The dispersion sale, on December 14th, of the Shorthorn herd belonging to Col. J. A. Macgillivray, at Bedford Park, near Toronto, was very largely attended by breeders. The cattle were in good condition, the bidding brisk, Auctioneer Silver-sides in good form, prices fairly satisfactory, and the animals disposed of in record time. Following is the list of animals sold for \$100 and upwards:

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| Missie 150th (imp.); 1898; R. Miller, Stouffville .....            | \$240 |
| Missie of Avondale 2nd; '98; T. Baker, Solina .....                | 160   |
| Broadhooks Missie; '03; A. Howden, Columbus .....                  | 130   |
| Dum-na-glass Missie; '05; W. D. Flatt, Hamilton .....              | 230   |
| Broadhooks Missie 2nd; '05; A. E. Meyer, Guelph .....              | 170   |
| Bedford Missie; '06; Miller Bros., Brougham .....                  | 210   |
| Dalmeny Nonpareil 6th (imp.); W. D. Flatt .....                    | 240   |
| Dum-na-glass Nonpareil (imp.); '03; R. Miller .....                | 285   |
| Dum-na-glass Nonpareil 2nd (imp.); '03; W. Doyle, Owen Sound ..... | 160   |
| Dum-na-glass Nonpareil 3rd; '04; D. Gunn & Son, Beaverton .....    | 230   |
| Dum-na-glass Nonpareil 4th; '05; John Dryden & Son, Brooklyn ..... | 125   |
| Dum-na-glass Nonpareil 5th; '05; R. Miller .....                   | 130   |
| Miss Mary (imp.); '95; W. J. Shean, Owen Sound .....               | 105   |
| Miss Mary 3rd; '01; Geo. Prout, Zephyr .....                       | 145   |
| Dum-na-glass Miss Mary; '05; A. Howden .....                       | 140   |
| Beautiful Bell (imp.); '02; Mr. Forsyth, Claremont .....           | 165   |
| Chief's Rose (imp.); '63; W. D. Flatt .....                        | 200   |
| Mary Gray 2nd (imp.); '02; F. Trent, Bedford Park .....            | 285   |
| Crimson Maud 3rd; '03; A. Howden .....                             | 100   |
| Miss Ramsden; '02; F. Trent .....                                  | 100   |
| Trount Creek Belle 2nd (imp.); '04; W. D. Flatt .....              | 340   |

#### Bull.

Butterfly King (imp.); '03; Mr. Bell, Arthur .....

Lorne Foster, Superintendent of the Glenhodon Company, Myrtle Station, Ont., writes: "Trade has been fairly good during the fall, and stock is in good shape for winter and spring trade. At present, we have on hand a particularly good boar, farrowed in February, to part with."