

STOCK GOSSIP.

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MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE SHORT-HORN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH, 1894.

Members present: Richard Gibson, Delaware, president, in the chair; Messrs. John Isaac, Markham; John I. Hobson, Moshoro; Jas. Russell, Richmond Hill; Wm. Linton, Aurora; A. Johnston, Greenwood; W. G. Pettit, Freeman; W. J. Biggins, Clinton; C. M. Simmons, Ivan; W. W. Ballantyne, St. Marys, and H. Wade, Secretary. The president's address given at the annual meeting was reported on, and the suggestions contained in it were recommended.

On motion of Mr. Hobson, seconded by Mr. Johnston, it was resolved that an executive committee, consisting of four members of the board, be appointed to act as a finance committee, to deal with any matters that the full board may consider to be properly within the province of such sub-committee, and that they be paid the actual amount of their expenses. Carried.

The finance report of last year was read by Mr. Johnston, and some clauses were slightly amended.

Moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by A. Johnston, that the sum of \$200 be divided equally amongst the gentlemen who so kindly allowed their cows to be sent to the Shorthorn dairy test in Chicago in equal proportion. Carried. A letter was read from Mr. G. A. Savage, Chartered Accountant, severing his connection with the Association, as he was going to live in Quebec.

A resolution was passed allowing owners of winning cattle at the late Columbian Exposition to have cuts of their cattle printed in the next volume of the Herd Book. It was also resolved that the prize-winners at Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg Exhibitions for the last five years be also printed, with Herd Book references, in the coming volumes of the Herd Book.

Complaints were made of the harsh rule now in vogue by the railways, in demanding that when an animal is shipped it is required that a man shall accompany the animal and pay his fare also.

It was resolved that the Minister of Customs at Ottawa be requested not to charge duty on foreign Herd Books used as references, and that they are not to be sold.

At a preliminary meeting of the new Finance Committee, A. Johnston was elected chairman, and John I. Hobson, secretary.

MR. THOS. TEASDALE'S BERKSHIRES.

Within a stone's throw of the Thornhill station, on the Northern Branch of the G. T. R., and some fourteen miles north of Toronto, is the farm of Mr. Thos. Teasdale, Concord P. O. Away down in the seventies Mr. Teasdale was well known in sheep breeding circles as a keen judge and careful feeder, and his farm was the headquarters for finely developed Cotswold lambs, and showmen from the different parts of Canada and the United States were wont to pay him annual visits in order to obtain lambs good enough to carry winning colors at the fall exhibitions. There were those who had the opinion that extra care and forced feeding was the secret of Mr. Teasdale's success in this line of production, as he had never exhibited any of the older specimens of his flock, but those who imagined that such lambs could be produced from anything except superior breeding stock reckoned far wide of the mark. The fact was that Mr. Teasdale never allowed an opportunity to slip of purchasing, almost regardless of cost, the best imported ewes in breeding condition. With such material to work upon, combined with skill in breeding and feeding, he gained a name which still clings to him, though in an entirely different line. It is in breeding Berkshire pigs that Mr. Teasdale now employs his time and talents, and he still adheres to the same principles, which he contends are as correct in breeding Berkshires as in producing Cotswolds. We found our old friend just as enthusiastic in talking Berkshires as he formerly was when speaking of long-wooled lambs, and in viewing the herd we could see that in making his selections for breeding he has been as hard to please as ever. It was also apparent when inspecting the array of breeding sows that only the best individuals had been retained. To mate with these Mr. Teasdale purchased last autumn the grand yearling boar, Royal Hubert, which has been chiefly used upon the herd. This is a beautiful specimen of a Berkshire, from whose blood lines the very best results should be expected. Royal Hubert was sired by a famous prize-winner, his dam being an imported Shorthorn 3rd. He is certainly a wonderfully well-formed pig. He stands on short, straight, well-shaped legs, with plenty of bone of the right quality, that should bear any weight that forced feeding may impose. He has exceptionally deep, thick hams which carry his width of body well back. His ribs, fore and back flanks are well let down, while in length and quality he is all that one could desire. Oxford Girl, a splendid type of the modern Berkshire, is a wonderfully smooth, lengthy pig. She is transmitting these characteristics to her progeny in a remarkable degree. Oxford Girl was sired by (imp.) Gladstone, dam by Lord Castlewood—746—and goes back to (imp.) Ruth, a very handsome sow bred by Mr. Edwards, Tombs, Gloucester, England. A two-year-old daughter of Oxford Girl, named Oxford Lady, was sired by (imp.) Royal Winner, a boar which Mr. Teasdale considers among the best he ever saw. It has a prize in Oxford Lady, as she is to our mind very near to perfection. She has slightly more bone than her dam, stands remarkably well on her feet and legs, and is quite as smooth and well finished. Several other matrons of capital quality and size and similar breeding were in the yard; there were also three very handsome young sons from a last spring's farrow of Oxford Girl, and sired by Royal Crown, a son of (imp.) Enterprise. These were quite the equal of their dam, thus showing that the latter generations are not losing ground. There were also a beautiful thrifty lot of fall pigs sired by (imp.) Enterprise. Last season pigs bred in this herd won no less than seven prizes at Toronto, four at Montreal, and at other places honours in like proportion. In filling orders Mr. Teasdale invariably sends out pigs of his own breeding, and claims that by this means he is giving satisfaction to all customers.

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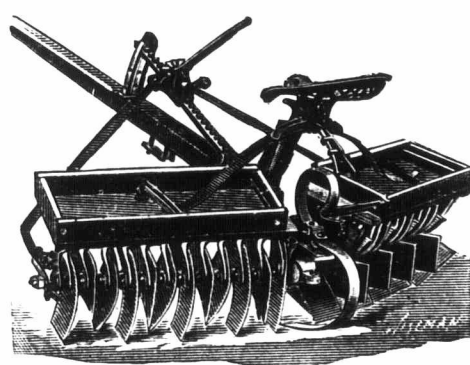
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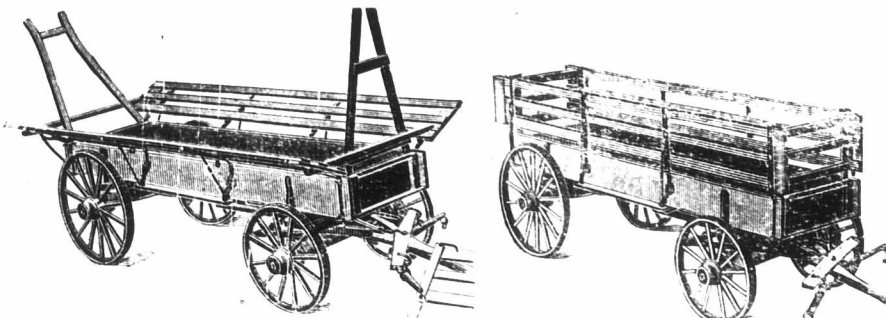
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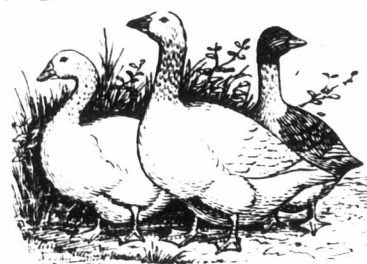
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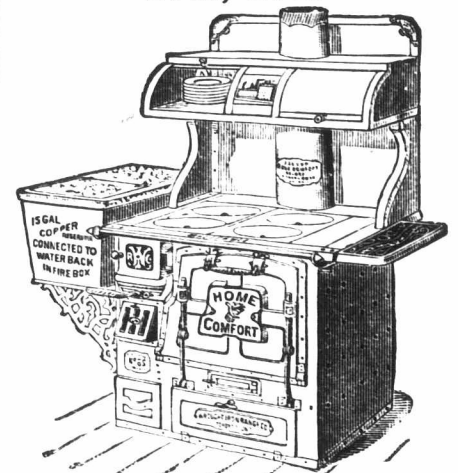
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