

STOCK GOSSIP.

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Secretary Levering, of the American Shropshire Association, writes us that Vol. XI. is now in course of preparation, and will contain 1,300 individual pedigrees.

Mr. John Tremaine, of Forest, Ont., offers for sale a few choice young Holstein-Friesians. The young stock in the herd is directly descended from the herd of the noted breeders, B. B. Lord & Son, Sinclairville, N.Y., as the herd was originated by a selection of imported cows from this famous herd, and the stock now comprises those and their descendants.

Mr. John C. Nichol, of Hubrey, Ont., states that he has been informed by Mr. M. Kirch, of Carroll, Iowa, that the Tamworth boar pig he sold him weighed 370 pounds at the age of nine months. This pig is a full brother to the pig specially mentioned in his advertisement in this issue. He states the pigs are all doing well, and he is looking forward to brisk demand this spring. The price of pork has greatly improved since the beginning of the year, and a brisk trade in choice, easy-feeding bacon hogs is now setting in. Mr. Nichol has something choice to offer at very reasonable figures, he assures us. Write him at once.

W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Ont. (per Jos. W. Barnett, manager), write: "Our stock are all doing well. We sold the young bull Rockland Ranger to Mr. J. C. Cameron, of Thurso, last week, and there is every prospect of a brisk trade in the near future. The people in these parts are just beginning to find out that they have good Shorthorns near at home, and that they no longer have to go west when they want a good bull. They are also finding out that breeding for all milk and no beef is not just the thing. We have a few bulls left from our imported sires and good milking dams that we will price right to intending purchasers."

J. E. Brethour, Burford, Ont., writes: "The Oak Lodge herd of York-hires is in better condition at this season of the year than they have ever been, and the prospect for a good season is encouraging. Orders have not been as numerous during this winter as usual, but sales have been quite up to expectations. I have received a lot of orders for pigs to go to the United States, and the demand for really good Yorkshires is very much on the increase. This breed is doing wonders in crossing upon the American breeds of swine by giving more length of carcass with rapid growing qualities. I have now on hand some of the best young boars from six to ten months old that I have yet offered for sale, and most of them are bred from that grand stock boar Oak Lodge Diamond who has produced so many good ones."

Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, Ont., writes this office to say: "Sales of young bulls have been slower than in former years, though enquiries are quite as numerous as they have ever been. This difference is greatly due to shortness of fodder in all parts of Ontario. Fodders have never been so scarce in these parts, and farmers' cattle are both lean and dirty. Our own Shorthorn bulls, of which we have thirteen fit for immediate service, are in prime shape. They are as great, fleshy, short-legged, deep-bodied, thriving a lot as we have ever had. We have two white ones that are truly beautiful. Indian Brave, the Toronto prize yearling bull, has grown and thickened immensely. He is now a big, massive bull, gay and sprightly as a kitten, with abundance of true Shorthorn character."

G. A. Brodie, Bethesda, Ont., writes: "Notwithstanding the scarcity of feed in this locality, by the use of the silo I will be able to bring my stock through the winter in good shape. The young stock are doing remarkably well, and are looking nicely. I have six promising young bulls still for sale, and a few choice heifers of excellent breeding. My stock bull is of the Kinellar sort, bred by the representatives of the late S. Campbell, Kinellar, Scotland. Sales are brisk this winter. I have already sold eight head as follows: One cow to W. H. Meyer, Cashel, Ont.; one bull calf to Samuel Selfridge, N. S.; one yearling heifer to J. C. West, N. S.; one heifer calf to Geo. West, N. S.; one yearling heifer to L. Farmer, N. S.; two heifer calves to King-Cox Agricultural Society, N. S.; one bull to Thos. Parker, Aylesford, N. S. There also seems to be a good demand for seed grains. I have already sold over 1,100 bushels oats and 300 peas, and expect to be sold completely out early in the seed grain season."

Alex. Hume & Co., Burnbrae, Ont., write: "Our herd of forty-four head is in splendid condition. We have a good supply of well-cared ensilage, but short of other feed. Our cows are now dropping us a fine lot of superior calves, which combine quality and fashion in color and form with true dairy type. The cows are in just the pink of condition and dairy men like to have milk vessels which delight one to see, with flesh and body built up ready to stand the siege of a season. Our pure-bred herd combine quality of form, touch, color, etc., with milking qualities in a marked degree. Our grade cows of various crosses are in superior lot, as our factory and creamery account will testify, and also our list of prizes won at all the fairs in our section, which is a noted dairy district. They are grand milkers and handsome cows. The result of over twenty years' breeding and selecting. Those wishing to build up a dairy herd would find it to their advantage to write us early and secure some young calves, either pure bred or grade of either sex. We sell more in our immediate neighborhood than to those at a distance, which, we think, speaks well for our stock. Our pigs are doing nicely. A few sows due to farrow first week in March, and others later. We have also a few pigs ready to mate and with what we have, and coming forward, we will be in a position to do a good spring trade. We have just sold to Mr. A. Terrill, Wooler, our first prize Toronto bull calf, Dominion Lad. He is a hand-ome young bull, and Mr. Terrill is to be congratulated on his choice. No doubt he will make himself felt on Mr. Terrill's already good herd. Colin Campbell, one of third prize head of calves at Toronto, sold to Mr. John McMillen, Halesdene; a young bull calf to Mr. Anson Connor, Sargison, P. O. township of Brandon."

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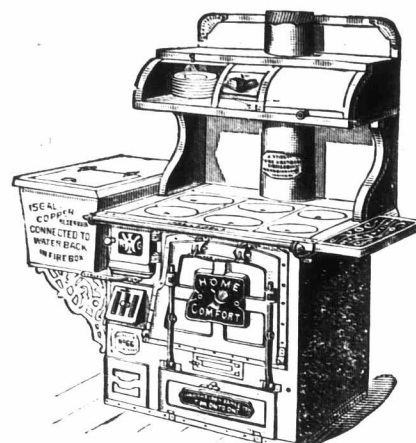
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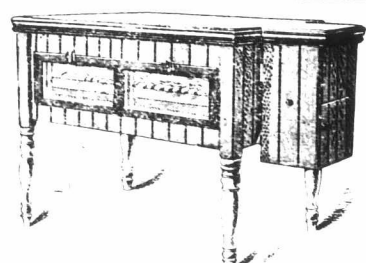
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