

## PURE-BRED STOCK

### NOTES AND NEWS FROM THE BREEDERS

These columns are set apart exclusively for the use of breeders of pure-bred stock and poultry. Any notices or importations made, the sale and purchase of stock and the condition of herds and flocks that is not in the nature of an advertisement will be welcomed. Our desire is to make this the medium for conveying information as to the transfer of pure-bred animals and the condition of live stock throughout the country. The co-operation of all breeders is earnestly solicited in making this department as useful and as interesting as possible. The Editor reserves the right to eliminate any matter that he may consider better suited to our advertising columns.

#### The Royal Show

The great English Royal Show, held at Park Royal the end of June, was the best of the three held at that point. Whether it will prove better financially than the other two remains to be seen. The old country exchanges just to hand give pretty full reports of the show.

The best section of the show, not only in cattle but of the whole exhibition, was the Shorthorns. The numbers were so large that two rings had to be set apart for the judging. All the classes were strong, especially the younger ones. Mr. Robert Taylor, Pitblive, had the 1st prize aged bull in his Edinburgh champion Royal Emden (88154) a great massive, well fleshed, dark roan. He afterwards won the championship for the best bull of any age. Mr. Marshall's Roan Conqueror being reserve. For the best female, Mr. F. Miller's 2-year-old heifer, Lady Amy VII, stood first; the King's first prize yearling heifer, Reception, first reserve, and Mr. Dean Willis' White Heather second reserve.

There was a fair exhibit of Aberdeen-Angus but on the whole inferior to that of the Shorthorns. The gold medal for the best animal of the breed went to Mr. Hudson's Danesfield Jester (8649), a bull with a beautiful head and strong bred character. The Galloways were disappointingly few in numbers. The quality, however, was good. The Ayrshires made a capital display, the best made at the Royal for years.

The show of horses was good, and in particular the Shires among heavy horses and the driving classes among the light horses. The Clydesdale Horse Society's champions went to Baron Fyvie, a two-year-old winner at several of the spring shows and champion at Ayr. The best female was Lady Garnet, an outstanding brood mare winner. The championship Hackney was found in Evanthis (8463), by Polonus, a horse of the good level sort. He was hard pressed by Boundless Danegelt, one from Sir Walter Gilbey's stud.

In sheep the Scots breeds were very much at a discount. The Shropshires were, as usual, perhaps the largest exhibit in the sheep section. The Lincolns made a rather sensational show, and with plenty of Argentine buyers in the field, were eagerly sought for.

All the pig breeds were represented. The large Yorkshires and the Berkshires were the most numerous and put up excellent exhibits.

#### Assistant Live Stock Commissioner

In the appointment of Mr. J. B. Spencer, B.S.A., as Assistant Live Stock Commissioner, the Government

seems to have selected wisely and well. Mr. Spencer comes from one of Canada's oldest families of stock breeders. His grandfather, Mr. John Spencer, imported into Canada the finest Devon cattle and Shropshire sheep, and he was the second man to import Southdown sheep, which was in the early fifties. His father, Mr. H. H. Spencer, of Dorset Farm, Brooklyn, Ont., was for many years the leading breeder and exhibitor of Southdown sheep and Devon cattle in Canada. Later he took up the breeding of Shropshire and Dorset sheep, Shorthorn cattle, Clydesdale horses and Berkshire swine. With the subject of our sketch as his right-hand boy, he imported and exhibited Shropshire's quite extensively in the early eighties.

Both by experience and association Mr. Spencer has had a good ground-work in live stock breeding. His home during the years of his boyhood and early manhood was situ-



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ated in the midst of such noted breeders as the Drydens, Davidsons, Milners, Grahams, Beiths, Johnstons and other prominent stockmen, whose methods of breeding and feeding were observed and followed very closely during a series of years while managing his father's farm.

When twenty-four years of age Mr. Spencer entered the Ontario Agricultural College, completing the full course and securing the degree of B.S.A. Upon leaving the college he took up agricultural journalism, which he has followed ever since. His new duties at Ottawa began on July 15th.

#### Importing Shorthorns

Mr. H. J. Davis, Woodstock, Ont., landed at Quebec on July 13th, sixteen high-class Scotch Shorthorns. The importation consists of seven young cows and heifers and nine young bulls. These cattle have been carefully selected by Mr. Davis himself, and come from such well-known and famous families as the Roan Lady, Ith, Mayflower, Kilbean Beauty, and Buttery. The mere mention of these

names is a guarantee that Mr. Davis' importation is of excellent breeding.

The importation will be out of quarantine and home at Woodstock on August 26th, when intending purchasers would do well to look them over before buying elsewhere.

#### Japs Want More Cattle

Mr. A. P. Westervelt, Secretary of the Ontario Live Stock Association, has received a letter from J. Nishimura, the representative at Vancouver, B.C., of a Japanese firm, saying that on behalf of parties who will arrive from Japan in a week or two, he intends purchasing pure-bred Shorthorn, Ayrshire, Devonshire and Summenthal (Swiss breed) cattle. He asks for particulars of prices and other information of such cattle in Ontario.

#### Mr. Flatt's Sale of Fillies, August 23rd

Messrs. Montgomery Bros. have called W. J. Flatt's attention to the scarcity of Clydesdale fillies in Scotland they are difficult to purchase, and that it will be impossible for them to ship in time to hold the sale at Hamilton on August 9th, as previously announced. Mr. Flatt has, therefore, arranged to hold the sale at the Pavilion, Hamilton stock yards, on August 23rd, instead of August 9th.

Mr. Flatt also desires us to say that he will not undertake to purchase or import another lot of fillies this year.

#### The Guelph Winter Fair

It has been decided that the next Provincial Winter Fair shall be held at Guelph, Ont., December 4-8. These dates are the week following the International at Chicago, so that exhibitors may be enabled to show their animals at both exhibitions.

The total value of cash prizes to be offered amounts to nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00). This means that large increases have been made this year to the prize money of several departments. The prize will be ready for distribution shortly, and any person wishing a copy may obtain one by sending his name and address to A. P. Westervelt, secretary Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

#### Open-air Horse Parade

The third annual open-air horse parade held in Toronto on July 1st, was a pronounced success in every way. Although the weather was threatening there was a large attendance of the general public. There were over 300 entries and over 600 horses in the parade, and the procession, which was about two miles in length, took an hour to pass a given point. Every kind of rig, from the four-in-hand down to the tradesman's cart, was represented in the procession. The show of horses was very fine all through, some splendid animals being entered in the different events. One of the very best classes was that for heavy horses. The teams were well matched and looked in the pink of condition. A feature of this section was the three-horse team of greys exhibited by Joseph Russell.

The ponies formed a most interesting class of pretty and well kept

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