

STOCK GOSSIP.

Mr. Arthur Johnston reports the Greenwood herd of Shorthorns as in good all round shape; nothing fat, but everything healthy and in good order. Fifteen calves arrived to date—nine heifers and six bulls—all excellent colors, and all doing well. Enquiries for catalogues and prices, brisk. Actual sales fair, though scarcely equal to last year. Feed in this section of country very scarce, and hay very high. Straw was never so short, and people are drawing sawdust ten miles for bedding. Farmers' cattle, when offered at public auction, bring good prices, especially when they show some Shorthorn breeding. At one public sale not far from here, nine milk cows averaged over \$60.00 each, and were not thought dear at these figures. Canadian-bred stallions were never in better demand.

Mr. Jno. Dryden, M. P. P., Brooklin, writes as follows:—The inquiries for choice Shorthorns still continue to come through every mail. The scarcity of hay and straw in sections of the country no doubt deters some from purchasing; yet others, looking for results in the future, eagerly accept the bargains offered at Maple Shade. Six bulls and two cows have been sold within the last three weeks. The sales include the compact, well-finished roan bull, Luminary, to Richard Golden, of Amherstburg; Conqueror, a bright red, of extra good symmetry, to J. S. Smith, of Maple Lodge; the three-year-old show bull, Patriot, to Jos. Robinson, of Romney; the two-year-old imported bull, William Rufus, to L. Burnett, Greenbank; Traveller, dropped one the train from quarantine, to McEachern Bros., of Argyll; the roan calf, Surprise, out of the show cow, Almond Blossom, to F. Roach, of Cherrywood, and the young calf, Aberdeen Hero, every inch a show bull, to Frank Shore, of White Oak. Some of the best are still left to make a few more happy.

Smith Brothers, Churchville, Ont., in a letter to us, say: Our stock have wintered so far very well, and are in the best of health. This is due in part to the corn ensilage that we have been feeding. We find it one of the cheapest and best feeds for winter. We have had many inquiries for stock, and have sold, a few days ago, a young bull of great promise. Our Mink's Mercedes Baron is developing very well, and growing very rapidly of late. Only last week a Holstein cow was sent over one hundred miles to him for service, and more are expected. Breeders of rich butter strains are just beginning to find out how good a bull he is. Six of his half-sisters have averaged over 18 lbs. of butter a week as two-year-olds, a pound of butter being obtained from less than 17 lbs. of milk. Impkies Mercedes, a three-year-old half-sister, has quite recently given 25 lbs. 15½ ozs. of butter in seven days. We have just completed a four-months' test of Onetta, a four-year-old Holstein cow. She averaged 43.8 lbs. per day for the four months, having thus given 5,235½ lbs. in 120 days, on the same feed as our grades got when they gave less than 30 lbs. per day on an average. Cornelia Tensea, another four-year-old, has been tested for the last ten days, and gave 707½ lbs. of milk, or over 70 lbs. per day. Her highest day's record so far was 74½ lbs.

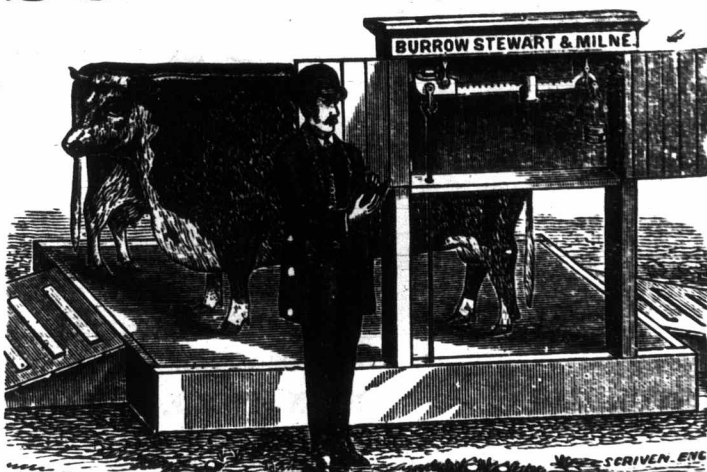
J. G. Snell & Bro., Edmonton, Ont., have made the following sales of Cotswolds and Berkshires since September 1st, 1888:—J. H. Burnett, Poole, Ont., Berkshire boar; W. C. Shearer, Bright, Ont., Berkshire sow; John Adams, Port Perry, Ont., Berkshire boar; W. H. Spencer, Morpeth, Ont., Berkshire sow; W. J. Tucker, Manitowaning, Ont., Berkshire boar and sow; Edmund F. Feilde, Watford, Ont., Berkshire boar; John J. Imrie, Romney, Ont., Berkshire sow; J. C. McDonald, Walnut, Ont., Berkshire boar; A. McEachern, The Grange, Ont., Berkshire boar; Robert Ramsay, Nottawa, Ont., Berkshire boar; Berv. H. Parker, Wisbeach, Ont., Berkshire boar; Angus McBean, Galt, Ont., Berkshire boar; W. C. Edwards, Rockland, Ont., Berkshire boar and sow; J. R. Martin, Cayuga, Ont., Berkshire boar; Richard Vines, Molesworth, Ont., Berkshire boar and sow; J. S. Williams, Knowlton, Que., Berkshire boar; Wm. Irwin, London, Ont., Berkshire boar; Francis Learmouth, Fitzing Harbor, Ont., Berkshire boar; A. J. Lovejoy & Son, Roscoe, Illinois, Berkshire boar and sow; W. A. Shields, Milton, Ont., Berkshire boar; Robert Marsh, Richmond Hill, Ont., Berkshire sow; G. C. Keays, London, Ont., Berkshire boar; John C. Gibson, Moosomin, Manitoba, Berkshire boar; A. F. Woodward, West Montrose, Ont., Berkshire boar and sow; A. H. Blyns, Bedford, Ind., Berkshire boar; H. Snell & Sons, Clinton, Ont., Berkshire boar; W. C. Binion, Iroquois, Ont., Berkshire boar and two sows; Levi E. Bears, Arkona, Ont., Berkshire boar and sow; John F. Thredgyle, Walkerton, Ont., Berkshire sow; C. Dodge & Son, Dodgeville, Ohio, one Cotswold ram and five ewes; J. Runciman, Orwell, Ohio, four rams; B. Watson, Edmonton, one ram, J. Cooney, Brampton, Ont., two rams; Wm. Stark, Ashgrove, Ont., one ram; Wm. Wilson, Edmonton, one ram; James Jackson, Port Perry, Ont., one ram; James Newlove, Brampton, Ont., one ram; J. O. Snell, Edmonton, Ont., one ram; Peter Giffen, Belfontaine, Ont., one ram; D. Tache, Brampton, Ont., one ram; Wm. Laidlaw, Mayfield, Ont., one ram; Wm. Grogan, Manitou, Manitoba, one ram; William Grey, Mayfield, one ram; J. O'Leary, Mayfield, Ont., one ram; Arthur Carroll, Wilkesfort, Ont., one ram; James Russell, Richmond Hill, Ont., one imported ram; Frank Wilson, Jackson, Mich., two rams and six ewes; R. A. Switzer, Switzerville, Ont., one ram; C. W. Cook, White Sulphur Springs, Montana, forty Cotswold rams; Brian & Williams, Westchester, Ind., two imported ewes. A large majority of those who have written us say they saw our advertisement in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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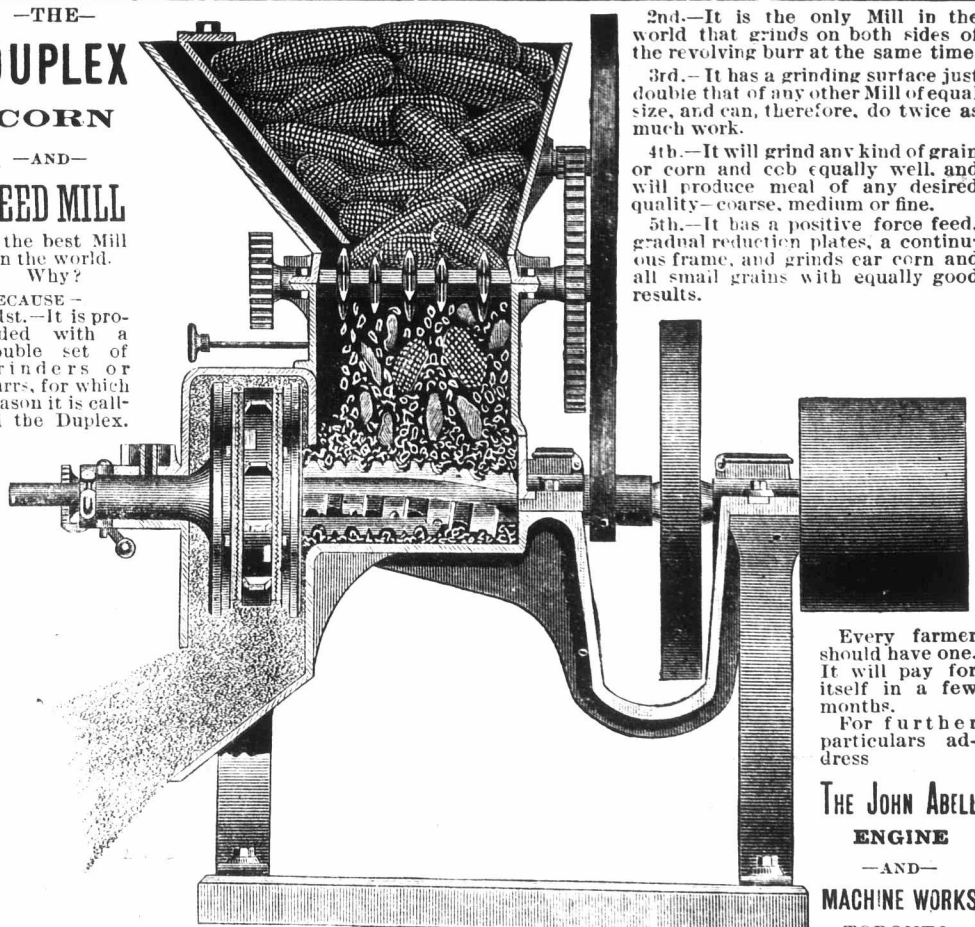
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