

GOSSIP.

This has been a good year for the Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Dorset Horn sheep on the Forster Farm, at Oakville, Ont. The stock has done remarkably well. The Dorsets are perhaps as large a flock as there is in the Province, and because of this some twenty females are offered for sale, bred to a ram from Toronto and Chicago champions on both sides. Only two young Angus bulls are left for sale, and they will go quickly. Write the Forster Farm for prices.

The sale of imported and Canadian-bred Shire mares and fillies, held by Porter Bros., of Appleby, Ont., on Thursday, Dec. 5th, was not the success the quality of the animals offered should have guaranteed. The almost impassable condition of the roads was the big factor in keeping very many at home that otherwise would have been on hand, not only to swell the volume of attendance, but to increase the buying capacity of the crowd. The attendance was not large, but was fairly representative of the Shire breeders and fanciers of this part of Ontario. The animals sold were generally conceded to be the best ever sold by auction in this country. The sale was strictly bona fide, every animal put up being sold to the highest bidder, and to Porter Bros. is due every credit for the straight, business-like manner in which everything in connection with the sale was carried out. The highest price paid was \$420, for the Canadian-bred three-year-old, Grace; Tuttle Brook Sunflower (imp.), the bay three-year-old Guelph and London champion, went for \$400; her team-mate, Tuttle Brook Ladylike (imp.), which on every occasion shown was placed second to the above champion, went for \$380; Tuttle Brook Flirt (imp.), a two-year-old, went for \$320, and the lowest price was \$150, for the bay yearling, Viola Queen.

"THE MAPLES" HEREFORDS.

Exceptional merit is the characteristic predominant in the young things that are so comfortably housed in the commodious stables on that beautiful farm, "The Maples," near Orangeville, Ont., and the splendid fit in which this great and well-known herd of English Herefords were found on the occasion of a visit by a representative of this paper, is evidence that the younger sons of the late W. H. Hunter are showing the results of his master teachings in the feeding and care of this great beef breed of cattle, and that in the very near future these young cattlemen will be recognized as among the leading feeders and fitters of this Province, for seldom indeed have we found so large a herd in such nice condition, and this is particularly true of the young things, nearly all of which were sired by that most successful breeding bull, Newton Lad (imp.). Little need be said about the general complexion of this herd, the late W. H. Hunter and his unequalled success as an importer, fitter and exhibitor of Hereford cattle is too well known to need any comment, and the high-class character of the herd is also well known from one end of the country to the other. Practically all the herd is either imported or bred from imported stock, at the head of which is the noted prizewinner and sire of prizewinners, General Togo (imp.). As assistant in service the firm has lately purchased from Gudge & Simpson, of Kansas City, the yearling bull, Beau Magister, a son of the noted show bull, Beau President, dam Mahella 19th, by the great Mark Hanna. This is a level-lined, even-fleshed young bull, and should prove a sire worthy of his great ancestors, and as a show bull his success this year at Toronto and Ottawa, where he was first in his class, is an indication of what his future form will be. As mentioned above, the herd this year is particularly strong in young things. At Toronto they won first in the class of four calves bred by exhibitor, as well as numerous other prizes, including several firsts. At Ottawa, which this year was the Dominion Exhibition, they practically won everything offered. In the herd, for sale, as a big, as well as a choice selection, both in males and females. The farm is only about 2½ miles from Orangeville Station, on the C. P. R. A post card will bring a conveyance to meet visitors at any time. The farm is connected with long-distance phone.

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THE CARE OF MARKET EGGS.

By direction of the Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, a timely bulletin on the care of market eggs has been issued from Ottawa. It directs particular attention to the nature of the enormous losses that result from inadequate and unsatisfactory methods in the handling of market eggs, and suggests means by which permanent and needed improvement may be brought about in the Canadian egg trade, to the corresponding advantage of both producer and consumer.

This bulletin, which is No. 16, of the Live-stock Branch, constitutes a pamphlet of 24 pages, in which are shown a number of clear photo engravings which are very helpful to a clear understanding of the text. Copies may be had free by applying to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

After describing the usual method of handling eggs, and the result of lack of care of various kinds, the bulletin offers specific suggestions to the farmer, the merchant, the egg-buyer, the railway and express companies, the dealers and packers, the retailer, and the consumer. The farmer is enjoined, among other things, to remove the male bird immediately after the breeding season, and market no fertile eggs; to provide roomy nests and plenty of clean nesting material; to collect the eggs regularly, at least once, better twice, a day in moderate weather, and more frequently in very warm and very cold weather, and to remove them at once in clean utensils to a cool, dry cellar; to cover with a clean cloth to prevent evaporation and fading; to market them in suitable cases as frequently and as directly as possible. The suggestions offered to merchants, buyers, transportation companies, and others, are equally specific and practical.

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