#### GOSSIP.

A St. Joseph. Missouri, horse dealer is reported to have got a contract for 12,-000 horses, to be delivered at the rate of 500 per month, for use in the British army in South Africa.

J. & W. B. Watt, Salem, Ont., breeders of Shorthorns and Clydesdales, write: "Our cattle came through the winter looking their best. We have a very promising lot of calves, and although we have made a great many sales, the herd numbers seventy-five head. About the end of February we shipped our junior sweepstakes bull (at Toronto Industrial), Royal Wonder =34682=, to C. L. McClellan, Lowden, lowa. Royal Wonder was never beaten in Canada, and when sold weighed 1,970 pounds, at 29 months. We recently purchased the three-year-old Clydesdale mare, Grace Darling 5th, from Mr John Isaac, Markham. She was the highest-priced mare at Mr. Isaac's sale, and weighs 1,650 pounds. The third-prize mare at Toronto Industrial last year, Moss Bank [3043], which we purchased from Mr. George Crawford, Oro, is looking fine, and weighs over 1,900 pounds. These mares are full of quality, and have the best of action.

The third international conference of sheep breeders will be held at Carlisle, England, on July 5th, during the week of the Royal Show, which is this year to be held in that city. Mr. A. Mansell, of Shrewsbury, will read a paper at the meeting on "The deleterious effect produced by the use of substitutes for wool in the manufacture of so-called woolen articles in England, America, and on the Continent; their injurious effect on the prices of wool, and the desirability of legislation to prevent the sale of such goods as woolen goods." The Secretary, Mr. W. W. Chapman, 32 Fitzalan House, Arundel St., Strand, London, will be pleased to have the names and addresses of breeders or representatives of societies who may intend to be present at the conference, so that any subsequent communication that may be needful can be made direct to them. needful can be made direct to them

We are in receipt of the 1902 catalogue of the Ratcheugh herd of Shorthorns belonging to Mr. William Bell, Alnwick, England, whose advertisement is running in the "Farmer's Advocate." The catalogue contains the pedigrees of nearly one hundred animals, representing a number of excellent families and the blood of a long list of choicely-bred hulls from such noted herds as those of Messrs. Duthie, Cruickshank, Campbell, Marr, Shepherd, and of others bred in the herds of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria and Lord Polwarth. Among the stock bulls in service is Baron Abbotsford, first as a two-year-old at the Royal Show last year, by Baron Alnwick, out of Lady Clara 3rd, by the Duthie-bred Abbotsford, and her dam by Lord. Lavender, bred by Mr. Cruickshank; grandam by William of Orange. A full brother is Baron's Pride, bred in the herd, a prizewinner at the Royal and many other leading shows, their dam, Lada Clara 3rd, having been a winner at the Royal three years, at the Highland Show three years, at the Yorkshire four years (including the Shorthorn dairy prize and the family prize with her two sons), and at Durham two years, including champion cup for best breeding animal among cattle. Canadian importers would do well to look over the Ratcheugh herd, where they will find quality, substance and symmetry combined with good sound breeding.



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