

Pleuro-Pneumonia.—The authorities are still heroically at work in Chicago, in searching for instances of the disease in the cows of the city, with a view to its destruction, and there is good hope, the Chicago papers claim, of soon having it eradicated. In Scotland, too, it is somewhat on the decline. It is certainly a great matter that we shall continue free from the ravages of the insidious scourge.

Misrepresentation as to Prices.—"Macgregor," in the *London Live-Stock Journal* of April 1st, cites a number of instances where the prices claimed for Clyde horses have been greatly exaggerated. It is a species of dishonesty that we regard as utterly without excuse. No good can come of it, as the practice involves deception, fraud, lying, hypocrisy, and a good many other things which all true men abhor.

Personal.—Lord Hindlip, better known as Sir Henry Alltop, died recently at Hindlip Hall, in his seventy-sixth year. His herd of Bates Shorthorns dispersed in 1885 was very noted in his day. Mr. Raymond S. Bruere, of Braithwaite Hall, Yorkshire, also a noted breeder of Shorthorns, also died not long since. His favorite family were the Vespers, of whom the Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst, P.Q., sold two head for 500 gs. and 250 gs. respectively.

Eureka Recitations.—We have just received from the publishers a copy of number nine of this series of recitations. It is a very good collection, containing nearly one hundred pieces, compiled by Mrs. Anna Randall Diehl, whose reputation as a writer of standard works of elocution stands high. It will be mailed to any address, post paid, on receipt of twelve cents in stamps, by J. S. Ogilvie & Co., the publishers, 57 Rose street, New York.

The Dominion Exhibition.—This year the Toronto Industrial will also be the Dominion Exhibition. The prize list, great as it was in former years, will therefore be largely increased. We are much gratified to know that the greater portion of the grant will be apportioned to the live stock and agricultural departments. Mr. Hill, the secretary and manager, assures us that the Board intends to make the exhibition Dominion in its character and worthy of the country in which it is held.

Color in Shorthorns.—That noted Shorthorn breeder, Wm. Warfield, of Lexington, Kentucky, has all along been a champion of the three colors, of the Shorthorns "red, white and roan," and he has announced in the *Breeders' Gazette* that there are indications of a change of sentiment in this respect. We hail this omen with unmingled satisfaction. It is bad enough for the breeder of the scrub to make the red color an indispensable requisite in the choice of his bull, but it is sorrowful to see Shorthorn breeders being led by him in their color preference.

Little Jock Elliott 3,768.—For the credit of our artist, as well as Canadian art, we were much gratified to see this cut reproduced by the *London Live-Stock Journal*, that grandly conducted and useful publication, in its issue of March 25th. The exhibition of that largeness of spirit by newspaper men, which lifts them far above that contemptible narrowness which will not allow of even the mentioning of a name of a contemporary, is refreshing, and we hope to reciprocate the compliment with our great brother beyond the sea at no distant date.

A Model Farmer's Institute.—On March 2d and 3d, there was held in Oswego what we would term a Model Farmer's Institute. It was arranged through the untiring efforts of Mr. Dudley Miller, of that place, the warm advocate of the Holstein-Friesian dairy cow. Papers were read by such men as Prof. Roberts, of Cornell University; Major Alvord, of the Massachusetts Dairy College; Prof. Arnold; Lieutenant Governor Jones, and a large number of other eminent gentlemen. When farmers may partake of such a repast at one time, they are indeed favored.

Another Hereford.—At the Ontario Experimental Farm, the Imp. cow, Bloomer (179), 9252, that weighs 2100 lbs. without grain feeding, has just dropped another bull calf to the Wilton sire, Conqueror (7510). At birth this calf weighed 110 lbs., and its brother, Conqueror 3d (198), 2839, bought by Mr. Muntz, of Muskoka, at last year's sale, weighs nearly 1200 lbs., though only eleven months old. It will be remembered that Conqueror (7510) is the animal bought from Her Majesty's Windsor Herd in 1884, and the same that her Commissioner desired to repurchase last year.

The Butley Abbey Suffolks.—We learn from the *London Live-Stock Journal* that the owner of this stud, Mr. S. Walton, is one of the oldest breeders of Suffolks in Merry Eng-

land, and his is also one of the best studs. The horses from Butley Abbey have won many show-ring victories since 1849, a good number of them at the Royal. Some of the mares used in building up the stud, were Kesgrave Empress, Newbourn Old Princess, Chrisp's Blyth, Donnington Matchet and Ash Darling. Lovely 1237, and out of the same mare as the famous Dreadnought, is the favorite female. Cupbearer 2d 542, Chieftain. Dreadnought 1462 and Monarch 3d are amongst the most famous of the sires.

Still Other Victims.—"It is stated that a stock buyer at Forreston, east of Freeport, Ill., last week bought from farmers about \$4000 worth of stock, shipped it to Chicago, pocketed the proceeds, and left for Australia. Amongst those reported to have lost are Louis Fosh, at Baileyville, who loses \$500, and John Fosh, near that village, whose loss is about \$700."—*National Live-Stock Journal*. We feel like saying, it serves them right. If farmers consent to have their cattle driven away and sold before they are paid, they must put up with the results. We editors are advising our farmers to study many things relating to their calling, but we seldom remind them of the wisdom of studying to do business on strictly business principles.

Cavalry Horses for Britain.—Doubtless our readers are aware of the presence of Adjutant-General Goldie and his assistants, appointed by the British Government to purchase cavalry horses for Britain. We hope that our farmers will be alive to their own interests and that the right kind of article will be forthcoming in sufficient numbers. Nay, more, if this trade is to grow—and why should it not?—not one moment is to be lost in taking wise steps to breed this class of horses, by the lovers of such. That Canada should become a center for the production of a splendid class of animals of the principal breeds of all kinds of live stock is to be devoutly wished for. The party are to visit Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

The Waterside of Forbes Herd of Aberdeen-Angus Cattle.—Mr. Geo. Wilken, the owner of this herd, first established it in 1871. It was dispersed in 1878, bringing at that time an average of £32. In 1879 it was re-established on as much of the old herd for foundation as he could pick up. In 1884 a draft sale of 34 animals was held, making an average of £64, and again in Sept. of the same year, 29 head brought an average of £54 10s. At the sale of 1885, 42 head sold, averaged £35 14s. The herd contains representatives of the Vines, Prides, Ericas, Ruths, Sybils, Lady Idas, etc. The cow Matilda 2d 6312, has never been beaten by a female in any show-ring. Mr. Wilken has handled 600 head of Angus breeding cattle in his day.—*London Live-Stock Journal*.

Head's Mica Roofing.—This late invention promises to revolutionize the process of roofing in both town and country, so far as the material is concerned. It is made from a preparation of mica and tar, and has been tested for some time past on a limited scale. The following are a few of the claims advanced in behalf of it: (1) Any one can place it in position with ordinary help. (2) It is more durable than shingles. (3) It costs less than shingles. (4) It makes a very handsome roof. We shall watch the extension of this work with more than ordinary interest, as if time proves its claims well founded it must be extensively used. A company has been formed in this city for its manufacture and sale, of which Mr. Garland, of the firm of Garland & Rutherford, is a principal member.

Another Victim.—When will our farmers learn to take care of themselves? As narrated in the *National Live-Stock Journal*, of Chicago, a certain Mr. Steinmetz, a well-known cattle breeder of Missouri and a very respectable man, was victimized in a most cruel manner by two sharpers, who commenced operations by proposing to buy his farm, but before they got through with him managed to leave him worth \$2000 less than when they commenced operations. One of them professed to deal in lotteries and the old man consented to hold certain documents for the other for a time, and in this way they managed to bleed him. A good mastiff kept for the special benefit of such characters, and men who sell Bohemian oats and \$15 per bushel seed wheat, would be a good investment.

Banquet for the Live-Stock Breeders.—Of so much consequence in the eyes of the stock-men of the United States is the Annual Fat Stock Show held in Chicago, that some twenty or more of the Live-Stock Associations have fixed upon it as the most fitting time to hold their annual meetings. This year a banquet is to be given to the breeders, under the auspices of the Percheron Association. The President of the United States has promised to attend. This is the estimate that stock-men in the United States put upon the value of the Fat

Stock Show. Our western contemporary says these shows are places for the exhibition of "bluffers." Who is right, the editor and proprietor of the agricultural paper we refer to, or all the stock-men of the United States? We suppose the former.

The Acme Harrow.—The Acme Pulverising Harrow (lod, crusher and leveller, all combined in the one implement, advertised in this paper, is one of the most useful implements that can be placed on any farm, as it can be devoted to a great variety of uses. In two respects it is, perhaps, without a rival—that is, in securing a fine tilth for a seed bed, and in the eradication of weeds, including even couch grass and Canada thistles. We have never seen so many testimonials regarding the one implement gathered before, and they embrace farmers over the whole of the North American continent where land is cultivated, as well as a number from the continent of Europe. The sole manufacturer is D. H. Nash, Millington, Morris Co., New Jersey, but there are several distributing depots in Canada.

The Ardferd Abbey Shorthorns.—This Booth Shorthorn herd is one of the most famous, if not the leading Shorthorn herd in Ireland. It now numbers 118 head, and has been in existence for about 40 years. Animals bred there have won many prizes, both at leading English and Irish shows. The cow, Riby Marchioness, 12 years old, has produced 12 calves, and though 10 months calved, could not easily be dried. This is what every Shorthorn cow ought to be, as rightly expressed by the writer who furnished the notes for the *London Live-Stock Journal*, from which we are gleanings. The other tribes, Medora, Florence, Gwyne, Roany, Daisy, Venus and Mistress Mary, have each a number of superior representatives. Prince (51859) of the Riby tribe, a stylish red, heads the herd. Riby King (48575), has been extensively used, and a goodly number of the young stock are by the famous West Dereham Abbey bull, Sir Simeon.

Holstein-Friesian Milk Records.—From a paper by Mr. Dudley Miller, of Oswego, we learn that the first Holstein milk records were kept by his father, the Hon. Gerritt S. Miller, at Peterboro, N. Y., in the year 1870. In that year, the records of the imp. cows Fraulien, Dowager and Crown Princess, were 7,893½ lbs., 8,395 lbs. and 10,691 lbs. respectively. In 1875, the records of the same three cows were 8,588 lbs., 12,861½ lbs. and 14,027 lbs. Lady Clifden, imp. by Hon. Wm. A. Russell, of Lawrence, Mass., produced 16,274 lbs. in 362 days, in 1876. In 1881, this record was beaten by the Messrs. Smith & Powell's Ægis (69), record, 16,823 lbs., 10 oz. This cow was bred by Mr. Miller. In the same year, the cow Aggie (601), produced 18,004 lbs., 15 oz. In 1883, the cow, Echo (121), bred by Mr. Miller, and owned by Mr. F. C. Stevens, Attica, N.Y., scored 18,120½ lbs. In 1884, Echo's record was surpassed by Mr. John Mitchell's Jamaica (1355), and Ethelka (1208), Mr. Edgar Hindekoper's Violet (743), Mr. L. H. Payne's Lady De Vries and by Mr. Miller's Empress (539), and again by Mr. Stevens' Echo, who, in 1884, scored 23,775 lbs., 8 oz. This record was, in turn, eclipsed by Messrs. Smith, Powell & Lamb's cow, Clothilde (1308), which on August 17th, 1886, completed the, as yet, unbeaten record of 26,021 lbs., 2 oz. Mr. Miller predicts that inside of five years, the record will go beyond 30,000 lbs. in the year.

Union of Ayrshire Breeders' Associations.—Delegates from the Ayrshire Importers' and Breeders' Association of Canada, and the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association, met at the Russell House, Ottawa, on April 6th, with Mr. Rodden, Plantagenet, in the chair, and H. Waide as secretary. It was resolved (1), that in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that there be but one association of Ayrshire breeders and one herd book in the Dominion of Canada, (2), that all pedigrees now on record be submitted to a joint revising committee, consisting of three members from each of the associations, who shall be empowered to pronounce upon the admirability of such pedigrees to the future publications of the new association, it being understood that the standard aimed at is imported Ayrshire stock on the side of both sire and dam. In case of disagreement the question will be referred to the Executive Committee of the Amalgamated Association. Messrs. W. Rodden, Plantagenet, Ont.; A. E. Garth, St. Therese, P. Q., and James Drummond, Petite Côte, Montreal, were appointed revising committee from the Importers' and Breeders' Association, and Messrs. James McCormick, Rockton, Ont.; D. Nicol, Cataragui, Ont., and J. Yuill, Carleton Place, Ont., from the Dominion Ayrshire Breeders' Association. The committee was requested to report on the pedigrees already on record in the two books at an early date. A special meeting was called for the 27th of April, at Ottawa, to confirm the action of the committees. We are very pleased indeed, to notice the moderation exercised by the members of the two associations, and the wisdom manifested in the steps already taken to bring about union.