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GOSSIP.

DORSETS ON THE RANGE.

Mr. Joseph E. Wing, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, Secretary of the Dorset Club, writes to say that while the pure-bred Dorset is not an ideal range sheep, either for mutton or wool, the day is fast coming when the Dorset as a sire of quick-maturing mutton lambs will be conceded to be the best. Mr. Wing encloses with his letter a copy of a communication from a sheep rancher, Mr. L. E. Thompson, of Las Animas, Colorado, who states that he would not again ship in Dorsets from a low to a high altitude. He says of his Dorset crosses: "The lambs are 'pony built' and all I could wish for. The other rams I used were said to be half Shrop and half Dorset, and were from Ft. Collins. Their lambs are about as good as the others. We will feed all the lambs, ewes and wethers. We buy ewes, and keep no lambs except Dorsets, registered. We have 18 lambs to register from the imported ewes, and think more of them than anything we have, next to our wives and 'kids.' They are every one beauties. A man in Idaho wants five lambs, and we will price them to him, but I suppose the price will bluff him, and we do not care. We were busy feeding lambs last winter, and let the ewes get too fat on alfalfa and straw, so when they lambed we lost several. Some that had twins lost one or both—lambs came dead—then we had some trouble with 'milk fever'—same trouble on range—so it is evident we need to 'know how' to breed them. We fed a bunch of quarter-blood Dorset lambs last winter, and when we began to pick out, to ship, the Dorset grades went first. We have some Southdowns, and class them 2nd and Shrops 3rd. I want a short-legged, barrel-shaped sheep, then I have feeders. We are ready to start 3,000 lambs on feed. They came in March, April and May, are even, and we think good as the best. So you see what we think of the Dorset. We are only losers by not having more of them, and more Dorset blood we must and will have."

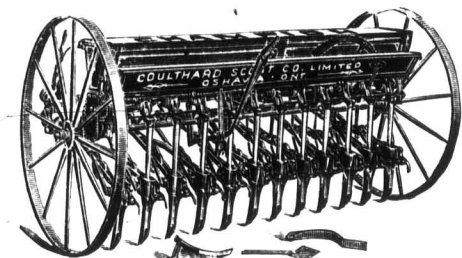
G. A. BRODIE'S SHORTHORN CATTLE AND SHROPSHIRE SHEEP.

On page 715 in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE Christmas number of 1894 we gave a half-page illustration and review of Mr. Brodie's farm and herds, near Bethesda, in York Co., Ont. This year when we called we found that gentlemen no less active in live-stock matters than formerly, and he is keeping in close touch with the demands of the times; in fact, has enlarged his territory by purchasing another excellent 100-acre farm, quite close to the one shown in our last year's Christmas number, which, from all appearances, is equally fertile in grain and grass-producing qualities. When we called we found a long string of Shorthorn cattle, of various ages, in thrifty, growing form. In examining the various pedigrees, we found that such tribes as the Miss Ramsden, Duchess, Mays (Cruickshank's), Isabella, Missie and Stamford Duchess, figured in numbers in importance as they are here named. Of the first, Mr. Brodie has a few matured cows, which he has mated to Mr. Renfrew's imported bull, Precious Stone, purchased at Mr. Flatt's sale last year at Hamilton, to calve during the early spring months. Among Mr. Brodie's immediate offerings we found a few choice young bulls of this strain, chiefly dark reds, in good growing form (not fat), the best possible shape for the buyer. The popularity of this tribe in Scotland, and the long prices which have been paid for members of the Miss Ramsden family, should and doubtless will make them eagerly sought after by those who recognize the importance of having a sire from a popular tribe. In all, we were shown some fifty head, chiefly fresh young things under 3 years of age, one-third of which being cows due to drop calves during the next three months. Among the cows which we specially noted was a large, smooth, red Missie and her 2-year-old daughter. We did not learn if they were among the offerings, but we know Mr. Brodie to be a business man, and would judge that the right figure would upset anything on the reserved list. A very choice Stamford Duchess heifer and a useful Isabella cow, in breeding form, could not easily escape a visitor's notice. Some twenty young bulls and a limited number of growing young females are included among his offerings. Of recent importation is a young Scotch-bred bull, to place at the head of the herd, which, we were informed, was rich in Cruickshank breeding, selected to Mr. Brodie's order in Scotland by Mr. Robert Miller; his pedigree had not yet come to hand. In all, we were shown a calf of good proportions and excellent quality, of the thick-fleshed, short-legged type, and his owner expects great development, as he says he is a great feeder.

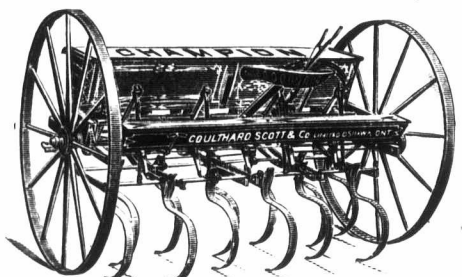
A choice bunch of Shropshire shearing ewes was also selected by Mr. Miller from the Mansell and Cooper flocks in England, and these are being bred to one of Mr. Miller's best rams. They are a well-covered, even lot, full of Shropshire character, of which we also hope and expect to hear more later.

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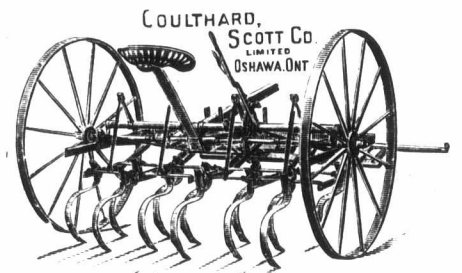
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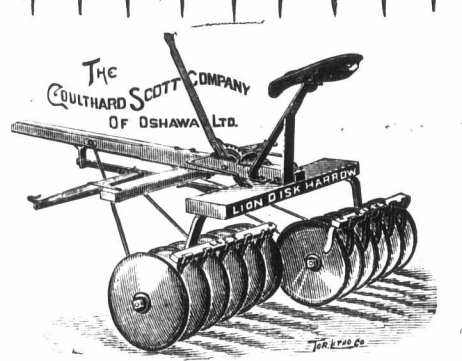
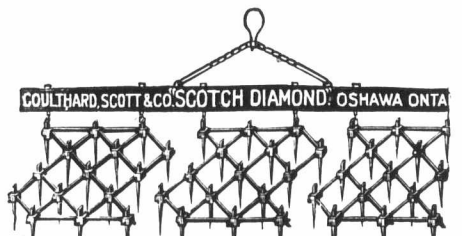
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