

## Stock Notes.

As we go to press we learn from the "Canada Gazette" (official) that the Government has issued very stringent orders prohibiting the importation of neat cattle or swine from the U. S. into the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. They still will be allowed to pass over Canadian railroads in bond, under very strict regulations, and under no circumstances are they to be allowed to remain in above-named provinces except in the case of their death, when they must be burned; and will be at all times, while on said railroads, under the supervision of a Canadian official appointed by the Minister of Agriculture. And the importation of animals from Europe is prohibited except at the ports of Halifax, St. John and Quebec, and are subject to the following regulations: All neat cattle to a probationary quarantine of 90 days before being allowed to come in contact with Canadian cattle, or before being exported to any other country, and shall not leave such quarantine ground until officially discharged. And all sheep and swine arriving in Canada through said ports may, at the discretion of the officials, be allowed to enter or be detained in quarantine until discharged.

Bow Park Farm held its eleventh annual sale of Shorthorns at Dexter Park, Chicago, on April 23rd. Forty-five animals were sold, realizing \$13,270, making an average of \$295 per head. We are glad to learn that Shorthorns are again becoming paying property.

We recently received a call from Mr. A. A. McArthur, of Lobo, who reports his Berkshires to be doing well. He has 57 fine young pigs, and 8 sows yet to litter. He says the demand for pure bred Berkshires for breeding purposes is again becoming quite active.

The sale of Mr. J. F. Miller's, Jerseys, took place at the Union stock yards, Indianapolis, Ind., April 14th. A large attendance was present from all quarters, and very satisfactory prices were realized. \$5,755 was obtained for 36 cows, an average of nearly \$160, and nine calves brought \$322, being an average of nearly \$36 per head. This sale is reported to be one of the best ever held in the State.

F. W. Stone, of Guelph, has sold 14 bulls to go to Texas. Stock business is so much improving that importation from England this year will be much larger than for several years past. Mr. R. Gibson, is on the way to England, to make purchases. Mr. S. Beattie has already sent one shipment of horses to Toronto, they realized a good paying price. We hear he intends bringing many hundred sheep out with him shortly.

**EDITORS TABLE.**—We have received "Farming for profit," by John E. Read, published by Bradley Garresen & Co., of Brantford. We are pleased to state that this work is well got up, the binding, paper and printing are much superior to most of the trash circulated. The book contains 360 pages, and has 140 engravings. It treats on the various departments of the farm, garden and household, it contains much useful information. The circulation of this publication will do good to the farmers and the country. Most probably we may make some extracts from it. We wish success to this and all other similar publications.

The lower house of U. S. Congress has passed a bill providing that two artesian wells shall be sunk east of the Rocky Mountains, as an experiment for a system of wells designed to reclaim in some measure the arid desert east and west of the mountains. And some are induced to emigrate to that arid desert.

There are about thirty species of insects which subsist on our garden vegetables. The grape-vine has about fifty insect enemies; the apple tree seventy-five; the different shade trees have over a hundred; wheat, barley and oats, fifty. The estimated annual destruction of property by insects in the United States is as high as \$400,000,000. A great portion of this loss might be prevented by the preservation of many different kinds of birds.

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