

SPRING STALLION SHOW.

A joint meeting of the Agriculture and Arts Association stock show committee and a committee from the Clydesdale Association met at 2 p. m. Present, J. C. Snell, Edmonton, in the chair; J. Legge, Gananoque; Albin Rawlings, C. M. Simmons, Robt. Vance, N. Awrey and J. Gardhouse and the Clydesdale committee as above. A vote of condolence was tendered Mrs. Morgan, and J. Legge and H. Wade were delegated to attend the funeral. The prize list was then gone over. It will remain the same as last year with the following exceptions:—Roadster stallions must either be recorded in, or satisfactory evidence be given that they are eligible for entry in Wallace's Trotting Register.

HACKNEYS (2 CLASSES).—3 YEARS OLD AND OVER.

1st Prince of Wales Prize	\$50
2nd	25
3rd	15
4th	10
5th	5

UNDER 3 YEARS.

1st	\$30
2nd	20
3rd	10
4th	5

Percherons were struck out. The section for Clydes is almost the same as last year, except that in Canadian-breds, a class for 3-year-olds was added.

The show will be held on the 9th and 10th of March in the Drill Shed, Toronto.

A committee was appointed to meet at the Queen's Hotel to appoint judges the first or second week in February.

A meeting to form a Hackney Association will be held about the second week in February, due notice of which will be given.

Chatty Letter from the States.

The packers are taking in the big crop of hogs just as if they were making a rich harvest, and that is what they are doing. Prices for hogs are low, but feeders are not losing anything. Uncle John Start, who used to buy hogs for Canadian pork packers, thinks no money is being lost in hog feeding at present prices. Years ago he weighed in a lot of 120-lb. pigs of poorer quality than the present average. They ate 15 lbs. of corn each in sixty days, an averaged 280 to 300 lbs. The following packers are operating in the Chicago hog markets this winter:—Armour & Co., Anglo-American P. Co., C. P. & P. Co., Swift & Co., International P. Co., N. Morris & Co., Underwood & Co., T. J. Lipton & Co., Jones & Stiles, J. Cudahy & Co., Allerton P. Co., J. C. Hatley & Co., J. Moran & Co., J. Healy & Co.

In some parts of Texas the grass is long and rich, while in other places the grass is dead from drought. In the southern part of the state three-year-old steers have been offered at \$1.50 @ \$3 per head, but in such cases the cattle are usually too poor to stand a trip to where feed is more plenty. It looks as if it would pay in some such cases to ship feed to them, at least enough to give them strength to stand a journey.

Christmas cattle sold this year at \$6 @ \$6.75, with twenty head of extra fine Polled-Angus steers at \$7 @ \$7.15. A lot of rough, but very fat 1,822-lb. steers sold at \$5.10, while in an adjoining pen a lot of 1,209-lb. steers sold at \$5.25, and still another lot of high bred steers, 1,177 lbs., sold at \$5.50. Still another lot of 1,474-lb. steers, fat but old-fashioned, sold at \$4.25. Its an awfully threadbare tune, but the fact remains that blood does tell. S. P. Clark, Dover, Ill., marketed one 1,970-lb. Galloway steer at \$6.

There were some good sheep on the holiday market. L. B. Bacon, of Chrisman, Ill., received \$5.60 for 72 head of black-faced sheep of his own feeding which averaged 126 lbs. A bunch of choice fed Western sheep, averaging 142 lbs., sold for \$5.20. C. D. Hudson, of Marshall, Mo., marketed two loads of choice Christmas sheep, which sold for \$5.65. They averaged 139 lbs.

Studs, Herds and Flocks.

CRESCENT STOCK FARM,

the property of Messrs. J. & J. Smith, is situated four miles from Paris, on the G. T. R. Although Mr. Jas. Smith, the junior member of the firm, has long been known as one of the best cattlemen in the province, having had charge of the stables at Bow Park, the firm at present devotes itself exclusively to Shropshires, and an even or more uniform lot of ewes than those we were shown here it would be hard to find. The original stock of ewes, having been personally selected by Mr. Smith from the flocks of the well-known English breeders, Messrs. Richard Thomas, of Shrewsbury, and Jas. Whittaker, by careful handling and the use of none but the very best males, the flock has been brought to a standard of rare excellence, the lambs from this flock never having been beaten by lambs bred in Canada, their winnings in the last year or two including first for ewe lambs in Toronto and London in 1890, as well as the special prize given at each place for the best pen of lambs, to consist of two rams and three ewes, by the English and the American Shropshire Association. The ram last in use was Royal Uffington (11116), bred by A. Gibson, Esq., Springhill, Notts. This ram has since been sold, and we learn since our visit that Messrs. Smith have purchased from Mr. Robt. Miller a grand shearling ram bred by T. & S. Bradburne. This ram, we are told, was considered the pick of the lambs in this celebrated flock, and his breeding, combining the blood of such sires as The Rector, Royal Chief, Royal Taunton and Sir Arthur, being of the very best, we may look for something extra good next year from the Crescent Farm flock.

MONTROSE FARM.

Adjoining the Crescent Stock Farm is Montrose Farm, owned by Mr. H. Chisholm, well known to all exhibitors at the old Provincial Fair, as for many years superintendent of the sheep department. Mr. Chisholm is now devoting his attention to breeding Shorthorns, Berkshires, Bronze Turkeys and Plymouth Rocks. Of these his Shorthorns are principally bred from stock imported by Bow Park. Among them we noticed a grand show cow, Wave Foam 5th, by Roan Duke 13th, with a capital heifer calf by the Bow Park bull Waterloo Banner. Another good one was the yearling heifer Wave Lily 2nd, by Ingram, out of Wave Lily, a roan in color. She promises to grow into a rare, good cow. Mr. Chisholm has, for the past few years, gone to the trouble and expense of sending his best cows to Bow Park to be bred, believing that nothing pays like the best, and we noticed in the stable a very promising young bull sired by Waterloo Banner. In Berkshires the sows are principally of Messrs. Snell's stock, five sows having found their way from Willow Lodge to Montrose Farm in the past six years. At the time of our visit the stock of pigs was pretty well reduced, still a few young boars and yelts were on hand. In poultry Mr. Chisholm is a strong fancier of Plymouth Rocks, and certainly some of the young birds he showed us were enough to justify his choice, they as well as the Bronze Turkeys being bred from prize-winning stock at Chicago.

MR. TEGART'S CLYDESDALES.

About a mile and a-half from the thriving little town of Tottenham lies the farm of Mr. A. K. Tegart, who has for over seven years been en-

gaged in the business of breeding and importing Clydesdale horses. At the time of our visit Mr. Tegart had only two imported stallions left on hand, having disposed of the balance of his importation, made last August, early in the fall. Of these two horses one is a three-year-old and one a four-year-old. The first, St. Kilda (8972), is a useful looking colt, very short legged, and of a good blocky pattern. He is by Laird o' Reir (5947), his dam being by the well-known Roseberry, a son of Prince of Wales (673). The four-year-old Prince of Pictur (7158), a big, massive horse, dark colored, and showing any amount of clean, flat, heavy bone, with good feet, is a son of the famous Pickwick (3885), so well-known to Clydesdale men in Canada, and now we believe owned in Indiana. Prince of Pictur (7158) should prove a very valuable stock horse, containing as he does in his breeding some of the best blood in Scotland. Among the young stock we especially noticed the yearling filly Rose, by Lord Wilton (5180), dam by McDougal (2269). This is a very sweet mare, a good bay in color, and combining size with plenty of quality. Besides the imported stallions, Mr. Tegart has a fine pair of imported mares, and a very promising yearling stallion and some fillies bred from imported stock on both sides, as well as a few nice Shetland ponies, among them a very handsome stallion pony five years old. Mr. Tegart is rapidly coming to the front as a Clydesdale importer, having imported some very useful sires in the last few years. Among them we might mention Lord Wilton (5180), by Lord Erskine, winner of first and diploma at Hamilton 1890, and Balderdash (7447), by McCamon (3818), both sold to Enright Bros. of Dundas and Winnipeg. Also Gallant Times (7730), by Old Times (579); Earl Craig (6705), by Brigadier (4266), a grandson of McGregor, and Tullyfergus (9073), by Gallant Lad (2781), a son of Col. Holloway's famous old Druid. Mr. Tegart's card will be found in another column, and we can recommend him to intending purchasers as a reliable man.

MAPLE HILL HERD OF RED POLLS.

Among the exhibits of cattle at Detroit this year (1891), we were very much struck by the uniform excellence of the herd of Red Polls exhibited by Mr. W. P. Crouch, of Maple Hill, Randolph, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, U. S. These cattle, which are great favorites with the farmers and graziers of the eastern counties in England, are rapidly coming to the front in the U. S., and although, as far as we know, the only specimens of the breed in Canada at present are those imported this summer for the Agricultural College at Guelph, we have no doubt that were they once given a trial they would very soon win their way into popular favor. Mr. Crouch's herd, he tells us, now numbers some 27 head, the stock bull being Duke of Crawford, a well-known prize-winner on the other side. Although not fitted for show, this bull struck us at once as being a good pattern—thick fleshed, with a nice even top, and a grand rib. He is a wonderfully good handler, while his excellence as a stock-getter was amply attested by two of his get, viz., the two-year-old bull Ben, and the yearling bull Fearless, both of whom won first in their classes, in the face of strong competition. Among the females were several cows whose capacious udders and well-developed milk veins gave evidence of their being good milkers; indeed, Mr. Crouch tells