

of Mr. J. B. Tubbs, won in her class and also the special prize for the best mare over three years old. Rosadora had, however, carried off the champion trophy on two previous occasions, and as a consequence she was not eligible to compete again. This let in Knowle Halma, belonging to Mr. R. W. Jay, the second prize winner in the same class as Rosadora, and the remarkable spectacle was witnessed of the champion of the show not being a first prize winner. Again in the case of the stallion championships, the challenge cup was won by Diplomatist for the second time in succession for Mr. Iain Ramsay, who maintains a successful stud in the Island of Ilay, off the coast of Scotland. The reserve went to Mr. Benson's Copper King, and it was to this pair that the older cup fell, while the junior cup was won by Mr. Arthur Hall's Companthorpe Wonder.

CANADIAN STORE CATTLE

By the time this is in the hands of readers no doubt a definite pronouncement on the question of Canadian store cattle will have been made. Whatever it may be and personally I trust it may be for a continuation of the embargo, you can rest assured that the bulk of English agriculturists have done their best to impress their views on the government. No useful purpose would be served by going through the arguments on either side, but I can place it on record that we on this side object to the importation from a bona fide fear of contamination by disease. The risk may be remote, but if it did happen what would become of our export trade in pedigree animals?

ITEMS

The first few days of March were brilliantly fine and almost unreasonable. Travelling one finds a vast number of cattle in the fields; the increase of permanent pasture, the mild winter and the short hay season are responsible for this early appearance.

Young cattle are being bought now at prices that we may call worth the money. This week I noticed capital Shorthorn heifers, well bred, reds and roans in color, suitable for bulling or feeding, at considerably under a ten pound note. Surely these are cheap enough, no matter how bad things may be.

Business is quiet all round just now and from all markets come complaints of lack of business. Prices are not unduly depressed, but the volume of trade is restricted.

The spring bull sales are passing off most satisfactorily. The ubiquitous Shorthorn appears to rather increase its headway. The sensational figure of \$7,500 for a bull of this breed at Perth is what is commonly called "a knock out" for an auction. Other prices at Perth were \$3,500, \$2,900, \$2,500 and \$2,000.

A. W. S.

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