

## GOSSIP.

## IMPORTED CLYDESDALES.

Four imported Clydesdale stallions and one filly are advertised for sale in this paper by Mr. Neil Smith, Brampton, Ontario, twenty miles west of Brampton, on the G. T. R. and C. P. R. These horses were personally selected and imported by Mr. Smith, who is acknowledged to be an excellent judge of Clydesdales, and has imported and bred many good ones. He likes a good big horse, and goes for that kind, believing that too many of the modern Clydesdales are under size and lacking in bone to produce the big draft horses which bring the best prices. The horses he offers have lots of size, combined with quality, and he is not looking for fancy prices, but is satisfied with a fair profit and quick return. Those wanting big, good horses should write for prices and particulars, or call on Mr. Smith and see the stock.

## BIRMINGHAM FAT STOCK SHOW.

The Birmingham Fat Stock Show, held at Bingley Hall the first week in December, was well patronized, the number of visitors passing through the gates in the three days being 35,200. His Majesty the King exhibited largely from the Royal farms at Windsor in Hereford, Shorthorn, Aberdeen-Angus and Devon cattle, and the classes throughout were well filled with animals of superior merit. In two-year-old Hereford steers the first place and championship cup was given to Mr. W. H. Cooke's entry, weighing 1,990 lbs. at 2 years and 10 months. The second-prize steer and the reserve number for the cup was the King's Lancelot. In Shorthorn two-year-old steers the first place was worthily filled by the King's Robin Hood, weighing 1,940 lbs. at 2 years and 11 months, bred by the late Queen, and got by Prince Victor, the sire of Cicely, the imported cow sold at Mr. Platt's Chicago sale in November last for \$5,000. His Majesty was also the 1st-prize winner in the female class with Melinda, by Prince Victor, weighing 1,650 lbs. at 2 years 10 months 2 weeks. She was also the cup winner as best Shorthorn in the championship competition of the breed. The breed championship in the Devon class and the reserve number for the championship of the show fell to the King's steer of that breed, weighing 1,701 lbs. at 2 years and 10 months. The Aberdeen-Angus breed supplied the champion over all breeds in the Earl of Strathmore's heifer, Brunhilde, bred by the exhibitor, weighing 1,832 lbs. at 2 years and 9 months. The first-prize two-year-old steer of this breed was an exceedingly good one named Cock o' the North, shown by Mr. J. J. Cridlan, and which weighed, at 2 years and 10 months, 2,025 lbs. Mr. W. E. Learner's two-year-old Meikle Tarrel bred heifer, Madaline, got by an Aberdeen-Angus bull, and out of a cross-bred cow, by the Shorthorn bull, Ringbader, was the championship winner in the cross-bred class, and is said to come very near the standard which the great feeders have aimed at. She weighed 1,790 lbs.

Sheep were strongly shown in all the Down breeds, the longwools being unrepresented. In Southdown yearling wethers, first and second awards went to Col. McCalmont's entries. The first-prize pen of three weighed 652 lbs., and the second-prize pen, 693 lbs. The same exhibitor was first for pen of lambs, the weight of the trio being 479 lbs.

The first-prize pen of Shropshire yearling wethers were bred and shown by P. L. Mills, Ruddington, and were a very sweet and well-matched pen, weighing 801 lbs. The first-prize pen of lambs were from the flock of Lady de Rothschild, and scaled 480 lbs. The first-prize pen of Oxford wethers were shown by Miss A. de Rothschild, and were ripe sheep, weighing 756 lbs. Mr. Stigoe's first-prize pen of Oxford lambs were remarkably ripe, and weighed 535 lbs. the trio.

Hampshires were out in capital form and condition. Lord Rothschild's yearling wethers being first in the class of half a dozen entries. They were a remarkably fine pen, and carried off the championship for the best pen of Down sheep in the show, their weight being 888 lbs. Mr. P. F. Luxton had the first-prize pen of lambs. They were full of quality, and their weight was 579 lbs., an average of 193 lbs. each.

Pigs were well shown in the Berkshire, Middle White, and Tamworth breeds, the Large Whites being sparsely represented. In Berkshires, Mr. Benjafield had the first-prize pair not exceeding nine months; Mr. J. A. Fricker was second. For pair between nine and twelve months, Mr. Fricker had the first. For single pigs of this breed exceeding twelve months there were half a dozen competitors, and Mr. Benjafield's entry was the winner, Mr. Fricker's being second. The Tamworths showed very marked improvement in quality and color, the entries being handsome pigs, shapely and of the rich golden color that is so much admired, their capital hair bespeaking the right kind of flesh underneath. The first award for a pair between nine and twelve months went to Mr. H. R. Stock's entry, Mr. Ibbotson's being second and third. In the class under nine months, Mr. Mitchell was first and Mr. D. W. Phillip second. For the single pig prize, Mr. R. Ibbotson won first with a 20-months pig of good quality.

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At the annual meeting of the Canadian Barred Rock Club, held at the time of the Winter Fair at Guelph, Ont., Dec. 11th, the following officers were elected: President, Wm. McNeil, London; Vice-Presidents, W. C. Fyfe, Montreal; J. S. Jeffry, St. Catharines; J. Geo. Goodwin, Halifax; Secretary-Treasurer, J. W. Kedwell, Petrolia. Directors: J. F. Penneft, Toronto; A. E. Sherrington, Walkerton; J. McKay, Chatham; Gus A. Langher, Quebec; L. K. Willard, Dundas; N. Cosh, London; W. R. Graham, Guelph; J. W. Porteus, Galt; J. W. Kedwell, Petrolia.

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D. G. Ganton, Elmvale, Ont., writes: Our trade in Shropshire sheep and Yorkshire hogs has been all that we could wish for the past season. We have had numerous enquiries from all parts of the Dominion and several States, thanks to the wide circulation of the "Advocate," and made many good sales, a few of which we give below. One brood sow to G. Goddard, of Hillsdale; to Isaac Ritchie, Saurin, Ont.; one brood sow; to John Tracey, Minesing, Ont.; one boar; to James Goddard, Hillsdale, Ont.; one boar; to Robert Petters, one sow; to H. S. Hugh, Wis.; one ram; to A. A. Armstrong, Minesing, Ont.; ewe and ram; to James Reynolds, Wyebridge, two ewes; to J. J. Robinson, Vasey, Ont., four ewes and one ram; to P. Grant, Greenbank, Ont., two ewes; to G. Nightingale, Wyevale, Ont., one stock ram; to J. A. & M. Rowat, Hillsdale, Ont., one ram to head flock; to Albert Palmer, Renfrew, Ont., one ram; to T. W. Vansicle, one ram; to Daniel Ragan, Vergennes, Vt., two ewes and ram; to Dr. A. W. Heaslip, Hillsdale, Ont., six ewes and ram; to Robert Petters, twenty ewes in lamb to Mansell ram; to Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont.; 30 lambs; to John Anderson, Crossland, Ont., one collie pup; to P. Hart, Belleville, Ont., one collie pup; to G. Crawford, Minesing, Ont., one collie pup; to Mrs. W. K. McCulloch, Oshawa, Ont., one collie pup. Our flock is now headed by two choice Mansell rams, and is the largest flock in the county.

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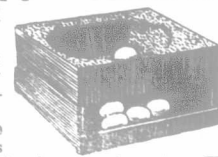
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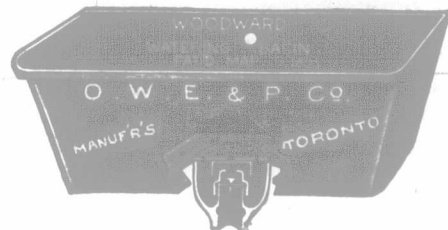
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