

PURE-BRED STOCK

NOTES AND NEWS FROM THE BREEDERS

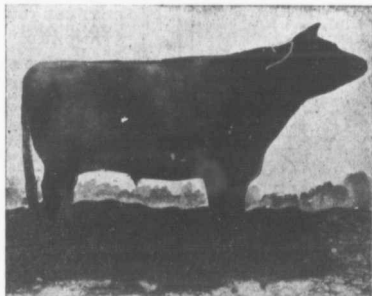
These columns are set apart exclusively for the use of breeders of pure-bred stock and poultry. Any information as to importations made, sale and purchase of stock and the condition of herds and flocks that is not in the nature of an advertisement will be welcomed. Our desire is to make this the medium for conveying information as to the transfer of pure-bred animals and the condition of live stock throughout the country. The co-operation of all breeders is earnestly solicited in making this department as useful and as interesting as possible. The editor reserves the right to eliminate any matter that he may consider better suited to our advertising columns.

The Farming World Man on the Wing

The Farming World Man on the Wing has met with a few experiences of rather doubtful desirability in the course of his recent wanderings. Old King Winter has continued to deliver his goods in a manner that at least has detracted nothing from Ontario's reputation as the land of plenty. Snow has seldom been quoted so low, or piled so high anywhere before. The storms and frosts of the past few weeks have been of a character calculated to divest the gloomy prospects of the sinner of their terrors even to a de-carbonized iceman. "Train blocked—no mail, not a ton of coal, nor a pound of sugar, a gallon of oil, or a plug of tobacco in town," is the universal refrain in places at any distance from the base of supplies, and the World Man on the Wing felt moved to sympathy, as he reflected on the fact that without fuel to warm, or saccharine to sweeten, or nicotine to soothe the troublous pathways of life, pure and undiluted fortitude is the only antiseptic left with which to fight the microbe of infelicity. In one case, most pathetic of all, the local druggist had sold out of all lines of patent cough remedies, and the victims of genuine epizootic and pulmonary delusions alike keyed

their cough to the lowest depths of tuberculous basso-profundo, as they scanned the now futile posters raised aloft all over town (like Moses' serpent in the wilderness), that all might be healed. One local paper at least, came to the hands of its sundry subscribers, done on jobbing stock designed for sale bills, some of the copies a vicious red color, others of a yellowness they could never hope to attain in any other way, some of a deep, dark blue, that represented with mercurial accuracy the mental condition of publisher and readers alike. And others, again, of the light and frivolous shade of green that made one long for the time to come, and which may not come for so long, when the order will be reversed, and the ground now white, will again be dressed in green, and the newspapers and girls and other nice things will be dressed in white.

According to the philosophy of the farmers in the North-West, Ontario may look forward to a supernaturally bountiful harvest for 1904, and prospects are improving every day. The robins who brought the unconfirmed report of spring are up against it, and so is the Farming World Man on the Wing, but he is as Scotch as the stock he loves the best, and will stay in the



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