

STOCK GOSSIP.

Mr. John Campbell, Woodville, sailed for England on 27th May. He will doubtless bring out something good in his favorite lines of stock.

Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont., finds sales of young bulls as brisk during March and April as he has ever known them to be, and the demand for females brightening very much. This he attributes to a superiority in the Shorthorns over all other breeds, as general farm cattle.

Before this reaches our readers, Mr. J. C. Snell, of John Snell's Sons, will have sailed for England. We understand he intends to import Cotswolds and Berkshires. The Snell family are the oldest and probably the largest breeders of Cotswolds on the continent. In Berkshires their stock stands very high.

William Rolph, Markham, writes:—I shall not be able to give you the article on Jerseys you wished for. I do not wish to sell any Jerseys at present. I want my herd kept up to about fifty head; and always after an article appearing in the Advocate like the one requested, I am deluged with correspondence. However, in the near future I hope to take advantage of your kind offer.

Mr. E. D. George, Putnam, Ont., writes:—Spring trade is exceptionally good. Ohio improved Chester Whites have come to stay. Have orders booked from parties in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec; which proves the Advocate to be a good advertising medium. Fifty-four young steers to hand; four sows to farrow; prospects for 1889 most flattering. Boar Middlesex 3717 at the head of the herd. Several of the females bred to Free Trade 4359.

The Shropshire Breeders' Flock Book Society, College Hill, Shrewsbury, England, have, through their secretaries, Messrs. Lythall, Mansell and Walters, offered a silver cup at the Buffalo show for the best Shropshire ram and five of his get, the get to be two years old, to be bred and owned by the exhibitor. A silver cup at the Indiana Fair, at Indianapolis, for the best Shropshire ram of any age; and four ewes, one year old and over, and two ewe lambs.

Mr. R. J. Mackie, Oshawa, writes:—My stock has wintered well, considering the scarcity of feed and no straw for bedding. The prospects for Herefords look better. I have had more inquiry for bulls this winter than for several years. I could have sold five carloads of bulls if I had them, to the ranches in the west. They are learning that the Hereford comes to the front when they have to hunt their living on the ranges. I sold to Jordan Van Nest, Taunton, Ont., the imported cow, Cherry Blossom.

Prizes won by Cupbearer, recently bought by the Bow Park Farm:—1886, Royal Northern, of Scotland, 1st for 2½ year-olds, and reserve for cup, 1887, Iowa State Fair, 3rd prize; Nebraska State Fair, 1st and sweepstakes, best bull, any age; Kansas State Fair, 1st in class and 2 sweepstakes, best bull any breed; Illinois State Fair, 1st, and champion bull, any beef breed; St. Louis, 1st in class and champion Shorthorn bull; Kansas City, 1st in class, 1888—Iowa State Fair, 2nd in class; 1st in class, and champion bull, any age or breed, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois and St. Louis.

At the great Luther Adams' sale, Dexter Park, Chicago, where seventeen bulls sold for \$6,635, or an average of \$395.20, a Strathearn 77994, bred by Mr. John Miller, Brougham, brought the highest price paid, viz., \$700. At this sale Mr. Miller, through his son Robert, bought the imported Nonpareil bull, Northern Light for \$650; also, Bessie Lass, bred by S. Campbell; Aratheusa, bred by A. Cruickshank; Spring Rose, bred by Wm. Duhie; 34th Duchess of Gloster, bred by A. Cruickshank; Golden Crest, bred by Luther Adams. Mr. Miller also sold the heifer, Victoria Nonpareil, for \$375. At the same sale, Mr. Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont., bought 34th Duchess of Gloster, bred by A. Cruickshank, for \$225. The forty-nine females sold brought \$12,455, or an average of \$253.67.

DEAR SIR,—In the January number of the Live Stock Journal, there is an account of the Christmas Fat Stock Show, which was held in Guelph last December, which we consider misleading and uncalled for, by the editor or his correspondent. We wrote a reply for the February number of that paper, but, as we understand, it has never been published. Would you kindly put it in the Advocate, and oblige, yours truly, &c., J. & R. McQUEEN.

To the Canadian Live Stock Journal.

SIR,—Through the kindness of some unknown friend, we have received a clipping from the above Journal (Live Stock), in which appears an account of the Guelph Fat Stock Show. There is a paragraph on the exhibit of J. & R. McQueen that we consider rather misleading. You say the females shown by Messrs. McQueen were mostly the same as shown in Toronto at the Industrial, but since which time they have ceased to breed. Now, Mr. Editor, you will please give us a space in your journal to state the facts of the case. The Messrs. McQueen did not show a breeding herd in Toronto at all. They showed "four grade females over one year old," all that the rules of the show required. The late editor of the Live Stock Journal also showed four females, and protested against our getting first prize, but failed to convince the directors that we had broken any of the rules. We were told some time ago that he had severed his connection with the Live Stock Journal, but this paragraph appears to be the voice of Jacob still, whether the hands are hairy or not. In conclusion, if you have anything to say against us in your paper, please send us a copy, as we do not care to be prodded in the back. J. & R. McQUEEN.

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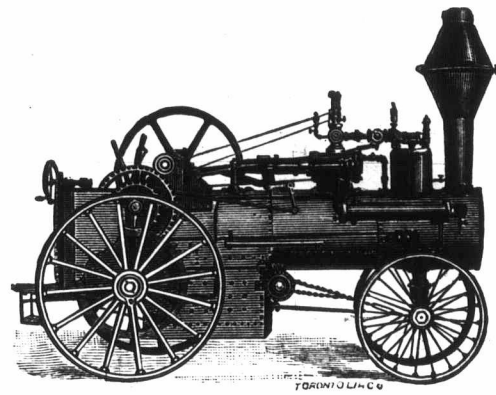
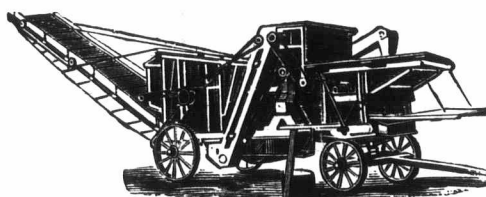
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