

not be called the best Stock, I am assured they are excellent of their kind. I enclose a correspondence held with Mr. Hobbs on this subject, and you will perceive that his neighbour, Mr. Webb, would not sell one of his South Down Tups, under 13 to 20 guineas. These men sell no animals from their Stock which they do not guarantee—I mean as to their pedigree and points—and therefore they are bought with the certainty that you have the breed in its purest and best form—but as this requires, on the part of the breeder, both great care and skill, they seek compensation in a superior price, and the public here are quite willing to pay for them. The choice stock of the first breeders are always in demand, and it is often a favour to obtain them. I endeavoured to obtain a Cotswold Ram and Ewe for the Central Board, but Mr. Forbes could not buy them at the limit set. Lord Western, who is well known as a breeder of them, would not give a Ram and Ewe to him under the price of 10 guineas each, and I thought it better to seek the instructions of the Board before I went to this price.

Besides the Leicester, I have sent some good specimens of the Cheviot breed. These are well fitted for the Highlands in Aylesford, Pictou, and Cape Breton; and some judges have recommended the Board to try the Black-faced Highland Sheep. They are a hardy race, and would bear, without shrinking, our cold climate.

I have ordered specimens of the three best kinds of Pigs. The improved Essex have been raised by Mr. Hobbs. He had one animal of this kind at Liverpool, which attracted universal notice. His price was five guineas each, and I saw him receive at Liverpool myself, in the show yard, a large number of orders from those engaged in the rearing of Pigs. The animals sent will speak for themselves—but I have to add that they are all obtained from first rate breeders, and that the sum paid is the ordinary price—£5 in place of 5 guineas were refused for some of them.

To give the Board a full knowledge of the different qualities of these stocks, I have bought, and send, the 3 volumes on Cattle, Sheep, Horses, and Pigs, published by the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge. They have been recommended to me as the best works on the subject, and I send also a set of Pictures of the finest animals of the different kinds, exhibited at the shows for the few past years. Nothing can prove more clearly than the latter, the importance of attending to the introduction of the best species of stock, and I am satisfied that no appropriation of the public funds will, in time, afford a more productive return, or confer upon our Farmers more substantial benefits.

From the experience and information acquired in the conduct of this Agency, I beg to submit the following suggestions for your future guidance.

It is of importance to convince the Agricultural classes universally of the great superiority which the best breeds in England have reached, by the capital, skill and talent devoted to this branch of enterprise, and I would therefore advise the Board next year to add their own funds to those of the local Agricultural Societies, and to import one choice specimen of each kind at the prices which they command here. I add an estimate of the cost.

	Currency.
1 Short horned or Durham Bull, 3 years old,	say, £120 to £150
1 ditto Heifer 2 years old, in calf,	40 to 50
1 Hereford Bull, 3 years old,	50 to 60
1 ditto Heifer, 3 years old, in calf,	30 to 40
1 South Down Ram,	20 to 30
1 ditto Ewe,	10 to 20
1 Leicester Ram,	15 to 25
1 ditto Ewe,	10 to 15
1 Cotswold Ram,	15 to 20
1 ditto Ewe,	10 to 15

By having these, the country will be able to see, not from pictures or description only, the perfection to which these animals have reached, and will be inspired to the exertions required. In subsequent years the importation could be confined to Calves and Yearlings, which from the best Breeders can be obtained at more moderate prices,—will be conveyed at a cheaper rate across the Atlantic, and will suffer less from the voyage and change of climate. The younger they are, they of course will be more profitable for breeding. You can put the order into no safer hands than Mr. Forbes', and on submitting this list to him, he desires me to add, he would do his best to get the animals at even lower prices,

and would like to have the order for some months in his hands before they are required to be shipped.

For the species of Stock above referred to, I believe that London is the best shipping Port—the best Breeders being in the neighbourhood, and the cattle being easily brought to the Docks by the numerous rail roads which branch from the city. Here also the best Stallions of the Suffolk breed and full-bred Horses can be got—but the Ayrshire and West Highland breeds of Cattle, and the black faced Highland Sheep could be easiest bought at, and shipped from Greenock. This also would be the best place to get a Clydesdale Horse—which still support their high character for the plough and cart. I have written to Scotland to obtain the necessary information on these subjects, and will enclose to you the letters I receive in reply.

I have made also extensive enquiries into the quality and value of different species of Stallions. There is no such horse known in England as a "Leicester Hunter." The horse to meet this description is the progeny of a thorough bred Horse and a half bred Mare. You may purchase the former from £200 to 1,000 guineas—but a good horse could be bought for £200 to £300—I saw the other day a dealer in horses of very high character, who said to me this—"let the Board fix upon the price they can afford to give—say from £250 to £300 sterling—let me have the order for some months before the animal is required, and I will suit them,"—but a real good horse of this kind cannot be got for less than from £200 to £300. From the description I gave him of our Mares, he seemed to think that a cross of a thorough bred would yield excellent Horses for harness or the road.

For Draught and Cart Horses the Suffolk Punch are here spoken of in high terms. The price of a Stallion runs from £60 to £100, and I saw an invoice of six sent a few days ago to the United States, the average cost of which was £85 sterling. They would form an excellent stock for some of the Counties in Nova Scotia. Let the price for this be fixed as above suggested, and the animal will be purchased to meet your limits.

In prosecuting the other objects of my Agency, I have further to inform you, that Lord Spencer, who now ranks so high for his skill and enterprise as a Farmer and Breeder, has desired me to say that he will have great pleasure in becoming a Corresponding Member of the Society. I enclose a plate of one of his short horned cattle, which carried off the prize at the Show in Smithfield, in 1840, and was sent to me by his private Secretary. The Council of the R. E. A. Society of London, to whom I submitted the letter missive you gave me, received your proposal in a very gracious spirit, elected the Board into a Corresponding Branch, and sent a complete set of their Journals. Mr. Hudson, the Secretary, has been of great service, and is entitled, I think, to your thanks for the attention and anxiety exhibited by him to further the public and important objects the Central Board has in view. I annex here the list of Agricultural publications which he has furnished as the best now extant. I have written also to the Highland Society of Scotland, and the Royal Agricultural Society of Dublin, and expect to bring with me the replies of these Boards to this application, and from the character of the two bodies I have no doubt they will be favourable. In conclusion, permit me to say that the purchase and shipment of this Stock has exposed me to great labour and anxiety, and I have only to hope that if any errors have been committed, or the animals do not come up to your expectations, you, and the local Societies will do me the credit of believing that I have taken every possible precaution to have their orders well and faithfully executed.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
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