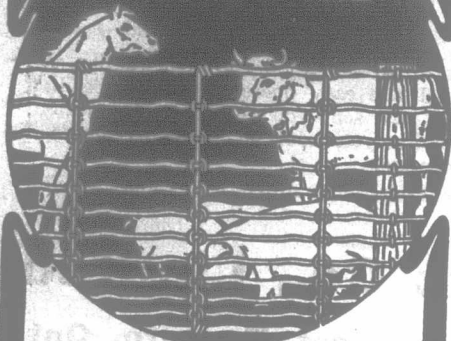


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GOSSIP.

FARNHAM OXFORD DOWNS.

Farnham Stock Farm, three miles south-east of Guelph, and half a mile from Arkell station, on the C. P. R., the property of Messrs. Henry Arkell & Son, the well-known importer and breeders of Oxford Down sheep, is a farm known from the Atlantic to the Pacific, its notoriety being entirely due to the high-class flock of imported and home-bred Oxford Down sheep always to be seen on its luxuriant pastures and in its comfortable stables, which, for years, have annually been exhibited at the leading shows in Canada and United States. Their phenomenal success this year at Toronto, London, Ottawa and Syracuse, N. Y., when they won practically everything hung up, and that being done mostly on home-bred stuff, is only a sample of their success for years past. High-class show stuff have annually been imported to infuse new blood, and keep the flock to the highest standard of excellence. At the present time, there are about 350 head on hand, including 150 ram lambs, mostly sired by imported rams, and a great many of them out of imported ewes. Among this lot are a number of high-class flock headers, and all these are for sale. In females for sale are 50 one- and two-shear ewes, bred to two imported Royal winners, and 50 ewe lambs, a rare nice lot that have not been culled this fall. Mr. Arkell has retailed as flock headers over 75 head, and is still shipping nearly every day, without a single complaint or a dissatisfied customer, which speaks volumes for straight dealing and honest representation. Write Mr. Arkell, to Arkell P. O., Ont., or see his flock.

Greenoak Stock Farm is one of the most noted in the county of Elgin, Ont. It lies two miles east of Dutton Station, on the M. C. and P. M. R. R., and is the property of genial John McFarlane, a brawny son of the old "Kirk." Mr. McFarlane is one of the most extensive breeders of pure-bred stock in the county, practically everything on the farm is registered—Shorthorn cattle, Clydesdale horses, Oxford Down sheep and Berkshire pigs. The Shorthorns number 50 head of Scotch and Scotch-topped, imported and Canadian-bred animals, representing the Lustre, Tidy, Blossom, Bertha, Lady Bess and Lady Jane strains; among which is Imp. Camelia Blossom, by Lord Lyndoch, dam Crimmon Blossom, by Lord Douglas, grandam by Sittytton Fame; Imp. Choice Lustre, by Morella, dam Chief Lustre 17th, by Musgrave, and her daughter, Choice Lustre 2nd (imp.), by Nonpareil Archer (imp.), and another eight-months-old daughter, by Imp. Abbotsford Star; also an eighteen-months-old son, Choice Goods, by the same sire; Tidy Lass (imp.), by Morella, dam by Prince of Fashion, and her daughter, Alexandria (imp.), by Prince of Archers, has a ten-months-old bull calf, by Imp. Abbotsford Star. Also, Tidy Lass is now suckling a seven-months-old heifer calf, by Imp. Royal Prince. Bertha 7th, by Sir James, dam by Murillo, has a heifer calf, by Decide Chief (imp.); Lady Bess (imp.), by Abbotsford 2nd, dam Bess 4th, by Roan Prince. This is surely a richly-enough-bred herd to suit almost anyone. Nearly all the young stuff is by Imp. Royal Prince, a 2,500-lb. Maria-bred bull, by Golden Fame, dam Mattie, by Lovat Chief. The present stock bull is Imp. Protector, of the Cruickshank Emily family, by Bapton Shamrock, a Sittytton Secret, by Silver Plate, dam Prudence, by Merry Harbinger. For sale are 15 young bulls from 5 to 18 months of age, all from imported sires and some from imported dams; also 10 heifers, bred in the purple, and a choice lot, all for sale at live-and-let-live prices. The Oxford Downs are essentially a high-class lot. For sale are 12 ram lambs, big quality fellows, with perfect covering, and a few ewes. In Berkshires are a few of both sexes ready to breed, and a number of younger ones. A pair of really choice imported Clydesdale mares are Rose of Newhouse, by Montrave Sentinel, dam by Prince Romeo, and Sonora, by Up-to-Time, dam by Prince Romeo. The latter has a rare nice filly foal, by Royal Brunstane. When in need of something good and richly bred, don't forget honest John McFarlane, of Dutton P. O., Ont.

WILLOWBANK SHORTHORNS.

Established in 1855, the Willowbank herd of Mr. James Douglas, Caledonia, Ont., is one of the oldest herds in Canada, and has been kept to a high standard of excellence, representing such noted strains as Crimson Flowers, Nonpareils, Marr Roan Ladys, etc., and many of the younger ones, the get of the Kinellar Mina bull, Imp. Christopher, and all the youngest, the get of Imp. Rosicrucian of Dalmeny, bred by the Earl of Roseberry, sired by the Village-bred bull, Villager, dam Regina 6th, by the Flora-bred bull, Goldfinder's Heir. He is a bull of great scale and quality, very thick and mellow, and a grand sire. The females are an exceptionally thick-fleshed lot, many of them weighing from 1,600 to 1,800 lbs. each, imported and home-bred. In fact, the herd all through is one of the best in the country. Just now on hand for sale are 15 bulls from 7 to 19 months of age, all sired by Imp. Rosicrucian of Dalmeny, and out of big, thick, choice dams. Many of these youngsters will make high-class herd headers, and will be sold well within their value. Also for sale are females of all ages. The herd now numbers 80 head, so that purchasers have a wide scope to pick from, and no matter what is wanted it can be found here. Willowbank farm, as is also well known, is the home of one of the largest as well as one of the choicest flocks of Leicester sheep in Ontario, but, owing to active demand, practically everything for sale is gone. The owner, Mr. James Douglas, is probably as well known as any Shorthorn breeder in Ontario, a man strictly honorable and highly respected among his wide circle of friends.

What was ranked as the best Canadian-bred Clydesdale stallion at the National Show this year, King Cobalt, owned by Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont., has been sold to Mr. Emery Brossard, of La Prairie, Que. He was sired by Imp. King's Cross, a son of Sir Everard, the sire of Baron's Pride, dam Granite Queen, by Granite. He was winner of first and championship at Toronto and Ottawa this fall in the Canadian-bred class. A horse of his superior individuality and breeding should give a good account of himself in his Quebec home.

Messrs. R. A. & J. A. Watt, Salem, Ont., in ordering change of advertisement, write: "The two champion Shorthorn show cows, Gem Ballechin and Olga Stamford, dropped a red heifer and a roan bull calf respectively, sired by Springhurst, considered by Mr. Duthie one of the best bulls he saw in Canada."

"TRADE TOPIC.

PROFIT FOR YOU.—The little book, "Farm Science," but recently off the press, is justly regarded as the equal in practical suggestions, plain teachings, and unquestioned authority, of anything ever published exclusively for the farmer. Its character will be seen when we say that it was specially prepared for The International Harvester Company of America, Chicago, at an expense of several thousand dollars. The book treats exhaustively such live, present-day farm subjects as fertilizing, preparation of soil, crop-growing, alfalfa, hay, small grains, the dairy and farm powers. Every one of these topics is handled by a specialist—men of large practical experience in addition to being scientifically qualified to speak on matters in their line. The authors are: Jos. E. Wing, Expert Agriculturist, Ohio; Prof. P. G. Holden, the corn culture expert, Iowa; W. F. Brown, Farm Specialist, Ohio; C. G. Hopkins and Prof. Fred D. Crane, of the Illinois College of Agriculture; Prof. Thomas Shaw, late of the Minnesota Experiment Station; Prof. Clinton D. Smith, Director Michigan Experiment Station; Hon. Willett Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The 128 pages of the book are taken up by these eight specialists on their chosen subjects, so it will be seen with what thoroughness each topic is treated. The book is meeting the demand among farmers which it deserves. A large edition is being rapidly exhausted. It is only necessary to send in the postage for its mailing (three two-cent stamps) to receive a copy. We advise our readers to send for it promptly before the issue is exhausted.

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