

GOSSIP.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England will hold its Annual Show for 1899 at Maidstone, July 17 to 23.

Mr. James Bowman, Guelph, Ont., writes under date of Feb. 13th, '99: "I have sold to W. D. Shattuck, Calgary, Alta., our 1st prize Aberdeen-Angus bull calf at Toronto last fall. He was sired by our 1st prize and medal bull, and his dam was the 1st prize cow."

At Mr. John Parnell's sale of Shire horses, near Rugby, England, Feb. 9th, 42 animals averaged \$135. The highest price, 310 guineas, was paid for the four-year-old mare Dunsmore Gold Dust, by Hitchen Conqueror, and Meth-nold Rose, by Bury Victor Chief, made 300 guineas. Eight other mares and fillies sold for 200 to 250 guineas, and the 2-year-old stallion Rokeby Egbert for 150 guineas.

Mr. Israel Groff, Alma, Ont., when sending us plan and description of the stock barn he erected last summer, says he has sold 24 two-year-old steers fed in it at 5 cents per pound, to be delivered in March. They are a good lot. He also says his stock are wintering well. His eleven-month-old bull calf, from Duchess of Atholstone and got by Royal Sailor (imp.), is a right good one, strong and fleshy, fine in quality, and well covered with a great coat of hair.

G. A. Brodie, Bethesda, Ont., writes: "The Shorthorn trade has been good and brisk this winter and prices much higher than usual. The following is a list of recent sales: Four heifers and one bull to T. Andrews, Cambridge, Nebraska, U.S.A.; one bull to W. D. Monk, Aylesford, N.S.; two bulls to R. Miller, Stouffville, Ont.; one bull to D. H. Russell, Stouffville, Ont.; one heifer to W. Stover, Ringwood, Ont.; one heifer to Edward Meyer, Elmira, Ont.; one bull to Mr. Noble, Bradford, Ont. I have still nine bull calves for sale between 9 and 14 mos. old, and four heifers between 6 and 18 mos. old. They are a fine lot of animals of a good deep red color, good handlers and thrivers and well-bred, quite a number being got by Imp. Kinellar Sire and from Scotch-bred cows."

H. Cargill & Son, Cargill, Ont., write: "We have recently sold the following bulls: Diamond Jubilee (imp.), a massive red one, a good doer and handler and a show bull sure, to T. Douglas & Son, Strathroy. He weighed, just before shipping, 1,840 lbs., and will not be two years old until 21st March. Baron's Pride (imp.) to Thos. Speers, Oak Lake, Man.; a grower, strong calf, with grand back, good level lines, strong character, and will make an impressive sire, as he has plenty of spirit. Some time since we sold to A. J. McArthur, a good red bull out of Myrtle 4th (half-sister to Capt. Robson's show heifer, Myrtle 6th), sired by Royal Member. He is a smooth calf of good quality and size, and should do some one good. Have also sold him Jubilee Jr., a rose calf out of Josephine S, sired by Royal Member, which, although somewhat undersized now, will grow out of it and will be heard of some day. His mother was sold when he was but a few days old."

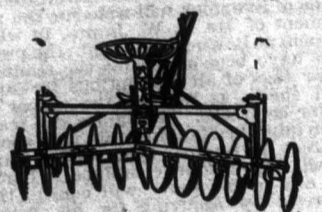
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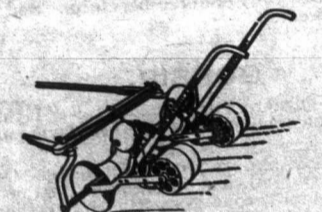
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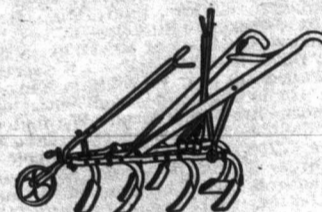
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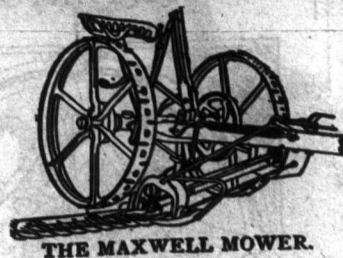


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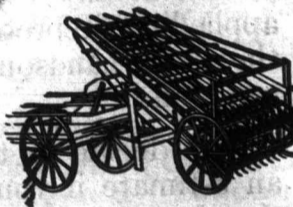
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