

LARGE PURCHASE OF THOROUGH-BRED STOCK.

We learn from the *Canada Farmer* that the splendid herds of Short-Horn cattle of John White, Esq., M.P., and of his late partner, Mr. Joseph Kirby, have passed by purchase into the hands of the Hon. George Brown, and have been removed to Bow Park. These herds mainly trace their origin from the excellent old stock of the late Rowland Wingfield, and the late Hon. Adam Ferguson, of Woodhill, improved by such bulls as Ethelbert, Butterfly, Duke of Marlborough and Breadalbane. The purchase embraces, among other fine animals, the following well-known cows: Florence, Mercy, Iris, Flora, Mary, Phoebe, Miss Miller, Mountain Daisy, Young Countess, Magnet, Diadem, Dairymaid, Duchess 2nd, Blink Bonny, Buttercup, Duchess 3rd, White Rose, and Maid of Ontario. It also includes a number of beautiful heifers, such as Louisa. Blink Bonny 2nd, Butterfly Bloom, Victoria, Virtue, Duchess 4th, Myrtle, Memory, Dolly, Jenny, Agnes, Martha and Charlotte. The two year old bull Candidate, the yearling bull Young Duke of Marlborough, and three fine bull calves go with the herd.

Mr. Brown has also acquired Messrs. White & Kirby's famous flock of long-woolen sheep, including some of the finest Leicester and Cotswold ewes and ewe-lambs in Canada.

ENGLISH STOCK SALES.

We glean from our exchanges the following particulars respecting some recent sales of thorough-bred stock in England:—

The Short-horn herd of Mr. J. K. Fowler, Aylesbury, was sold by Mr. Strafford, Oct. 19th, when thirty cows and heifers, and nine young bulls were offered, and all sold but two of the cows. The prices obtained were generally good—the average on cows and heifers having been nearly £51, and on bull calves over £30. With two exceptions the highest prices were from sixty to eighty guineas, the only ones which exceeded those figures having been Fantail 2nd, which brought 120 gs., and Knightly Grand Duchess, which went to Mr. Leney for 210 gs. Two young bulls, the property of Lord Braybrook, were sold at the same time—Geneva's Duke, bringing 110 gs., and Cherry Duke, bringing 70 guineas.

At a sale of young Short-horns belonging to R. Welsted, near Cork, Ireland, seventeen bull

calves were sold, averaging over 24 gs., and three heifers at about the same average.

At the conclusion of the show of the Herefordshire Agricultural Society in October, a sale of Hereford cattle was held, embracing upwards of a hundred lots, from a number of different breeders of good reputation, and including some of the prize animals. The largest offering from a single herd was thirty cows and heifers, and eight bull calves—the former averaging a little over 26 gs., and the latter about 24 gs. On this list, but one animal exceeded 40 gs. Animals from other herds went at about the same rates, with the exception of three bulls that had taken prizes on this or other occasions, which went respectively for \$5, 190 and 96 gs.

LIVE STOCK GLEANINGS.

Horses, whether worked or not, should be kept well groomed and blanketed.

Large boxes for feeding are preferable to racks, and allow of less waste of food.

Milch cows are better to be dried off than kept on giving but a small yield of milk.

Hay that is cut and steamed, or even moistened, will go further than hay fed out uncut.

All kinds of grain will go fully one-third further fed to stock ground or crushed than whole.

Cut straw steamed or pulped with boiled roots will be relished by stock better than the best dry hay.

Regular feeding and watering, good shelter and bedding, should be points aimed at by every stock breeder.

All animals thrive better for getting some roots, be it ever so little; roots seem to give tone to the digestive organs.

After the Guelph cattle fair, on the 9th inst., forty-one car loads of cattle, and ten car loads of sheep were shipped for outside buyers.

Good ventilation of stables is a great preventive of disease, but the ventilation should be so arranged that there will be no cold draught over the animals' bodies.

Since the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease among milch cows in England, and the danger incurred in the drinking of milk drawn from diseased animals, there has been a great demand for milking goats as a substitute for cows' milk, and from 2½ to 4½ and 5 guineas are paid for young, healthy milch goats.

There was a large attendance at the Fergus fair on the 7th inst. The *News* says that about 230 cattle changed hands at an average of \$4 to \$4 25 per 100 pounds live weight. Of all the cattle on the ground, Mr. P. Rennie's steer, "Garafraxa," was the centre of attraction. Although only a three year old, this animal weighed 2,155 lbs., and was sold at 8 cents, live weight, his price being \$172 40.