

GOSSIP

The annual meeting of the American Leicester Breeders' Association will convene on the second floor of the north-west wing of the City Hall, Guelph, Ont., at 7 p. m., on Tuesday, December 12th, in the week of the Winter Fair.

The reduction sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle at Grape Grange, Clarksburg, Ont., on November 16th, was fairly successful, some excellent animals going at moderate prices. There are still several young bulls left, one Emlyn's King, a splendid three-year-old. The new head of the herd is the imported bull, Pradamere.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

December 6th.—Aberdeen-Angus Consignment Sale, Chicago.

January 2nd, 1912.—Breeders' Consignment Sale, at Springfield, Ont.; Holsteins.

In Toronto, day following Holstein-Friesian Association annual meeting, Consignment Sale; Holsteins; date to be stated later.

April 3rd, 1912.—Belleville Club Consignment Sale, Belleville, Ont.; Holsteins.

A CORRECTION.

In the advertisement of a young Holstein bull for sale by W. H. Cherry, of Garnet, Ont., in the present issue of "The Farmer's Advocate," and also in that of November 23rd, page 1924, the yearly butter record of the sire's dam at 12 years of age, should read 821½ lbs., instead of 81½, as incorrectly printed. The record referred to is that of Sherwood Yano (1930). This young bull is said to be in prime condition, and of splendid conformation, and will be priced cheap for a quick sale.

CLYDESDALE INDEX.

The Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada has had published a complete index to stallions registered in volumes 1 to 18, inclusive, of the Clydesdale Studbook of Canada (registrations numbering 1 to 10374), compiled and edited in the office of the Canadian National Records in Ottawa. This publication will be greatly appreciated by breeders, especially those having the volumes, as a ready reference in searching the breeding of Clydesdales. This index is not given free to members of the Clydesdale Association, as are the Studbooks, but will be sold at \$1 per copy, a mere fraction of the cost.

LARGE SALE OF ORMSBY GRANGE CLYDESDALES.

Dr. McEachran, Ormsby, Que., while recently in the Province of Alberta, sold, subject to approval on inspection, to Peter Lenarz, Claresholm, Alta., nine pure-bred fillies and two stallions. Needless to say, stock so carefully selected in Scotland, all were approved, as well as two home-bred ones. Mr. Lenarz also purchased from James McClintock, Ormsby, a yearling stallion, sired by the great breeding horse, Selborne, the Ormsby Grange stock horse, paying \$300 for him. The lot included Doctor Jim, by Pride of Blacon, four years old (a distinct loss to the breeders of the district); Comet, yearling stallion, by Doctor Jim, out of Mary o' Argyle, by Knight of Angus; Jessie Cameron, four years, by Hapland's Pride; Maggie Aird, three years, by Tordal; Dalroch Nell, two years, by Baron's Best; Rosie Brookes, one year, by Sir Geoffrey; Bess of Clochkeil, one year, by King's Champion; Queen of Nodagal, one year, by King's Champion; Dalroch Fanny, one year, by Pride of the Lothians; Madge Brown, one year, by Pride of the Lothians; Emily Selborne, one year, by Selborne. Mr. Lenarz offered the manager \$1,000 for two mares, which was refused. Doubtless the reputation of the National Ranch Clydes, bred under Dr. McEachran's management, will make it easy for him to continue the good work in Clydesdale improvement in Alberta should he desire to do so. We understand that a large shipment of two- and three-year-olds are now being selected in Scotland for being shipped to Ormsby Grange.

At an auction sale of Percherons, by H. G. McMillan & Sons, of Sioux City, Iowa, November 14th, 17 head sold for an average of \$116. The highest price for a stallion was \$895, for the three-year-old, Gado. The top price for females was \$605, for each of two three-year-olds.

COMING EVENTS.

International Live-stock Show, Chicago, Dec. 2-9.

Toronto Fat-stock Show, Union Stockyards, Dec. 11-12.

Ontario Provincial Winter Fair and Poultry Show, Guelph, Dec. 11-15.

Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Convention, Campbellford, Jan. 3-5, 1912.

Western Ontario Dairymen's Convention, Ingersoll, Jan. 10-11, 1912.

Eastern Ontario Live-stock Show, Ottawa, Jan. 16-19, 1912.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Miscellaneous.

A BOOK FOR BEEKEEPERS.

I would feel greatly obliged if you could inform me where I could buy a good book on beekeeping; also the name of a reliable dealer in skeps and bees?

R. A. P.

Ans.—The "Honey Bee," by Langstroth, and "A. B. C. of Bee Culture," by A. I. Root, are two good books on beekeeping. The former may be had through this office for \$1.60, postpaid, and the latter for \$1.75, postpaid.

Manufacturers of apiary supplies would do well to advertise in these columns.

POTATO LITERATURE.

Would be pleased to receive information regarding potato culture in Ontario. Where might a person obtain a reliable publication on the cultivation, harvesting and marketing of this crop on a large scale?

R. S. B.

Ans.—"The Potato and Its Culture" is the title of Bulletin No. 49, of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. It is written by W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, and may be had, if not out of print, upon application to the Department at Ottawa. A complete little work, "The Potato," by Fraser, may be had through this office for 80 cents, postpaid.

SANITATION.

Was it in "The Farmer's Advocate" that I saw something about a booklet published by the Department of Agriculture (of U. S. A., I think), telling about sanitary arrangements on the farm? If so, could you give me the date? Do you know of any other books on the subject?

W. B.

Ans.—In "The Farmer's Advocate" issue of August 24th, 1911, there appeared on page 1386, an article entitled, "The Sanitary Privy." It was a short review of Farmer's Bulletin 463, of the United States Department of Agriculture. This bulletin may be had on application to the Secretary of Agriculture, a Senator or Representative in Congress, and is the only work on the subject which we know.

STRAY PIGEON.

I have a leg band, taken from a stray pigeon. This band bears the name of a city in Quebec; also a number. The pigeon differs from a common pigeon by being larger. Its color is: breast, dark pigeon blue; wings and back, spotted blue and white; throat, blend of blue, crimson and purple; feet and legs, dark red. On the beak where it joins the head is a small lump the size of half a hickory nut, covered with very fine white feathers.

1. To what species does this bird belong?

2. Is there any way in which I may find who put the band on, other than writing to the number on the band?

SUBSCRIBER'S BOX.

Ans.—1 and 2. This is likely a Homing or Racing pigeon. The fact that it was leg-banded indicates that it was of more than ordinary pigeon value. You might insert an advertisement in a paper in the city of the bird's home, giving a description of the bird and of the leg band. It is scarcely likely that addressing a note to the number on the leg band would prove of any use in locating the owner.

Pleasant Valley Farms Shorthorns—For Sale: 7 good young Scotch bulls at prices to suit every one, sired by high-class bulls; also cows and heifers. Correspondence solicited. Inspection invited.

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FREE SHORT COURSES

Macdonald College, P. Q.

Live Stock and Farm Crops, January 9th to 20th
Horticulture and Poultry Keeping, January 23rd to February 3rd

FOR FULL PARTICULARS ADDRESS:

THE PRINCIPAL, - Macdonald College, P. Q.

Mrs. Spinks wasn't satisfied with her husband, so she decided to get a divorce. She was on the stand giving her evidence.

Mrs. Spinks—"He came home drunk last night, yer honor."

Judge (to Mr. Spinks)—"Did you come home drunk last night?"

Mr. Spinks—"No, sir, Oi did not."

Mrs. Spinks—"And he tried to kiss me."

Judge (to Mr. Spinks)—"What have you to say to this? Mrs. Spinks says you tried to kiss her."

Mr. Spinks—"Well, Oi must have been drunk, yer honor."

A motor-car, proceeding down a busy street the other day, was blocked by a wagon drawn by two underfed-looking horses. The driver seemed in no particular hurry to clear out of the way, and at last one of the occupants of the motor-car, desiring to appear funny, in a loud, sarcastic voice exclaimed:—

"Here, I say, my man, what are these things you are driving? What are they for, I should like to know?"

"These 'ere, guv'nor?" answered the carter, flicking the horses with the whip. "Oh, these is wot is commonly called 'orses, an' they're sometimes used fer to take motorists to the hospital!"

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