

Sheep, Sheep, Sheep, are wanted for the English markets! And short-wools, too, they must be, if the exporter hopes for satisfaction. What is the good of keeping on sending rams and old ewes? Their mutton is as dry as a stick, however fat they may be. Eighteen months wethers and maiden ewes, weighing about 72 lbs to 84 lbs the carcase, are what is wanted. Of course, *four year old Down* wethers would fetch any price one liked to ask for them, but they would not pay.

Early lamb has been selling well in Montreal this spring. Two dollars and a half the quarter must leave some profit to some one. What share the farmer gets I don't know, but I suspect the butcher has the best of the bargain. Fair veal at 15 cents, too, is not bad. Pork retails in English country places at a cheaper rate than in this town of Montreal!

I hope those who are fortunate enough to possess any *real Canadian* cows will take care of them. There will be a demand for such next autumn to cross with Jersey Bulls.

Mr Chas. Garth, who has a large farm at St. Thérèse, is starting a creamery there to supply Montreal with butter in pats, winter and summer; but I fear the *Windsor* will take most of it.

ARTHUR R. JENNER FUST.

Guernsey Cattle.

On Monday morning the 22nd inst., Mr E. J. Arnold, of Summerland, Jersey, shipped from our island two of the finest specimens of our Guernsey breed for the Hon. J. C. Abbott, of Montreal, Canada, via Southampton and Liverpool. They comprise the champion prize bull "Presto," n° 14, Pedigree Stock, Royal Guernsey Agricultural Society's Herd Book, purchased of Mr James Martel, Préal, Castel. "Presto" has obtained 1st prize R. G. A. S., 1881, 1st prize, R. G. A. S., 1882, he is a splendid type of our Guernsey breed, his richness of skin denoting butter qualities to a remarkable degree; "Juno," n° 76, R. G. A. S., Herd Book, with heifer calf at side purchased of Messrs C. Smith and Son, Caledonia Nursery; "Juno" is an excellent cow, deep in body with a grand developed udder, now giving twenty quarts of milk daily, and winner of 1st prize, R. G. A. S., in 1877, prize Ozanne, 1878. Mr Arnold offered £130 for "Lady Rose" of the Adams, winner over all the island, the property of Mr Thomas Corbin, but being doubtful of her being in calf, Mr Arnold would not take her. In parting with "Presto" we lose one of our best stock getters.

Pedigree "Presto" (14) by Premier (31) 1st prize, R. G. A. S., June, 1878, 1st prize Douglas, prize R. G. A. S., 1879; Dam Mignonne, (382) 5th prize, R. G. A. S., 1878, 5th prize, 1879; Grand Sire, "Rouvets," (87) 4th prize, R. G. A. S., 1876, by "Blucher" (54) 2nd prize, R. G. A. S., 1872, 3rd prize, 1873, by "Billy," 1st (4) 1st. B. and W. E., Southampton, 1869, 1st prize Douglas, R. G. A. S., in 1870.

"Mignonne," dam of Presto, was by that splendid bull Champion, the property of Mr Charles Le Page, (37) 1st prize, R. G. A. S., 1871, 1st prize, silver medal, Channel Island's Exhibition, Jersey, 1871, 2nd prize. B. and W. Wolverhampton, 1871, 1st prize, Douglas, R. G. A. S., 1872, 1st prize, B. and W., Cardiff, 1872.

Pedigree of "Juno," lemon fawn, dropped February 1st, 1873, by Prince of Orange, (41) 2nd prize, R. G. A. S., 1873, 3rd prize, 1874, by Fair Lad* (7) 2nd prize, R. G. A. S., 1870, 1st prize, Douglas, prize, R. G. A. S., 1871, 1st prize, Channel Islands' Exhibition, Jersey, 1871, by Vauquiedor (40) 4th prize, R. G. A. S., 1866, 1st prize,

Douglas, prize, R. G. A. S., 1867, champion prize, R. G. A. S., 1868.

* "Fair Lad," a solid lemon fawn bull, and the sire of the well known strain "Cloth of Gold," the property of the Rev. J. R. Watson.

From the *Guernsey Star*.

Notes from the Island of Guernsey.

TO THE GAZETTE:

I mailed you last week the photograph of the 1st prize ox at our fat cattle show held last December, the size and beauty of this animal being such that I thought it would interest you.

This animal was nine years and eight months old, and had worked on the farm up to six months prior to his death. His length from head to hind-quarters, 9 feet; height, 5 feet 6 inches; width across loins, 2 feet 7 inches; shoulders to loins, 5 feet 6 inches; girth around the loins, 8 feet 6 inches.

	lbs
Weight alive	2297
Weight of meat	1455
Weight of suet	222
Weight of hide	126

64 % of meat and hide!

This is a type of our Guernsey breed, which, for butter, milk and hardness of nature, are neither equaled nor surpassed.

Mr P. Fowler, from Southampton, shipped this morning seventeen head and tomorrow will ship twenty-three for Messrs Herkness & Co., of Philadelphia.

T. DE MOULPIED.

Manor Place, Island of Guernsey.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE.

Sir,—The letter of your Melbourne correspondent in the February number of your interesting Journal, is replete with dissertation, observation, and suggestion, and probably, were the advice therein rendered, taken and applied, the various institutions referred to would have their usefulness still more extended in disseminating sound agricultural knowledge and improvements.

It is evident that the major number of members of agricultural societies are averse to material amendments to the act under which these societies are managed. For instance, the excellent rule binding societies to offer prizes for the best managed farms &c., was not at the outset a popular measure; however time is satisfactorily testing the matter, and it is generally recognised that the common good is subserved by it. In my humble opinion, Mr Editor, another considerable step in the right direction would be taken, should the Council of Agriculture deem it expedient to make it obligatory on societies to offer prizes for thoroughbred cows, heifers, &c. Last year the directors of a certain society would not offer prizes for stock of this description, and urged as the reason, that animals of pure breeds, which could not be entered successfully in competition with stock not-pure-bred, were not deserving of special premiums.

In the course of a debate in the last session of the Quebec Legislature, the honourable Mr Robertson urged the expediency of amending the act relating to agricultural societies so as to introduce the system of district shows. If the spirit of the scheme is, to have one exhibition in each district in lieu of one or more in each county, it is certainly hard to perceive how or in what way the change would be beneficial, or more potent in generalizing agricultural prosperity especially in the more rural districts. Not a few farmers conceive that a system like the following would give agricultural societies increased efficiency in advancing the agricultural