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From a letter written by Secretary Henry Roberts, of the County of Peel Poultry Association, we learn they purpose holding their next show, which is to occupy three days, viz., on 16th, 17th and 18th December. Exhibitors will be guided accordingly. Send for prize list.

In a business letter from Mr. Thos. Chick, Dorset, England, who is an enthusiastic breeder of Devon cattle and Dorset sheep, he writes that he has been working to start a Flock Book for "Dorset Horns," and further says that many of their largest flock masters are in accord in the matter, and hope to make a start at an early date.

As announced in our October issue, on Wednesday the beautiful herd of Hereford cattle owned by Mr. R. J. Mackie was offered by public auction, and sold at very fair prices. Two very fine specimens, one male and one female, were sold to be taken to the Model Farm for \$400. The celebrated bull Commodore, goes to Mr. Fleming, of Weston, at \$275. Several cows sold for over \$100, and the balance from \$30 to \$100, according to the age and pedigree. It is only fair to Mr. S. C. Hunking, the now popular auctioneer, to say that it was generally considered by all present that he distinguished himself on the occasion, as he never did before.

In a sale catalogue of Berkshire pigs, lately issued by Mr. Nathaniel Benjafield, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset, England, and sent to this office by that gentleman, he illustrates the same by a capital likeness of three of his prize-winning Berkshires that he had sold to Messrs. John Snell's Sons, Edmonton, Ont., and for whom the illustration was engraved by our artists, and appeared in the November (1889) issue of the *ADVOCATE*. We cannot but take it as complimentary of English breeders to thus appreciate our illustrations. We are also happy to state that our circulation among English breeders is fast increasing.

A. C. Hallman & Co., of New Dundee, Ont., write as follows:—We have again returned home from the Toronto and London exhibitions, though somewhat weary; but with good cheer and bright prospects for the future. We met hundreds of enquiring minds who went off satisfied and, we believe, with a lasting impression of the good qualities of the Holstein-Friesians and the quality of stock we handle. If the sales follow the demand, we expect to dispose of our surplus stock early. We hope interested parties will take advantage of our advertisement and secure bargains. We can supply all ages as to sex, not akin, which is a great advantage to intending purchasers.

We have received at this office the prize list of the Seventh Annual Fat Stock Show, to be held at Guelph, Ont., under the auspices of the Agricultural and Arts Association, on December 10th and 11th, 1890. A liberal list of premiums are offered for thoroughbred steers, and cows that have produced a calf, also for grades and crosses. In special sweepstakes the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE* of London offers silver plate to the value of \$40 for the best steer under three years of age, and Mr. Chris. Reinhart, Guelph, offers a cash prize of \$15 for the best female. Another premium, the *McAtter Cup*, valued at \$20, has to be twice won by the same exhibitor and with a different animal.

Messrs. J. T. Harcourt & Sons, St. Anns, Ont., in a business letter to our office enclosed the following:—We have enquiries for Oxford Down sheep almost every mail. We honestly believe the Oxford are the coming sheep. They have had a small beginning, but they have come to stay. Their large, well-shaped bodies, fine flavored mutton, good, large fleeces, and docile natures render them favorable wherever known. The ewes are good breeders and careful mothers. We think them one of the best, if not the best, sheep for Canadian farmers. Our stock is all doing well, and, among other sales, we may mention *Eramosa*, Chief, of Lincoln, shearing ram, to Messrs. Melish & Snyder, of Henry Co., Ill.; *Venango* Chief, ram lamb, to Mr. DeArman, Franklin Co., Penn.; *Black Creek* Champion, ram lamb, to Mr. Beam, of Black Creek, Ont.; *Pelham King*, ram lamb, to Mr. Jno. Davis, Pelham, Union; *Lord Fenwick*, ram lamb, to Mr. Beckett, of Fonthill, Ont.; also one ewe to Mr. Morningstar, of Black Creek, and one ewe to Mr. Beam of the same place.

A. & G. Rice, Curries, Ont., breeders of Holstein-Friesian cattle, introduce themselves to the readers of the *ADVOCATE* by placing a card in our directory. A representative of the *ADVOCATE* visited this herd, and was pleased with the fine appearance and good breeding condition in which the animals are kept. Though not a large herd, it will be seen by those at all familiar with the great performers of the breed that the blood lines of the animals of this herd embrace the very best—a grandson and granddaughter of that world famous cow *Pieterte 2nd*, yearly record the largest ever made. The progeny of her great son *Pieterte 2nd* *Holland King*, whose service was last year \$500, are to be found in this herd, several of the animals being purchased and imported from Dallas B. Whipple, of Cuba, N. Y., after Mr. Rice had inspected a number of other herds. Quality before numbers has been ever kept in view in selections, and here we find a grand bull to head a herd, *Jewel*, bred in Netherland, being a combination of the best producers of the popular Netherland family, and a grandson of that greatest of great cows *Jewel*, who has undoubtedly won more prizes than any cow of the breed. Messrs. Rice have now a few bull calves from this finely bred bull and their excellent cows, and certainly deserve a good patronage for introducing such high-bred Holsteins.

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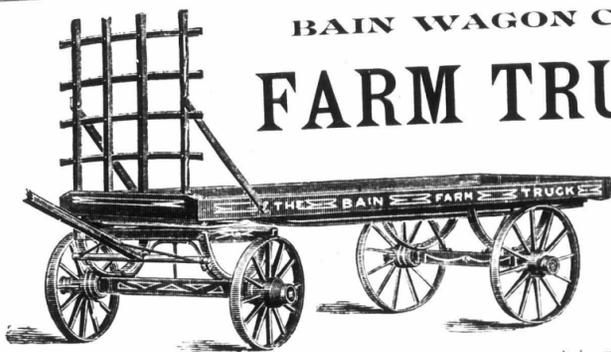
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