

GOSSIP.

R. H. Harding, Thorndale, Ont., writes:—"Having disposed of a few fitted Cheaters to H. George & Sons, Crampton, Ont., I have decided not to exhibit swine at Toronto this fall, but I hope to meet my many friends there, as I intend to exhibit a few Dorset Horn sheep at the Toronto Industrial and Western Fair. Intending purchasers will do well to inspect my flock before buying elsewhere."

HORSE BREEDERS TO MEET.

A special meeting of the members of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association, and those willing to become members, will be held at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, on Monday, September 7th, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the transaction of general business.

HON. M. H. COCHRANE'S HACKNEYS, SHORT-HORNS, SHROPSHIRE, AND DORSET HORNS.

On a recent trip east the writer again had the pleasure of visiting the extensive stock farm of Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst, near Compton, Que., and of which a more detailed account may be found in our September 2nd issue of 1895. The crops at Hillhurst at the time of our visit were looking magnificent; the corn for the silos was making an excessively strong growth, while the roots, oats and other grains were all that could be desired; the hay crop was being saved, and was yielding heavily, although in many parts of Quebec the hay crop was not nearly so good as last year. Among the Hackneys, probably the best two-year-old Barthelemy Performer is the most to be admired in the stud; he is a son of the great horse, Duke of Connaught, who is looked upon by horsemen in the Old Country as one of the best stallions in England. Barthelemy Performer is a fine actor, high-spirited, and very stylish. The mares are a handsome lot, and include the great show mare, Princess Dagmar (imp.), who, among her many showing honors, was awarded the ribbon at Madison Square Garden, New York, as champion mare of the Continent. She was sired by Danegelt, and who cost Sir Walter Gilbey 5,000 guineas. She has bred some very handsome colts and grand actors, and now has a foal at foot by Fordham. Several particularly handsome young mares and stallions were under fit and training for the fair, while in the pastures were a number of very promising two- and three-year-old mares and geldings. Among the Shorthorns many very choice animals may be seen, several of the young things by Riverside Hero 2nd being particularly admired. Riverside Hero is a massive, deep, saipy four-year-old, by Sultan Solih, and a couple of years ago from T. W. Hector, and consisting mostly of imported ewes. Drafts had been selected from the flocks, and were being fitted for fall fairs, and it is unnecessary to add that many exceptionally choice individuals were seen.

A large flock of Shropshires, and also a good flock of Dorset Horns; the entire flock of the latter having been purchased by Mr. Cochrane a couple of years ago from T. W. Hector, and consisting mostly of imported ewes. Drafts had been selected from the flocks, and were being fitted for fall fairs, and it is unnecessary to add that many exceptionally choice individuals were seen.

NOTICES.

A new, cheap, pivoted land roller will be shown at the fair by the Estate of T. T. Coleman, Seaford, Ont. See advertisement.

The London Mutual Fire Insurance Co. invite our readers who may attend the Western Fair to give them a call at their office. See advertisement.

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BOOK TABLE.

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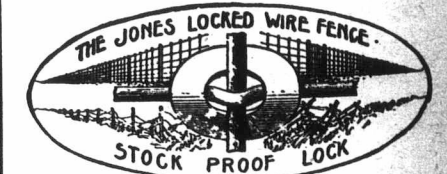
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