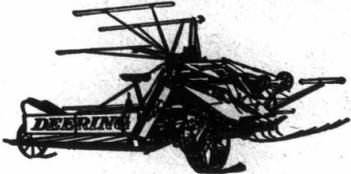


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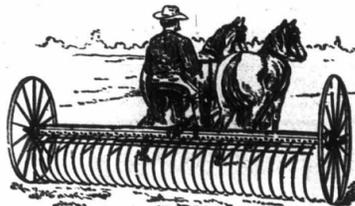
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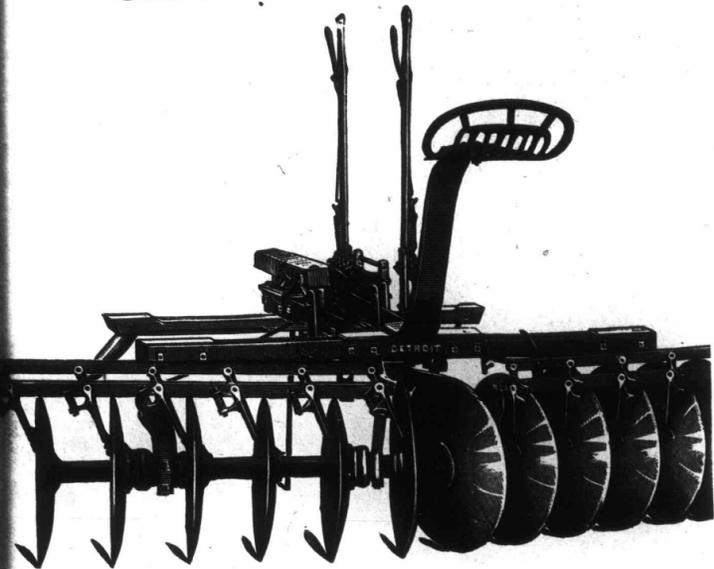
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At Mr. J. M. Gardhouse's farm, near Highfield station on the G. T. R., Ont., a short time ago we saw a well-managed collection of stock in the vigorous bloom which the spirit of the times warrants. Among the Shires are a few strong, useful females, possessing good size and many special individual points of merit. Queen of Highfield, by King of the Castle, and out of Maggie May, by England's Glory, is a splendid type of a brood mare, with sufficient size and plenty of the right kind of bone. She has frequently distinguished herself in the showing by winning the highest honors. In 1896 and 1897 she won all the firsts she competed for, both at Toronto Industrial and the spring shows, including sweepstakes over all ages with imported mares in competition. She is considered to be safely in foal to their new horse Active, and much is expected of the offspring. Some three or four mares are expected to drop foals in the spring to the same sire. We were shown a very promising yearling horse colt, by imp. Blagdon, and out of Smiler, by King of the Castle, that possesses lots of style with a good amount of bone.

At the head of the herd of some 27 Shorthorns is the Scotch bull Prime Minister 15290, by Chesterfield (57049), out of Princess Lovely, by Field Marshal. He is a bull widely known as a sire in Canada, having done valuable service in several prominent herds. He was bred by Mr. Duthie, of Collynie, and imported by Mr. D. D. Wilson, Seaforth, and employed and exhibited successfully by him, before leaving the highest winners in those days, since which time he has performed service in such herds as would warrant the approval of the foremost fanciers of the breed. Previous to Prime Minister's purchase, the imported bull Scottish Pride, by Pride of the Morning (6454), and out of Missie 142nd, did two years of satisfactory service in the herd of the late Mr. R. B. Ross, by Field Marshal, and her two-months calf, by the Collynie-bred bull, My Lord, is a very promising youngster. Verbena's Blossom, by imported Eclipse 1251, and out of Verbena (imp.) 530, is a large, thick, roan cow, which is credited with many good offspring. Her sire, before leaving Scotland, was exhibited and many leading shows, and with two exceptions was never defeated, and then only by the most noted show bulls of the day. Clarissa 1923, by Eclipse, and out of imported Clota 5097, is also a member of the and dam of some worthy individuals.

By the same dam, the granddaughters of Flower of Malton, by imported Pre- and among them is a splendid yearling growing form; also the two-year-old Wimple's Heiress, by imported be, and in calf to imported King of the Castle. At present, Mr. Gardhouse offers all a dozen thrifty young red and as well as a few young females, es from which they have descended a sufficient recommendation of their standing.

ester flock held an enviable place in competition the past show season, a business was done from their sheep, over their winnings at the past show mention that of the shearing ewe a first in a stiff competition at Brant-Stock Show, and was placed 2nd in stakes competition for all breeds. ly in lamb, and is illustrated on an s in this issue. We saw in all some 25 eeding ewes, which are safely in lamb ewinning ram, Long Joe, which did id won honors for some of the most ks of the breed in Canada.

NOTICES.

Lane Express Almanac.—The Agri-Almanac for 1899, issued by the Mark Lane Express Company, is a useful compilation of especial interest to British farmers and gardeners. Its many special articles upon horticultural and agricultural topics are exceedingly interesting and instructive, and its a live stock and other illustrations ally enlighten the many well-printed It sells for 9 pence, post-paid, in Eng- is published by the Mark Lane Ex- 1 Essex St., Strand, W. C., London.

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