

The Columbian Exposition of 1893.

All over the continent the different breeders' associations are moving to make their particular department of this coming show a success, and it is none too soon to make the preparation required, as those that have been through the ordinary routine of show yard success are aware. It will require a steady strain and increasing watchfulness on the part of those intending to compete where the competition will be as keen as it is likely to be there. It is time our breeders' associations were up and doing, and place their cause before the government, both at Ottawa and Toronto, in such form that they will know what assistance breeders are likely to receive. The Centennial Exposition, held in Philadelphia in 1876, gave our stock a world-wide reputation, and what was of importance then is doubly so now, as our country is becoming more and more a stock breeding centre. It is necessary that we should make the strongest possible effort to show what can be accomplished in all lines of breeding. We have the foundation, the climate and the ability, all that is required is that the necessary expenses will be assured from some source outside private enterprise.

Those that sacrifice their time and their money in the necessary training and feeding that will be required should at least have their expenses from the date of leaving to arriving home guaranteed. The uncertainty of winning prizes will be too great to induce many entering where competition is likely to be so keen, and each class so largely represented. Both the Short-horn breeders' and sheep breeders' associations have already appointed committees to wait on both the Dominion and Ontario governments to ask assistance. We have other breeding interests that demand attention; let us be up and doing. The great West has been, and will continue to be one of our chief markets for improved stock, therefore the necessity of showing what our fine stock producing resources are. If the breeders do not make themselves heard, it is not likely they will receive sufficient assistance from either government to carry the point. Our columns are open for any suggestions the fine stock breeders may wish to advance.

We would respectfully call the attention of the Hon. Chiefs of the agricultural departments of the various provinces, and also the attention of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa to the necessity of taking early steps to assist Canadian farmers to make the Canadian exhibit one worthy of Canada.

Shorthorns in the U. S. A.

A LETTER FROM MR. FRANK M. WADE.

Many thanks for the copies of your paper which have just come to hand. I quite miss the ADVOCATE, which I looked over regularly while in Canada, so inclose one dollar subscription which will insure my seeing it for a year at least.

While Shorthorn prices are not what they used to be in this country, still, judging from the number of entries we are receiving, the demand must be considerable. It is a well-known fact that breeders will not record many of their animals unless they have good chances of disposing of them at considerably above beef prices. Our thirty-sixth volume is now in press, and will be ready for distribution about the middle of June.

Stock.

The Thoroughbred Stallion Gold Fox.

We intend giving an illustration of the above in our next month's issue, and we can most cheerfully recommend him to the notice of those that are likely to breed in this line. His proprietor, Mr. J. D. O'Neil, V. S., who has been importing horses from Great Britain, and purchasing and handling horses for the export and United States markets, selected him to sire high class saddle and carriage horses, for which he is eminently fitted. He is large in size, with plenty of bone, exceptionally good feet, and is very stylish and handsome.

A Mammoth Breeding Establishment.

It is a source of great pleasure to visit some of our leading studs and herds. We believe, perhaps, the largest one in Canada is at Lachine, P. Q., owned by Messrs. Dawes & Co. At the present time they are breeding Thoroughbred and Shire horses, Jersey, Polled-Angus and Hereford cattle, Berkshire and Yorkshire hogs. To attempt to describe the individual animals would occupy too much space—much more space than we have at our command at this issue, but we hope to give a more lengthy report of this establishment at an early date. Messrs. Dawes & Co. have spared neither pains nor expense in procuring choice specimens in each line, and our readers would do well to visit this farm, or write for particulars before purchasing.

Executive Meeting of the American Shropshire Breeders' Association.

At the late meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Shropshire Registry Association, in Detroit, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Association in Buffalo, N. Y., to meet the urgent request of many members in the Eastern States. The time for holding the meeting will be determined early in the summer.

Charges were preferred against the firm of Milton Bros., of Marshall, Mich., charging them with abusive and threatening language at several exhibitions, and other conduct unbecoming members of the Association. The Board suspended them from membership until formal action may be taken at the next annual meeting; also refusing to accept any pedigrees signed by the firm, or either of them, offered for registration in our records.

It was decided that the President of the Association appoint a committee of two or more to judge as to the eligibility of sheep offered in competition at the American Fat Stock Shows for the special premiums to be given by the Association. The decisions of said committee shall be final in all matters.

In addition to the regular business of the next sessions of the Association, it was decided to have the following programme:—

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Papers by Dr. C. D. Smead, of Logan, N. Y., and John Campbell, jr., of Woodville, Ontario. Subject, "Ideal Shropshires".

EVENING SESSION, 7.30 P. M.

W. H. Todd, President, Wakeman, Ohio. Subject, "The Best Sheep for the Average Farmer". W. J. Garlock, Howell, Mich. Subject, "The Shropshire the Best Sheep for the Western Ranges".

The Board made apportionment of the prize money to be awarded by the Association in 1891. Fifty dollars, offered by the English Shropshire Society of England, will be awarded at the Lexington, Ky., Fair for the best flock of

registered Shropshire sheep consisting of two shearing ewes, two ram lambs and two ewe lambs. First premium \$20; 2nd premium, \$15. Best flock of five lambs (three ewe lambs and two ram lambs), all to be bred and owned by the exhibitor, \$15.

Fifty dollars, offered by the same (English) society, to be awarded at the Michigan State Fair in Lansing, Mich. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars, offered by the same (English) society, to be awarded at the London (Ontario) Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars, offered by the same (English) society, to be awarded at the Toronto (Canada) Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars, offered by the American Shropshire Association, to be awarded at the Ottawa (Canada) Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be awarded at the Ohio (State) Fair at Columbus. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be awarded at the New York (State) Fair in Syracuse. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be awarded at the Iowa State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be awarded at the Wheeling (West Virginia) Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be awarded at the Montana State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be awarded at Pueblo (Colorado) Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be offered at the Dakota State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be offered at the Oregon State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

Fifty dollars to be offered at the Vermont State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

This Association will offer the following special prizes to be awarded at the American Fat Stock Show in Chicago, 1891:—

Best registered Shropshire wether, two years old or over—1st premium, \$15; 2nd premium, \$10; 3rd premium, \$5.

Best registered Shropshire wether, one year old and under two—1st premium, \$15; 2nd premium, \$10; 3rd premium, \$5.

Best registered Shropshire wether under one year—1st premium, \$15; 2nd premium, \$10; 3rd premium, \$5.

GRAND SWEETSTAKES PREMIUMS.

If won by registered Shropshire wethers, or wethers sired by resistered Shropshire ram, consisting of one wether, two years old or over; one wether, one year old and under two, and one wether under one year, \$15.

Best carcass registered Shropshire wether, or wether sired by registered Shropshire ram, two years old or over, \$10; one year old and under two, \$10; under one year, \$10.

Extra special premiums not in fat stock show list. Best wethers, sired by registered Shropshire rams, out of Merino ewes:—

Wether, two years old or over—1st premium, \$15; 2nd premium, \$10.

Wether, one year old and under two—1st premium, \$15; 2nd premium, \$10.

Wether, under one year—1st premium, \$15; 2nd premium, \$10.

Sheep to be eligible to compete for any cup or premium offered by this Association must be recorded and have a number in the record, a certificate of which must be filed with each entry made. Each sheep must bear an ear tag with the number and initial corresponding to that given on the certificate.

Secretaries of all fairs will observe the above requirement. The above will not apply to entries made for grade sheep.

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