

Farming for Profit

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Practical Problems of Farmer and Stockman

SASKATCHEWAN SHEEP AND SWINE SALE

The Saskatchewan Swine and Sheep Associations will hold their third annual sale of sheep, and the first of swine, at Regina, on October 29. Both pure-bred and grade females and pure-bred males will be offered in the sheep classes, and pure-bred males and females in the swine section. There is no entry fee for contributed animals, which must be the property of members of the respective associations, and the management offer an added inducement to contributors in the shape of freight and express rates.

These sales are held with the purpose of enabling farmers to obtain good foundation stock within reasonable distances, and at reasonable cost.

The class of stock will consist of sheep from fifteen to thirty months of age, and swine from six to eighteen months of age.

Further particulars, rules, and regulations as well as entry forms, may be obtained from J. C. Smith, secretary Live Stock Association, Department of Agriculture, Regina.

The Sheep Breeders' Association is also prepared to furnish farmers in the province of Saskatchewan with grade range ewes at cost price.

VERMILION STOCKMEN ORGANIZE

The livestock men around Vermilion, Alta., have recently formed an association, the objects of which should commend itself to all stockmen in the West.

The objectives of the association are as follows:

To prevent stock from starving, accident, disease, or theft.

To protect each other in recovering lost animals and preventing losses.

Thorough co-operation with the Government officials to encourage inspection of stock shipping and distributing points, and also the proper distribution of hides of slaughtered animals.

BOUSFIELD'S STOCK WINS PRIZES

At Macgregor annual fair, held on Aug. 5, J. Bousfield, of Orchard Farm, was among the principal winners with his Clydesdales, Shorthorns and Yorkshires.

In the Clydesdale classes, in which were 323 entries, he secured five prizes; in cattle, nine; and in hogs, six.

Mr. Bousfield has a fine bunch of young Shorthorn grade females for sale at present, and will sell them in carload lots, or singly, and in addition, he has his usual stock offering, all at very attractive prices.

SALES AT GLENCARNOCK

Glencarnock Stock Farm owned by J. D. McGregor, has been doing quite a large pure-bred business during the last two months. Mr. McGregor writes us as follows:

James Maitland, of Kisby, Saskatchewan, purchased the good two-year-old bull, Elsehies Prince of Glencarnock. This bull is out of one of our best breeding cows.

S. A. Ferrie, of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, purchased ten yearling pure-bred Aberdeen Angus heifers, and one yearling bull. The lot of heifers were selected for him by us from the field of twenty yearlings; they were among the best we had, and included daughters of such cows as Pride of Groveland 14th (a Queen Mother); Inito, imp. (an Erica); Alta's Pride (a Pride of Aberdeen); Queen Mother Johnson 4th, and many other cows of equal prominence, both as producers and prize-winners. The sires of these heifers were Golden Gleam 3111, our champion bull of the 1910 Western Canada Show Circuit, and LeRoy 3rd of Meadow Brook, our Grand Champion bull of the last Chicago International. To head this lot Mr. Ferrie wanted our best young bull. We selected for him Evo-cate's Prince, an Erica bull of outstanding breeding. He is a low down, thick

youngster, and was good enough to win his class at the Dominion Fair at Brandon.

With this lot Mr. Ferrie purchased five shearling Suffolk Down rams. These rams were winners in their class at the Dominion Fair at Brandon, and were the very best we could supply. Their average weight would have been around two hundred and fifty pounds, and should produce some great lambs when crossed with Mr. Ferrie's flock of one thousand western grade ewes. Mr. Ferrie said that when he first came down to the Brandon Fair he had not thought of the Suffolk Down breed of sheep, but when comparing them with the other mutton breeds he found them so superior in size and mutton conformation, with such clean, trim heads and legs, and dense fleece, that he decided they were the breed for him. With this lot Mr. Ferrie also purchased five pure-bred Berkshire sows and one boar that should make a great foundation for a good pure-bred herd of Berkshire pigs.

C. L. Barker, of Punnichy, Saskatchewan, purchased ten grade Aberdeen-Angus two-year-old heifers and ten yearlings, and one pure-bred Aberdeen Angus bull.

To Mr. Henderson of the same station was sold a pure-bred Aberdeen Angus bull. Mr. Henderson intends crossing him on his herd of grade cows.

The pig sales include two Berkshires

said that in a few years hence the champion Clydesdale at the "Highland" would come from Saskatchewan.

Another well known Scottish breeder made a somewhat similar remark last year, when he said that Canada in a few years, instead of importing Clydesdales, would be exporting them.

These men were probably nearer the truth than either of them were at the moment aware.

Our Clydesdale men in the West, and especially in Saskatchewan, have for years been building around them studs that compare very favorably with those of the Old Country, and there is no reason why a Canadian horse, fit to win at the big Scottish show, should not be bred and raised by one of these Western horsemen.

Canadian horsemen, to judge from their exhibits at the various large fairs, especially in their young Canadian-bred stock, are making rapid strides and today there are stock of both sexes in the West that would be "somewhere in the money" at an Old Country show.

Of course, there is no wish to decry the merits of imported stock, since the Old Country has furnished us with the individuals through the use of which we have been enabled to raise the standard of our young stock, but is it not a fact that we attach a little too much importance to imported stock and too little to our own breeding and raising.



Sheep on the farm of Messrs. Simon Downie & Sons, Carstairs, Alta.

and three Yorkshires to Alex. Newton, Medicine Hat, Alberta; one Yorkshire to Matthew Klein. To Harry Butchart, Enderby, B.C., one Suffolk Down ram. To Wm. S. Swain, of Tessier, Sask., two Berkshires. To Geo. H. Malcolm, Birtle, two Berkshires. To Hood, Brothers, Beekenham, Sask., two Yorkshires. To Geo. Saxton, Swan River, Manitoba, one Yorkshire. To J. F. McRae, Glendale Farm, Riviere Qui Barre, one Berkshire. To P. Laroche, Radville, Sask., one Yorkshire. To W. H. Sims, Swan River, Man., two Yorkshires. To Geo. Fletcher, Tisdale, Sask., one Berkshire. To S. P. Pond & Company, Nelson, B.C., three Berkshires.

The Glencarnock Stock Farm have still a very fine lot of young Berkshires and Yorkshires for sale. Also some very choice Aberdeen Angus bulls and some Suffolk Down ram lambs. These rams are exceptionally well grown for their age, some of them weighing one hundred and twenty-five pounds now, and will be ready for service this Fall.

BRED IN CANADA

Some time ago there appeared in an Eastern Canada newspaper the report of an interview between Jas. Kilpatrick, of Craigie Mains, Kilmarnock, Scotland, the well known Clydesdale breeder and exporter, who visited Canada a few months ago, and one of our well known Saskatchewan horsemen.

Mr. Kilpatrick is reported to have

and there is a very general impression among farmers as a whole, that because an animal is imported from Great Britain he must be all right and there should be no questions asked, but there have often been stallions brought over that would have made far more valuable geldings.

What our breeders have got to do in future is to cull out all their inferior stock. They are well aware what kinds and types of animals of the different breeds are required to keep up and improve our standard of excellence, and the main object for them to keep in view is the encouragement of the small breeder to use pure bred stock and build up a big demand for such stock.

Only in this way will the reputation of our Canadian bred stock be enhanced and the quality improved, and the time is not very far distant when "Bred in Canada" will take on the same significant ring, and mean as much to stockmen the world over as that magic word "imported" does now.

BE CAREFUL OF FEEDING THE NEW OATS

Serious attacks of colic, and other troubles, digestive and otherwise, are very often caused at this time of the year by changing the horse's feed from the old oats on to the new. This change should be made gradually and careful attention should be given to have the old and new oats mixed until the horse becomes accustomed to the new feed. New oats are liable to cause sudden fermentation in the animal's stomach and it is well in any event to mix the feed with bran. Serious losses sometimes result from the indiscriminate feeding of new oats.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA'S WOOL CLIP

During the past few weeks \$116,000 worth of wool was handled through Lethbridge. This amount represents the south only and does not include Macleod or Claresholm. The average price was 4 cents, so the amount represents a clip of 826,283 pounds.

Fully 100,000 pounds have been allowed in addition to this, for the clips of Macleod and Claresholm districts. The total for southern Alberta, including Macleod and Claresholm, in exact figures is 926,283 pounds. Last year the total clip was 664,653 pounds, or an increase in production in 12 months of 322,320 pounds, representing nearly \$50,000.

NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT

Saskatchewan is rigidly enforcing the Noxious Weeds Act.

A farmer of Viscount, named Chris. Remar, was a few days ago, fined \$100 and costs for failing to keep the weeds down on his farm.

Remar's excuse was that he did not have time, although he found time to attend Watrous sports on the previous day.

It appears that to get some farmers to comply with the requirements of the Weed Act, it is necessary to jog them in the tender place, viz.: their pocket-book.

ALBERTA GETS \$46,000

Alberta's agricultural aid grant from the Federal Government has been definitely settled and its items are as follows: agricultural schools, \$18,000; equipment of schools, \$9,000; buildings for schools, \$4,500; demonstration farms, \$8,000; special instruction in dairying, \$3,000; domestic science, \$2,000; dairy competition, \$1,000; miscellaneous, \$594.95. Total, \$46,094.95.

RUSSIA PURCHASES LATE KING'S HORSE

A large breeding establishment in Russia, which some years ago purchased the famous "Galtee More" for \$50,000, have now purchased the late King Edward's horse "Minoru" for \$100,000.

"Minoru" won the English Derby in 1909.

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