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Mr. Stone's Live Stock.

I take the liberty of inserting the following extracts from a letter chiefly on business, with which we were favored a few days since from Mr. Stone, Esq., of Guelph. The information conveyed cannot be otherwise than interesting to our readers of the *Agriculturist* and to all who desire to promote the welfare of the country:—

No doubt will have been seen in English papers the attractions to the Babraham sale of Southdowns, and the large gathering it called forth.

I thought I should like to have some of the best, and let people know that Canadians imported fine stock as well as other nations in the Colonies, and that such a famed flock ought not to be dispersed without securing more or less of it. I therefore instructed my brother to go and secure a ram for me. He purchased one, and I am pleased to say they arrived here in good condition, and I trust, in a few weeks, my flock of Southdowns will be improved by this importation. The Country Gentleman mentions the purchase made by the late Duke of Devonshire, and states the Babraham sale attracted nearly as much attention as the Royal Agricultural Show, or only second in importance. Probably you will be kind enough in the next issue of the *Agriculturist* to mention that Canada had secured two sterling rams from the Babraham famed flock.

By the bye, I see the Bates blood of Short Horn has been very successful at the Royal Agricultural Society's Exhibition at Leeds. Capt. J. Bates's Dutchesses carrying off three first prizes, all three of which I believe are half bred to my 12th Duke of Oxford, by the same

bull. And it is worthy of remark that the three first calves got by this celebrated stock getter, "6th Duke of Oxford," were bred at Moreton Lodge, Guelph, Canada West. I mention this from seeing so much in the American papers respecting Mr. Thome's shipment to England, and having had two of the Grand Turk Heifers before Mr. Thorne got him, and also the Oxford's, I thought you might like (for the credit of Canada,) to say a word in the *Agriculturist* respecting Canada stock. I wish you could find time to run up for a few hours, and see my herd and flocks. I like people to see the whole, my heifers and calves are very good. The Herefords, on poor keep, have surprised me by the condition they are in. I am pleased to say my herds and flocks are in good condition, and some individuals in prime order."

A meeting of the Board of Agriculture having been held in London on the 15th inst., for the purpose of maturing the arrangements for the Provincial Exhibition, we resolved on returning to Toronto by way of Guelph, and, if possible, to give Mr. Stone a call. The party consisted of Mr. R. L. Denison, Treasurer of the Association, Mr. H. C. Thomson, Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, Mr. J. E. Peil, Vice-President of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, Mr. W. Edwards, Secretary of the same, and Professor Buckland.

On arriving in Guelph we found that the next train would arrive in about two hours, which unfortunately was the only time we had at our disposal, scarcely sufficient to get a peep at the many good things which Mr. Stone possesses. We at once drove to Moreton Lodge Farm, about a mile from the town, pleasantly situated