

Sales of Improved Stock.

Mr. M. H. Cochrane, Montreal and Comp. Co., has recently sold to G. V. Hoyle, Champlain, N. Y., the three year old Short horn heifer Snowdrop; the roan heifer calf Charlotte 2d, eight Cotswold ewes, and one imported Cotswold ram; to G. M. Chesney, Egmondville, Ontario, the yearling bull Duke of Compton, 6638, and the yearling heifer Cambridge 5th; to Mr. Dodge, of Ohio, two imported Cotswold ewes; to Byron Loomis Windsor Locks, Conn., one imported Cotswold ram; to T. H. Kane, St. Josephs, Pa., one two-shear Cotswold buck; to Mr. Wadsworth, Genesee, N. Y., one imported shearing Cotswold ram; to James McLaughlin Peacham, Vt., seven Cotswold ewes and one ram, and to H. Hall, East Burke, Vt., one Cotswold ram.

Since the above was in type we have received from Mr. Cochrane the following report of additional sales:—

To H. C. Burleigh, Fairfield, and G. G. Shores of Waterville, Maine, his entire herd of Herefords, consisting of 11 animals. The above won first class prizes in all their classes, and the State Gold Medal at Rochester this season. To W. R. Duncan, of Towanda, Ill., the imported heifer, Wharfedale Rose. To J. W. Pickrell, Harristown, Ill., the imported yearling bull Baron Booth of Lancaster, winner of first prizes wherever shewed. To A. J. Hallet, West Waterville, Maine, one imported Cotswold ewe; one imported Oxford Down ewe; one imported Lincoln ewe; one Cotswold ram lamb. To E. G. Bedford, Paris, Ky., 3 imported Berkshire swine (1 bar and 2 sows.)

A semi annual fair will be held in the village of Teeswater, on the second Tuesdays in April and October.

Orillia had a fall of about twenty-one inches of snow on Christmas day. The snow is now deeper there than it has been in any previous season at the same date.

Two young ladies of Iowa have taken up lands in that State under the homestead act and purpose removing upon them, to run a farm on their own account.

A fine estate of fifteen hundred acres in Caroline county, Va., was recently sold at auction for \$3,000, which was less than half the value of the improvements.

Illinois is forming a State Geological Museum at Springfield. Each county will be represented in regular order, and a stranger can see, almost at a glance, the mineral resources of the entire State.

TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1869:—President—J. C. Earl; 1st Vice-President—G. C. Ford; 2nd do.—Joseph Tuck; Secretary and Treasurer—H. M. Switzer, Palermo; Directors—John Mackelcan, jr., Alex. Aikman, John Toms, R. W. Smith, F. Snider, George F. Lewis, John Russell, Samuel Pettigrow, Thomas Brownridge.

SALE OF BLOOD HORSES AT TATTERSALL'S.—An extensive sale of thorough-bred horses took place at the world-renowned mart of horse flesh, Tattersall's, on the 7th December, and excited unusual interest, when besides a valuable lot of Mr. Beadman's yearlings (one of which sold for 650 guineas), the Marquis of Hastings' stud were brought to the hammer. The most noted of the number was the famous mare, Lady Elizabeth, for which, says the *Field*, 10,100 guineas would have been refused last year; she was knocked down to her trainer, Mr. J. Day, for 600 guineas. Another celebrity, The Duke, was sold to Mr. R. Graham, for 2,200 guineas. 850 guineas was the sum paid for a three-year old horse, Orion. But of the remainder the prices were not remarkable.

GUELPH.—The January cattle fair, held in Guelph on Wednesday, the 6th inst., was not very large, the number and quality of the beasts falling below the average. There were unusually few horses or sheep. The prices of cattle ranged from three to five cents per pound live weight. Mr. George Hood was one of the principal buyers, his purchases numbering about 120 head in all. A large proportion of the cattle on the ground changed hands.

THE GOODENOUGH HORSE SHOE.—A new horse shoe, invented by an American of the name of Goodenough, an associate of Mr. Rarey, is exciting some attention in London, where it is being tried by one of the omnibus companies. These shoes are made by machinery, are fitted without heat, and are destitute of calks; the sole is slightly concave. They are also much lighter than the ordinary shoe, and the inventor claims that they allow the frog to touch the ground and bear a portion of the horse's weight. The London *Field* doubts the superiority of the shoe; but the actual experiments now being tried will soon decide its merits.

LONG-WOOLLED SHEEP FOR THE U. S.—The rage for merino sheep in the United States has much abated, and long-woolled sheep are coming into favour. The *Western Rural* reports the following purchases from this country:—Mr. E. T. Bryan, of Calhoun Co., Mich., has lately returned from the best stock districts of Ontario, and brought with him a first-rate flock of long-woolled sheep, numbering seventy-two, all told. The greater number are the produce of a cross between the Cotswold and Leicester, and their wool is of superior quality. He purchased thirty of them from the flock of Mr. L. B. Lapreere. Among these are two yearling Leicester ewes of extraordinary size, one weighing 188 and the other 182 lbs: the wool on some of the lambs measures ten inches in length. From Mr. Kingsburgh he purchased eight sheep; from William Collum he procured a three year old purely-bred Cotswold buck of superior quality, and the balance from breeders of note in various parts of the Dominion. The principal part of the flock has been bred from the celebrated stock of F. W. Stone, Esq.

HOPE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society was held on the 7th January. The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the current year:—N. Choate, President; J. Foott, Vice-President; R. Dickson, Secretary and Treasurer; Directors—W. Douglass, S. Coldwell, jr., M. Bragg, G. B. Salter, Thomas Gray, I. Rider, Joan Westlick, C. Quinlan and J. McMantry.

Mr. A. Choate moved, seconded by Mr. Foott—That whereas the publishers of the CANADA FARMER have advertised that no reduction will be made to Agricultural Societies, taking the said periodicals; be it resolved by this meeting, that the CANADA FARMER shall be supplied by the Directors of this Society to such of its members as shall pay \$1 50.—Carried.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. Choate, the meeting adopted a memorial to the Local Legislature in favour of continuing the present uniform tax on dogs, and the paying for sheep killed by dogs out of the municipal funds. It was recommended that the same be amended so that only three-fourths of the value of the sheep may be paid.

GOODERICH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—This new association is fairly commenced. The following officers have been elected:—President, A. M. Ross; Vice-President, John Hunter; Secretary and Treasurer, P. Adamson; Directors—James Torrance, Charles McGregor, James Stewart, P. Robertson, Alex. Watson, S. Pentland, Thomas Hood, W. Hick and Robert Gibbons.

A meeting of agricultural representatives from the east, west and north ridings of Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington, forming one Electoral Division, was held at Belleville on the 19th Dec. to select a director of the Provincial Association. The division was then divided by agreement, and the three last named counties obtained the first choice. Mr. E. Mallory, of Addington, was selected. The next choice belongs to Hastings.

BIRMINGHAM FAT STOCK AND POULTRY SHOW.—The Birmingham and Midland Counties twentieth annual exhibition was held early in December. From a report in *Bell's Weekly Messenger*, we learn that the show was good, Shorthorns, Herefords and Devon cattle being well represented. Mr. McCombie was again the winner for Scotch breeds, with a fine animal, though not equal in size to the mammoth that won the laurels at the last Smithfield Club Cattle Show, and formed the Christmas barron of beef for the royal table at Windsor. The number of stock entries was as follows:—Cattle, 173; sheep, 103; pigs, 47. The show of roots is said to have been excellent, though the weights of the prize lots do not seem extraordinary—the best six roots of kohlrabi weighing 186 lbs., of long mangolds, 186 lbs., globe mangold, 133 lbs., and of Swedes, 82 lbs. Of poultry, there were 2,312 entries. The Dorkings alone occupied more than 300 pens, the prizes going principally to the Duke of Newcastle, the Hon. H. W. Fitzwilliam, Admiral Hornby, Lady Bagot and Mrs. Arkwright. Of Cochins, there were about 500 pens. Ducks; geese and turkeys appeared in large numbers.