

The Kennel.

LOSS OF A VALUABLE ST. BERNARD.

The London *Live Stock Journal* says:—In the death of Thisbe with her 14 puppies by Plinlimmon, the St. Bernard world has sustained a more than ordinary loss, as there ran in her veins the blood of Alpenstock, to whose typical line she displayed a marked resemblance. In the twenty months that she lived her career on the show-bench was one of brilliant success. At nine months old she was first in bitch puppies at Warwick, and obtained the cup for the best St. Bernard in the show bred by the exhibitor. At the Crystal Palace she again took first prize in puppies, and her final success was at the last St. Bernard Club Show, when she was first in rough bitches between twelve and eighteen months old, and secured the £10 cup offered for the best St. Bernard in the show, dog or bitch, bred and exhibited by a member of the Club.

CANKER IN THE EAR.

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THE PERIOD OF GESTATION.

From the London *Live Stock Journal*.

Now that the breeding season is coming on, we would draw attention to the fact that it is not safe to put too much dependence upon bitches in whelp going the full time of 63 days. Experience has taught us that nine out of ten have their puppies at least two days before the recognized period of gestation. There are, however, cases where the opposite is the case; but at the end of 61 days after service we have always found it advisable to watch the bitch, as a little skilful treatment opportunely afforded will often avert disaster.

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In contradiction to the opinion of many writers on the disease that a low diet should be

given during its treatment, "Ashmont" directs that whilst combatting with the local affection the tone of the blood should be improved, the body nourished, and the strength of the animal sustained. With his opinion we quite concur, as we have found in dealing with bad cases of canker a more speedy cure has been made when a nourishing diet has been used. This article is only one of a series which the author intends to have published in connected form, and will be a most useful work for owners and breeders of dogs.

The committee of the Royal Zoological Society, Dublin, have fixed upon April 10th to 13th for the third annual dog show, which will be held, under Kennel Club rules, in the Phoenix Park. The schedule, which is on a much more extended scale than that of last year, contains 64 classes, which are distributed amongst the best known breeds, there being challenge classes for the most important varieties. The prizes, of which there are three in most of the open classes, are liberal, with an entry fee 10s., which, with the certificate properly filled up, must be sent by intending exhibitors to Mr. E. S. Snow on or before March 26th, on which day the entries close.

Special cups and prizes are given by the Irish Red Setter Club, the Irish Fox-terrier Club, and the Irish Terrier Club, whilst the St. Bernard Club offers a cup, as also do the Collie and Great Dane Clubs. In addition to the above the council of the Society give extra prizes. Private members also contribute in this division, and Spratts Patent, who is to bench and feed the dogs, have promised a cup for the best non-sporting dog in the show. The judges appointed are Dr. Emms, Messrs. W. Lort, W. W. Thompson, and F. Gresham. —*English Live Stock Journal*.

THE BIRMINGHAM SHOW AND SALE.

English Live Stock Journal, March 20.

The following is a tabulated statement, received from the auctioneers, of the prices realised at the recent Shorthorn Show and sale at Bingley Hall:—

Class.	Description.	No. entered.	No. sent.	No. sold.	Highest price.	Average.
1	Cows, including calves	120	107	99	66	31 13 0
2	Heifers under 3, including calves	28	27	24	50	29 2 6
3	Heifers under 2	23	23	22	40	28 14 0
4	Heifer calves	9	9	9	40	20 13 6
5	Bulls over 30 months	18	18	18	110	40 0 6
6	Bulls between 21 and 30 months	45	42	41	61	32 2 6
7	Bulls between 14 and 21 months, with reserves up to £105	22	22	13	83	51 15 6
8	Bulls over 15 months, and not exceeding 21 months	89	85	79	70	34 13 0
9	Bulls, 12 to 15 months	128	120	115	100	38 1 6
10	Bull calves	163	155	136	105	32 14 6
	154 females					30 0 8
	402 bulls					35 12 6

The average for the bulls, on the whole, is lower than that of last year. The animal which realised the highest price, 110 gs., was the Prince of Wales' bull Beauchamp.

Live Stock & Kindred Markets.

OFFICE OF THE CANADIAN BREEDER AND AGRICULTURAL REVIEW, TORONTO, April 2nd, 1885.

There has been some improvement in the condition of the British cattle market, since our last cable advices, as during that period not only have the receipts of Canadians and Ameri-

cans fallen off, but the supplies from elsewhere have shown a material decrease. In fact, receipts at all the principal markets have been light, but without producing any change in values. The latest cables report steady markets at former prices.

Quotations at Liverpool on Monday, being calculated at \$4.80 in the £, were:—

Cattle—	\$ c.	\$ c.	
Prime Canadian steers.....	0 13	10 0 00	per lb.
Fair to choice.....	0 12½	10 0 00	"
Poor to medium.....	0 11½	10 0 00	"
Inferior and bulls.....	0 8½	10 0 10	"

Dressed beef in Liverpool is cabled lower at 4½ d., against 5½ d. last week. Mutton has also declined to 4½ d. to 5d

TORONTO.

There is not much to be said about the live stock market this week, business being very dull. During the latter part of last week supplies continued very heavy but so far this week they have been light. On Monday and Tuesday only about a dozen car-loads were received. The attendance of buyers was small, nearly all of them having gone to the Montreal Easter market. A few local dealers were trying to buy at a decline on the week before. Sellers did not seem inclined to part with any of their offerings at lower prices and consequently trade was very slow.

CATTLE.—The demand for butchers' cattle was rather poor and sales were made at a decline of about ¼ c. per lb. The ruling prices paid were equivalent to 3½ to 3¾ c. per lb. for good beasts and about 4½ c. for choice. Among the sales were 3 steers averaging 1,150 lbs each, at \$144; 19 cattle, 1,050 lbs., at \$39 each; 17 do., 1,050 lbs., at \$42 each. Trade in export cattle was quiet, there being but a light demand. A few good shippers were bought at 4½ to 4¾ c. per lb. and bulls at 3½ to 4c. per lb. Stockers continue in good demand at 3½ to 4c. per lb. One load averaging 1,050 lbs. was bought on Tuesday.

CALVES.—A fair number are offering. Demand continues good and prices unchanged. A few extra weighing 350 lbs. have been held at \$20 each.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Are not in much demand in mixed bunches. Only one such bunch was offered this week. Sheep, alone, also are not inquired for. This is due to the supplies of mutton that are being brought here from Kingston. The mutton is sold at such low prices that the live stock cannot compete. Lambs are in good demand and the few offering have found a ready sale. Choice, weighing 110 lbs each, brought \$5.50 per head.

HOGS.—Continue quiet. The demand continues good but the supply is light. Two small bunches only were received this week. These sold at \$4.50 and \$4.62½ per cwt.

The receipts of live stock at the western market here for the week ending March 28, with comparisons, were:

	Cattle.	Sheep and Lambs.	Hogs.
Week ending March 28.....	1,320	84	50
Week ending March 21.....	760	157	31
Cor. week, 1884.....	570	114	185
Cor. week, 1883.....	468	297	43
Total to date.....	9,450	2,401	567
To same date 1884.....	8,395	4,205	1,570
To same date 1883.....	7,693	3,725	945

Quotations are as follows:—

Cattle, export.....	4¾	to 0	per lb.
" bulls.....	3½	to 4	"
" butchers', choice.....	4¾	to 0	"
" good.....	3½	to 4	"
" common.....	3	to 3¾	"
" stockers.....	3½	to 4	"
Sheep and lambs, choice, per head... 5 00 to 5 50			
" secondary qualities, per head 4 50 to 0 00			
Lambs, extra choice, per head.....\$5.50 to \$6.50			
Hogs, fat, off the car..... 4½ to 4¾ per lb.			
" store..... 4½ to 4¾ "			
Calves.....\$2 50 to \$12 50			

MONTREAL.

At the Easter cattle markets there was a fair display of prime, well fattened stock, but the prices realized were much below last year, there being no disposition among buyers to pay fancy prices. There were about 100 head of prime heifers and steers shown at Point St.