

GOSSIP.

In writing to advertisers, mention the "Farmer's Advocate."

The 15th of April will be a good time to purchase good Shorthorns, as that is the date set for the dispersion sale of Mr. R. R. Sangster's herd at Lancaster, Ont. See advertisement.

Mr. R. B. McMullin, Blytheswood, Ont. (formerly Goldsmith, Ont.), writes under date of Feb. 24: "Sales have been good, thanks to the ADVOCATE, but I still have a choice lot of July hatched Poland Chinas for sale yet at low prices."

R. Gaunt & Sons, St. Helen's, Ont., writes under date of Feb. 23: "Please omit in my advertisement for next issue, reference to Mammoth Bronze turkeys, of which we are sold out, except a few toms. The birds we offer are developing wonderfully well, and are bound to do their purchasers lots of good."

At a recent New York high-class carriage horse sale, twenty-five high stepping geldings were sold at an average per head of \$353. The highest price for a team was \$1,150, and for single horse \$300. These were chestnuts, five and six years old. Five horses were seven years old, ten six, and ten five years old. They were mostly from trotting-bred sires.

Mr. J. C. Snell, Snelgrove, Ont., writes: "The improved price of pork is already making itself felt in the increasing demand for breeding stock. We have a number of orders for Berkshires lately, and have shipped to several points in Ontario and Quebec, also to Manitoba and the U. S. We have had many enquiries for sheep from the States, and have prospect of making some important sales within the next few weeks. Our Cotswolds are coming through the winter in good condition, and lambs are coming strong."

The very much improved demand and prices for good draft horses within the last year is leading to make the breeding of such, one of the most profitable lines of stock breeding. To get the top prices, good size is essential, and to get this no breed surpasses the Shire. The well and favorably known firm of Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington, of Welland, Ont. make some desirable offerings in this issue of the very sorts that will make money for those who are fortunate enough to secure them. See their advertisement in this issue.

Tape Bros. write: "Our Duroc-Jersey swine are now in the most excellent and healthy condition. We have never had a lot of such superior quality; our young sows are excellent. Our boars fit for present service are all sold out; have a grand lot coming on for spring use. Our fall pigs (either sex) are No. 1. The demand is steadily increasing as the people are becoming acquainted with them. There is a grand future before them, as they combine all the qualities required to make a profitable farmer's hog. Our sales during the winter have been very satisfactory, having shipped as far west as British Columbia and east to Nova Scotia, with many sales throughout Ontario and Quebec. We hear nothing but praises for them wherever placed. Our spring litters are sired by three first-class imported boars, and we expect an extraordinary crop."

Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, writes this office as follows: "We have still on hand, and for sale at very moderate prices, a grand growthy lot of young Shorthorn bulls fit for immediate service. They are big, sappy fellows of the best breeding and the first quality. Our whole herd can now be said to be in the very finest breeding form none fat and none poor; but all healthy and thriving. Our yearling heifers are going on to please. They will be heard from in some breeder's hands. We are fixing up a few two-year-olds also. Stock markets are rapidly improving, though prices remain low. Enquiries are numerous and a better feeling prevails all round. We have already 19 beautiful young calves, dropped since last September, with many more to come. There is a better feeling abroad in the Shorthorn world."

Mr. Archibald MacNellage, Secretary of the Clydesdale Horse Society of Great Britain and Ireland, has sent us the Twentieth Annual Report issued by the Council. When this society was instituted there was a foreign trade of some importance with Australia and New Zealand; shortly after that time an enhanced enquiry arose in the United States and Canada, and in some years during the period from 1880-92 as many as 1,000 pedigreed horses and mares were exported. The bulk of this foreign trade reached its height in 1889-90, and the twelfth volume, published early in the latter year, is the largest of the series. Since that date the Society has been passing through a period of depression; but no fear is felt for its future since the Clydesdale is appreciated at home as he has never been in the past, which is indicated by the extent to which Clydesdale sires are being used to get work horses. The nineteenth volume of the Stud Book is being issued. The membership roll of the Society contains the names of 112 life governors, 384 life members, and 262 annual members. The capital stood, in December, 1896, at £1,251, or available capital invested to the amount of £1,100.

A GREAT HACKNEY SALE.

Mr. W. D. Grand, formerly of Toronto, now of New York, sold at the new American Horse Exchange, on February 3rd, ninety-three head of Hackneys and Vermont-bred carriage horses from Dr. Seward Webb's famous Shelburne farms and in Vermont. The champion Hackney stallion Matchless of London was the first number sold. He was purchased by Mr. W. L. Clark, proprietor of the Glendower Stock Farm, Staten Island, for \$12,000. Other bidders for the Stallion were Dr. Ryder, representing the Duke of Marlborough, and Geo. B. Hulme, acting on behalf of Sir Walter Gilby, the most famous breeder of Hackneys in England. The next highest price paid was \$1,050 for Lady Life, a seven-year-old chestnut mare by Danegeld; \$825 was paid for Gay Lady, seven-year-old by North Star. The total price for the ninety-three head was \$31,140, an average of \$334.51 per head. Seventy-five head of Hackneys averaged \$338.94, and eighteen head of carriage horses averaged \$291.41.

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