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Emigration to the Northwest.—Messrs. Osler, Hammond & Nanton, of Winnipeg, Man., in speaking of the prospects for immigration into the Canadian Northwest, express great satisfaction with the present outlook. They state that in Southern Alberta, the district which the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, connecting with the Calgary and Edmonton Railway at Macleod, is opening up, there is a large area of very desirable land for farming or ranching either on a large or small scale, which will probably attract a large number of settlers, and that the Pincher Creek and Cardston Districts will also fill up very rapidly. They also very highly commend the Olds District, about fifty miles north of Calgary, as a location for mixed farming and ranching on a small scale. It lies near enough to the main line of the C.P.R. to give settlers easy access to all markets. There is already a very desirable class of settlers in this district, and it is consequently attracting others of the same class to the locality. The prospects in North Saskatchewan are brighter than ever before.

Last year's good crops and good prices have aroused the enthusiasm of the settlers and the certainty of another successful year which the immense rise in grain and produce has already assured, will greatly increase their satisfaction. The old-settled country about Prince Albert and Duck Lake presents great opportunities to intending settlers and investors. The Northern District on the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake, and Saskatchewan Railway is also going ahead rapidly, and the Hague District, lying directly south of it. In both of these districts there is first-class land. Osler, Hammond & Nanton have lands for sale in all parts of Manitoba and the Northwest. Intending settlers can obtain full information from them as to any part of the country.

Stock Notes

Messrs. A. M. & R. Shaw, Brantford, report their stock to be doing well. There is a good demand for Galloway bulls this spring. They have sold out all their bulls over ten months old. They have yet three young bull calves of very fine quality for sale, also two heifers one and two years old. Last week they shipped to the Cochrane ranch, at Leithbridge, N.W.T., seven superior Galloway bulls and also one bull to the Montreal district.

ROBT. J. EVANS, secretary of the National Duroc Jersey Record Association, writes from El Paso, Ill., that the entries for Vol. IV. of their records closed April 1 with 2300 entries. One thousand of these were made since Jan. 1 and more than 500 in March alone. The 200 shares, comprising the original capital stock, have all been sold; there are however a few stockholders holding several shares who may be willing to part with shares to those desiring to join the association. Vol. IV. will be issued in May.

MR. R. E. WHITE, of Perth, Ont., reports that all his stock have wintered well, and the young bulls of his herd are going to make good ones. A Shorthorn bull calf from "L. J. Gordon," the heifer purchased from Mr. A. Johnston last spring (which was the best heifer he had) promises well, and should get cattle of the easy feeding sort. The Ayrshire bull, by Grand Duke, bred by Mr. J. McCormack, of Rockton, and from Brownie of Burnside, bred by Mr. R. Robertson, formerly of Howick, Que., has a so trace of the old bull. Golden Guinea is in fine form and fit to head any herd.

OSLER, HAMMOND & NANTON. This club has had a very successful year. At the annual meeting held on April the directors' report was presented, and showed a most prosperous year's work. There was paid out for prizes last year \$135. And yet the club has a surplus of \$130.14. One of the special features of the annual show last year was the fine display of bacon hogs. The club is to be commended for its encouragement to breeders to produce only a type of hog suitable for the export bacon trade.

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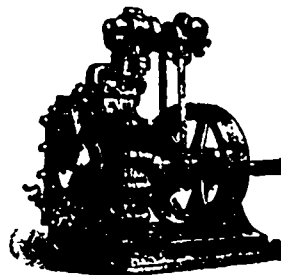
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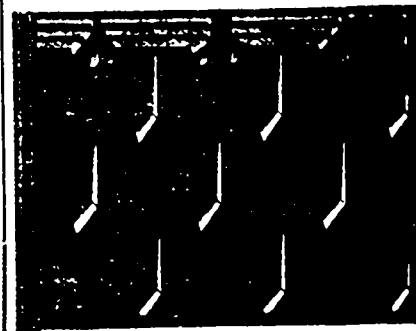


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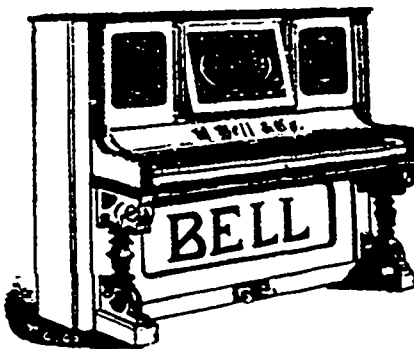
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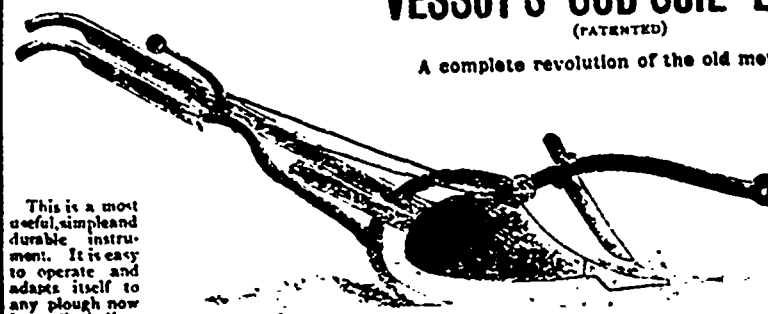
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