

Stock Notes.

THE CATTLE TRADE.—A meeting of the Cattle Dealers' Association was held in the Rossin House, Toronto, on Monday afternoon. The President, Mr. James Britton, occupied the chair. Among others present were his Worship the Mayor, Dr. Smith, Prof. Buckland and Mr. Laidlaw.

The President opened the meeting by giving a brief sketch of the progress of the cattle trade up to the time of the embargo. A hopeful sign to be taken in connection with the shipment of cattle was the fact that two or three ships freighted with live stock had recently arrived at Liverpool without the slightest loss being sustained by the shippers.

The discussion which followed was taken part in by Prof. Buckland, Dr. Smith, and Messrs. Aikins, Reeves, Mooney, Laidlaw, Robinson, and the following resolutions were carried:

Moved by H. Dunning, seconded by William Aikens, that this meeting, feeling that the mode of ventilation on board the steamships is of a very faulty nature, and the cause of the greater part of the loss of cattle on the voyage, do urge on the Government the necessity for the immediate appointment of a competent inspector to examine each vessel prior to taking on any live stock as to its facilities for ventilation; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the several shipping companies and also to the city members of Parliament.

Moved by Mr. Aikens, seconded by Mr. Rogers, that this meeting is of opinion that the steps taken by the Dominion Government for prohibiting the importation of American cattle was in the best interests of the country and the cattle exporters.

The meeting then adjourned.

The London Oil Refining Company, of this city, have for some time been buying cattle with the intention of shipping the same to the Old Country. The first shipment left on the 24th ult. for Glasgow via Halifax, and consisted of 120 head. The animals were in splendid condition, and were fed on the farms of Messrs. T. D. Hodgins and J. & R. Geary, London Township, and William Fal-lows, Nissouri Township. The cattle are under the care of T. D. Hodgins and six men. This is the first large shipment ever made direct from this city to the Old Country, and if they succeed, in all probability a large number of other capitalists will take up the business, and London will at some future day be the leading place for shipping and buying cattle in Ontario. It is stated that the company do not intend to ship any more animals until about the middle of May.

Mr. Robert Reesor, late of Markham, Ont., intends to enter into the stock-raising business at Rock Lake, Manitoba. Mr. Reesor, whose stock in Ontario compared favorably with the best, only intends raising thoroughbreds, and will take up stock during the summer from his Ontario farm. He purposes going into the enterprise in no small way, and will break up 100 acres in the spring. Manitoba is just the place for such enterprising men as Mr. Reesor, and he is just of the class of people the North-West wants.

We have received the catalogue of pure-bred Shorthorns belonging to the Right Hon. Lord Fitzhardinge, of Berkeley Castle, Gloucester, Eng., which will be offered for sale on March 26. The sale will be conducted by the well-known auctioneer, John Thornton, and from the high standard of the stock no doubt most magnificent prices will be realized.

Mr. Charles Skelding, of Nissouri, has sold his horse "Anglo Saxon" jr., to Mr. Robert Gaylor, of Brock, for the sum of \$800. He is now two years old. He is a handsome, powerful horse, and no doubt will prove of great value to the locality he is taken to. Mr. Skelding had cleared \$1,000 by him before selling him.

Mr. S. Beattie, Preston Hall, Annan, has sold to H. Allsopp, M. P., Hindlip Hall, Worcester, the young Duke bull Grand Duke of Airdrie, bred by Messrs. Avery & Murphy, Detroit, Mich., got by 4th Fordham Duke of Oxford, dam Airdrie Duchess 5th.

Bay Wyndham, by Lord Clifden, out of Violet, and for whom Lord Roseberry gave \$12,500 at Ep-som, 1875, when he was a two-year-old, was sold at Tattersall's, on the 27th of January, for \$210.

A HEAVY BULLOCK.—Perhaps the heaviest animal that ever came under the poleaxe of a butcher in Ireland was the Shorthorn prize-winner, Jove, the breeding and huge proportions of which brought so much celebrity to his spirited owners, Messrs. F. & W. Smith, Bellemont, in all the principal cattle shows in the Kingdom. Its live weight was 3,696 lbs.

We are informed by Mr. W. J. Biggins, of Elm-hurst, Clinton, Ont., that he sold the bull calf advertised in the ADVOCATE to Mr. Courtice, of Goderich Tp., price \$110. Both the sire and dam of the calf are from imported stock from the celebrated herds of Amos Cruickshank, St. Hyton, Aberdeen, and Sylvester Campbell, Kinnellan, Aberdeen, Scotland.

L. Lewis, of Masonville, Ont., has purchased from Mr. Thompson, of the 5th concession of London township, a fine imported heavy draught Clydesdale stallion, for Messrs. J. W. Hoff & G. Sellers, Morrow county, Ohio, paying therefor \$1,500. The animal is to be used for breeding purposes.

The Canada West Farm Stock Association will hold a credit sale at Bow Park, Brantford, Ont., on the 10th April. The offers will be Shorthorns, Cotswolds and Berkshires, and, as usual, some excellent bargains in good stock may be expected. We hope to see a good attendance.

RATHER PROLIFIC.—On Monday, March 3rd, two Ayrshire cows, the property of Mr. Jas. Lawrie, of Scarborough, Ont., produced two calves each. On the same day three of his ewes produced five lambs. All doing well.

The first-prize three-year-old Shorthorn bull at the International Show at Paris, last year, had a girth of 8 feet, and stood 55 inches high behind the shoulders, the belly line being 25 inches from the ground at that point.

Agricultural Engines.

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TO PATENTEES.—Mr. Henry Grist, the patent agent at Ottawa, formerly resided a few miles from our farm. Those wishing to obtain patents, or information about such, cannot do better than apply to him direct, as it is our opinion he understands more about them than most officials, either in that city or any other part of the Dominion. He is a gentleman of honor and reliability.

Messrs. Green Brothers & Co., of Waterford, have been enjoying an increasing demand for their Royal Harvesters. They made 300 in 1876, 800 in '77, 1,200 in '78. This harvester, we believe, is made from one of the highly improved American patterns, with recent improvements attached to it.

SEIZURE OF GOODS.—We hear that 1,100 boxes of American seeds have been seized at Toronto for undervaluation; also that a large number of chilled plows were seized at Stratford for the same cause, and that \$500 fine was imposed.

A subscriber from Mairo, P. O., has forgotten to sign his name to his questions. He will find answers in any seedsman's catalogue. We cannot spare time to answer all questions asked by mail. We ask and give information through this paper.

W. H. T., of Teeswater, asks how to prevent sheep pulling their wool out. Kill the ticks.

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