

CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

THE Ontario Poultry Show for 1883 will be held in Toronto.

FROM 2,000 to 3,000 tons of potatoes are now imported weekly from Great Britain and Germany to New York.

MR. ALEX. HAY has sold his farm, lot 4, con. 2, Bosanquet, consisting of fifty acres, to Mr. Jonas Stone, for the sum of \$2,125.

MESSRS. W. & P. ROBINSON have purchased from their stepfather, Mr. Jacob Hanes, the valuable farm at Mariatown, consisting of about 175 acres, for \$1,200.

GEORGE KIRKBY has sold his farm in Morris, containing ninety acres, to Isaac Rogerson, for the sum of \$3,500. Mr. Kirkby has purchased 125 acres from Mr. McDonald, near Walton, for \$3,300.

MR. W. G. HAY, of Listowel, has sold a farm on the first concession of the township of Wallace, containing seventy-five acres, to John Swinburn, of the township of Maryboro', for the sum of \$3,000.

THE price of clover seed has recently advanced, and the firms that bought heavily early in the season made a good strike. As high as \$5.20 is being paid at western points. Much of the seed is being shipped to England.

MR. ROBERT ANDERSON, of the Lake Road, Bosanquet, sold last week to Mr. J. James, for the Winnipeg meat market, two three-year old steers and a fat cow, which jointly weighed 4,095 pounds, the cow alone weighing 1,385 pounds.

W. B. UNDERHILL, Esq., Mt. Vernon, had a splendid sale of farming stock, etc., a couple of weeks ago. Everything was favourable, and the sum of \$1,400 was aggregated, of which \$1,000 was paid in cash. Mr. Underhill goes to Manitoba.

THE Wallaceburg Record says: The Sombra Literary Society have entered an action against Mr. Morrison to recover money placed in his hands about nine months ago to purchase books. He never invested the same; consequently the suit.

MR. JOHN STIRTON, an enterprising farmer of the township of Brooke, has just purchased from J. Hughes, of Metcalfe, a bull of a very fine strain of blood got by the Seventeenth Duke of Airdrie, and bred by Mr. Peter Toles, Mt. Brydges, for which he paid \$105.

MR. JOHN WATSON, of Ayr, has signified his intention, through Mr. Cockburn, M.P., to contribute ten of improved "Black Swan" ploughs for the benefit of farmers in Muskoka who lost their farming implements during the ravages of the bush fires of last summer.

MR. A. A. MEYERS, who is one of the most enthusiastic patrons of the Sombra Cheese Manufacturing Company, has purchased the north half of lot eight, in the tenth concession of Sombra, for the sum of \$850, and intends to fence the same and use it as a pasturage for his cattle.

MR. JOSEPH MORRIS, of Colborne, has purchased a superb team of horses from Mr. John Buchanan, of the same township, for \$400. This is the second team Mr. Buchanan has sold for the above named amount. The first team was taken out to Dakota by Mr. Bates, and sold for \$500.

A PAPER published in western Ontario says: A short time since, a party sold to one of our merchants, a quantity of lard, nicely put up, but which turned out to be tallow, with about an inch of lard on top. Fortunately for the storekeeper, he knew his man, and compelled him to "fork over." Such rascality is unpardonable, and the perpetrator ought to be punished. No more talk of wooden nutmegs or basswood hams after that.

THE Galt Reformer says:—Mr. C. K. Pratt last week purchased at Mitchell four very fine heavy draughts from the following gentlemen: One stallion from Mr. James Colquhoun, \$500; one stallion from George Graham, \$700; one span of mares from James Johnson, \$400. All the above animals are from the stock of "Lord Haddow," one of the finest Clydesdales ever imported into this country, and whose progeny in the counties of Huron and Perth are justly celebrated. Mr. Pratt left Galt on Tuesday morning, intending to take his fine Clydesdales with him to his stock farm at Lowell, Indiana.

A WASHINGTON despatch says: Representative Thomas yesterday addressed the Committee on Ways and Means, urging the passage of his Bill to regulate the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine. He urged legislation on the subject for the protection of the legitimate butter trade and for the protection of the public health. He stated that the rapid increase in number of oleomargarine manufactories threatens the extinction of legitimate dairy interests. In New York alone are manufactories and material enough to produce 16,000,000 pounds of oleomargarine annually, while the entire product of butter of the State is but 111,000,000 lbs. Oleomargarine can be produced for 9c. a pound, and consequently when sold in imitation of butter will drive genuine butter out of the market. At present it is not and cannot be sold as oleomargarine or as a substitute for cheap butter, but is sold in imitation of and under pretence of being butter.

ONTARIO POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Poultry Association was held in the Kerby House, Brantford, on the 14th inst.

The meeting was well attended, and the members congratulated themselves on the success of the exhibition. The treasurer's report showed the Association to be in a healthy financial condition; after the reading of which, on motion, the city of Toronto was chosen as next place of meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

President, W. H. Doel; 1st Vice-president, A. Bogue; 2nd Vice-president, E. Kester. Directors: Messrs. Butterfield, Buck, Sprague, Saultor, Eastwood, Baddy, Bonnick, Thorne, and Main. Auditors: H. J. Hill, Toronto, and J. O. Weldon, London.

Messrs. Doel and Dilworth were appointed delegates to attend the Industrial Exhibition.

The retiring President, Mr. E. Kester, and Mr. W. Sanderson, the efficient Secretary, were voted unanimous and hearty votes of thanks for their untiring zeal and interest in the welfare of the Association.

Mr. J. W. Buck asked for the appointment of a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Association.

Some other minor business was attended to, and the Association adjourned, while the new Board at their first sitting elected their Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Wm. Sanderson was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. John James, of Toronto, Treasurer for the years 1882-83.

GENERAL GARIBALDI has been given up by his physicians.

THE English life-boat crews last year saved 33 vessels and 996 lives.

GUITREAU, the assassin of President Garfield, is sentenced to be hung June 30.

THE number of students attending Edinburgh University this session is 3,237.

THE Sultan of Turkey has sent to the United States for farming implements.

ALTHOUGH the small-pox still lingers in some portions of Philadelphia, the January report shows a decrease in the number of deaths of nearly seventy-three per cent.

THE Episcopal church of Ellicottville, N.Y., has a bell that was cast in Moscow in 1708 for a chime in one of the cathedrals in that city, which was burned by Napoleon in 1814.

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