

STOCK GOSSIP.

In writing to advertisers please mention the Farmer's Advocate.

Mr. James Hunter, Alma, Ont., has recently shipped a carload of Shropshires to Dakota, U. S. He reports his Shorthorns to be doing well, and says he has a fine lot of young bulls and heifers on hand.

Mr. Donald De Courcey, Bornholm P. O., Ont., will exhibit a very choice herd of his noted Chester White swine at the Toronto Industrial and Montreal Exhibitions. He invites farmers to inspect his exhibit, which promises to be one of the best he has ever made. Mr. De Courcey's herd is one of the finest on the continent.

Just as we go to press we are in receipt of a notice of the arrival in quarantine of W. S. Hawkshaw's annual importation of Shropshire sheep, the particulars of which will appear in our next issue. By what we learn they are of the same high character that has distinguished his former importations. He states that the demand for choice Shropshire ewes is greater than ever. Mr. H. writes: "By advertising in your widely spread paper I have just concluded a sale of all this year's lambs."

Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst Station, writes:—We intend making an exhibit of Hackneys, Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Shropshires at Sherbrooke, Toronto and Montreal. The following is a list of registered Hackney foals dropped at Hillhurst the past season:—

May 6, Imp. Nancy (4160) 255, b. c. by Wildfire (1224); May 10, Consequence (3610) 91, ch. f. by Young Nobleman (2328); May 21, Imp. Princess Dagmar (4590) 256, b. c. by Cannymann (2882); May 23, Gavotte (3845) 95, ch. f. by Young Nobleman (2328); May 31, Imp. Countess (70) 90, ch. f. by Fordham (287); also a number of capital foals by Fordham from half-bred, thoroughbred and light draught mares and ponies of Welsh descent. The Hackney cross is very popular in this district.

PICOLA WINS THE QUEEN'S PLATE.—The justly celebrated race horse Pico, owned by Mr. P. D. Rowe, of Brandon, achieved fresh honors at the Winnipeg races in Prairie Park, on June 30th, by winning the Queen's Plate, seven horses in all running. He reduced the time he made at the Industrial Exhibition last year (one mile in 1.48) to 1.46, doing the mile and a quarter dash in 2.15. He comes of the choicest blood lines in England, and the last performance still further stamps him as one of the best race horses in America to-day. A portrait of Pico appeared in the December, 1891, issue of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, in which his pedigree was also given. He was by Petrarch, out of Lady Grace. Since the above triumph on the Manitoba turf this thoroughly game horse won the great race for three-year-olds and upwards at the St. Paul meeting, and did it easily, without apparent effort—a mile and twenty yards in 1.44. This further enhanced his reputation, and brought his owner, Mr. Rowe, a handsome offer for the horse by a leading American breeder of thoroughbreds.

Mr. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont., writes that the demand for Cotswold sheep, both for the States and the provinces, is steadily increasing; sales have recently been active and satisfactory. Cotswold rams are in great demand for crossing on Merino and grade ewes on the ranches in the western territories. The consignments of rams sent by Mr. Snell to Colorado and Montana have given great satisfaction, their lambs having come strong and vigorous. One buyer writes that though the weather during the lambing season was unusually cold and wet the lambs by Cotswold rams came through with a loss of not more than ten per cent., while over fifty per cent. of the Merino lambs succumbed. Among the recent sales from the flock at Edmonton are:—7 rams to Geo. Harding & Son, Waukesha, Wis.; 2 imp. ewes to W. W. Wilson, Muncie, Ind.; a pair to T. C. Phelps, Greensboro, Ind.; 6 head to A. J. Winterowd, Flat Rock, Ind.; 5 to Wm. Young, Greencore, Ont.; 4 to S. H. Anderson, Oxford, Ind.; 3 to L. Reed, Burton, Ohio; and single rams to D. M. Roseberry, Lovett, Ind.; W. P. King, Red Hill, Ga.; and J. E. Shutz, Headville, Va. Mr. Snell has also sold since last report Berkshire pigs to James Boden, St. Anne's, P. Q.; P. Scott, Norwood, E. Owen, Chatsworth, Hugh Bailey, Madoc, and J. H. Reed, Girard, Ohio.

Mr. James I. Davidson, Balsam P. O., had a visit in May from Robert Bruce, Esq., Elm Grove, Darlington, England, which resulted in the purchase of Mina 2nd, and her red roan bull calf Ontario Lad. They were both shipped 30th July, along with the bull from the Hon. John Dryden, and a heifer from Col. W. A. Harris, Linwood, Kan., all bought by Mr. Bruce. No one knew their breeding better, and there are few as good judges in any country; he is often a judge at the leading shows in Britain. Ontario Lad was got by imported Hospodar (51409), whose dam was Golden Lady, by the Champion of England (17526)—few bulls living so closely connected to that noted sire. Ontario Lad's dam, Mina 2nd, was got by Royal Bampton (45543), grand sire Breadalbaine (28473), great grand sire Diptong (17681)—bulls all bred by A. Cruickshank. Prof. Shaw, of Agricultural College, Guelph, bought Ontario Lad's full brother; Mr. Kellogg, Rich Hill, Mo., his full sister. I think Hospodar is as good a bull and as good a sire as I ever imported. Although eight years old he is as active as ever, and a good many of his get are good herds, viz.: Robbins & Sons, Rockland, Ont.; W. C. Edwards, Rockland, Ont.; and others. I have also imported several fillies which

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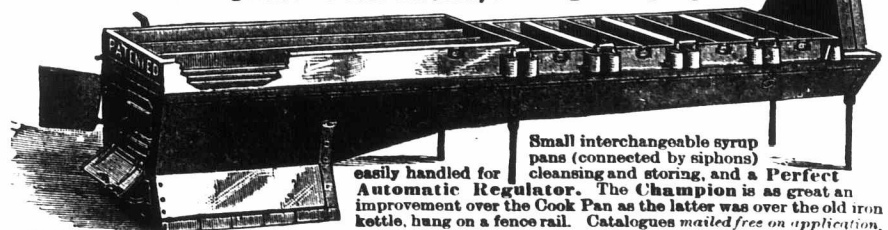


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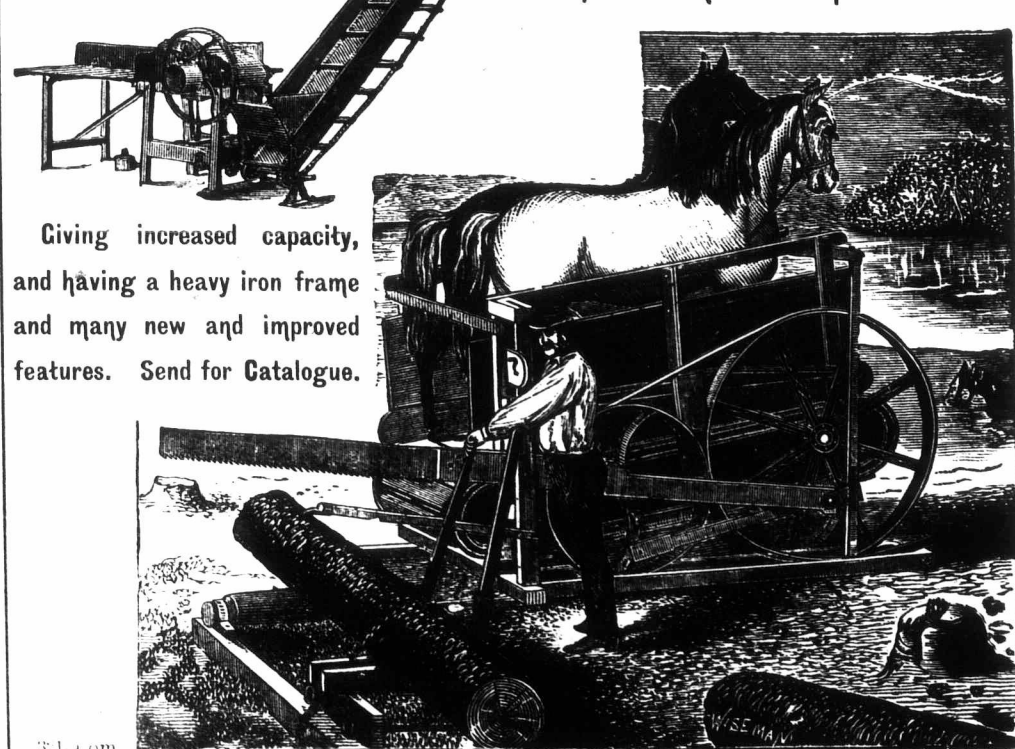
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