

STOCK GOSSIP.

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The executors of the estate of the late F. W. Stone, Guelph, advise us that on Thursday, March 21st, at Moreton Lodge, near the O. A. C., Guelph, the entire herds of Hereford and Shorthorn cattle, Southdown sheep, together with horses and the farms (five parcels), 600 acres in all, will be disposed of at public auction.

MR. SMITH EVANS' OXFORD-DOWNS.

Our next visit was to the farm of Mr. Smith Evans, of Gourock, some six miles south-west of Guelph, who has succeeded in establishing a first-class flock of Oxford-Down sheep, numbering some fifty head, which we found in excellent shape. The breeding ewes, some thirty in number, from such flocks as Jeffreys, Adams, Treadwell, Brasse, and Fox, are a large, even lot, of very uniform type, and in fine breeding shape, in lamb to an imported Adams ram, purchased by Mr. Evans last fall, a blocky, well-made shearing ram, with a beautiful pink skin, a well-covered head, and short, well-wooled legs. The coming crop of lambs from this ram should be something good. An imported Jeffreys ram was also used on some of the flock, so that Mr. Evans will be able to supply lambs not akin the coming season. The ewe lambs, some twelve in number, are a handsome lot, remarkably large, of good quality, well covered, and in splendid condition. The ram lambs, also, were in fine trim, large, stocky fellows, which should make good stock rams. Selections from this flock have been shown successfully at Toronto, London and other leading fairs for a number of years past, and no doubt will be heard from the coming season. The flock give evidence of careful breeding and close attention.

WILLOW GROVE HERD OF JERSEYS.

Nine miles west of Toronto, and one mile north of Highfield, is the farm of Mr. H. Smith & Son, breeders of high-class Jerseys of the St. Lambert, St. Helier and Signal strains. At the head of the herd is Hugo Alphea, of Oakdale (23499); sire Hugo Poggis of Elmarch (16318); dam Maid Alphea (27963). He was bred by D. A. Givins, Cynthiana, Kentucky, and is a wonderfully good animal, being placed first in his class and heading the herd at all the leading fairs of 1894. King of Highfield is an extra good yearling bull, of which more will probably be heard in the near future. He won first place at Toronto, 94. Signal Rosa May (50082) is a cow that has done herself and owners much credit, as she has never been beaten in her show-yard career. She held the proud position of being the sweepstake female at the Industrial and Western Fairs last fall; in color she is a nice fawn; her milk veins are well defined, giving evidence of a correct dairy type; she has a record of 22 lbs. 4 ozs. in 7 days; her sire was Signal's Laddie (11100), her dam May Rose (43893). Cantata of Oakdale (78951) is another beautiful cow in this herd, and a heavy milker. Her dam, Dolly of St. George, was sold by Mr. Valancey Fuller for the handsome sum of \$4,000. Elvina of Oakdale (84102), sire St. Qon (18876), dam Menies the 3rd (7741), (20 lbs. 1 oz record). She was bred by John Leys, of Oakdale, Pickering, and has a record of 15 lbs. 6 ozs. at two years old. Fame of Oakdale (83353), sire Dean of Oakdale, dam Beulah, bred at Oakdale, is another fine cow, rich fawn in color and of grand milking qualities. These four cows, headed by Hugo Alphea, were the sweepstakes herd of 1894 at Toronto, London, and all other places shown, and winners of first money in their respective classes. We were particularly well pleased with the heifer Queen of Highfield, shown so successfully last fall as a calf, carrying first at Toronto. She has a most promising udder, and is of the right type throughout. She was sired by Hugo Alphea of Oakdale, dam Fame of Oakdale. We also noticed a promising young bull, 7 months old, sired by Hugo Alphea, and his dam an excellent milker. A number of promising young bull and heifer calves, and heifers to calves shortly, were seen, also a few good grade heifers to calves soon.

MR. DANIEL DECOURCEY'S CHESTER WHITES.

A drive of some seven miles through badly-drifted roads, and facing a biting north wind, brought us to the farm of Mr. Decourcey, Bornholme, Ont.; but on the inspection of this herd the writer felt well repaid for his trouble, and was impressed at once with the thought that the breeder must be a thorough judge, judicious in mating, and a careful feeder, in order to obtain such results as we saw before us. Mr. Decourcey believes in keeping nothing but first-class stock for breeding purposes; and in adding fresh blood to his herd, he purchases nothing but the best he can obtain. This herd has been successful winners at all the leading fairs for a number of years, and are a credit to the owner. Illinois King (281), an imported hog, bred by N. G. Alexander, Delavan, Ill., headed the herd; he was sired by Mack A (5801), dam Duchess 2nd (5084). He is a very smooth hog, with good length of body, and extra broad on hams, standing on short, stocky legs, his get being of the right type. Glanworth King (228) is another stock hog being used on this herd; a very lengthy, strong hog of good bone and substance—bred by H. H. Harding, Thorndale. Among the breeding sows we particularly noticed Anastacia (226), a model Chester White sow, admired by all who see her for her size, straightness of body, smooth head and shoulders, long body, with well-sprung ribs, well-fleshed hams, and standing on good, fine, flinty legs; bred by Mr. Decourcey, and sired by Ed Morris (30), a noted stock hog and American prize winner; dam White Rose (143). In the same pen with Anastacia was Topsy (281), a very fine young sow, sired by Baker (55), dam White Rose (143). Another fine sow is Dew Drop (503), suckling a litter of ten fine pigs at the time of our visit. She gives every promise of turning out an extra good sow. We also noticed Lucy (181), Lady D (356), and Curly Lane (302), sired by Archie Silver 233, dam Bessie 233, the first prize aged sow at Toronto in 1894; and a number of other young sows well worthy of mention. Persons wanting first-class stock would do well to visit Bornholme herd of Chester Whites, or write their wants to the proprietor who will quote prices on choice stock, to suit the times. Although not an exhibitor in 1894 stock bred by Mr. Decourcey, and that descended from his herd, were the most successful winners at Toronto and London last season.

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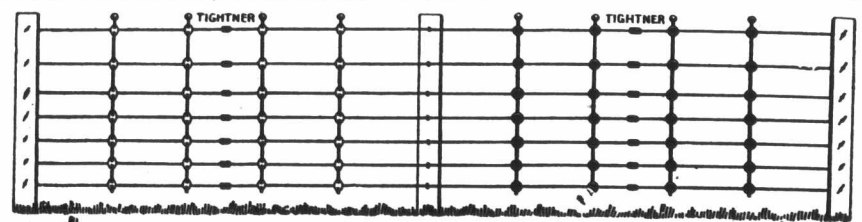
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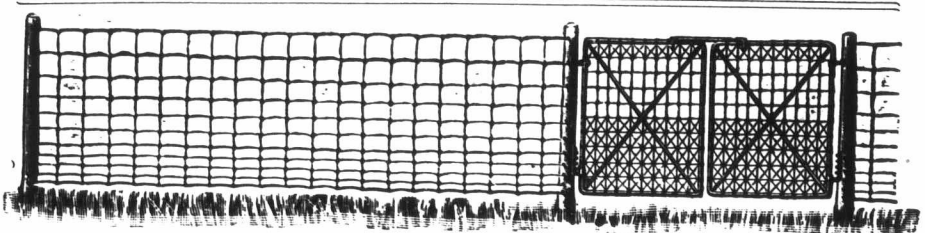
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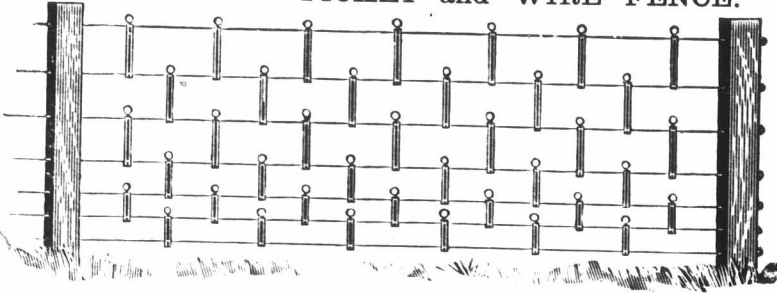
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