

Edwardsburgh, at Spencerville, October, 14.
 Asphodel, Belmont and Dummer, at Norwood,
 October 14.
 Whitchurch, at Aurora, October 1.
 Southold and Dunwich, at Fingal, Sept. 16.
 Hay, (County Huron), at Rogerville, Oct. 8.
 Winchester, at West Winchester, October 8.

Great Annual Sale of Shropshire Sheep.

As the Shropshire breed of sheep is gaining great popularity in Britain, and as some importations have, of late, been made by a few of our enterprising Canadian Farmers, the following account of the public sale, abridged from a late number of the *Shrewsbury Chronicle*, may prove interesting to many of our readers:—

On Monday week an extraordinary exhibition of stock was exposed for sale by Mr. W. G. Preece, at The Plask, in this town. The stock consisted of 250 magnificent rams of all ages; of these no less than 229 were absolutely sold or let; and on Tuesday 750 breeding ewes of the best blood in the county. The sale commenced with Messrs. Crane's lot, which were knocked down at sums varying from 9 to 46 guineas. These were followed by two belonging to Mr. W. G. Preece; Robin Rough sold for 33 guineas, and Chaunock Ranger for 21 guineas. The Rev. C. P. Peter's rams ranged from 9 to 21 guineas; Mr. H. Smith's, of Sutton Maddock, 7 to 29 guineas; Mr. J. Evan's, of Uffington, 6 to 21 guineas; Mr. Stainer's, Wroxeter, an average of 12 guineas; Mr. Madlox's, Harley, averaged 11 guineas; and Mr. Claridge's, Pitchford, averaged 15 guineas. Mr. Joseph Meure's lot were let and sold at prices ranging from 6 to 13 gs.; Lord Wenlock's sold at 7 to 21 guineas, and Mr. Sheldon's Braileshouse, 7 to 27 gs. Mr. Horton's five sheep were let at the following prices:—One to Mr. Hutton at 70 gs.; one to Mr. Davies, Meer Old Hall, 60 gs.; one to Mr. Williams, 28 guineas; one to Mr. Henry Nicholls, 19 guineas; and the last to Mr. G. Cnerton, at 20 guineas. Mr. P. W. Bowen's lot sold on an average at 18 guineas. Mr. Mansell's, 16 guineas; Mr. Matthew's, 17 guineas; Mr. R. Lee's, 10 guineas; Mr. Lander's, 9 guineas; Mr. Thornton's, 8 guineas; and Mr. Stubbs, Weston, 20 guineas. Among Mr. Adney's was the grand five-year-old ram, Lord Harley, sire of Havelock, the winner of the first prize at Bat-tersea. This fine old sheep was purchased by Mr. Horley of the Fosse, the owner of Havelock, for 39 guineas. On Tuesday, the sale of the ewes took place, and the competition was carried on with great spirit throughout. Messrs. Crane's ewes ranged from 3 to 5 guineas each; Mr. Evan's, Uffington, 2½ to 4 guineas; Lord

Wenlock's, 2½ to 5 guineas; Mr. Minor's, £. Mr. P. W. Bowen's, 3 guineas; Mr. T. Mansell 60s. to 75s.; Mr. A. Mansell's, 2½ guineas; M W. G. Preece's, 70s.; Mr. Thornton's, 60s.; M Brooke's, Rowton, 55s.; Mr. Belliss's, Burlinton, 2½ to 3 guineas; Mr. R. Lee's, 50s.; M Pembrey's, 60s.; Mr. Plimley's, 60s.; Mr. A cherley's, Moortown, 63s.; Mr. Pitt's, Pose hall, 50s.; Mr. Preece's, Cressage, 63s.; Lord Berwick's and the Hon. N. Hill's from 2 guine upwards; Messrs. Homer's, Sankey's, Harris &c., &c., from 40s. to 50s. each.

Malignant Disease among Sheep in England.

In a recent number of the *London Times*, we find the following startling article, from which it would appear that *small-pox* has suddenly broken out among a large flock in the South of England, in a very malignant form. The facts are exceedingly interesting:—

It is impossible for words to describe fully the excitement which has for the last few days prevailed in Wiltshire and the upper parts of Hampshire, in the agricultural classes, in consequence of the breaking out of a malignant disease—one of the largest breeding flocks in the west of England—in a flock, too, that has for the last 50 years been regarded as one of the most healthy flocks upon the Beckinham Downs. For a few days there was some secrecy in the matter, but so completely impregnated is the whole flock that for the sake of flock masters generally it is desirable that a notice of the attack, and the means which are being taken to subdue it, should be forthwith promulgated. The facts are briefly these:—It is now about a month ago that Joseph Parry, of Allington, was riding alongside one of his flocks, containing about 300 four-year-old ewes, when he observed one of them lying by the hurdles. The animal looked in a pitiable condition, soon breathed its last, and was put out of the way, and for the time being more was thought of the occurrence. But in a day or two after, other sheep in the same flock showed symptoms of illness, exhibiting great internal suffering, loss of appetite, weakness and indisposition to move, and general prostration. The two-year-old ewes had, up to this time, been kept with their lambs; but thinking it better to separate them, the latter were now removed and put with other lambs upon the farm, the former being turned among the general breeding flock, making altogether 1,400 ewes and 700 lambs. The nature of the attack upon the two-year-old ewes surpassed all apprehension. That it was eminently contagious was certain. In the course of a fortnight, the same symptoms began to show themselves among the older ewes and among the lambs, and in days in succession as many as 20 or 30 of