

GOSSIP.

Shortreed Bros., Morden, Man., have sold the roan one-year-old bull, Prince Albert, to Mr. David Lehr, near Plum Coulee. A nine-months-old bull has been sold to Mr. A. Peters, of Gretna. Messrs. Shortreed have added to their herd as stock bull, Riverside Stamp 2nd =27658=. He was bred by Thos. Russel, Exeter, Ont. He was second as a yearling in 1899 at Winnipeg, and first at Brandon the same season. He was sold to Shortreed Bros. by David Allison, Roland.

Professor —, a leading light of Edinburgh University, one day wrote on the blackboard in his laboratory: "Professor — informs his students that he has this day been appointed honorary physician to the Queen." In the course of the morning he had occasion to leave the room, and on returning, found that a student had added to the announcement the words, "God Save the Queen!"

AYRSHIRES AHEAD.

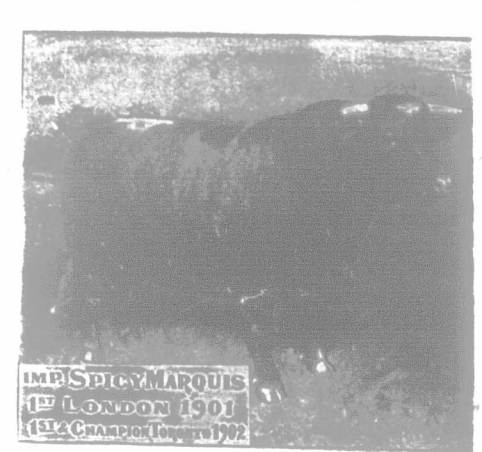
1903 was Ayrshire year in the dairy tests at the Ontario and Maritime winter fairs, an Ayrshire cow winning the sweepstakes over all breeds and crosses competing at the Ontario Fair, at Guelph; yielding in 48 hours 124.37 lbs. milk, testing 4 per cent. butter-fat. And an Ayrshire standing highest in the record for pure-bred cows at the Maritime Exhibition, at Amherst, N. S., giving in two days 81.9 lbs. milk, testing 4.8 per cent. butter-fat.

TRADE TOPICS.

THE SYLVESTER MFG. CO., Ltd., claim a much larger sale of seed drills in the West than any other firm. Their goods are sold from White-mouth, Man., to Edmonton and all Alberta points, and connection is being opened up with British Columbia. This firm make a specialty of seed drills and cultivating machinery. They are the sole owners of Stephenson's patent disk drill. This is the invention of Mr. William Stephenson, formerly of Lowe Farm, Man., and the Sylvester Mfg. Co., Ltd., have secured the exclusive Canadian rights for this machine. Mr. Stephenson sold the American rights to a large American firm, and received therefor a sum amounting to a handsome fortune. It is not often that a Manitoba farmer sells a patent to an American manufacturing firm, and Mr. Stephenson's success in this direction speaks very highly as to the merits of his machine. The Sylvester Mfg. Co. also make a full line of runner shoe drills, hoe drills, drag harrows, and the "Dale" patent hand roller. Their gasoline engines are also taking the market, and are giving the best of satisfaction.

HOPE, GRAVELEY & CO., of Vancouver, the managers of the Settlers' Association, report that the wet harvest on the coast of British Columbia was not nearly so bad as at first reported. Almost all the grain was threshed, and turned out much better than was expected; in fact, almost the only loss was incurred by those farmers whose crop was put in late, and who threshed from the stook instead of stacking. There was no loss whatever among farmers who threshed from the barn. The grain and hay crops were exceptionally heavy throughout the Lower Fraser Valley anything like a wet harvest is so very unusual that more was made of it than its importance warranted. Timothy hay is now selling, bulked, at \$14 per ton; and extra quality of potatoes, \$12 per ton. The weather has been exceptionally good since the 1st of August, and the crops are making a very good thing of it. The weather has been very good since the 1st of August, and the crops are making a very good thing of it. The weather has been very good since the 1st of August, and the crops are making a very good thing of it.

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Seven Imported Bulls for Sale.
JAS. SMITH, Manager, Millgrove, Ont.
W. D. FLATT, 378 Hess St. South, Hamilton, Ont.

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Bulls: Wilmont Beauchamp (two-year-old), and a number of younger bulls, of all ages, downwards. Choice females of the best blood, and grand, deep, low-set type. All at right prices. All animals choice quality.
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Six miles from Minnedosa, C. P. R.

SHORTHORNS

Cows of true Scottish type. A good prize-ring record made by the herd.
BULLS FOR SALE.
All of good quality and fit for service. Write or call
GEORGE LITTLE, NEEPAWA, MAN.
Five miles from town.

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Four bulls, that challenge comparison, sired by the champion of champions, Spicy Marquis (imp.). This is a rare chance. Brave Ythan at head of herd.
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THE CENTRAL CANADA INSURANCE COMPANY, incorporated and licensed, was the first concern of its kind to make headquarters in Brandon. The shareholders are men of the West, as are also the directors and managers of the company. Since the institution of this company, their business has rapidly increased, having been very satisfactory to farmers. All classes of property are insured from fire, lightning or windstorm, also grain crop against loss from hailstorms, and pure-bred live stock against loss from accident or disease. Their plan of hail insurance is a special one, and it has proved eminently satisfactory, as patrons are treated with the utmost liberality consistent with good business. They were the first company to insure pure-bred live stock, and their enterprise is worthy of consideration from stockmen. A very successful future is predicted for this company.

THE MANITOBA FARMERS' MUTUAL HAIL INSURANCE COMPANY had in 1903 the most successful year in the history of the Company. Having had nearly 600,000 insurances written in the year, and they have paid 90 loss claims aggregating \$8,173. That sum was paid, 50 per cent. at time of adjustment and the balance on Nov. 25th. The rate of assessment for last season has been fixed at 3 per cent on amount of insurances, which amounts to 15c. for each acre of crop insured against hail. That is the lowest hail insurance rate we have heard of this season, and it shows that the executive of the company are doing well for the stockholders. For next season the company expect to carry forward insurances contracts amounting to over \$500,000 and \$5,000 of their available assets, making a total available revenue for the payment of losses in 1904 of over \$25,000, to which may be added the premium income of all new insurances which will be written up during the season. All insurances are written for a period of five years, and it is the aim of the company to increase their business so as to still further lower the rate of assessment. Promptness in the settlement of claims is a virtue which the company practices, and adherence to the practice is a great part of the secret of their success. All communications addressed to A. D. Macleod, Secretary-Treasurer, Macintyre Black, Winnipeg, Man., will receive every attention.

CO-OPERATION.—From the advertisement on another page, it will be seen that The Brandon Binder Twine Co., Limited, is about to assume a new name, and to conduct all its business on the purely co-operative plan. Application has been made for supplementary letters patent to change the name to The Consumers' Co-operative Co., Limited, to increase its capital to \$200,000, to pay to shareholders certain fixed dividends, and to distribute all the balance of the profits among the customers of the company, in proportion to the amount each spends with the company, and to provide a special guarantee fund.

We note that this company propose to do a general trading business, and to conduct all on the plans of co-operative dealing which have proved so remarkably successful in England and other countries during the past half century.

In Great Britain there are now over 1,600 such companies. The combined capital of those companies was, Dec. 31st, 1902, \$126,066,683.25. They made or handled goods during last year to the value of \$416,000,000, probably ten times the total trade of Manitoba and the Territories. Last year, they distributed among shareholders and customers profits amounting to the enormous sum of \$47,000,000. They dealt in groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, meats, flour, feed and fuel; manufactured woolsens, cottons, tinware and thread; conducted schools; banks; insurance; and both wholesale and retail business, and had their own steamships and packets on the ocean.

All these were companies of consumers, each putting in small capital, and sharing in the profits. The total number of shareholders in those companies (called societies there) is over 2,000,000. These figures are taken from the last report of the Registrar General of Great Britain.

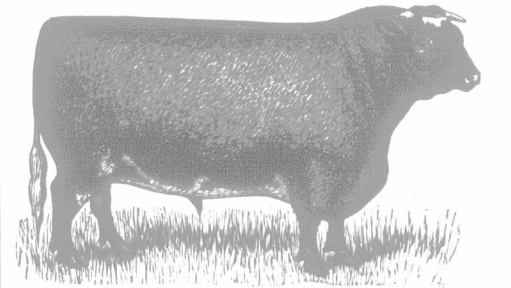
Don't Chide the Children.



Don't scold the little ones if the bed is wet in the morning. It isn't the child's fault. It is suffering from a weakness of the kidneys and bladder, and weak kidneys need strengthening—that's all. You can't afford to risk delay. Neglect may entail a lifetime of suffering and misery.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

strengthen the kidneys and bladder, then all trouble is at an end.
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23 High-class Shorthorn Bulls For Sale

Some imp. and some from imp. cows, and sired by imp. bulls. Also cows and heifers. New importation comes home Dec. 10th. om

Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont.



For sale at reasonable prices—Five imported bulls, nearly all roans. Twelve imported cows and heifers. Also a number of nice Canadian-bred bulls, cows and heifers, in calf or with calves at foot.
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C. P. R. and G. T. R. om

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