STOCK GOSSIP.

In our advertising columns will be found notice of the dispersion sale of Frank R. Shore & Bro., White Oak, which different business arangements by two of the firm makes necessary. By referring to their late catalogue it will be seen that this herd has been formed carefully on the best and most useful lines of breeding, and that only the best bred imported bulls have been used for years. Parties having any idea of purchasing this season should not let this opportunity slip, as there are cattle included that will suit anyone, from the best show cattle, to some very useful breeding cows and heifers that will be likely to be sold under value. Besides two imported bulls, there are a lot of good ones bred in the herd.

On account of February being a short month, we have had to close two days earlier than usual in order to have the paper out by the beginning of the month. Unfortunately many of our patrons that are advertising with us have not remembered this and have sent us changes after our last forms had gone to press, and the same has been the case with correspondence sent in; therefore, if any are disappointed they will kindly take this excuse for not finding some expected article in or changes made.

A review of the Park Hill Herd of Ayrshires, the property of Mr. James Drummond, of Petite Cote, P. Q., through some mistake in post-office, came through the dead letter office, therefore came in after we had closed for this issue, but we hope to publish this account in the April number. This herd is one of the oldest established in Canada, and numbers sixty head, and is well known in the show ring, they having been very successful for several seasons, having come west to Toronto, Hamilton, and also up to Ottawa.

The Executive Committee of the American Shropshire Breeders Association have voted fifty dollars toward prizes to be awarded Shropshire sheep at the next Western Fair to be held in London. The prizes are as follows: To sheep bred and owned by exhibitor, a flock of six, comprising two shearling ewes, two ram lambs and two ewe lambs, 1st, $20, 2nd, $15; also two ram lambs, 1st, $10; 2nd, $5. The English Shropshire Breeders' Association have also sent word to the Industrial Fair Association, Toronto, that they have granted $100 to be also awarded as above, to their coming exhibition next season.

We are in receipt of the annual catalogue of Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, Ont., the noted breeder and importer of Shorthorns and Clydesdales. The catalogue contains fifty-three head of cows and heifers, and thirteen bulls. Space forbids us make mention of the variety of highly-bred animals that are included both amongst bulls and heifers, but a glance at the catalogue will show that they are with very few exceptions of straight Cruickshank and Campbell breeding, with top crosses that at once show how carefully they have been bred. Any of our readers will do well to drop a line to Mr. Johnston who will be glad to send a copy of this catalogue to those who contemplate purchasing anything in this line.

E. D. George, Putnam, Ont., in a letter to us, says:—My stock of Chester Whites are wintering splendidly. Three sows farrowed to date with thirty-seven pigs to their credit, fourteen of which were by the noted sow Peerless, winner of first prize in the under-a-year class both at London and Toronto. The following are late sales:—T. Tuck, boar; J. Fox, Olinda, pair; W. Petrie, Holstein, boar; R. Underhill, Brougham, boar; G. Hall, Springfield, two sows; H. Allen, Hopeville, sow; J. Burnett, Toledo, pair; T. Baylis, Listowel, boar and two sows; J. Barkwell, Lucknow, pair; A. Meyers, Altona, boar; M. Hill, Lansdown, B. C., pair; R. Nancekeville, Ingersoll, boar; A. Newell, Rodney, sow; A. J. Montgomery, Elmvale, pair.

Mr. Duncan McLaren, of Dunmore, county of Renfrew, Ont., has recently purchased from Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, the imported prize-winning three-year-old Clydesdale stallion, Malcolm (7040), sired by the famous McCamon (3818), winner of first prize and the medal at the Highland Society's Show at Edinburgh in 1884. He was the first two-year-old Clydesdale stallion ever sold for £950. Malcolm (7040) won second prize in an exceedingly good ring, including the Cairnbrogie First Love (6748), at the Aberdeenshire Exhibition held at Inverurie in July, 1888. Besides this he won several first prizes at local shows both in Scotland and in this country. He is probably as true a type of the pure Clydesdale as exists, with his clean, hard, flinty bones, clear, well-defined joints, and sound, hard feet, to say nothing of his smoothness and beauty of build.

In a letter from Mr. R. Stewart, Parkhill, Ont., he adds the following:—My Holstein-Friesians are doing fairly well; was quite successful at the local fairs last fall, winning first wherever shown. The bull calf, Blair Athol Boy 12042 H. F. H. B., I sold to Mr. Thomas Kelly. He weighed 950 lbs. at ten months. His dam, Edgely Girl 6549, gave birth to another bull calf Nov. 26, thus having her second calf before she was three years old, and a few days after she was three years old made 1 lb. 12 oz. unsalted butter per day for three days on dry feed. Her last calf weighed when one day old 120 lbs., and when one month old weighed 220 lbs., thus putting on 100 lbs. in one day less than a month, which is not a bad showing for the mother's milk, calf being fed from pail, and three days of that time on skim-milk while the mother was being tested. And also says am well pleased with the Black and Whites and also with your paper, which should be read by all farmers.

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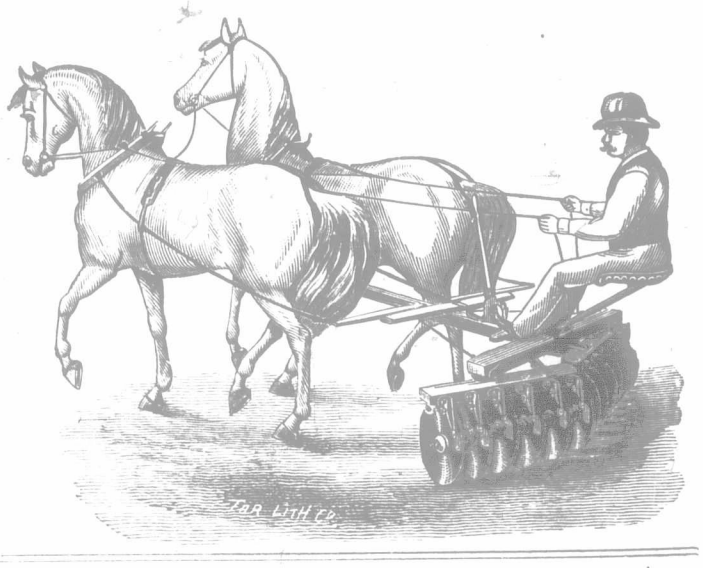

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