

GOSSIP.

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A double-deck load of 140 Oxford and Shropshire rams, purchased recently by Mr. Geo. McKerrrow, Sussex, Wis., were shipped from Guelph week before last.

J. B. Stone, Northumberland County, Ont., writes:—"I am sorry to say that I never knew the clover to be so badly winter-killed as it is this spring. There is not one-tenth of the clover left, and the wheat is also badly injured. Quite a large portion has been plowed under. There may be sixty per cent. left all over the counties of Northumberland and Hastings."

The dispersion sale of the Hood Farm stud of trotting horses, at Lowell, Mass., on May 11th, was a decided success, considering the low prices which have prevailed for trotters for some time. They were an exceptionally good lot; 25 head sold at an average of \$437, several numbers reaching prices running into four figures. The highest price obtained was \$2,100 for the stallion Vassar by Estill Eric. Katie Mack, 2:13, brought \$1,500, and the chestnut gelding, Hood's Macgregor, was purchased at \$1,125 for show as a heavy harness horse. Mr. Hood intends to fill his horse barns with Jersey cattle.

As an evidence of the marked improvement in prices prevailing for good cattle of the best breeds, we record the result of three public sales of Shorthorns recently held in the Western States. On May 11th, Mr. H. F. Brown sold, at Minneapolis, 37 head, at an average of \$175.27. C. O. Norton and B. F. Myers, on May 14th, at Corning, Iowa, disposed of 33 head: Mr. Norton's 12 head averaging \$159.35, and Mr. Myers' 20 head, \$133.94. May 19th, Elbert and Fall at Albia, Iowa, sold 12 bulls at an average of \$305, and 52 head in all at an average of \$285.67, the top price being \$300 for an aged bull.

G. J. Watson, Castleberg, Ont., writes:—"The Ashton Frontview Farm herd are now in their finest bloom. The show cattle are doing exceedingly well. I have made the following sales since I last wrote: One three-year-old cow and one heifer calf six months old to W. J. Robinson, Vasey, Ont.; also, one three-year-old bull and one yearling bull to John Thompson, Prince Albert, Sask., N.W. T. Those cattle were all sold at a handsome figure. I understand the highest price paid for any two bulls in Mr. Thomson's carload was paid for the two brought from the Ashton Frontview herd."

P. J. Cogswell, "Brighton Place Herd," Rochester, N. Y., writes: "Royal Rose 83791, made from March 2nd to 9th (7 days) 20 lbs. 4 oz. of butter, well washed and salted 1 oz. per lb. Her daily average of milk was 46 lbs. 34 oz. Royal Rose is 4 years old; she dropped a heifer calf by Exile's Successor 42716, Jan. 8th last, and from Jan 18th to March 1st averaged 43 lbs. 54 oz. milk daily. She is a large, thrifty cow, very handsome light fawn with a splendid capacity for work all through the year—a magnificent large udder with large teats well placed. Her sire is Chairman 29853, a grandson of Exile of St. Lambert 13657, by Exile of St. Lambert 23rd 20712; sire of Jocal, 20 lbs. 14 oz.; May Day, 16 lbs. 34 oz.; and Runaway, 16 lbs. 10 oz. Her dam is Rose 69179, who traces to Doesticks-Napoleon and Peter Norman."

J. A. S. Macmillan, importer and breeder of Shropshire sheep, has recently returned to Brandon, Man., having spent the winter in Britain. In addition to a few Shrops, he has this year imported two stallions, one the Hackney, Prince Danegelt (4937), foaled in 1892, a bay with four white fetlocks, stands 15 hands 3 inches, has plenty of bone and fine action. He has for sire that celebrated roan of Danegelt (174), the sire of such a long list of Royal winners. His dam, Sand Hill Nance, contains the blood of Fireaway (249) and Performer (556). Thus in Prince Danegelt we have a combination of the "tops" in Hackney blood and a most fashionable pedigree. The other horse is a Shire, Nallstone Morning Star II. (15741), a big, sound, fine moving horse with good feet and fine limbs. He is a bay with two white fetlocks, stands 16.1. His sire, Nallstone Rising Star, is by Lord Ellesmere's Handout (4437), he by Lincolnshire Lad II. (1356). His dam, Meesham Poppet (2474), by Big Ben (3459), one of the most impressive stallions in England. The addition of such valuable stallions to the horse stock of the Province is most opportune, and will doubtless prove of incalculable benefit to the district in which they locate.

E. Gaunt & Sons, St. Helen's, Ont.:—"Our Shorthorns have come through the winter in good shape, and are now enjoying a full bite of grass, which is quite luxuriant for the season. We have some excellent calves dropped, the get of General—22085—, who at 29 months weighs 2,200 lbs. They are large, smooth, and full of quality. We sold one yearling roan bull, Advocate, to J. R. McCallum, Iona Station, Ont. Advocate is a full brother to Capt. Robinson's show bull, Nominee, and promises to make an equally good bull. To John Dempsey, Fairview, Ont., went the yearling bull, Defender, a red with little white, and was a perfect model of a Shorthorn. To A. J. C. Shaw, Thamesville, went the red yearling, Earl of Buckingham, a massive, smooth and heavy-fleshed bull, that ought to have a great future. To John Wilson, Gorrie, the light roan yearling bull, Admiration, than which we had no better bull in the lot and expect to see him in the show-ring in the near future. We still have the dark roan 16-months calf, Admiral, who is developing into a remarkably fine bull. He is a pure Scotch, and the five top crosses were some of the best bulls of the breed. We have already refused some tempting offers for him. Prices, though not large, were all in the three figures, and Shorthorn breeders everywhere must view with satisfaction and encouragement the recent demand for good Shorthorns as evidenced by the recent sales in Canada, but more particularly in the States. [NOTE.—A summary of several of these sales is given in another paragraph.—EDITOR.] The success of those sales should beget confidence in Shorthorn breeders and stimulate them to produce first-class specimens of the breed. Our Leicester's have given us a heavy crop of lambs, and expect to be well-fitted for the trade this fall."

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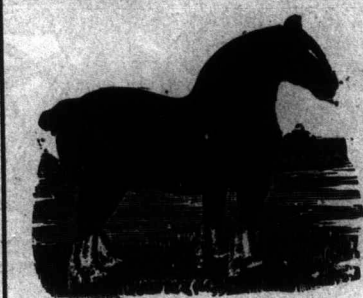
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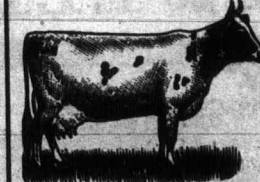
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This is the last call for the dispersion sale of "The Glen" herd of pure-bred Ayrshires to be held at Whiteside Bros' farm, Innerkip, Ont., on Thursday, June 10th. A dairymen can make no mistake in attending this sale, as the stock is large, of choice breeding, and of all ages and either sex.

It is a recognized truism that the bull is half the future herd. When a single animal is to have such an influence it is of utmost importance that his breeding and quality be right. We have these qualifications in view in directing the attention of our readers to the advertisement in this issue of W. Willis, Newmarket, Ont., who offers for sale two pure-bred Jersey bulls.

An opportunity to secure superior animals of a superior dairy breed is what very many people should be looking for. No one runs a dairy for fun, but for profit, and without good animals no profits can be obtained. Messrs. David Morton & Sons, of Hamilton, have given up dairy farming, and therefore offer for sale in this issue the balance of their excellent herd. Here is a chance to secure some profitable animals.