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Gossip.

ALLOWAY LODGE STOCK.

Robt. McEwen, breeder of Southdowns, Aberdeen-Angus, and Collies, writes:

"The past season has been a record one for the sale of Southdown sheep, both in individual and carload lots. During the past three years the flock has been exhibited in the United States, from Illinois to Tennessee, and in Canada at all the leading exhibitions, and has in all cases carried off the premier awards and flock prizes. In Canada this year, in the breeding classes at Toronto, London and Ottawa, the flock was awarded every first but two. At the Guelph Fat Stock Show the flock carried off the Drummond Cup for the third successive time, in competition against all other breeds. The rapid increase in popularity of this breed in the last few years is due to the fact that rams used for crossing produce a lamb which fills the exact demand of the market. The breeding ewes of the flock are made up principally of personally-selected imported animals, and are now bred to the Royal winner, Cheveley Quadrille. The flock is the strongest in numbers and quality that it has ever been, and preparations are now being made for an exceptionally bright trade in both fitted and breeding stock.

"The herd of Angus cattle came into the barns from the grass in excellent condition, and calves from the American herd bull, Kennaird Lad, are coming along and look most promising. There are now between twenty and twenty-five matrons of such families as Ericas, Prides, Queen Mothers and Blackbirds, from which those in want of Angus cattle should have no difficulty in making a selection to please them. The success of the breed at the shows in recent years has added much to its popularity, and its early-maturing qualities have created a demand amongst the producers of baby-beef, which is admittedly the most profitable end in beef production to-day.

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"The demand in Collies exceeds the supply, and orders are now being booked ahead."

Gossip.

COMING EVENTS.

Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association Convention at Renfrew, January 5 and 6.

Experimental Union at Guelph, January 11 and 12, 1916.

Western Ontario Dairymen's Association Convention at St. Mary's, January 12 and 13.

Ottawa Winter Fair, January 18-21, 1916.

Convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association at Toronto, January 19, 20 and 21, 1916.

Live Stock Association meetings at Toronto, Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

SALE DATES CLAIMED.

Jan. 19, 1916.—Jas. Binnie, Erin, Ont.; Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Oxford Down sheep.

Jan. 25, 1916.—Victoria Pure-bred Stock Association, Lindsay, Ont.; A. A. Knight, Secretary.

Jan. 26, 1916.—Brant District Holstein Consignment Sale of Holsteins, Brantford, Ont.; N. P. Sager, St. George, Ont., Secretary.

Jan. 27, 1916.—Bertram Hoskin, Grafton, Ont.; sale of Holsteins at Coburg.

Jan. 27, 1916.—Wm. A. Rife, Hespeler, Ont.; Holsteins.

Feb. 2, 1916.—Canadian Sale of Scotch Shorthorns, Union Stock Yards, Toronto; Robt. Miller, Stouffville, Ont., Manager.

Feb. 8.—Southern Ontario Consignment Sale Company's Annual Sale of Holsteins at Tillsonburg; R. J. Kelly, Culloden, Ont., Secretary.

Feb. 10, 1916.—C. E. Trebilcock, London, Ont.; Holsteins.

Feb. 16, 1916.—Norfolk Holstein Breeders' Sale, at Simcoe; W. A. Mason, Simcoe, Secretary.

The Spice of Life.

Tommy Atkins, meeting a full-bearded Irish tar in the street, said:
"Pat, when are you going to place your whiskers on the reserve list?"
"When you place your tongue on the civil list," was the Irish sailor's reply.

First Recruit—What do you think of the Major, Bill?

Second Recruit—He's a changeable kind o' bloke. Last night I says to 'im: "Oo goes there?" An' he says: "Friend!" An' to-day 'e 'ardly knows me.

A Scotch minister in need of funds thus conveyed his intention to his congregation:

"Weel, friends, the kirk is urgently in need of siller, and as we have failed to get money honestly, we will have to see what a bazaar can do for us."

One of the faculty of a New England college tells of a freshman who was asked by one of the professors whether he had proved a certain proposition in Euclid.

"Well, sir," said the freshman "proved" is a rather strong word—but I will say that I have rendered it highly probable."

During the early days of the German campaign in Poland the Russians were rounding up all "slackers" in Warsaw. One very old shopkeeper—he was nearly eighty—hid himself in the cellar, but his wife found him there and told him to come out.

"They're not looking for you," she said. "You're too old for the army. Come up-stairs at once!"

But the veteran drew himself up proudly, "My dear," he replied, "you don't understand. They are looking for such as me. They need Generals."

Some men at the club were telling dog stories after a day's shooting. After some time, when the tales got very "tall," one little man, who had been quite silent, said:

"I have a dog that makes all yours seem foolish. I generally feed him myself after dinner, but the other day a friend dropped in, and the poor animal slipped my mind. After the meal we went into the garden. The dog scratched up a flower and laid it at my feet, with a most yearning look in his eyes—it was a forget-me-not." Nobody told any more dog stories that evening.

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