

GOSSIP.

Southdown sheep in great numbers and of superb quality will be sold by auction in England in August, as announced by the great English firm of auctioneers, Stride & Son, Chichester, Sussex, who will execute commissions for intending purchasers of this grand breed of mutton sheep, which sets the standard of perfection which others aim to attain to.

A great flock of Cotswold sheep is that of Messrs. T. Brown & Son, of Marham Hall, Downham Market, Norfolk, England, numbering 1,200 head, from which 300 selected rams are annually disposed of. This flock has a splendid record in prizewinning, and is noted for sheep of strong constitution, heavy fleeces and good thrivers.

Fifty thousand pure-bred pedigreed Hampshire Down sheep from the best of English flocks will be sold at auction during July, August and September this year by the great firm of auctioneers, Waters & Rawlence, of Salisbury, England. Hampshires are forging rapidly to the front as profitable producers of the best of mutton, and for crossing for the production of big, early-maturing lambs.

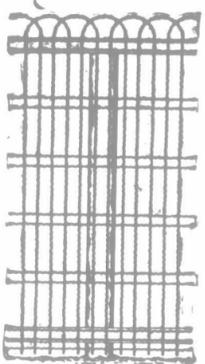
Mr. R. Honey, Brickley, Ont., breeder of Yorkshire pigs, writes: "My stock is coming through the winter in the pink of condition. The past year was a very successful one, both in the showing and in sales, my herd winning nearly all the first and second prizes at the following shows: Lindsay Central, Peterboro East and West, also Northumberland. I have 30 sows and boars from two to six months on hand for sale now."

Hampshire Down sheep are rapidly growing in favor both in England and America as early maturing, producing thrifty lambs that grow into money rapidly, while the rams make a splendid cross on other breeds or common ewes where there is a good market for lambs. An interesting announcement regarding this breed appears in our advertising columns this week. Mr. James E. Rawlence, Salisbury, England, Secretary of the Hampshire Down Sheep Breeders' Association, will gladly give information to those who write him.

Mr. L. W. Taylor, of Stayner, Ont., has purchased from Mr. Pierson, near Toronto, breeder of Clydes, the black filly, Daisy Hurworth. She is a good one, built from the ground up, weighs 1,450 lbs. at one year and nine months old, stands on a good pair of legs, and has a fine head and neck, with extra good back and loins, and her breeding is A1, being sired by Hurworth (imp.), one of the best stock horses that ever crossed the water. Mr. Taylor also bought Pollie of Nashville, a very fine brood mare weighing 1,800 lbs. She is the right kind to breed from, and should produce high-class stock.

Farmers in Eastern Ontario will look forward with interest to the Live-stock and Poultry Show to be held at Ottawa, March 7th to 10th. The prize list is arranged to encourage exhibits of those classes of stock most valuable to the majority of farmers as moneymakers. This being the case, the exhibits will be illustrative of qualities that farmers would wish to reproduce in their own stock. Visitors are permitted to handle animals on exhibition and examine individuals as carefully as they may choose. When prizes are being awarded the judge gives his reasons for placing the animals as he does. He refers in the course of his remarks to the strong and weak points of each, and in balancing these points, shows their relative importance to both the feeder and consumer. A still more minute study of individual excellence can be made by a careful study of the different live animals entered for the block test, and afterwards comparing the dressed carcasses of the same animals. In this way the farmer gets a more definite idea of what the butcher requires to supply the demands of his trade. Both live animals and dressed animals are used in the lecture room to illustrate the points brought out in the speakers' remarks.

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