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Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw's Recent Importations.

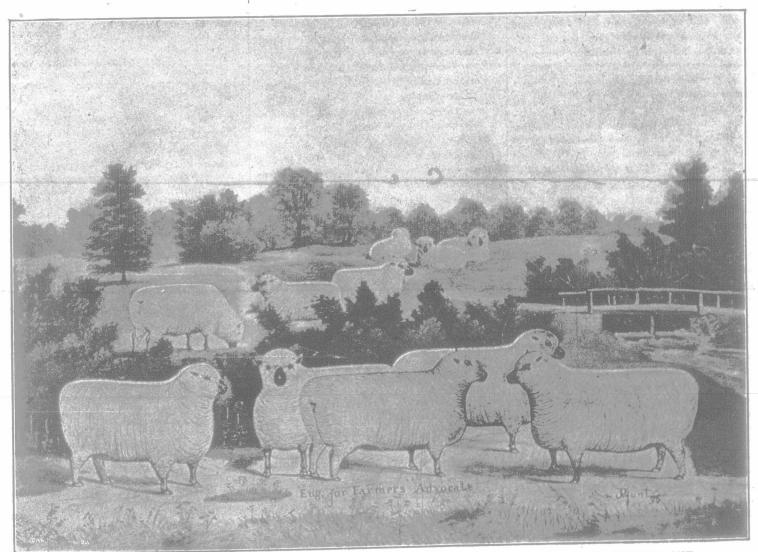
In the illustration for this month there is represented a group of the famous mutton-producing Shropshire Downs, a breed, judging by the increased numbers that are yearly imported, are fast gaining in popularity with the flock masters of this continent, and are spreading into every section where sheep husbandry is followed. The lot here depicted are specimens from the flock of Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw, Glanworth, Ont., a station on the L. & P. S. R. R., seven miles south of London, Ont. The flock was started by purchasing a few imported ewes of Frank R. Shore & Bros., White Oak, in 1882. The last of these were all sold out during 1889, when the present flock

have proved unusually prolific, and the lambs are most promising as might be expected, being the get of such celebrated rams as Windsor King, at the head of the Farmer flock, who was winner at the Royal Show at Windsor, first at the Bath and West of England, first at the Shropshire and West Midland ; also Ashby Star, in use by the Messrs. Bach, and first prize at the Shropshire and West Midland Show in 1889. He also ownsa pen of ewe lambs that took first at Ludlow Shropshire Show in competition with the first prize pen at the Royal Show at Windsor, with some very choice shearling rams. At the time of this writing we are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Hawkshaw, from Bristol, England, dated June 6th, in which he states he has purchased

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Those of our old time breeders that can remember the French Canadian horse as bred years ago, can look back with pleasure to the wonderful endurance, kindly temper, freedom from disease, universal soundness, and other good qualities embraced in him, which go to make a No. 1 horse. Horses of this breeding are now considered undersized for heavy work, and scarcely attractive enough for the street or park, but among them we can find some of the most perfect specimens of horse flesh that the horseloving public ever looked upon, seldom standing over 151, and oftener under 15 hands. He was, and is, the biggest little horse ever put together. His beautiful style of going, his great



A GROUP OF SHROPSHIRE-DOWN SHEEP RECENTLY IMPORTED BY MR. W. S. HAWKSHAW, GLANWORTH, ONT.

and landed here in December. From what we have seen of the selections he has made, they are the kind that fanciers of this breed are after. "Quality and Quantity" is his motto. Both of these, with enough character to please the most exacting connoisseur, his sheep have in a marked degree. They are from the celebrated flocks of Mr. J. E. Farmer, Ludlow; Messrs. Francis Bach, Onibury, and Richard Bach, Craven Arms, Shropshire. The ewes, of which Mr. H. procured the choice among these breeding flocks, are sired by such noted rams as Felton Oak (3483), and Prince Perfect (3183), used by Mr. Farmer, and Chief Choice, a winner of first prize at the Shropshire and West Midland Show, at the head of the Bach flock. Since their arrival here they have done well for their owner, and price of this volume is \$2 to non-members.

were selected by Mr. Hawkshaw last autumn, an equally good lot that he expects to ship at an early date. He is also bringing out a few Dorset Horned sheep, and some Berkshire and Yorkshire pigs, a review of which we will give in our next issue.

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We have to acknowledge, through the kindness of the Secretary, Mr. Mortimer Levering, the receipt of the above volume, containing Nos. 7,214 to 13,497 inclusive ; No. of entries 6,284, nearly as many as the four previous volumes combined, which proves how popular these sheep are becoming, and that breeders have found the necessity of recording their sheep. The book also contains the names of nearly four hundred breeders and importers who are members. The

wear, honest temper, always made him a favorite wherever tried. Undoubtedly, he lays claim to have been one of the first brought over to this country, some writers claiming he came over from France as early as 1660, and was afterwards crossed with the Narraganset pacer, a number of which were brought to Quebec from the New England States some 150 years since. The Narraganset pacer is claimed to be of English origin, but all is obscure as to the original breeding. His speed and endurance, qualities that were inbred in the Canadian pacer, have helped build up the American trotter through the Pilot Jr. cross, Pilot Jr. being sired by Old Pilot himself, a Canadian pacer, this cross giving us the two fastest to date, as Maud S and St. Julien, both of whose dams were sired by Pilot Jr. Old Pilot himself, it is claimed, did show 2.26 under