

GOSSIP.

Mr. D. Alexander, Bridgen, Ont., who advertises a few Shorthorns from his choicely-bred and thick-fleshed herd, writes: "Our wheat is a failure, and I see no better way of making up the deficiency. I did not intend selling these females, as we are rather lightly stocked. I feel more like keeping them, as they are good and from stock that are mostly gone to the States, and giving much satisfaction."

Mr. Aaron Barber, Aron Springs, N. Y., has sold both his aged and young show herds of Shorthorns to Mr. W. A. Boland, of New York City, who has a large farm at Grass Lake, Mich., and who is ambitious to own one of the best herds of Shorthorns in America. The sale includes fifteen head, among which are the four-year-old bull Sharon Marshal, the yearling bull Deputy Marshal, and the great cow Mary Abbottsburn 7th. It is said to be Mr. Boland's intention to exhibit these cattle at the coming fairs in the West this year.

More sheep are being imported from Great Britain to Canada and the United States this season than for many years past. Among the Canadian breeders who are making importations are A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; John Campbell, Woodville; Robt. Miller, Stouffville; John Jackson, Abington; J. G. Hamner & Sons, Burford; A. J. Watson, Castlederg; J. H. Patrick, Ilderton. Several of these gentlemen have commissions to purchase and import for other breeders sheep of various breeds, and we learn that a number of the winners at the Royal show at Maidstone have been secured for Canadian sheep-breeders.

AN IMPORTANT SHIPMENT OF SHORTHORNS.

Last month Mr. William Conley made selections from several prominent Canadian herds of Shorthorns for Mr. Andrew Chrystal, of Marshall, Mich., and carried away one of the best consignments of cattle that has left Canada in recent years. From J. & W. Russell, of Richmond Hill, who worthily won high honors at the World's Fair in Chicago, capturing the sweepstakes for best young herd and championship for best bull of any beef breed under two years old, was purchased three capital heifers, one of which, Queen Mary 3rd, a two-year-old, was sired by Scarlet Velvet, who was from the same imported dam as Aberdeen, winner of first prize at Toronto Industrial Exhibition two years in succession. Her dam, Queen Mary, was one of the first prize herd at Chicago, of four animals under four years old, the get of one sire, and her grandam, imp. Roan Princess, was a first prize winner in Scotland. She was full sister to Lord Stanley, that headed three first-prize herds at Chicago, and won three firsts himself singly. Fair Queen is another two-year-old from the same herd and by the same sire, dam by Prince Royal, who was two years first in his class at Toronto, and headed the first herd in 1882. Gipsy Queen 2nd, by Prince, another young cow from the Russell herd, was got by Prince, who sired a heifer, which was sold to Mr. Miller, of Storm Lake, Iowa, for \$800, and another sold for \$400. From the herd of Mr. J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, Mr. Conley secured the large, thick-fleshed, red two-year-old heifer, Fancy's Pride, sired by the imported Missie bull, Scottish Pride, her grand-sire being the imported Nonpareil bull, Albert, bred at Kinellar, Scotland. This heifer is in calf to the imported Duthie bull, Prime Minister. Snowflake, a roan two-year-old from the same herd, is one of the favorite Crimson Flower tribe, sired by imp. Scottish Pride, who is a son of the renowned bull, Pride of the Morning. She has for grandsire imp. Guardsman, the sire of the great show bull, St. Valentine, and for great-grand-sire imp. Albert, by the Cruickshank bull, Vermont. This heifer is also in calf to imp. Prime Minister. From Mr. Gardhouse was also secured the beautiful imported heifer calf, Mina of Highfield, a smooth, sweet, even heifer of approved type. She was sired by My Lord, a Missie bull bred by Mr. Duthie. Her dam, Mina Gladstone's, was bred by the representatives of S. Campbell, Kinellar, Scotland, and sired by Emancipation, was a prizewinner in 1888, and is half-sister to Mr. Platt's stock bull, Golden Fame. From the Sheriff Hutton herd of Mr. Wm. Linton, Aurora, was chosen the two-year-old heifer, Sowerby's Bride Elect 3rd, of whom her enthusiastic breeder says "she contains in her make-up more of the blood of Royal of England, Highland of Scotland, Philadelphia Centennial, Chicago Columbian, and Toronto Industrial winners than any other heifer of this continent." Sowerby's Red Lilly, from the same herd and by the same sire, Blucher, bred by Messrs. J. & W. Russell, is of another branch of the Sowerby family, is a great big grower, a good feeder, girthed seven feet the day she was two years old, and if properly treated cannot fail to make a prizewinner.

From Mr. W. D. Platt, Hamilton, was procured three females and the very promising young red bull, Golden Fame's Heir, by imp. Golden Fame, for which Mr. Platt paid \$720 when he was but thirteen months old. His dam, Violet, a handsome young cow of fine quality, was by imp. Kinellar Sort, by Royal James, grandam by Athelstane, by the imported Cruickshank Victoria bull, Vensgarth, imported by Hon. John Dryden, and used with great success in his herd. Of this young bull Mr. Platt writes: "He was pronounced by competent judges the best calf in America. He has plenty of size and is smooth as a dollar, perfect in his general conformation. Before leaving for Great Britain, I instructed that this calf should not be sold, but Mr. Conley must have used some persuasive power to secure him; in fact, the whole four were very choice things." The roan yearling heifer, Nonpareil 52nd, was sired by Aurora Borealis, who was by the imported Cruickshank bull, Northern Light, and out of Rose of Strathmore, of the favorite Rose of Strathmore family. Her dam, Nonpareil 51st, of the choice Cruickshank family of that name, was by Stanley, a first prize and sweepstakes winner at Toronto, and sire of Lord Stanley, a first prize and championship winner at the World's Fair. Empress 5th is a smooth, even and well-proportioned red yearling heifer, by Scotsman 2nd, by Scotsman, dam Missie of Neidpath, of the Uppermill Missie family, from which came Marengo, the champion bull of the Royal English show of 1898. Daisy of Strathallan 20th is a very promising red heifer calf by imp. Blue Ribbon, bred by S. Campbell, Kinellar, Scotland, and sired by Royal James, dam Daisy of Strathallan 13th, of the famous Strathallan family, which has probably won more prizes in Canada than any other.

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Mr. A. G. Hopkins, V. S., who is well known in Manitoba (particularly) at Hartney and Neepawa) as a successful veterinary practitioner, left here two years ago to take a course at the Ontario Agricultural College. After spending one year there, and passing his examination with honors, he took up a post-graduate course at the McKillip Veterinary College, Chicago, and has just completed a course at the Iowa Agricultural College. We just learn from him that he has received the appointment of Assistant Instructor in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science at the Wisconsin Agricultural College. Dr. Hopkins is to lecture at a number of Farmers' Institutes throughout Manitoba this month.

JUDGES AT THE WINNIPEG INDUSTRIAL.

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Dairy Products.—Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, Stratford, Ont., or Prof. Heaker, of the State Dairy School, Minnesota.  
Poultry.—S. Butterfield, London, Ont.

C. & E. WOOD'S LEICESTER SHEEP.

The Messrs. C. & E. Wood, at Freeman, near Burlington, Ont., are to the front again this year with a splendid and uniform lot of Leicesters. Their 25 breeding ewes gave them a good lot of lambs as they have ever raised, to the services of sires from imported parentage. Among their one hundred or more we saw some 30 fine shearlings, a dozen of which are rams, many carrying showyard qualification, and though not burdened with fat, were in excellent, strong, thrifty shape, and show the result of the judicious management given by the experienced shepherd. Persons in search of fresh, healthy young stock, for either show or breeding purposes, will do well to keep track of their offerings.

NORMAN M. BLAIN'S TAMWORTHIS.

Mr. Norman M. Blain, whose farm is near St. George, Ont., is one of those men who pinned his faith to the Tamworths and stuck faithfully to the breed, through thick and thin, almost since their introduction into the country. The reason for Mr. Blain's success in and out of the showyards is from the fact that he laid a wisely selected foundation in purchasing the progeny of the best and most approved type in the breed. During a recent visit to the vicinity of St. George we looked over Mr. Blain's stock and found it quite equal in extent and quality, if not in many respects superior, to what we have noticed before at the same season of the year. As Mr. Blain intends exhibiting a strong herd at the leading shows this fall, including Toronto and London, it will be well for intending purchasers to visit his pens to make their selections and book their orders for either show or breeding stock. See Mr. Blain's advertisement.

CHARLES RANKIN'S SHORTHORNS, OXFORDS, AND BERKSHIRES.

The extensive breeding establishment of Mr. Charles Rankin, at Wybridge, in Simcoe Co., Ont., was visited by a representative of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and the genial proprietor was found in his usual good spirits, and the stock and premises showing the results of the untiring attention given them. Mr. Rankin is one of those men who has his home and stock interests at heart, and it does not end here. He gives much attention to matters pertaining to the advancement of agriculture and live stock generally, and it is not unusual to find him at the head of organizations the objects of which are for the advancement of agriculture, and in whom counsel is frequently sought. His untiring efforts in establishing an ideal Shorthorn herd of cattle has sent his reputation far and wide in the locality in which he resides, and enquiries made for this class of stock in that part of the Province are one and all directed to Mr. Rankin, brought about, no doubt, largely from his showyard standing, which again traces to his wisdom in laying foundation stock for his breeding pens. Much, no doubt, is due to his wise selection of sires, and we have only to mention the names of a few of the sires most recently employed, for the enthusiastic breeder to appreciate the results obtained. Glenlyn, by Doctor Eric, and out of Princess Lovely, made an impression in the right direction, while Sheriff Hutton, by Bonnie Scotland, introduced the style and quality peculiar to that noted race, and which is plainly visible to the casual observer. Then came a son of the noted Indian Chief, Crimson Chief, whose inheritance from that worthy sire could not but improve the stamina, feeding and beefing qualities wherever placed, and the females by him are highly valued by their owner. Following Crimson Chief came the young bull, Klondike, which Mr. Rankin purchased at Mr. Isaac's bull sale a year ago last spring, and to him the females are being bred. Among the matrons' pedigrees we noticed the, Sonsie Maid descendants predominate, while some really choice and useful Sheriff Hutton cows are doing service. Of the former, they have distinguished themselves as dairy cows of high order, while of the latter, they tend more towards the strict beefing type. Mr. Rankin finds very ready purchasers for his young stock, and reports some excellent sales having been effected last season. Among others, he mentioned the sale of a very choice bull to Mr. W. D. Platt, Hamilton, who made a personal selection of a yearling red bull from a Johnston sire and dam (both imported), and a pair of choice young things by Crimson Chief, as well as a three-year-old roan heifer by the same sire, with her calf at foot to Klondike. Among the offerings this year are some extra choice young bulls by Klondike and Crimson Chief, one particularly choice fellow out of Lucy of Ivanhoe, by Sheriff Hutton, the breeding of which is sufficient to recommend him in any company.

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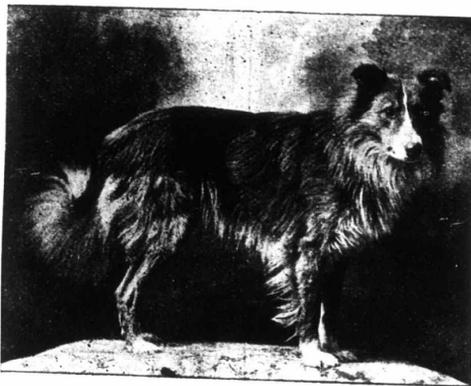


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