

GOSSIP.

THE GREAT SALE OF YORKSHIRES.

Those who attended the sale of D. C. Flatt & Son's importation of Yorkshire swine, at Hamilton, in June, last year, were unanimously loud in their praises of the quality and character of the stock, and of the honorable and straightforward manner in which the sale was conducted, and although some high prices were paid, the bulk of the stock was bought for much less money than the same buyers could themselves have imported the same quality of pigs for. Instances are known where orders have been sent to England for pigs, and the cost, with the expenses added, has been quite double what much better ones were bought for at Messrs. Flatt's last sale. At these sales a man sees what he is buying, and buys at his own price, and need not take what does not suit him, while in ordering by mail he takes what he gets, whether it suits him or not; and many English breeders have little idea of the sort that suits Canadian breeders, while some of them care as little, so long as they get their money. The hogs in this importation of Messrs. Flatt's have been carefully selected from eight of the best herds of Yorkshires in England and Scotland, distinctly for their suitability to the requirements of Canadian breeders and farmers who cater to the export bacon trade. A representative of the "Advocate" has seen the stock, and unhesitatingly pronounces the character and quality of the animals to be sold at Hamilton on June 15th as decidedly more uniform and of higher excellence than the importation of last year, which we realize is saying a good deal, for they were by common consent conceded to be the best lot of any one breed of swine ever seen together at a sale in this country. The beauty of this offering is the uniformity of type, and that the best, the strong, well-fleshed backs, long sides and long, level quarters; the strong, well-set legs, the good quality of bone, and sound feet and pasterns, denoting strength and vigor of constitution, and, withal, the handsome heads and well-set ears, giving a bright and intelligent appearance, and indicating good feeding qualities. One wonders as he looks through the pens to find sows, not only in pairs, in trios and quartettes, of uniform type and quality, but, when turned out, to find dozens and scores as nearly alike as peas in a pod, evidencing admirable skill and sound judgment in their breeding for a definite purpose—the growing of the greatest quantity of the highest-selling class of bacon. Canadian farmers have reaped a rich harvest from the introduction of the Improved Yorkshires into this country, our exports of bacon to Britain having grown from less than a million dollars ten years ago, to over twelve millions last year, and mainly through the improvement in the quality of the product, owing to the dissemination of this breed of pigs setting the standard of type to capture the market in competition with the world.

The ages of the animals in this offering make them most desirable; only two of the whole sixty sows being over two years old, and nearly fifty of them being yearlings, in pig to the best stock boars in Britain. What a foundation for a breeding herd two of these young sows, bred to different boars, would make! A distinct herd of imported stock can thus be secured inside of a year, with first-class blood lines to breed from for years, without inbreeding, change, or further expense. Or, if one sells the produce for breeding purposes, the chances are good for repaying the original cost by the sale of the litter the sow is carrying, as was done in several instances after last year's sale, making the investment miles safer than even preferred stock in the average gold-mining company. The two aged sows, Bottesford Satisfaction 5th and Bottesford Empress, Nos. 73 and 60 in the catalogue, both bred by Mr. Daybell, are wonderful examples of typical, matured Yorkshires—big as a barn—yet without a suspicion of coarseness, and fit candidates for first place in a world's fair competition. The former weaned a litter in October last, and was kept back from breeding, as it was intended to fit her for the Royal Show this year, where one could well believe she would have been invincible. Her pen mate was a Royal winner last year, and weaned a litter this year shortly before sailing for America. She is a great breeding sow, and with a little fitting would make a

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The fact that a man dropped sixty feet from the window of an abattoir without being injured in the least is all cleared up since it became known that they were pigs' feet.

An auction sale of registered Shorthorn cattle belonging to Mr. H. Parker, Durham, Ont., is advertised in this issue to take place on June 22nd. We are not, at this date, advised of the number of animals included in the offering, but an imported bull, bred in Scotland, is listed, and we know that Mr. Parker has in the past been a liberal buyer of Shorthorns of first-class breeding and quality. Parties interested will do well to apply for the catalogue.

When Thomas McGuinness, a well-known horseman of Philadelphia, went to Europe some time ago, he took a blooded horse with him. The animal was in a specially-prepared stall on deck and enjoyed the trip despite the rough weather. When Mr. McGuinness thought land should soon be sighted, he asked the captain how far the ship was from the Irish coast. The commander of the steamer, in his usual gruff manner, replied: "Your horse will tell you; watch him."

The owner of the animal could not understand what the captain meant, and he was not particularly pleased with the answer. Finally, however, a couple of hours before land was observed, the horse, which was a magnificent bay, poked his head through the grating, and, stretching his neck, whinnied loudly. "There you are," said the captain to Mr. McGuinness; "your horse smells the land." The horse was like a different animal thereafter until the coast loomed up.

The captain, in explaining the odd occurrence, said that the Thoroughbred detected the odor from pasture lands that was wafted far seaward, and that horses on board ocean steamers always give the first signal when land is near.

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