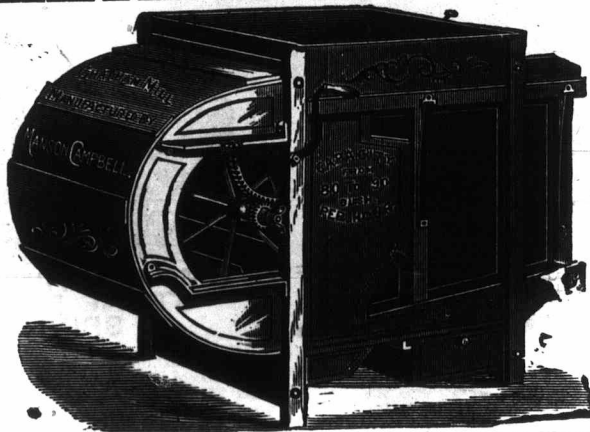


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Stock Notes.

Mr. J. C. Snell's sale of Shorthorns on April 7th, at Edmonton, was considered a success, notwithstanding the severe snow storm of the 6th, which prevented many from attending. All the animals were sold at satisfactory prices, the highest price being \$425 for an imported cow, and \$350 for a Canadian-bred yearling heifer. The average for females was \$219; for bulls, \$162; for all, \$208.

SIR,—There have been the following sales made since last report from the Alton Hall herds:—To C. W. Saxby, of Illinois, two imported Galloway cows and two Galloway heifers; to J. S. McDonald, Chesley, Ont., one Berkshire boar; to C. A. Kell, Chatham, Ont., one Berkshire boar; to John Meyer, Kossuth, Ont., one Berkshire boar; to Geo. Green, Fairview, Ont., one imported Berkshire sow.—H. SORBY, Gourrock.

SIR,—The following sales have been made since January from the "Maple Lodge Herd," the property of Jas. S. Smith:—To Chas. Wilson, Greenway, the yearling bull, 6th Prince of Thule; to Joseph Jackson, Mitchell, the yearling bull, San Marzano; to Hector Reid, Brucefield, the yearling bull, Seventh Prince of Thule; to John Marshall, Cass City, Mich., U. S., the cow, Matchless Mercedes; to Thomas Crawford, Widder, the yearling bull, Royal Constance; to Thomas Brown, the grade heifer, Lady McFarlane Fourth; and to Duncan Brown, Iona, the 2-year-old bull, 2d Lord of the Manor. There are three young bulls on hand yet for sale.

SIR,—The following list will give you an idea of our success with our horses this season just finished. With our coach stallion, Smuggler, have taken first at Hamburg, first at Berlin, first at Galt, first at Elmira and first at Elora. There were excellent horses to compete against him; some that had not been beaten previously. Besides, we are having a great many enquiries about him from a distance, and even some making offers to purchase him. Our Percheron horses are also equally successful in the prize list, being winners at every show in which they entered, or eight firsts out of eight shows. Though the country is flooded with horses, yet good material and blood will tell. We have every prospect of a grand season this year. We are just advised that \$5,000 has just been refused for a filly coming three years, out of Josephine, the dam of Smuggler.—T. & A. B. SNIDER, German Mills.

There were 37,334,000 sheep in New South Wales in 1884, and, as a result of the drought, there was in 1885 a decrease of 5,673,679. This year will show some recovery.

National Stockman: There are few if any greater mistakes connected with the fine stock business just now than the too prevalent practice of breeding too young. The high cost of the best types of breeders begets a desire to realize from them as soon as possible, and owners very frequently overtax their young stock for this reason. The consequences are seen everywhere—in the early breaking down of usefulness in sires, in the dwarfed development of females, in the imperfection of progeny, in weakened constitutions. There is nothing gained by too great haste in this matter. Nature's laws cannot be violated with impunity, and the greed which prompts their violation in the direction indicated should and often does defeat its own end. This is a point which deserves increased attention.