

GOSSIP.

In writing to advertisers, mention the "Farmer's Advocate."

Messrs. Sampson & McNaughton own a beautiful ranch in the valley of the Bow River, a few miles west of Calgary, upon which they run a fine herd of about 175 pure-bred Shorthorns, of which 105 are breeding cows. They recently completed a sale of 39 young bulls, at very satisfactory figures, to R. Cockburn, Great Falls, Montana.

Breeders of Berkshire swine in Canada, as well as in the United States, will learn with regret of the death of Mr. M. K. Prine, of Oscaloosa, Iowa, which occurred on June 30th, in his 79th year. He was a good judge and a successful breeder of high-class Berkshires, and was a man of kindly nature, and a firm friend. The business will be continued by his son, Geo. S. Prine, who has had charge of the herd for the last few years.

At the annual sale of Shorthorns and Shropshires from the herd and flock of the Prince of Wales, at Sandringham, June 26th, the highest price for a cow was 250 guineas, for Moss Rose, a red 3-year-old cow, bought for the Queen's herd. The next highest was 230 guineas for Spring Rose, bought by Sir John Gilmour. Ringmaster, a roan 8-months calf, was the highest-priced bull, 200 guineas, and goes to South America. Crystal Quality, a roan 2-year-old, went to the same buyer at 100 guineas. The highest-priced Southdown ram was purchased for Canada at 52 guineas, for the flock of Senator Drummond, at Pointe Claire, Que.

DATE OF MR. TOOP'S SALE OF SOUTHDOWNS.
By a typographical error in the notice in our issue of July 2nd, of the approaching dispersion sale of Mr. Toop's famous flock of Southdown sheep, at Chichester, Sussex, England, the date was made to read Aug. 17th, which should have read Aug. 7th, which latter is the correct date, as in the advertisement, in which it is intimated that commissions may be entrusted to Mr. W. W. Chapman or the auctioneer.

LORD ROSEBERRY SOLD.

Graham Bros., Claremont, have sold the great Hackney stallion, Lord Roseberry, winner of first prize and the championship of the class at the Toronto Industrial last year. Only a long price, it is safe to say, induced Graham Bros. to part with a horse of such grand character and so popular in the stud during the past season.

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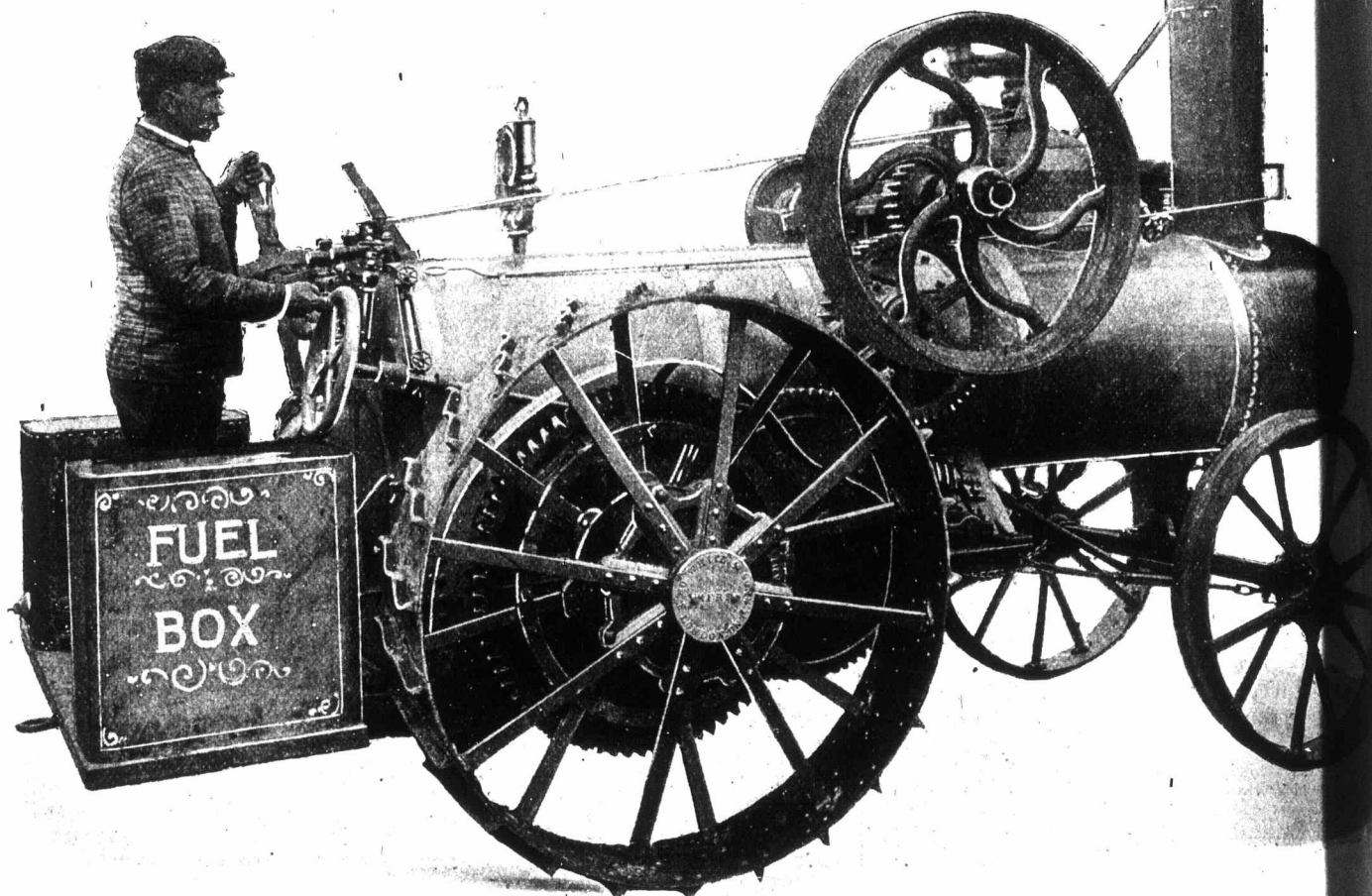
The Executive Committee of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association has declined the invitation of the Buffalo Pan-American Exhibition, to take part in the proposed dairy test, the rules being considered arbitrary and objectionable, as well as from the fact that they have already devoted large sums and laid out work in connection with other exhibitions, to such an extent that the time is now too limited to make proper arrangements for the Pan-American. Furthermore, they are quite satisfied with the showing made by the dairy Shorthorns in the Chicago test of 1893. The Committee of the American Jersey Cattle Club also decline to endorse the Buffalo rules, which the Jersey Bulletin says imply "a Holstein affair pure and simple." These rules were published in July 2nd issue of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

MR. S. DYMENT'S SHORTHORNS AT ALLANDALE, ONT.
Within a stone's throw of the village of Allandale may be seen the extensive stock farms of Mr. S. Dymont, whose enterprise has led him into the purchase of a few select Shorthorns, and laying the foundation of what promises to become a herd of considerable importance within the near future. Mr. Dymont is on the alert for choicely-bred females whose conformation will merit his approval. When in that vicinity in June, we were accompanied by the proprietor and his herdsman, over the various pasture plots, and viewed the stock on hand, and we must confess that Mr. Dymont is exercising considerable judgment in his selections and breeding operations at the very outset. A few months ago the stock bull, Aberdeen Jock 2503, by Aberdeen (imp.), and out of Lady Mara, by imp. Vice Consul and tracing to Maid of Honor, by imp. Lord York, was selected to head the herd. Aberdeen Jock is a massive red bull, 4 years old, that was selected from the herd of John Miller & Son when a yearling, and employed by Mr. Bell, giving an opportunity of seeing his stock, which was very satisfactory. At our visit we found him in the grass plot near the buildings with the cows, and for an animal of his weight it would be hard to equal him in activity. He carries a wealth of natural flesh which can only be bred there, is straight in his lines, has well-developed loin and quarters, and is supported on an excellent set of underpinnings; his head and horns denote character of a high order. Mr. Dymont has a good bull in this animal, and we wish him success with him. Upon examining pedigrees of the females, we found many lines of breeding, and as space will not allow mention of each, we must confine ourselves to a few. The 3-year-old Ora Duchess, by Indian Duke, a son of the noted imp. Indian Chief, and out of Dorothy by Rufus, and running to the famous Wildame tribe, is a young cow of great quality and development. She has a broad, level back, deep, well-sprung ribs, and, for one of her size, is remarkably free from coarseness. She has a splendid young bull calf at foot by Sir Adolphe, a son of imp. Albert Victor, and will be bred to Aberdeen Jock. We also noted a smooth, useful type of cow, Bonnie Gill, by Rufus, and out of Bonnie Brae 1959, and her red daughter, Indian Duke, and in them we saw marked evidence of dairying qualities; Lorna Doone, by Albert Victor, by Gravesend, dam Valkyrie 29102, her sire tracing to Snell's imp. Golden Drop cow, which fetched the handsome sum of \$1,225, and her daughter \$1,000, under the hammer. Mr. Dymont has four of this strain, and there are few if any better sorts. They are a uniformly well-made, prolific tribe, with a good quality of flesh and fine breed character. A few of Aberdeen Jock's youngsters of either sex are on hand, and one cannot but be impressed by their uniformity in character and conformation. One extra-choice bull calf will undoubtedly be heard from in public at some future period, if he does not make his bow in public a calf this year. Upwards of 25 head are already on hand, with more to follow, as many of the cows are due to calve this autumn, and a strong herd will be maintained on the farm.

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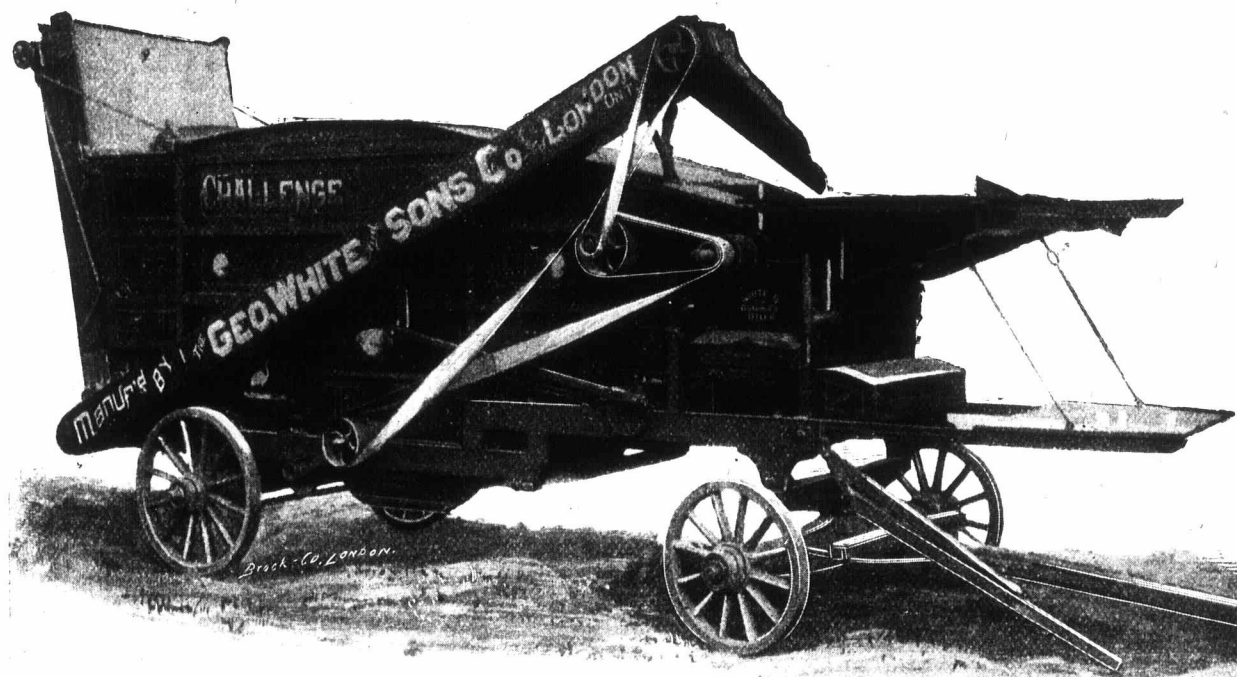


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Prof. Roberts, of Cornell University, publishes some figures which go to show that the fertilizing value of the manure made by a sheep in a year is \$3.17.

Lord Rosebery's advent into Clydesdale breeding has been hailed with much acclaim in North Britain, as things are rarely done by halves when the primrose colors have to be carried either on a race course or in the showing. The carrying off of the championship at Edinburgh for fillies by a yearling augurs well for the future of the Dalmeny Stud.

AYRSHIRES FOR CANADA.

A recent issue of the North British Agriculturist, published in Edinburgh, contains the following: "A good few transactions in Ayrshire cattle have recently been effected. At the Ayr show, Mr. Hunter, from Montreal, purchased from Messrs. Kerr the beautiful three-year-old quey, Senorita, which not only won the Derby, but was first also amongst the three-year-olds in milk, besides getting the Herd Book prize as the best cow or quey. She is one of the best queys that have yet won at Ayr, and will be a substantial addition to the Ayr-Jane interest in Canada. Mr. Hunter also bought from Messrs. McAlister, Mid Ayr, the excellent quey which was first in the Kilmarnock Derby and



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seventh at Ayr. This is also a very superior quey, showing both quality and breeding. At the Glasgow show the same gentleman also bought from Mr. McKean, Dam of Aber, the splendid bull, Douglasdale, which won the male championship, and the prime two-year-old heifer, Lady Montrose, which was first in perhaps the strongest class of the age that has ever been seen in Glasgow. These are also a part of very superior animals, as the positions they took in each company will abundantly testify. Douglasdale and Lady Montrose will be accompanied from Dam of Aber by the excellent cow, Lady Flora 1st of Orchardton,

bought at the Orchardton sale. The dam of this cow, Lady Flora, was in her day first at the Highland Society, and the kind of them have always done well. The whole of these cattle, besides several others which Mr. Hunter has bought, are for W. W. Ogilvie Company, of Lachine, Montreal, who imported an important draft of Ayrshires two years ago, but their group of this year when completed will be one of the best that has ever left the country, and will probably be unique in that it includes two champion winners at the leading shows, one of them actually the winner of the Ayrshire blue ribbon of the year the Ayr Derby.