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Letters Patent have been granted on the toth of April, to Mr. Antonio Pratte—of the film of L. E. N. Pratte, Piano Manufacturers, 1676, Notre-Dame Street,—for an appliance to produce in upright pianos a purer and more singing quality of tone, entirely free from overlones and dissonances.

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NOTES AND NOTICES.

-The well-known auctioneers lames Stea ret & Co, by instructions from the executors of the estate of the late Sir J. C. Abbott sold the entire contents of the stable, on Thursday, April 26.

The catalogue sa'e of high class Hackneys, belonging to Hon. Senator Cochrane, Hithurst Parm, P.Q., will be sold on or about May 17 in the Victoria Skating Rink and will be conducted by James Stewart & Co., auctioners. The sale will be the most important held hereabouts for sometime past and there is not the least doubt that the attendance of buyers will be large and bidding high The set consists of ladies' and gentlemen's saddle hores, hunters, high stepping harness horses, fail registered hackney filies and stamon. They are in fine form and will make a most auractive show when placed in the ring at the Victoria rink. the Victoria rink.

-Mr. James J. Jackson, of Montreal Junction, who is returng from business has decided to dispose of his entire stock of trotting horses and this important sale gives a splendict to dispose of his entire stock of trotting horses and this important sale gives a splendid protact that it is into the secure some standard bred trotters. The lot consists of General Banks (10393), race record 2.29½; Leontes (7843) by Pilot Mambrino, brood mares including Melody, by Walsingham 2166, also standard colts and filles. The trotting silkies, road wagons, harness and stable littings will also be sold without reserve. General Banks, was sired by Genera Brock, 2.29½, son of Rooker 7415, (sire of Rocky Ford, 2.18½, Bonnie Annie 2.26, Lady Rooker 2.26½, etc.); dan Minthe Woo is. by Imp. Blenktron. General Banks was foaled in 1882, and is a handsome bay, standing 15.3½ hands and weighs 1075 pounds. He is one of the most popular sires in the Province. The brood mare Melody is highly bred, being the get of Walsingham 2166, sire of Latitude 2.16½, Naboth 2.19½, Mount Ary 2.24½, Birenthu 2.25, Jellyby 2.26, Nib'o 2.27½, Lovell 2.26½, Novice 2.28½, Linkwood, 2.29½, Novice 2.28½, Linkwood, 2.29½, Novice 2.29½ and others, dam Fautress, dam of Epithet 1.29½. The chances are that the bidding for these two in particular will be very spirited. The colts and filhes are all fine lookers and ought to bring good prices. The sale will take place at Wood Glein Farm. Uniter Latake place at Wood Glen Farm, Upper La-chine Road, on Wednesday, May 9th, and will be conducted by James Stewart & Co., auctioneers. A catalogue of the stock, etc., can be had on application.

Logan Farm Montreal, P.O.

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Mr. T. Irving's name has long been associated with this farm, but, as a large proportion of it has been sold off for building lots, he will soon be forced to secure other property. Mr. Irving has always taken a great interest in the breeding of Ayrshire cattle, and has at the present time a good herd. He exhibited ten head at the World' Fair and secured seven cash prizes. The herdis headed by Lord Lorne 6007. Bessio Bell, Ardgawn Lass, Stately, Gipsy Queen and Mina are among the leading females

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Ashton Grange Farm.

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This farm is situated at St. Laurent, about six miles from Montreal, the property of Wm. Tait. His father, Mr. Al-xander Tait, came from Sc. tland over lifty years ago, and soon after located there, and, by industry and care ful management, has accumulated considerable property. For many years they have kept a large herd of milch cows and delivered milk in the city of Montreal. About eighteen months ago Mr. Wm. Tait purchased a number of Large Yorkshare and Berkshare pags. The foun lation of the Yorkshares are Walker Jones' and Sanders Spencer's stock. Ashton Here, his stock hog, secured first prize tast fail in Montreal; he also got first, second and third on sows, namely, Jossie, Village Griand Ashton Pride. In another pen we noticed two good young sows, Markham Beauty and Markham Daisy; they carried off first and third prizes in the class under six months. These he purchased from John Pike & Sons, of Locust Hill. He has ten Yorkshire breeding sows and two Berkshires, fifty young Yorkshires varying in age from ten days to two months. Among them are some promising things for the fall exhibitions.

Mr. Tait called in the office, Friday, 27th April, to change his advertisement, stating that all his young stock was sold through his advertisement in the Journal of Agriculture, and he has letters daily from parties having seen those already sold, want more of the same kind.

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