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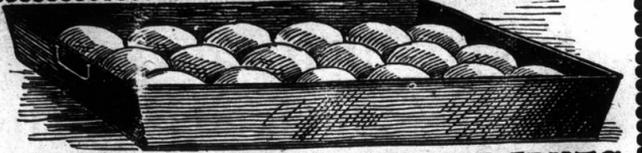
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HUGH M'OUTCHEON'S DUROC-JERSEYS.
A couple of miles from Glencoe, Ont., is the farm of Mr. Hugh M'Outcheon, who recently founded a herd of this American breed of swine by a selection from the well-known prize-winning herd of Tape Bros., Ridgetown, and others descended from the same herd. Among the herd we were particularly pleased with the yearling sow, Queen of Mosa -77-, a typical Duroc of splendid quality and a fine, smooth finish, got by Highgate Lad -3345-, dam Duchess of Oxford. Queen of Mosa has won first wherever shown this year, and was suckling a litter of fine youngsters at the time of our visit. Glencoe Beauty -95- from the Duchess of Kent is also a grand thirteen-months-old sow, also winner of first in the aged class for Polands, Yorks, Chesters, and Durocs, at the different local fairs. She is due to farrow Dec. 7th. These two sows, with the Duchess of Mosa -32- by Royal Dan, are the best breeding sows of the herd. Pride of Glencoe -21- is the stock boar in use. He is a strong, useful animal by Nabob -11-, dam Ro-y 9118. A fine young boar was recently purchased from Tape Bros. to replace the old stock boar. He is by an imp. sire and dam and had for his grandsire Old Norway Chief, the first-prize boar at the World's Fair at New Orleans. Mr. M'Outcheon is offering a few young sows ready to breed and a boar of same age by Pride of Glencoe and from Duchess of Mosa.

MESSES. BERDAN & McNEIL'S DUROC-JERSEYS.
Our next visit was at the farm of Berdan & McNeil, near Strathbarn, Ont., where some forty head of high-class Durocs are to be seen, and on looking them over we were under the impression that if they had been highly fitted and brought out to the large fairs they would have made a hard fight for some of the best prizes, and no doubt another year will see them out in full force at Toronto and other large fairs. This herd was also founded from the Tape Bros. herd. One of the stock boars now in use is Lord Howard -13-, as fine a boar of this breed as we have yet seen: lengthy, deep-ribbed, a capital back, and well-boned. He had for his sire the Duke of Kent, and for his dam the Duchess of Kent. In another pen was None Such -20-, an eighteen-months old boar, (imp.), of rare quality and an exceptionally good getter. He was bred by E. H. Small, Norwood, Ill., and was got by old Norwood King, 38974, a boar noted as a producer of some exceptionally fine stock. Among the sows, probably the best is Middlesex Maid -73-, bred by Tape Bros., and sired by the Duke of Kent -10-. She is now nursing a litter of ten very fine youngsters by the imp. boar None Such. Lady Havelock -42-, also bred by Tape Bros., is a fine type of a Duroc; also suckling a litter of fine pigs by None Such. These two sows were winners of first wherever shown this season, and we might also add that Messrs. Berdan & McNeil won first in every class in which they showed this season. Jersey Queen, by Royal Winner, and a daughter of Lady Havelock, is also a good one; bred some time ago to None Such. Messrs. Berdan & McNeil have lately purchased a five-months-old boar from Wm. Butler & Sons, Dereham Centre; a grand pig in many respects, and winner of first at Toronto and elsewhere. By the use of this boar they will be able to furnish pigs non-related. A number of particularly handsome young boars and sows were seen, five and six months old, full of quality and filling the requirements of a typical Duroc probably as nearly as anything we have seen. The proprietors claim that nothing but first-class stock will be sent out, and the young sows now ready to breed, and a few choice boars which they are offering, should certainly give satisfaction, as also should the younger ones.

LIVE AUSTRALIAN CATTLE AND SHEEP FOR ENGLAND.

If Australia does not succeed in securing a portion of the British market for every agricultural product that she can raise successfully the failure will not be due to a lack of effort on her part. On July 19th, the S. S. Southern Cross left Sydney for England, where she landed over two months after with what remained of 550 bullocks, 488 sheep and 29 horses. Her losses on the way comprised 51 bullocks, 80 sheep and one horse. Six of the bullocks on being landed were accused of being affected with pleuro-pneumonia, which the British authorities claim is prevalent in that colony. The cattle lost weight very considerably during the voyage, and owing to the heat of the vessel lost great patches of hair, which gave them a very ragged and emaciated appearance. A good portion of the bullocks were full and three-quarter bred Shorthorns, and with some Hereford-Shorthorn crosses, and a few Herefords. The ages of the bullocks apparently ran from four to seven years. The sheep are said to be a rough lot of Merino grades, not worth sending to a country where Southdowns and other fine mutton breeds can be had. The best of them would not dress more than from 64 to 65 pounds per carcass. Although this experiment has proved a financial failure, it is thought that further shipments will be sent forward, which will be given more care in handling, and may yet be made a means of disposing of Australian surplus stocks. We are inclined to the opinion that Canadians have little to fear in this new competition, owing to the time required to transport the animals from that distant land to market. It is estimated that the expenditure involved in fitting up the vessel amounted to £1,100. The amount of food taken on board for the animals was from 600 to 700 tons, and 300 tons of water, which would be supplemented by means of the ship's condenser. The cost of the fodder for the trip was about £2,000. It was expected that the animals would gain weight on the voyage, but in this the shippers were very much disappointed. The actual freight was £3 per head for cattle and horses, and 10s. 6d. for each sheep; but the fodder, the insurance, and the proportionate cost of attendance, increased these amounts to £11 for sheep. It is estimated the loss on the cattle and sheep alone was not far short of £1,000, and many of them sold at less than the cost of feeding and freight on the voyage. It may be well for us if the next shipment proves just as disastrous.



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