

Sheep Husbandry in New Brunswick.

Mr. M. H. Parlee, King's Co., N. B., writes us as follows:—"Owing to having but recently commenced breeding sheep, I have only a small flock, consisting of a few pure-bred ewes and several shearlings. I purchased a shearing ram last summer from one of your advertisers, Mr. Jas. S. Smith, of Maple Lodge, Ont. He has done well, and is a ram fit to head any flock; his stock is very fine. He easily won first prize last fall at the Canada International Exhibition at St. John, and is admitted to be one of the finest rams ever shown in the Maritime Provinces. My ewes began to lamb in April, and were strong and hardy, and have come along very rapidly. As yet I have not lost a single lamb, and hope to have some very fine ram lambs to part with this fall. My flock went to grass in good condition, and are doing well, though the pastures have been very poor in this section all this spring, owing to the long drought in May; in fact, little or no rain has fallen since the snow disappeared till the first week of June.

"Sheep raising, I am sorry to say, is too much neglected in this part of the country, though most farmers keep a small flock, mostly grades of the lowest order. Some, however, are beginning to see the importance of keeping a better bred flock, and consequently I look for a better demand for the pure-bred rams in future, but still too many will continue to breed from a run-out grade rather than pay a fair price for a good pure-bred. Anything that will get a lamb suitably, and save the small flocks of grades, which are the most prevalent here, are in many cases too much neglected; the breeding ewes are left to look after themselves during all the heavy, cold rains of the fall and first winter months, and never get any shelter till the snow gets so deep that they can no longer pick up anything in the field, then they are taken to the barnyard and, perhaps, kept there till spring, with little or no shelter from the winter snowstorms, fed on nothing except, perhaps, hay alone, and that of the poorest quality. Then they are again turned out to hunt for themselves, and it is with such care as this that some farmers expect their sheep to pay.

"I do think there is great room for improvement in the flocks of sheep in this locality at least, and that they could, with a little more care and attention, be made to pay a much better profit to their owners. As yet there are but few pure-bred sheep of any kind in this locality; what there are are mostly pure-bred rams. Either the Shropshire or Leicester pure-bred ewes are very scarce. Formerly the Cotswold was the favorite sheep, owing to its size, but it is now almost extinct around here, though it is still kept in some of the other counties in this Province. Those who have used a pure-bred Leicester ram to mate to their grade ewes are somewhat encouraged by the result. The Shropshire ram has been tried by some and abandoned, as many who have used them claim that the size of their sheep gradually decreases, and the butchers in most cases will not pay as good a price for the grade Shropshire as they will for the grade Leicester. At present the Leicester seems to be the favorite sheep here, both for wool and mutton, though, of course, there are still some who like the Shropshire."

GOSSIP.

The Michigan State Agricultural Board has adopted a four-year course of study for women at the State Agricultural College. It includes poultry-raising, cooking, domestic economy, languages, music, painting, floral culture, etc.

There are more than 800,000 sheep killed by dogs in the United States every year, and the injury to a flock of sheep attacked by dogs cannot be measured by the number killed and wounded. Sheep chased a few times by dogs become so nervous and frightened that they will ever after start and tremble from the least noise or cause of alarm. They will neither breed nor fatten well, and are consequently but little better than a total loss to their owner.

A. J. Watson, Castlederg:—"My cattle have done very well on the grass so far. I do not think I ever saw them look as well at the same time of year. My calves are all doing well. The four got by =Statesman= are going to make a fine herd for show purposes this fall. The heifer calf =Princess Josephine=, out of =Village Rose the 7th=, and the bull calf =Lord Morton=, out of =Adeline Patti=, are two most beautiful calves, of a low down, blocky type. I think them to be the two best I have bred for some time."

A prize of £50 is offered at the forthcoming sheep show in Sydney, by the Minister of Agriculture, for the best pen of sheep for export. The prize will be divided into four as follows: For the best pen of Merino wethers, six-tooth, £15; for the best pen of twenty cross bred wethers, four-tooth, £15; for the best pen of ten Merino lambs, not over nine months old, £10; for the best pen of cross-bred lambs, not over six months old, £10. The sheep are to be weighed alive and judged. They will afterwards be slaughtered and judged again; the shape, weight and quality of the mutton being considered. The lambs must have been bred by the exhibitors, and the wethers must have been the property of the exhibitors for upwards of six months.

Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, Ont., writes to say that "the country is in its finest bloom, and crops of all kinds, excepting hay and fall wheat, are looking well. Cattle in general are gaining flesh rapidly on very early grass. Our own Shorthorns have never made more rapid improvement than they have made this spring. The young things of both sexes are now wearing their richest dresses of soft, glossy hair. The white Duchess of Gloster's yearling bull is now looking a picture of beauty and elegance. He is massive, thick, and short-legged, but we cannot say that he is as gay or sprightly as his lively stable companion, Indian Brave, who went into the show ring last September very much too lean—a fault, by the way, that won't apply again September next. He is now seven hundred pounds heavier than he was last year when shown in Toronto. We have yearling heifers, heifer calves, and bull calves in training for show the coming fall. We are open to sell any or all our show cattle—no reserve with us."

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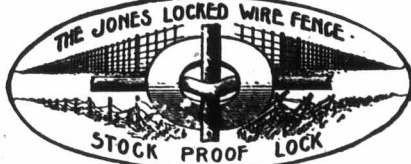
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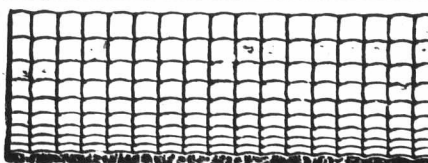
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