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Stock Notes

MR. JOSEPH CAIRNS, Camlachie, Ont., is offering some good stock in Chester Whites in this week's FARMING. He reports that his stock has wintered exceptionally well, and he has never had a better lot of offerings since he has been in the business of breeding pure-bred swine. This is saying a good deal, as the success which has crowned Mr. Cairns as a breeder has been considerable, as our readers very well know. At present he has a number of choice young sows in farrow, and a fine collection of younger ones of the best quality and breeding. His stock of boars has been reduced to two or three good ones, and these he would dispose of at reasonable prices, as he has recently imported a fine one from the herd of Mr. W. Whinery, of Salem, Ohio. His sales of stock for March include seventeen head to McArthur & Cairns, of Sarnia, as the foundation for their establishment as swine breeders, in which business they are embarking for the first time; also two brood sows to Mr. T. Crawford, of Plympton, and two sows to Mr. H. Walker, of Pipestone, Manitoba. The demand for Chester Whites appears to be good, and the prospects for this year's trade are much brighter than they have been for some time.

MR. W. D. FLATT, of Trout Creek Farm, Hamilton, Ont., presents our readers with an attractive announcement this week. His offerings include a number of choice young Shorthorn bulls and heifers of excellent quality and breeding. Some of the bulls are of the right quality and type to secure success in the show-yard, and are a good lot all round. The heifers are bred to the fine young bull, Golden Fame, 26056 (imported), one of the best in the land. In sending in a change for his advertisement Mr. Flatt writes: "I appreciate FARMING very greatly as an advertising medium. My herd now numbers about seventy, and amongst the lot are some very choice cows, heifers and bulls. My sales are increasing daily."

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL, Fairview Farm, Woodville, Ont., reports having so far a very successful lambing season. His Mangles ewes sired by the noted English rams, Fair Star and Montford Dreamer, have given over 150 percent., mostly rams, and all are doing well. Lambs and shearlings of same breeding, all by Newton Lord, were first prize winners at the leading fairs last fall and in 1897. The Mills ewe, sired by Ruddington Eclipse, the twelve-hundred-dollar ram, is suckling a beautiful pair—ram and ewe—sired by The Best Type, which beat at Toronto in 1897 England's Champion ram, Darlington. Many orders are already booked for Fairview-bred Shropshires, and never before have probable orders for importing next July been so much in sight, and so early being arranged for.

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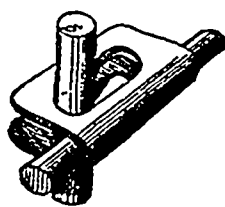
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The trade in cattle also has been considerable. Five bulls, nine to fourteen months old, were all placed a month ago. All told, Fairview has had an unusually good trade the past twelve months, and prospects for the opening season are very bright indeed. The poultry house burnt down in 1897 was rebuilt last year and stocked with a choice lot of Barred Plymouth Rocks. The cock in yard was winner of second prize at the Poultry Show held last December at Guelph, where his imported sire won first. See advt. for eggs, page 2 of cover.

MESSRS. JAMES McCORMACK & SONS, of Rockton, Ont., write: "Our stock are doing very well. We have sold a number of young bulls and have a few left. One of them, an eighteen months old bull, sired by Neidpath Jock, dam Sprightly 5th, is a fine deep-bodied 1 of good dairy type. We also have two last March calves, sired by Jock Morton, one of them being full brother to our first prize three-year-old cow at the Industrial. This calf won fourth prize at the same fair at Toronto for bull calf under six months. Our poultry are also doing well. We have some fine birds. At the winter shows they never failed to win. In Barred Plymouth Rocks our birds are second to none in Ontario. Our hen that won first at the great Ontario Silver Jubilee held at Toronto, in a class of forty-seven against the best birds in Canada and the United States, is as fine a Rock hen as there is to be found in any fancier's yard. Any one who desires to get eggs from the choicest of stock should look up our advertisement, as we are offering them at a low price for quality from the same matings we hatch from ourselves.

MESSRS. D. G. HANMER & SONS, the well-known breeders and importers of Shropshire sheep of Mount Vernon, Ont., are advertising for sale in this issue a large number of very choice shearing rams and ewes, some of which are now being fitted for coming fairs. The success of this firm at the leading Canadian and American fairs for a great many years past is a sufficient indication of the class of stock they offer. At last year's Industrial Fair their exhibit was particularly fine and was characterized as the best the firm had ever shown. In the matter of young stock this was especially noted, their pens of ram lambs being exceedingly strong and carried off a large share of the honors awarded. In spite of the fact that part of their exhibit arrived too late for entry and was, therefore, barred out, they took no less than twelve prizes, amongst them second and third on ram lamb, first, third and fourth for best two ewe lambs. At London they were still more successful, winning the honors for the best pair of ewe lambs and first on ram lamb in same competition as Toronto Industrial, and for all the special pens. Messrs. Hanmer expect to start for England in May to select ewes and stock rams to increase the firm's present flock, which has been greatly diminished during the past winter with the very heavy sales of lambs and ewes to the Western States, 200 ram and ewe lambs and over 100 ewes having been sold to buyers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Michigan. Mr. Hanmer states that he will be glad to bring stock from England for intending purchasers for a moderate commission. While in the old country he will visit all the best flocks and will make some selec-