

Auction Sales.

As will be seen by consulting our advertising columns Mr. F. W. Stone, Guelph, has fixed the 22nd Oct. 1891, as the date at which he will sell 60 pure-bred Shorthorn and Hereford cattle, 100 Cotswold and Southdown sheep, and a number of Berkshire pigs and agricultural horses. The sale will take place on the Patterson farm, lots 6 and 7, con. 7 Puslinch, about four miles south of Guelph, and is without reserve the farm having been sold. By writing Mr. Stone catalogues will be sent to those applying for them.

Mr. Joseph Ward has for many years been before the public as an extensive breeder of Cotswold sheep. The importation made by him this season comprises a particularly good lot of show rams and ewes, the stock ewes of which he also brought over quite a number, are among the best that we have seen for many years. In another column he is out with an announcement of a public sale to be held on his farm, on the 14th of this month.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of the public to the stock sale of Mr. J. K. Martin, of the Clareville Stock Farm, Cayuga, advertised in our columns. Mr. Martin is a breeder of over thirty years standing in the confidence of the public. Unfortunately for him, and fortunately for the purchasing public, he is situated in a locality more given to grain-growing and horse breeding than cattle, sheep and pigs, and, therefore, farmers will find it greatly to their advantage to attend Mr. Martin's sale. His stock is largely bred in the lines of the Bow Park herd, his rams from Experimental Farm stock, his Berkshire pigs from Mr. Snell, and his horses as named in his advertisement.

Our Scottish Letter.

We have had a fairly busy month during August, over 100 head of pedigreed Clydesdales having been exported to the United States and Canada. The readers of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE will be mainly interested in the Canadian shipments, and I think it may be said without dispute, that almost all of the exports to Canada have been suitable animals, calculated to improve the Canadian Clydesdales. Messrs. Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont., will not suffer in reputation by the quality of their addition to the Cairnbrogie Stud. The big, grand looking horse Queen's Own, a son of the redoubtable Prince of Wales, and an excellent big mare, will command ready attention. He has plenty of style, and can move first rate. He was the Bute premium horse this season. The yearling colt Symmetry, winner of second prize at Edinburgh, is a useful animal of the type Canadians readily fancy. He was second at Edinburgh, and will be heard of again. The other Clydesdales bought by this firm are well bred animals, got by the celebrated Macgregor, Callender, Craigisla, and that admirable breeding horse Henry Irving of Drumflower.

Messrs. D. & O. Sorby, Guelph, Ont., took away a grand horse in the big son of Darnley, named Grandeur. He was the Glenken's premium horse last year and the Carse O'Gowrie premium horse in 1891. Such a horse will at once be recognized as of quite a superior character. This firm also shipped a fine yearling prize filly, got by McCamon. She was bred in the noted Drummuir Stud in Banff, and is a mare of much promise.

Other shippers have been Messrs. Enright Bros., Brooklin, Ont.; Mr. John Gilmour, Toronto; Messrs. Graham & Son, St. Marys, Ont.; Messrs. Davidson & Sorby, Ashburn, Ont.; Mr. Ben. Allen, Dunlop, Ont.; Mr. John Ralston, Toronto, and Messrs. J. & A. J. White, St. Marys, whose purchase, the well-bred horse Castleby, is not only of improved pedigree but the sort of a animal that cannot be well done without wherever heavy draught horses are reared.

Mr. S. C. Johnston, Manilla, who lost two valuable horses on the Circe, made a renewed shipment of five, got by good horses, such as Lord Erskine and Lord Ailsa, and big sappy horses of themselves. A gentleman who exhibits enterprise such as Mr. Johnston's, merits success, and we trust he may meet with it. Mr. James Drummond, jr., Pitcathie, Dunfmline, who is doubtless well known to several of our readers, has sent over eight well bred horses which should be worth inspecting.

A noticeable feature of the export trade this season is the number of Hackney horses exported to Canada. Almost all of the gentlemen and firms above mentioned have taken away good Hackney horses, not in any great numbers certainly, but horses that will catch the eye of Canadian buyers.

Messrs. Prouse & Williamson, Ingersoll, will have one or two very fair examples of this pacing nag in their stables, and they have recently got away a grand, big Clydesdale horse in Lord Marmion 6003, a massive horse that stood well forward at the Glasgow Spring Show two years ago.

The presence of a number of Canadian draught horses in our market here a few days ago gave rise to some remark. I do not know whether those who sent them over found the speculation remunerative or not, but one of the horses was highly thought of, and, I think, sold for about £80. With our free trade policy, this old country of ours is apt to be the dumping ground of all our friends and relations over the sea. They have now been sending us nearly everything we want for eating for some time, and if they continue as they have begun horses also will be provided. However, we have surmounted all former revolutions in our commercial affairs, and are as a nation much richer than we were, and doubtless we will succeed in accommodating ourselves to this most recent invasion without resorting to any extreme measures of retaliation. The Argentine Republic has been sending all sorts of animals here, and yesterday there was a sale of quite a number of ponies in the market. They are exceedingly wild beasts, and have caused no end of accidents in the process of being broken. I should think it very improbable that any further effort will be made to import these animals into Scotland.

Three draft sales from important studs took place during September. The studs were those of Mr. And. MacKenzie, Dalmore, Alness, Ross-shire, a gentleman who has exerted himself greatly to secure a superior class of breeding horses for the north of Scotland; Colonel Stirling, of Kippendin, whose stud at Kippenross, Dunblane, is a select and successful collection of Clydesdales; and the Earl of Strathmore, at Glamis Castle, from whose old established stud several superior Clydesdales have from time to time been exhibited. It is not to be expected that fancy prices will be realized at these sales, but they will afford a good indication of the drift in average trade horses.

This is the quiet season in home affairs generally, the interest of farmers being concentrated on securing the harvest, which this year threatens to be a matter of some difficulty.

SCOTLAND YET.

Chatty Letter from the States.

The rate at which northwestern range cattle are being rolled into market shows that the ranchmen appreciate a good thing when they see it. Their cattle are good and so are the prices, and they are making the most of it. Had this been a bad year for grass on the western ranches, the prices for choice native beef cattle would certainly have been "out of sight." With thousands of rangers, averaging 1,400 and 1,500 lbs., and good enough to be exported alive, it is no wonder the latter have sold at \$4.75 to \$5.12½, while the choicest natives have sold at \$5.75 to \$6.35. Texas cattle have not been coming very good of late. Some of the ranchmen in the Northwest are marketing their entire herds, having become tired of waiting for better times. Those who have good ranges, however, are not complaining. People are beginning to wonder what will be the limit of cattle receipts at Chicago. On several days this year 22,000 head have arrived, and one day 24,000 came, and now the record is again broken with 26,000. Western range sheep are selling very freely here at \$4.00 to \$4.50 for 100 to 115 lbs. stock. The supply of lambs has been large, and the market for them has not been very strong. The American Fat Stock Show will be held once more in the old exposition building, and then the latter will be torn down to make way for the Columbian Exposition. The cattle show and horse show will both be held together this year. The division last year caused both shows to lose money. The crop of good hogs is very short, owing to the high value and scarcity of corn, but, as a rule, the country is full of young pigs, and if corn doesn't get too high to feed there will be plenty of good hogs this winter. The western farmers have not been in as cheerful mood as now for many years. With big crops of all kinds they are getting better than average prices. Mortgages are being released more rapidly than for a long time past.

Some Excellent Milkers.

Mr. Alex. Hume, Seymours, Burnbrae, Ont., gives us the following record of his Ayrshire herd for the year 1890, and up the end of July, 1891. On May 1st, 1890, he had 16 cows milking, this number being gradually increased to 23, the whole herd on June 10th, gave up to the end of July, 62,314 pounds of milk, and completed the season, Nov. 15th, with 118,800 pounds to their credit. This season he began on April 16th, with eight cows calved. This number was gradually increased till June 9th, when his whole herd of 22 cows was giving milk, and up to July 31st, inclusive, had sent to Brae factory 69,074 lbs. milk. In the early part of the season (end of May or beginning of June) Mr. McEwan, Dominion Instructor, being at a neighboring factory, tested the milk of this herd and found that it registered 3.75 lbs. per hundred of butter fats which was the highest percentage of milk tested that day. For the three last days of July the weights sent to the factory were 712, 711 and 702 pounds respectively, or a total of 2,125 lbs. for 3 days from 22 cows. One of the herd, Blossom, calved March 9th, and has given to end of July 5,528 lbs. Last year her estimated yield was 9,000 lbs. This year, her milk being weighed daily, is expected to exceed 9,000 lbs., and another has yielded from April 20th, date of calving, to 31st July, inclusive, 4,125 lbs., and others are doing nearly as well.