

STOCK GOSSIP.

In writing to advertisers please mention the Farmer's Advocate.

Thos. McMichael, Seaford, Ont., has sold a fine two-year-old Canadian-bred stallion to an American buyer for the handsome sum of \$400. This colt took second prize at London last fall fair. He has also four fine ones left.

In a business letter from Mr. John Hope, Brantford, he refers to the following sales the past month:—Cupbearer to M. A. Householder, Columbus, Kansas; Baron Waterloo to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and Earl Fame 8th to James Lindsay, Fergus, Ont.

The annual meetings of the Sheep Breeders' and Hog Breeders' Associations will be held in Toronto about the middle of March, all parties who wish to attend may procure railroad certificates from the Secretary, F. W. Hodson, London, Ont., which will entitle them to reduced fares on all railroads. All applications should be sent in by the 1st of March.

George Thomson briefly says:—Having purchased a pair of imported Improved Yorkshire White pigs last fall, I wish to let you and the public know their growth since. I had them weighed the night I took them home, and they weighed 68 lbs. In seven weeks after they weighed 224 lbs., being a gain of 156 lbs. They have been well fed, but not more so than what was good for them.

E. D. George, Putnam, Ont., writes that since last report he has made the following sales of pedigreed Chester Whites:—To H. Allen, Hopeville, one boar; J. Fletcher, Bensfort, one boar; J. Stevenson, Leaskdale, pair of sows; F. Cruickshank, Lions Head, one boar and two sows; Wm. Dafoe, Laurel, one pair; J. Armstrong, Stanton, one pair; R. Harding & Son, Redgrave, three sows; W. Edwards, Glen Ross, one pair; H. Todd, Randolph, one boar; T. Fairs, Bradford, one boar; J. Alway, Simcoe, one boar; W. Gourlay, Huntley, one pair; C. E. Whidden, Antigonish, two sows; E. Furness, Charlottetown, P. E. I., one pair; J. Newson, Brinton, one pair; J. Little, Wingham, one pair; E. B. Eddy, Hull, one boar; W. Campbell, Campbell's Cross, one boar; A. L. Lloyd, Lloydstown, one boar; C. W. Neville, Napanee, one boar and two sows; J. Woodruff, St. Catharines, one pair; P. Graham, Bethany, one pair; T. Baytis, Trowbridge, one pair; V. Lyons, Orangeville, one pair; J. Hoare, Auburn, one boar; J. B. Devins, Emery, one boar; W. Pepper, Springfield, one boar; R. Harding, Thorndale, one pair; J. Dowling, Woodstock, one boar; J. Street, Wyoming, one boar; G. Hall, Springfield, one sow; J. Mitchell, Dorchester, one sow; J. Brown, Forest, one boar; H. Hoard, Owen Sound, one pair; C. D. Moore, Peterboro', one sow; E. Keeler, Prescott, one pair; J. Douglas, Norwood, one sow; S. P. Knight, Stanbridge, P. Q., one pair; R. Kelso, Mossley, one pair sows; F. Foster, Ingersoll, one sow. The demand is good and prospects most flattering.

Messrs. Ormsby & Chapman, The Grange Farm, Springfield-on-the-Credit, say:—Our Shire horses have gone into winter quarters in splendid shape, although none of the colts are fat, as we do not believe in high feeding for young horses. We have exhibited selections from our stud this year at all the principal shows in Canada, and at the International Fair at Buffalo, N. Y. Out of a possible thirty-six prizes, we have taken thirty-three; not a bad record, we think, as it includes two firsts and three seconds at Buffalo where we showed against some of the principal importers in the United States, and first in every class for Shire Stallions in Toronto, except aged horses, in which we had no entry. From the letters we have received, our customers, we are glad to say, appear to have had good success with the Shires they have purchased from us. Mr. E. F. Black, of Raymond, Neb., U. S., writes us:—That the Shire colt Leake Staunton, purchased from us last March, took fourth place at the State Fair at Lincoln, Nebraska, and first at two county fairs; and Mr. E. M. Jarvis, of Oakville, carried off the red ticket at Toronto with the three-year-old Shire filly Leake Lively, purchased from us last winter. We have had a great many inquiries for Shires, both from the United States and all parts of Canada, and we expect to empty a good many stalls before long, as we are putting our prices at the lowest possible figures. In improved pedigreed large Yorkshire pigs we have done a large trade, having sold between \$1,500 and \$2,000 worth since January, 1889. We were not disappointed at not receiving many prizes on pigs at the various shows, as we showed our stock all in breeding condition, preferring to do this and do without prizes rather than fatten our breeding stock, and so injure, probably irreparably, our herd. In spite of this, we carried off at the Provincial Fair at London the 1st in the aged class, and the diploma for the best large breed boar on the ground, with our stock boar Pat. The following are some of our latest sales:—Rathbun & Blaikie, Deseronto, Ont., one pair; F. A. Gage, Simcoe, Ont., one pair; D. Evans, Beaverton, Ont., one pair; C. Strucher, Wellesley, Ont., one pair; Jas. Couits, Barrie, Ont., one pair; E. Foster, Clarksburg, Ont., one pair; Wm. Grigg, Grimsby, Ont., one boar; Wm. Slade, Clarkson, Ont., one boar; two sows; Robt. Hall, Edmonton, Ont., one pair; Robt. McTullough, Edmonton, Ont., one sow; Jno. McClure, Brampton, Ont., one boar; Thos. Macklem, Hamilton, Ont., one sow; Levi Pike, Locust Hill, Ont., one sow; N. Machell, Aurora, Ont., one boar, two sows; Geo. Thomson, Bright, Ont., one sow; J. Hodgson, Shelbourne, Ont., two boars; C. N. Christner, Haysville, Ont., one pair; T. G. Smith, Rosemount, Ont., one boar.

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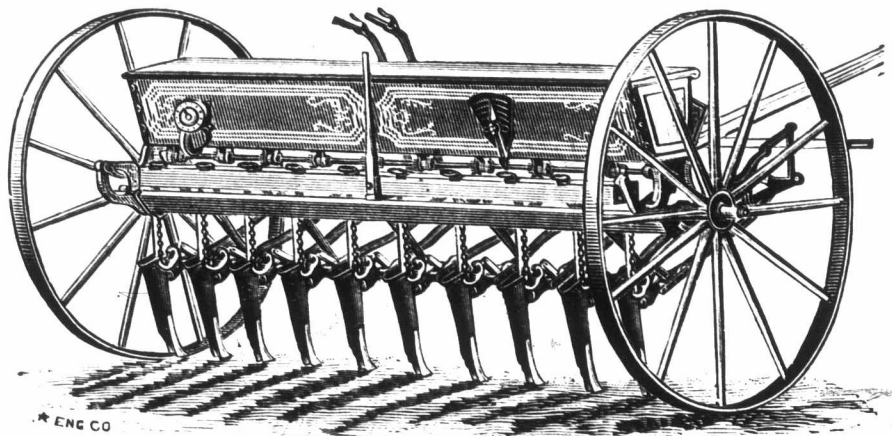
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