

GOSSIP.

D. G. HAMMER & SONS' SHROPSHIRE.
Our representative called on the firm of D. G. Hammer & Sons, Mount Vernon, Ont., breeders of Shropshire sheep, and found them well stocked, having on hand about 200 head. Already some 30 lambs had arrived and 35 ewes yet to hear from. Mr. Hammer reports sales as having reached large proportions, having sold one carload to go to Ohio, as well as a carload to Wisconsin; also some have been disposed of to Maryland breeders, and a show flock for Manitoba parties. They are also fitting pens for the Ohio fall fair to order. The lambs are all coming strong and exceptionally well covered, which is a characteristic feature of the whole flock. Mr. Hammer says: "For the show flocks we have realized fancy figures, while general prices are decidedly on the upward tendency."

MR. DUNCAN'S JERSEY HERD.
The dairy herd of Jerseys visited by us at the farm of Mr. D. Duncan, Don, Ont., was found a very desirable lot. Among the cows specially noteworthy may be mentioned Regatta, bred at Woodstock, Vt., out of Regatta, third at test at Chicago, sired by Land-seer, Columbia. Mr. Duncan states that Regatta gave at two years old over three pounds of butter per day and tested five per cent. butter-fat. Sunbeam, seven years, with her record of over fifty pounds of milk per day, has been milked since July and has a beautiful, well-formed udder. Consuela is promising to develop into a great cow; calved about the middle of January and has a beautiful udder. Costa Rica's Son is at the head of the herd; two years old past; won second at Toronto; has an abundance of substance, with no appearance of coarseness, and shows great intelligence; sired by Golden Bow, half brother to the great cow, Merry Maiden and dam Costa Brown Bessie, of Chicago fame; dam Costa Rica, who was also dam of Merry Maid. A yearling bull by Hood Farm Pogos, of St. Lambert and Tennessee blood, has great strength and quality. We notice a very choice bull calf, a month old, by Costa Rica's Son and out of Consuela—a very smooth animal of a beautiful solid color. Five young heifers that bear out the strong characteristic dairy features of the herd are coming on to do good service in the near future.

MR. HOBSON'S SALE OF SHORTHORNS.
The dispersion sale of Mr. John I. Hobson's herd of Shorthorns at Mosbore, Ont., on April 6th, brought together a very large company of stockmen, and was successful beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. No fancy prices were made and none were expected, but the average was very satisfactory. The bidding was spirited, and nothing was sacrificed. Everything catalogued was sold at good paying prices. The company was a good-natured and highly respectable one. The auctioneer, John Smith, M.P.F., conducted the sale in a very able and satisfactory manner. The highest paid for a cow was \$130, which was reached in two cases, namely, for Aggie Ury, sold to A. Chadbourn, Ralphton, Man., and Duchess of Gloster A., sold to Jas. Chinnick, Chatham, Ont. The highest price for a bull was \$160 for the yearling Royal Standard, bought by W. R. Stewart, Ft. McLeod, for W. D. Shumock, Calgary, Alberta. The seven-year-old bull, War Eagle, a sweep-stake prize winner in his younger years, brought \$95, and remains in the neighborhood of Guelph, where he has spent most of his useful life. The average price made for the whole herd, including calves, was \$50.65, while for the highest 25 head the average was \$102, a result which must be very gratifying, not only to Mr. Hobson, but to breeders of Shorthorns generally throughout the country. There were only four bulls in the sale over six months old, and it is safe to say that if there had been twenty they would all have been taken at good prices. We give below a list of prices and buyers of excellent young Clydesdale mares were sold at lower prices than was anticipated, considering their quality; but most of them were under three years, which would account to some extent for the result, and the crowd was essentially a cattleman's company. Prices for horses ranged from \$85 to \$120.

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| Cleopatra 3rd, A. Chadbourn, Ralphton, Man. | \$125 00 |
| Aggie Ury, A. Chadbourn, Ralphton, Man. | 130 00 |
| Lovely Gem, A. Chadbourn, Ralphton, Man. | 125 00 |
| Cleopatra 2nd, A. Love, Eagle, Ont. | 100 00 |
| Starlight, John Birrell, Mosbore, Ont. | 85 00 |
| White Socks and B. C. W. R. Stewart, Ft. McLeod, Alberta | 105 00 |
| Cleopatra (Imp.), C. M. Simmon, Ivan, Miss Joan, A. Love | 100 00 |
| Muriel, John Morgan, Strathroy, Ont. | 85 00 |
| Queen, Jas. Chinnick, Chatham, Ont. | 90 00 |
| Duchess of Gloster A., J. Chinnick, Chatham, Ont. | 130 00 |
| Cherry Bloom 14th, W. R. Stewart, Chatham, Ont. | 70 00 |
| Cherry Bloom 13th, A. Boulton, Armstrong's Mills, Ont. | 75 00 |
| Joan 8th, Capt. D. Milloy, Paris, Ont. | 70 00 |
| Queen Anne, J. Chinnick, Chatham, Ont. | 95 00 |
| Aggie Ury 2nd, A. Chadbourn, Ralphton, Man. | 130 00 |
| Maude, H. Arkell, Arkell, Ont. | 50 00 |
| Lady Clare 2nd, R. Talbot, Everton, Ont. | 65 00 |
| Effie 5th, D. Milloy, Paris, Ont. | 80 00 |
| Lady Hildrop 4th, H. Oakes, Oustie, Ont. | 65 00 |
| Lady Joan 2nd, W. R. Stewart, Chatham, Ont. | 60 00 |
| Pansy, M. Scott, Killen, Ont. | 65 00 |
| Lady Roy 3rd, John Gordon, Acton, Ont. | 65 00 |
| Beatrice McDuff 2nd, D. Milloy, Paris, Ont. | 70 00 |
| Joan 9th, R. Buchanan, Gourock, Ont. | 80 00 |
| Clipper, D. H. Snyder, New Dundee, Ont. | 100 00 |
| Minnie, J. Horn, Attwood, Ont. | 55 00 |
| Cinderella, J. Horn, Attwood, Ont. | 75 00 |
| Florrie, W. Fink, New Germany, Ont. | 75 00 |
| Ada 2nd, D. Milloy, Paris, Ont. | 100 00 |
| Judith, W. Shafer, Berlin, Ont. | 80 00 |
| Joan 6th, W. & M. Bell, Springfield, Ont. | 80 00 |
| Ada 4th, P. S. Kennedy, Acton, Ont. | 50 00 |
| Lovely Gem 2nd, W. Wright, Britannia, Ont. | 55 00 |
| Joan 10th, W. Wright, Britannia, Ont. | 60 00 |
| Cleopatra 5th, D. Milloy, Paris, Ont. | 60 00 |
| Cleopatra 6th, D. Homing, Highgate, Ont. | 45 00 |
| Aggie Ury 3rd, J. Birrell, Mosbore, Ont. | 45 00 |

Bulls—
War Eagle, G. & E. Thompson, Guelph, Ont.
Royal Standard, W. D. Shattuck, Guelph, Ont.
Prince Dagmar, R. Buchanan, Gourock, Ont.
Duke of Gloster, J. Birrell, Mosbore, Ont.
Crusader, W. H. Wallace, Mt. Forest, Ont.
Royal Saxon, W. R. Stewart, Chatham, Ont.
Stanley, A. F. Jackson, Downsview, Ont.
On Stanley-On, M. Lamb, Acton, Ont.
Arthur, D. Milloy, Paris, Ont.

J. G. CLARK, Woodroffe Stock Farm, Ottawa, Ontario,

—HAS FOR SALE—

Three Clydesdale Mares

Weighing from 1,650 to 1,800 pounds, and their colts from 1 to 3 years old. Choice young Yorkshires of both sexes. Choice young Ayrshires of both sexes. For sale cheap.

EGGS.

I am now offering to farmers, eggs from choice yards of Blk. Minorcas, Barred Plymouth Rocks, S. C. Brown Leghorns, White S. C. Leghorns, E. C. Brown Leghorns, Light Brahmas, and Black Hamburgs, at \$1 per dozen. These birds have all been imported or from imported stock. I have a reference pen of White Plymouth Rocks for which I charge \$2 per dozen.

W. L. BROWN, London West, Ont.**G. BENNETT & PARDO, CHARING CROSS, ONT.**

Breeders and Importers of Chester Swine and Poultry—P. Cochins and L. Brahmas, B. P. Rocks, Golden, Silver and White Wyandottes, W. & B. Leghorns, Silver-Gray Dorkings, and Cornish Indian Game. Eggs, \$1.00 per 13 the remainder of the season. Safe shipment and a fair hatch guaranteed. 10-2-y-on

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

To get Black Minorcas (Rev. W. E. Scott's strain), White Wyandottes, Silver-Gray Dorkings, White and Brown Leghorns. Eggs, \$1.00 per fifteen. All winning strains. Also Berkshire Boars and Sows, all ages; Shorthorn Cattle and Leicester Sheep.

MAC CAMPBELL, Northwood P. O., Ont.**Lewisville Station, G. T. R. 24-2-y-on****ALLAN M. SNETSINGER, MOULINETTE, ONT.**

breeder of highly-bred W. S. C. Leghorns, great layers, large sized, beautiful. First prize winners. Eggs, \$1 per 13; carefully packed. -on

FOR SALE—PURE TAIWORTH'S

Four September Sows, fit to breed; two yearling boars. Spring pigs in pairs not a kin.

JOHN FULTON, Jr., Brownsville, Ont.**ROSE BANK POULTRY YARDS.**

R. C. Leghorns, "White" Red Caps, Black Langshans, Golden Poland, Blue Andalusians, Silver Gray Dorkings, Light Brahmas, Houdans, S. C. B. Leghorns. Price, \$1 per 13 eggs.

F. N. HAIG, Hoard's Station, Ont.**EGGS FOR HATCHING—Silver, Golden**

and White Wyandottes, B. P. Rocks, and Pekin Ducks, \$1.50 per setting, \$2.50 per two settings. Send for my illustrated incubator circular.

J. E. MEYER, KOSUTH, ONT.**Jacob B. Snider, GERMAN MILLS, ONT.**

breeder of highly-bred L. and D. Brahmas, Black Langshans, Barred and White Rocks, G. & W. Wyandottes, Black Minorcas, Red Caps, and Indian Game. Eggs, \$1.25 to \$2 per setting. Write your wants.

THE IMPROVED VICTOR Incubator
Hatches Chickens by Steam. Absolutely self-regulating. The simplest, most reliable, and cheapest first-class hatcher in the market. Circulars free. Address: GEO. EITEL & CO., LONDON, ONT., or QUEBEC, ILL.

BOARS! BOARS!

For next thirty days we will sell Yorkshire and Berkshire Boars, weighing from 140 lbs. to 200 lbs. (registered), for from \$10 to \$15, crated on cars. Orders booked for young pigs ready for shipment next month, with registered pedigrees, \$6 each.

13-1-y-on W. E. BOWMAN, Mt. Forest, Ont.**F. BONNYCASTLE & SONS,****CAMPBELLFORD, ONT.**

Breeders of Shorthorn Cattle, Cotswold Sheep and Berkshire pigs. Heifers, heifer calves and bull calves for sale at prices to suit the times.

Shorthorns!

TWO bulls, 20 months; two bulls, 15 months; one bull, 12 months; one bull, 10 months; six in all, colors, red and roan; good animals, in good working shape, and reasonable price.

D. Alexander, BRIDGEN, ONT.**THOS. ALLIN & BROS.****LAKE VIEW FARM, OSHAWA, ONT.**

Breeders of SHORT-HORN CATTLE and SHROPSHIRE SHEEP. 2 choice young bulls now for sale, also a few choicely-bred cows and heifers. Hard-times prices. Correspondence solicited.

4-2-y-on**CENTRAL NURSERIES.**

Orders are coming in lively (Thanks). Our trees and plants are up to date. A splendid assortment to select from yet. Our stock and prices will please you. Try them. Snap shots by mail all strictly 1st class. For. pd. 8 Lowdon or Columbian raspberry plants, \$1; 9 grapevines, 2 years —3 each M. Diamond. Vergenius, Wordon, \$1; 6 beautiful roses, all 2 years, assorted colors, \$1; 2 Clematis, purple and white, 2 years, \$1; 50 asparagus, 1 year—Columbian Mam., or Palmetto, or Colossal—50c. Choice Seed Potatoes. Priced Catalogue Free.

A. G. HULL & SON, St. Catharine's, Ont.**Norway Spruce.**

All sizes; twice transplanted; good roots; stout, bushy tops; fine healthy color. WHITE SPRUCE, ditto. Other Evergreen Trees. Prices very low. Get our new descriptive price list now.

THE LESLIE NURSERIES, 4 Lombard Street, TORONTO, ONT.**4 Scotch Shorthorn Bulls for Sale**

Ten to thirteen months old, from Duchess of Gloster, Lovely, and Nonpareil dams, and sired by imported King James. Also a few Partridge Cockerhens for sale, \$1.50.

15-1-y-on H. I. ELLIOTT, Danville, P. Q.**Bulls For Sale**

I have some good young Shorthorn Bulls of choice breeding which I will sell cheap, considering quality. S. B. CORWILL, Fanshawe, Ont.

FOR SALE. A few choice SHORTHORN

BOARS fit for service, sired by J. G. Snell's Enterprise. Prices right. Correspondence solicited. F. A. Gardner, BRITANNIA, PEEL COUNTY, ONT.

FOR SALE! 10 SHORTHORN BULLS

and a few heifers, nearly all from imported cows and got by an imported bull. 22-2-y-on

JOHN ISAAC, Kinellar Lodge, Markham, Ont.**H. K. Fairbairn, Thedford, Ont.**

Breeder of pure-bred Shorthorns. I now have for sale two good young bulls, 11 and 13 months old, of choice breeding. Will sell cheap, considering quality. 22-2-y-on

A. J. WATSON, CASTLEDERG, ONT.

(ASHTON FRONTVIEW FARM), breeder of choice Scotch SHORTHORNS. Young stock of either sex, and choicest breeding, for sale at reasonable prices. Correspondence solicited. Bolton Station, C. P. R. 22-2-y-on

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Mrs. E. M. Jones, of Brockville, Ont., makes some choice offerings of young Jersey stock in her new advertisement. Read it. See also announcement re "Dairying for Profit" in premium column.

Messrs. H. Bennett & Son, St. Williams, Ont., in writing us to change their advertisement, mentions that they are receiving inquiries and orders for Berkshire pigs and B. P. Rock eggs almost every day. Their advertisement refers to a young sow in pig. We understand she is a right good one and will be sold right. Spring pigs and spring eggs are right in season just now.

Messrs. H. Cargill & Son, Cargill, Ont., having sold all their young bulls fit for service, change their advertisement in this issue. They also report having sold six females, but they still have other cows, heifers and heifer calves to dispose of. They report twenty calves this winter and spring and more to follow. Although feed is scarce in the Cargill district this herd is in its usual excellent form, the result of good breeding and judicious care.

The American Cotswold Record (John C. Snell, Snellgrove, Ont., President; Geo. Harding & Son, Waukesha, Wis., Secretaries) offers the following cash prizes for Canadian-bred Cotswolds owned by exhibitor, and registered, at the Toronto and London shows for 1897: For the best flock, consisting of a ram any age, one ewe two years or over, one ewe one year and under two years, and one ewe lamb—First prize, \$10; second, \$5. For the best pen of four lambs, consisting of two rams and two ewes—First prize, \$10; second, \$5.

The horse-breeding season just opening promises to be one of the best for years, especially for good draft sires. Mr. Robert Davies, Thorncliffe Farm, Toronto, Ont., is doing the Clydesdales interests a decided benefit in allowing such horses as he offers elsewhere in this issue to pass into districts where they are so much needed. Energy is a rangy, smooth horse of superior action, and an excellent sire; King's Own and Black Prince are as good as imported, the former having secured a number of noted premiums at leading exhibitions.

SUCCESS OF THE DIAMOND GRIP FENCE.

Mr. Fred Gregory, of Milton, writes that he built 170 rods of Diamond Grip for Mr. Kennedy, of Roundhill; and to use Mr. Kennedy's own words: "It is the best and cheapest fence on the market." He gave it a very severe test. He had a young horse that ran full tear against the fence, and it sent him back; he tried to drive the pigs through the fence with the dog, but the fence would not give, and he justly declares it the best in the market. The Diamond Grip is built by the Canada Fence Co., London, Ont. They also make Barb Wire from the best Am. Galv. wire at \$2.65, and Smooth Wire, \$2.35 cash.

NOTICES.**FARM SUPT. RENNIE, OF THE O. A. C., ON ROLLING.**

E. C. Coleman, Manager Estate of T. T. Coleman, Seaford, Ont.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your favor of yesterday, beg to say that we have one of your Dale Pivoted Land Rollers on the Experimental Farm, and that it gives entire satisfaction.

As to the importance of rolling land, that depends somewhat upon circumstances. If the land is moist at time of seeding it would be advisable not to roll until dry, even if the grain should be up three or four inches.

Experiments teach us that rolling when the land is moist tends to form a crust on the surface, which will cause the land to dry out through evaporation.

Loose land should be rolled before seeding, which will pack the soil, and in seeding the surface will be pulverized, forming a mulch which will retain the moisture.

Yours respectfully,

WM. RENNIE.**Guelph, March 30th, 1897.**

In another column Messrs. Osler, Hammond & Nanton, Land Agents, 381 Main St., Winnipeg, Man., advertise a little pamphlet of interest to anyone thinking of settling in the West. This pamphlet can be obtained, along with list of lands for sale, for the asking.

VETERINARY COLLEGE CLOSING.

The Ontario Veterinary College terminated its session on March 25th by the accustomed annual dinner, at which were present among other notables, Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. John Dryden, Hon. Wm. Mulock, W. F. McLean, M. P., Major Lloyd, V. S., J. H. Reed, V. S., Dr. Ryerson, Henry Wade, and a number of Toronto aldermen. Principal Prof. Andrew Smith, F. R. C. V. S., who occupied the chair, made a short address to the students. Major Lloyd in an address dwelt particularly on the necessity for all to endeavor to keep pace with the advancing knowledge of the day, there being no standing still in science.

Prof. Reed, V. S., of the Guelph Agricultural College, emphasized the necessity for all graduates to pay particular attention to a correct code of professional ethics, gentlemanly conduct and bearing towards each other, and also to aim at a higher standard of honor and honorable dealing with the public at large. The graduates of which there were some 65, are from several States of the American Union, Scotland, Newfoundland, Manitoba, Quebec, and Ontario. The gold medal for best general examination was taken by R. C. Cliff, Hamilton, and the gold medal for best section specimens by S. S. MacDonald, Toronto.

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Wm. Grainger & Son, London, Ont., writes under date of April 9th, 1897: "I am sending you a change of advertisement to say that we consider the ADVOCATE a good medium to advertise in. We have this season sold the following young bulls: Golden Horn, a beautiful roan, to John F. Learned, of Cookshire, Que., to head his herd of dairy Shorthorns; Pride of Hawthorn to B. N. MacKenzie, of Amherst, Ont.; Sam Gidley to Mark Cassel & Son, Wingham, Ont.; and Dock Perdue to Dunoon Forbes, Stratford, Ont. They are all excellent bulls, as good a lot as ever left 'Hawthorne,' and have been sold at a slight increase on former prices. Our young calves for next season are an extra good lot. They are the first of the get of our present stock bull, Beau Ideal, and they go to show that he is a good stock-getter. The heifers that we advertise are an even, good lot, in nice breeding condition, and from A1 dairy cows. Wishing the ADVOCATE every success, we remain,

HERBERT WRIGHT'S OXFORD DOWNS AND SHORTHORNS.

A better pen of Oxford Downs would be hard to find than the one we were shown at Mr. Herbert Wright's, a few miles out of Guelph, the last week in March. Mr. W. has over 90 head, half of which are breeding ewes, which have or will lamb this spring. The lambs that have arrived are strong, active fellows, one weighing 19 lbs. at 34 hours of age. The pen of 15 ewe lambs (one year old this spring) are an exceptionally good lot, having size with quality and are well covered with useful, lustrous wool, their skins being in splendid condition; they look as if they would clip a dozen pounds apiece this spring. The two-year-old stock ram, bred on the farm from imported sire and dam, is a sheep of great substance and strong bone. He is well put up as to form and has a faultless fleece of wool coming from a clear, pink skin. He has proved himself a great sire of females, indicated by last year's crop of lambs. His dam was bred by Alex. Esel, Fairfield, Eng., and his sire by W. J. P. Gooding, Lichfield, Eng., and which were imported by Mr. Wright in '83. The flock also comprises 12 yearling bucks, a magnificent pair of two-year-old rams sired by an imported sheep sold in February. Mr. Wright has on his place an ideal sheep pen which is well lighted from all sides, and being built on a slightly declining ground affords good drainage. The root collar occupies one end, while the dry feed is stored overhead.

Among the Shorthorns, Mr. Wright has Lady Bright 2nd, Queen, and Beauty, daughters of the noted Lady Bright which was shown at the World's Fair in the milking class, a cow capable of making 21 lbs. butter per day, and giving her 80 lbs. of milk. All three daughters are producers and able to retain the reputation handed them by their mother as milkers. The old cow's yearling granddaughter, of rich roan color, is particularly well quartered and has sufficient bone, a beautiful head and horn.

Mr. W. sold all his bulls in February, and is now getting the Cochrane ranch at Calgary a bunch of yearlings, which will be shipped in May, with two carloads of stock bulls, for the ranch. These animals were purchased in Wellington Co., and Mr. Wright says they are doing nicely, for they were on the thin side when they arrived.