GOSSIP. R. L. BURGESS & SON.

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The home of Mrs. R. L. Burgess & Son, Burgessville, Ontario, was visited and the stock of Southdown sheep, Berkshire and Yorkshire pigs looked over. At present the flock of sheep number some 45 head, composed of three two-shear and three shearling rams, nineteen breeding and six shearling ewes, and the balance of this year's crop of lambs, eight of which are rams. The foundation of the flock was purchased from such breeders as Baker, Jackson, Simmonton, and T. C. Douglas. The stock ram was imported from the flock of a Mr. Lucas, England, by Mr. Douglas, and as a sire and show sheep has been very successful, winning wherever shown, while the stock ram employed the year previous was also an active competitor for first honors in many large showrings. He also was purchased from Mr. Douglas, and possessed much quality to recommend him as a sire, being particularly well covered. Among his show winnings were first at The Royal, as well as Toronto and London. The shearlings on the farm are larly well covered. Among his show winnings were first at The Royal, as well as Toronto and London. The shearlings on the farm are his produce, which are an even, strong, well-covered lot, possessing size and evenness of quality, being now in the pink of condition. The lambs compare well with those we have seen elsewhere; and although they came in March, have attained a good size. The shearling and two-shear rams should quickly attract the attention of parties requiring a stock

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In the Berkshire pens we saw two stock boars, seven brood sows, and nine three-months' pigs, the foundation stock of which was obtained from Mr. Geo. Green, Mr. Teasdall, and Mr. A. Wilson. The demand for this stock has been very active; and although all sows gave good-sized litters last spring, the stock has been greatly reduced; but as they are all to farrow again this fall, the firm will be in a position to meet a good demand for this class of stock. The stock boars are both creditable, well-marked animals of very superior breeding, a point which Mr. Burgess places great stress upon in all his stock, as is nlainly shown by the animals now on the farm.

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The Yorkshire herd was founded upon The Yorkshire herd was founded upon Brethour-bred stock, and number some fifteen animals, at the head of which is the stock boar Merry Diamond, a descendant of the second prize hog at the World's Fair, while the two brood sows are directly descended from imported stock on both sides, and are due to farrow in August and September to Merry Diamond. Much demand was also found for this breed, and from the class of teach which Mr. Burgess has on hand we present the stock which Mr. Burgess has on hand we prefound for this breed, and from the class of stock which Mr. Burgess has on hand we pre-dict for him a brilliant future as a stock breeder, so long as he keeps up the standard of the stock now in the possession of the firm.

J. H. SMITH & SON'S JERSEYS.

At the home of J. H. Smith & Son, Highfield, Oat., we found a very extensive Jersey herd, numbering some sixty animals. The stock bull, King of Highfield, by Hugo Alpha of Oak Lawn, and out of Signal's Rosa May, is now four years old. He was at the head of the first prize herd last fall at Toronto, and was placed first at Ottawa and Montreal, beating the Toronto sweepstakes bull; in fact, has only been placed second once, although having been shown at all the large fairs since a calf. His dam has a record of 22 lbs. 4 ozs. butter per week. He is a solid fawn with dark shadings, and carries himself in a prompt, stylish manner; has fine dairy conformation, a good disposition, and according to indications will be heard from again this fall. St. Lambert of Highfield, a pure St. Lambert, and out of Mot of St. Lamoert. He was lately purchased from F. L. Green, Greenwood, Ont., not only on account of his superior conformation but al-o of his accestry, being a pure St. Lambert, and a long, deep bodied, stylish fellow, that will undoubtedly make his mark as a breeder, and probably as a show bull. Highfield Hero is a fine bull calf, by Hugo Alpha of Oak Lawn, and out of Unora May, daughter of Signal's Rosa May. His dam, it is said, last year gave 64 ibs. of milk per day. He possesses true dairy form, and is in the pink of condition, and is the only remaining calf of last year's crop. The matrons of the herd are a strong, good lot, and now number over 30 head. Among them may be mentioned such animals as: Signal's Rosa May, now eight years old, by Signal Laddie, and out of May Rosa. She is a fawn cow, of superior substanc., standing on short legs, yet possessing a very long, deep body and one of the kind that you always At the home of J. H. Smith & Son, Highfield, Among them may be mentioned such animals as: Signal's Rosa May, now eight years old, by Signal Laddie, and out of May Rosa. She is a fawn cow, of superior substance, standing on short legs, yet possessing a very long, deep body, and one of the kind that you always find right. She has been a show cow ever since she came on the place from her former owner and breeder, Mr. N. W. Neighr, Kentucky, and a winner every time shown. She has produced five calves on the farm, namely: King of Highfield. Signal Rosa May's son, now the property of Robt. McCullough, Snelgrove, Ont.; Unora May, now on the farm; Signal's Rosa May 2nd, and Signal Hugo, now owned by Mr. Beecher, Toronto. She has been a very prominent feature in the herd with her record of 61 lbs. of milk in one day, yielding 22 lbs. 4 oz. butter per week, and she tested at Guelph Dairy Show 5.94 per cent. butter-fat. Lena of Oakdale is a dark fawn, five-year-old cow, by Dean of Oakdale, and out of Menie's 3rd. with a record of 20 lbs. 10 oz. butter, A. J. C. C. test, while Lena has a record of 19 lbs. 4 oz. in the dairy test last winter at Guelph, winning 1st place when within three months of calving, and went 45 points ahead of all Jersey competitors. She also has been a successful breeder of prize winners, among them being Zip of Highfield, now owned in Quebec; Inca of Highfield, a first prize winner last year wherever shown under 6 months, a steel gray shaping to make an extraordinary animal, now the property of W. V. Edwards, Souris, Man. who upon its arrival expressed great satisfaction. As a show cow she was in the first prize herd, and a winner in the four-year-old class at the leading shows last year. An extra strong type of a cow is St. Lambert Cathleen, a steel gray with dark shadings, by Brier Pogis, son of Sweet Brier of St. Lambert, record 22 lbs. 10 oz., and out of Lady Summerset, has been in the herd for three years, and is now carrying her third calf. Her last year's calf was one of four that won last year wherever shown. She has a record of 23 lb CIVIL ENGINEERING

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week, and possesses good feeding qualities. The five-year-old dark fawn Unora May, by Hugo Alpha of Oak Lawn, and out of Signal's Rosa May, was in the first prize herd until last year, and in her class has always won first honors. Her owners claim for her a record of 61 lbs. of milk in one day. Her three calves are owned on the farm. The young females are represented by six two-year-olds, nine yearlings, and fifteen heifer calves; among them being the two-year-old heifer Carlo's Alta, purchased at J. C. Snell's sale, an animal possessing much quality to recommend her, having good strength of constitution combined with the choicest of qua.ity. She was sired by Carlo of Glen Duart, and out of Arklan's Alta, by Rioter's Pride, son of Stoke Pogis 3rd and imp. Pride of Windsor, g.-d. Florist's Caroline. At the Peel Co. show last fall she won first over the first prize winner at the Toronto fair. Her sire was champion over all Canada three times. A full sister won first at Toronto, Ottawa, and the Provincial Dairy Show in 1895, so that she comes honestly by her exhibition qualities, and great things are expected of her, her udder being well developed and well balanced, her teats large and well placed, and her whole appearance very attractive. Others worthy of mention are Bessie, Jennie, and Muriel of Highfield, in fact, they are an exceptionally good herd of the breed, possessing much strong breeding and showy conformation, and judged by their well-formed udders are unquestionably workers of high order. Five bull calves are now in view, and will undoubtedly find ready admirers as soon as they arrive at serviceable ages.

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Some three miles southwest of the village of Allandale, Ont., adjoining Barrie, is the extensive breeding establishment of John Shrigley, where attention is given to Shorthorn and Hereford cattle, Shropshire sheep, Berkshire and Yorkshire pigs. To deal first with the Shorthorns, we saw the very superior, well-built, dark red two-year-old bull, Gracchus 21540, by Lord George 13555, and out of Sibyl Grace 20128, by imported Michigan 4115. He was bred in the famous herd of Col. R. Tyrwhitt, Bradford, Ont., and was used as a sire last season, proving himself sure and worthy, as is shown by his calves, which are an even, thrifty lot. Among the five matrons now milking we noted specially the seven-year old roan cow Drucilla, by General Booth 4925, and out of Belle Queen 2nd 16081, by Bonnie Dundee 4299, a cow possessing true beeling qualities, and in condition may safely be estimated at 1.850 pounds. Three of her five calves are now on the farm, and have done much to build up the herd. Dorcas 20813, dark red, by Lord Polwarth 5368, and out of Beatrix 14229, by Marmion, has raised five calves, all of which have found ready purchasers. Ellen, by Rover 2nd 7913, dam Violet 8131, by Baron Gamo 2nd 2804, has raised three dark red heifer calves, all of which are on the farm, and possess much quality; her sire was considered the beet sire that ever was owned in the section, says Mr. S. The bulls employed were mostly owned by Dr. Morton, and obtained from the most noted herds of Ontario, and none but gilt edged animals have been used. This crop of five heifer calves are a good, growthy, even lot, and more cows to hear from this fall. The Herefords now number a dczen, at the head of which is a voung bull bred by Mr. H. D. Smith, Compton, Que., and succeeding Young Ingleside 2nd, the sire of this crop of calves; the cows now being in calf to the late importation. A very choice three year old cow in calf was shown that was bred on the farm. The origin of the herd was obtained fr This year's crop of calves are one heifer and one bull, with half a dczen calves yet to hear from; and, taking them as a herd, they are a very strong, even lot, and when bunched together present a very creditable appearance. together present a very creditable appearance. The Shropshires were founded upon stock obtained from C. C. Bridges, and now number over sixty breeding ewes with their lambs, twenty shearling ewes, and two shearling rams, one of which was purchased from John Campbell, and is a get of the World's Fair prize-winner, and is a strong, well-covered fellow, possessing much quality. A home-bred shearling by a Campbell ram is a strong, rangy fellow. That the flock has been well kept up is evinced by this year's crop of well-matured and well-covered lambs, among which we saw animals from which show stock could be selected, and Mr. Shrig'ey now offers a few aged ewes, ewe lambs and ram lambs for sale.

sale.

The herd of Berkshires includes some half a dozen Berkshire brood sows, three of which will farrow this fall. They are the descendants of Teasdall and Linton stock, while the stock boar was bred by J. G. Snell, which speaks for their merit of breeding, and some well marked young animals are now offered for sale. Of the half-dozen Yorkshire brood sows four are safely in pig to a very well-made animal bred by Mr. Wilson, Orillia, and of this breed some choice young sows are now offered for sale that are eligible for registration.

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