

Publisher's Desk.—Continued

tened. We, therefore, decided to postpone our special swine feature till February or March. An announcement will be made in our January number.

A Convenient Lantern.—The great candle lantern, made by the Safety Lantern Co., of Toronto, is one of the most simple, and at the same time most practical, inventions imaginable. It is a really very handy lantern.

Waterfowl.—If any of the readers of FARMING are interested in waterfowl, and will write to T. Farner Rackham, East Orange, N.J., to that effect, he will be pleased to mail gratuitously a copy of the Water Fowl Club Catalogue.

American Guernsey Cattle Club.—The annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 9th, 1896, at 10.30 a.m., at the Colonnade Hotel, 15th and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, Pa. The year just closing has been a very profitable one to the club.

National Duroc-Jersey Record Association.—The fifth annual meeting of the National Duroc-Jersey Record Association will be held in the Clifton House, Chicago, January 12th, 1897. All breeders of Duroc-Jerseys, whether members or not, are cordially invited to be present.

Dehorning.—The New Champion Dehorning Clipper, made by S. S. Kimball, of 577 Craig street, Montreal, seems to be well adapted in all respects for the purpose for which it is made. It is stated that there are more of these clippers in use than of any other kind and that they work splendidly. See Mr. Kimball's advertisement.

American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association.—The officers elected on November 11th for the year 1897 were as follows: President, E. S. Burwell, of Wisconsin; vice-president, M. L. Evans, of Iowa; secretary-treasurer, Thomas McFarlane, of Illinois; directors for three years, H. W. Elliott, of Missouri; E. S. Burwell, of Wisconsin; and L. McWhorter, of Illinois.

A Handsome Catalogue.—We are in receipt of the Von Culin Incubator Co.'s new catalogue, which is really a most useful and attractive book. It is simply replete with information about raising poultry for profit, either on a large or a small scale. Of course, its chief mission is to advertise the company's manufactures, but it is, at the same time, worth many times its price to anyone who keeps, or is thinking of keeping, poultry. Send five cents to The Von Culin Incubator Co., Delaware City, Del., and they will mail you a copy. It will pay you to do so.

The Canadian Geared Airmotor.—We call attention to the interesting announcement of the Ontario Wind Engine and Pump Co., of Toronto, in our advertising columns. The windmills and motors made by this company are not only of the utmost utility, but are a prime necessity on every farm of any great extent. Being well made and skillfully designed, they have given entire satisfaction, as is evidenced by the fact that while some manufacturers have been complaining of dull times this company has been compelled to increase its staff in order to keep up with the demand. There are no better machines made than theirs.

The Bell Organs and Pianos.—We do not know that we can say anything which can by any

possibility add to the fame of these well known musical instruments. It may interest our readers, however, to know that there are nearly eighty thousand Bell organs in existence; that the company have branch establishments in England, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, and that amongst the many purchasers of Bell instruments are to be found the names of some of the leading musicians of Europe and America, as well as of Royalty. The Bell Organ and Piano Company adopt the very best methods, both in the manufacture of their instruments and in their dealings with the public.

A Double Root Cutter.—Tolton Bros., of Guelph, deserve the thanks of all stockmen for the introduction of so valuable an implement as their No. 1 Double Root Cutter. Many attempts were made to construct a machine capable of doing the work of two single ones in both slicing and pulping roots for fodder, but Messrs. Tolton Bros. claim that until their invention appeared all such efforts proved futile. The importance of the invention in a stock-raising and feeding country can hardly be over-estimated, and the manufacturers of it fully merit the success which they have had. It is a good machine, and we would advise those of our readers who have not already got it to read Messrs. Tolton Bros.' advertisement in another column and send to them for further particulars.

Saskatchewan Buffalo Robes.—Those who were fortunate enough to visit the Northwestern prairies before the extinction of the buffalo was consummated little dreamed that anything would ever be invented to replace the genuine buffalo robe in cold climates. It seems, however, that man's necessities only are needed to quicken man's invention, and as soon as it was realized that the buffalo was really gone, what are now known as Saskatchewan Buffalo robes appeared. They seem to possess all the qualities of the genuine skin for warmth and wear, and at the same time to be lighter and more flexible, and not so liable to be affected by wet. Newlands & Co., of Galt, are to be highly commended for the introduction of so valuable an addition to the wearing fabrics of this country.

The Meetings in Guelph.—The Fat Stock Show to be held in Guelph during the second week of December promises to be a magnificent one, and the prizes offered amount to nearly \$4,000. This show has already won the reputation of being the best winter show of cattle, sheep, and swine in America. As will be seen on another page, a number of meetings will be held during the progress of the show, and these will be of more than ordinary interest. At the "Joint Meeting" to be held on Tuesday, December 8th, addresses will be given by our two Ministers of Agriculture, Messrs. Dryden and Fisher, and by others; also, a very practical paper will be read by Charles E. Thorne, Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio, on "The Relative Food Cost of Beef and Butter."

Keeping Sheep and Cattle Clean.—All farmers and breeders, in order to save feed and secure the greatest gain in flesh or milk yields during the winter season, should see that their sheep and cattle go into winter quarters perfectly free from vermin. A good application of "Little's Sheep and Cattle Wash" will not only kill ticks and lice, but will clean the skin, and thus promote general health—repeat at intervals in order to make sure work. No farmer can afford to be without a tin of this very valuable preparation