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GOSSIP.

In writing to advertisers, mention the "Farmer's Advocate."

The Toronto Poultry Association has decided to hold a winter show. The date has not yet been decided, but no doubt it will be in December, and near Christmas.

London, Ont., *Free Press*:—"The Queen's Jubilee number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE just issued is an exceptionally good one, containing a large quantity of excellent letter-press and timely illustrations."

Peter Smith, Grey Co., Ont., under date of June 18th writes:—"I have taken the FARMER'S ADVOCATE a great many years, and consider that it has always maintained its position as the best agricultural paper in Canada."

John Miller, Markham, Ont., writes:—"I enclose you P. O. order for advertising due you. I have had a very successful year, and could have sold many more if I had had them. I have a very fine lot of young calves, and intend showing a herd of calves at the Industrial."

P. J. Cogswell, Brighton Place Herd, Rochester, N. Y.:—"Lord Harry's Lucy 86091 dropped her last calf Feb. 19th last, and gave in seven days, commencing April 11th, 220 lbs. of milk, from which we churned 16 lbs. 5 ozs. of choice butter. Lord Harry's Lucy is four years old, a steel gray color and a strong, robust cow."

The Farmers' National Congress of the United States and Pan American Agricultural Parliament will hold its annual meeting in St. Paul, Minn., on August 31st to September 6th next. The Secretary is Mr. John M. Stahl, of Chicago, and the membership includes many of the ablest agriculturists in the Republic. It is entirely nonpolitical.

Mr. Thomas A. Sharpe, Manager of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Agassiz, B. C., before the Agricultural Committee at Ottawa made a statement of the experiments that are being conducted there, principally in fruit culture, there being over 2,000 varieties under test. He said that there was, to his knowledge, no San Jose scale in that Province, although it was in Washington Territory.

Mr. Wm. Watson, Teeswater, Ont., has recently purchased from Mr. J. C. Snell, Snellgrove, Ont., the handsome solid fawn yearling Jersey heifer Mabel, by Signet Seal, son of Mighty Dollar, winner of first prize and sweepstakes silver medal at Toronto exhibition. The dam of Signet Seal, Gipsy of Spruce Grove, winner of first prize and sweepstakes at the Provincial Dairy Show, 1895, gave 45 pounds milk daily, testing 6.2 butterfat. Mr. Watson has introduced a number of Jerseys into the district where he lives, and most of them have given good satisfaction. He has a special liking for this his favorite breed of dairy cattle.

American Fat Stock Show.

The Illinois State Board of Agriculture has decided to resume the holding of the American Fat Stock Show in the new Coliseum building at Chicago, Nov. 9th to 20th. The prize list gives to cattle \$2,750, to sheep \$1,000, swine \$1,000, poultry and pet stock \$1,500, dairy products \$1,000. No prizes are provided for breeding stock in the above classes. The Chicago Horse Show will be held at the same time and place, under the same management. An appropriation of \$10,000 has been made for prizes in this department.

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A Bicycle Ride Through Southern Manitoba.

From Carman our course lay directly south along a fairly good road, parts of which might easily be improved if a road machine were passed over it occasionally. Three miles out a brief halt was made to inspect the embryo of a Shorthorn herd, which is being established by

Mitchell Waller, he having procured from the herd of H. Cargill & Sons, Cargill, Ont., four yearling heifers, all by their imported bull Royal Member =17107= (61741), and all of that smooth, sweet, even type indicative of good breeding. Royal Josephine, a lightish roan, out of Josephine S. =23230=; Jessie, a nice rich roan, out of Josephine Victor =18276=; Royal Maud, a red, out of Maud 4th =23240=; and Isabella 8th, a red with white markings, out of Isabella 4th =18745=. A few miles further south

Forest Home Stock Farm, the home of Andrew Graham, is reached. The large grove of poplar, ash, maple, etc., planted some years ago, completely shelters the buildings and adds wonderfully to the homelike appearance and comfort of the surroundings. Mr. Graham's stock was recently reviewed in our gossip columns. We may only add that the show herd is coming along in good shape. Manitoba Chief, at the head of the herd, improves steadily year by year. He is not a big bull, but is smooth, level, and well covered with firm, even flesh on those parts that cut the highest priced meat. He is the kind of bull one would look to for an impressive sire of high quality best stock, and so far as his progeny now show they justify this conclusion. Spending the night under the hospitable roof of Forest Home Farm, a fresh start is made next morning again southward ahead of a terrific gale of wind from the north. It's easy wheeling over a good road with such a gale at one's back. Four miles south of Rosebank station, on the N. P. Brandon branch, a short stop was made at

E. Leatherdale's, just to look at his Berkshires. Besides several sows of his own breeding is one bred by Arthur Johnstone, Greenwood, Ont., a nice sow but a trifle fine perhaps. Mr. Leatherdale had been unfortunate in a hog imported from Ontario for a stock boar, he having failed to breed; this made his sows all late in farrowing. South-east three miles further and

A. P. Stevenson's is reached. To be appreciated this farm must be seen. There is not a man in the Province, to our knowledge, who has done so much in a practical way along the lines of horticulture and arboriculture as Mr. Stevenson, and it would well repay any farmer to visit his place; he would receive a kindly welcome and be inspired with a higher ideal of the possibilities of homemaking, and fruit, forest, and ornamental tree growing. Mr. Stevenson is well known to ADVOCATE readers; his articles, descriptive of the varieties and methods of cultivation found most successful are always eagerly read. Again southward ahead of the wind, which throughout this section was damaging the crops on the light knolls by drifting of fine soil. We passed through Morden and on some seven miles further, reaching

Nelson Bedford's, in township 2, range 5, the farm lying well up on the first rise of the Pembina mountains and the building site close under the protection of the higher hills and in the shelter of the timber. The most conspicuous object as one approaches is the magnificent stock barn which had just been completed. It is 106 x 50 feet; a stone wall ten feet high, the ground floor giving room for 104 head of cattle and eleven horses. The superstructure has eighteen-foot posts, twenty-eight feet purlins posts, giving a capacity for about 300 tons of hay, besides a granary, etc. The barn is surrounded by a windmill to pump, elevate and crush grain. In the orchard are a number of crab apples, a few standards, and several improved plums, besides quantities of raspberries, currants, etc.; twenty-three crabs bore fruit last year, one fine old transcendental yielded twenty-three pails of choice fruit, another ten and another seven. A Desota plum graft that had been set on a wild plum stock had borne abundantly, although the parent stock which had developed into a good sized tree had never fruited. The stock are Shorthorn grades, headed by a very good pure-bred bull. Unlimited pasture is afforded on the hills and ravines to the westward of the 150 acres of cultivated land lying between the buildings and the main road. From here our course lay north-westward through what was once Mountain City, keeping south of Thornhill, passed Mr. Fairs Boulton's, who was just breaking ground for a large stock barn, and Mr. Bedford's, the father of S. A. Bedford, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm; on past Calf Mountain, a relic of the prehistoric Mound Builder, to Manitou, where train was taken for Crystal City. In the neighborhood of this flourishing little town are many breeders of pure-bred stock, and high-class farmers, but time only permitted brief calls on a few.

The butter factory, just getting under way for the second year's operations, is situated in an old building not well adapted for the purpose. Mr. Munn, the buttermaker, had just come from attendance at the O. A. C. dairy school at Guelph. The managers anticipate a good season's run. Adjoining the town is

The farm of Premier Greenwood, where some 300 acres are in crop. Our attention was, however, more attracted by the live stock. A bank barn, with basement, cow stable, horse stable on upper floor, also grain and feed rooms and hay mows; on stone foundation, with frame lean-to in the rear. In this building were found some of the Shorthorn herd. The two-year-old bull, Emperor Earl, of Hon. John Dryden's breeding, shown last year at Winnipeg, has developed into a good sized, useful looking animal, although disfigured somewhat by having been dehorned, he having broken off one horn at the exhibition last year. The roan two-year-old heifer, Roan Mary, also of Dryden's breeding, and shown last year as a yearling, has made great development, is now of good size, smooth, and well fleshed. She is due to calve early in July. Starling is a showy red yearling heifer, with fine front, well-sprung ribs, and good back. In the red Village Flower 1885, recently imported from H. & W. Smith, of Hay, Ont., and in their hands winning third in three-year-old class at Toronto last fall, the Premier has a cow that will not be easily turned down in any showing; and in