

English Live-stock and Agricultural Notes.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

Sheep are making great prices in Britain. Whatever class of animal the farmer has to offer, provided it is at all suited to its particular purpose, he is assured of a good market. Breeding stock, if not so dear relatively as grazing or fat, have made good money at all the southern sales. Hampshire Down, ram lambs at Blandford fetched up to 95 guineas (let) and 60 guineas (sold), and at Ipswich a Suffolk ram lamb brought 140 guineas from a Scottish buyer, and others made 120 guineas and 84 guineas. Longwools also are in demand, as was shown at Exeter and Taunton, where Devon Longwool rams made up to 23½ guineas. At Oxford Ram Fair the Duke of Marlborough bought one of the Messrs. Hobb's Oxford Down ram lambs for 72 guineas, and Hampshire Down ram lambs made up to 40 guineas.

At Manor House, Leconfield, near Beverley, in the sale of the Leconfield Lincoln longwool, shearling rams, the amount realized for ninety shearlings sold was 1,595 guineas, giving the excellent average of a little over £18 12s. per ram. Highest price paid was 54 guineas, by Geo. Morris, Kirmington, who obtained a grand ram by Riby Quality 2nd, after spirited competition. This was closely followed by W. Jackson, North Dale, who paid 51 guineas for another fine animal by Horkstow Champion. Ewes met with purchasers at an average price of nearly £5 each.

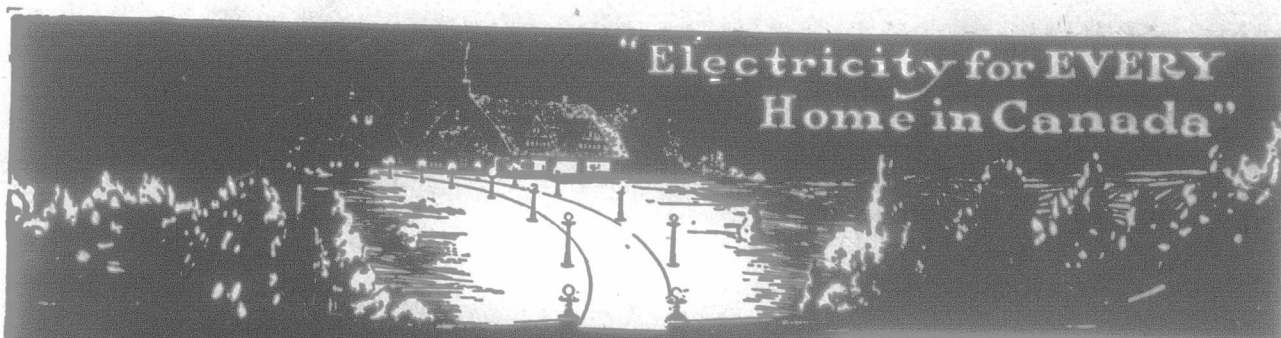
In Britford Sheep Fair James Flower's sixty-three ram lambs were keenly competed for. Mrs. Jervoise hired No. 1 at 180 guineas, Squarey (for Major Morrison) No. 2 at 220 guineas, Bishop (for J. G. Williams) No. 3 at 60 guineas, Thorold (for Sir George Cooper) No. 4 at 100 guineas, and A. E. Blackwell No. 5 at 100 guineas, making an average of £138 12s. Others were sold up to 100 guineas. The average for the sixty-three lambs let and sold was £31 14s. 6d.—a record letting and a record sale.

At Newmarket sale of Suffolk sheep, ninety shearlings from Fred. M. L. Slater, Weston Colville, averaged £6 0s. 6d., top price being £6 15s. The ram lambs sold up to 60 guineas and 51 guineas, these being the top prices of the day. These figures were obtained by R. Burrell, Westley, whose consignment of a dozen averaged £24 8s. 3d. The next best average was £26 17s. 7d. for five from Sir Ernest Cassel.

At Northampton, from the Stowe-Nine-Churches flock of Oxford Down sheep belonging to George Roberts, sold well. For ewes (sold in pens of five) top price was £7 15s., given by W. P. Horsley. The highest figure for the yearling ewes was £10, paid in two cases.

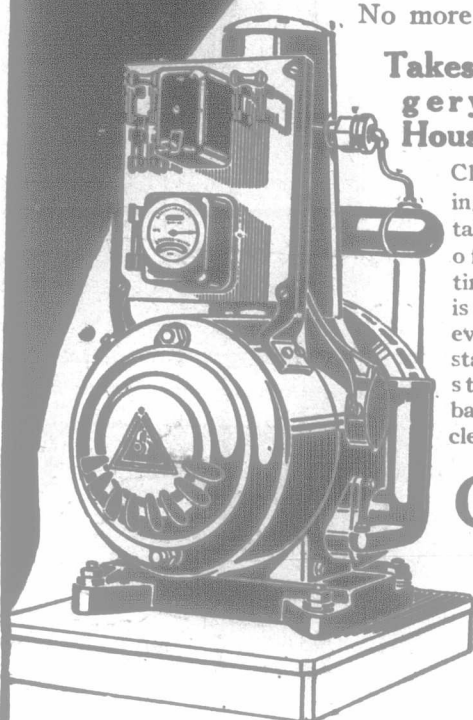
In Cumberland and the Border district best classes of half-bred ewes are making from 60s. to 66s. each, crosses from 48s. to 64s. each, and Cheviot hill sheep from 44s. to 51s. 6d. each. These prices are generally from 6s. to 8s. each in advance of those of last year. In Cheshire ewes are 9s. to 11s. more expensive than they were last year.

The result of the sale of the flocks of Oxford Down sheep bred by the late S. W. Jefferys at Black Burton, Scotland, indicates the present spirited state of the sheep trade. The average price for 412 of all ages was £7 1s. 1d., highest ever obtained for a flock of the breed. The weighty downs of Oxfordshire and neighboring counties are maintaining their progress in their native territory as well as in the Scottish Lowlands. The British South Africa Company has made its third shipment this season of pure-bred cattle to its farms in Rhodesia. The consignment consisted of twenty Hereford heifers and two bulls, and twelve Shorthorn heifers and two bulls from well-known herds. The Buluwayo 1,000-guinea trophy offered for the best bull of any breed by the Buluwayo Agricultural Society at their annual show has been won this year (for the second time in succession) by Mr. Drummond Forbes with his roan bull Lomond, which is by



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