

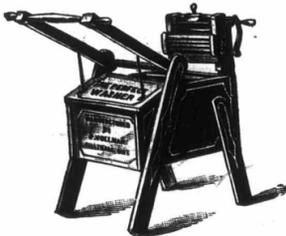
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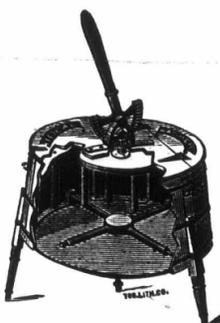
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R. & S. Nicholson, Sylvan, Ont., writes:—"In calling attention to our sale of Shorthorns, advertised in this issue, we would like to say a word regarding their breeding. What we call a good pedigree is this: The statement of the breeding of a good animal, descended from a long line of good animals and anchored on a good foundation. This is exactly how our present offering is bred, and to show 'that like begets like,' allow us to state that animals bred by us have taken more prizes at the leading shows in Ontario, during the last four years, than those bred by any other breeder. We are convinced that no better lot of cattle was ever offered at public sale in Canada. We extend to all a cordial invitation to come to our sale, whether as buyers or not."

Messrs. Elliott & McLeod, of South London, had the highest score in Plymouth Rocks and Silver Laced Wyandottes at the Ontario Poultry Show held last month at Bowmanville. They have a choice lot of birds.

Mr. James Phin, Hespeler, Ont., writes us that he has been breeding Shropshire sheep since 1881 and that he has recently sold to Mr. McRoberts, Lucan, Ont., four very fine ewe lambs and two ram lambs to be fitted for show purposes.

Mr. A. D. Chisholm, Oakville, Ont., writes:—"The Victoria hogs are rapidly gaining ground. All those that have tried them speak highly of them. The following is a list of sales made the last two months: William Buttler, Dereham Centre, sow; Belyra Bros., Bronte, sow; Fred C. Taylor, Gorrie, two boars; Mr. Penit, Burlington, boar; Mr. Haslep, Nelson, sow and boar; C. Brown, Drumquin, sow and two boars.

Messrs. Tazewell & Hector, Port Credit, Ont., writes us that 100 yearling Dorset Horned ewes and two yearling rams, which they have imported ex steamship Ontario, arrived safely, and in good condition without losing a sheep. They came into Portland on the 14th December, and reached their new home nicely. These gentlemen have the largest and best flock of Horned Dorset sheep in Canada, and probably the best flock in America. We wish them every success.

Mr. Geo. Weeks, Glanworth, Ont., has recently imported a few very fine Cotswold yearling ewes. They were selected personally from the flock of Robert Game, Gloucester, which he considers one of the best in England. He came to this conclusion after carefully looking over several of the most noted flocks. Mr. Weeks considers his own flock superior to those owned by several English breeders, and we are quite willing to accept his statement, for we know him to be a most careful, honest man, and a good judge.

W. S. Hawkshaw, Glanworth, Ont., recently returned from England with forty-six Shropshire yearling ewes all in lamb to noted sires, such as Rictor Prince and Woolstapler. The first was by The Rictor, which was let for the season for \$1,000; the latter is the noted sire which Messrs. Bach & Son have been using for some seasons past with unusual satisfaction. These sheep were carefully selected from six different British flocks, and are a very good lot, possessing size, quality, and abundance of wool. Since landing several of them have given birth to fine lambs. Mr. Hawkshaw's flock now numbers over seventy head, all imported, none of which are over three years old. His stock ram is said to be one of the finest in America.

H. George & Sons, Crampton Ont., write us:—"That their herd of Ohio Improved Chesters and Poland China swine are wintering in good shape, and that the demand for good, straight youngsters is on the increase, as they are now booking orders for spring pigs. Their sales for the last few weeks are as follows: Jos. H. Lethbridge, Southburn, Ont., boar; S. Walling, Haliburton, Ont., boar and sow; H. T. Winterbottom, Henrysburg, Que., boar; Bernard Kelly, Pheasant, Ont., boar; Reilly Day, Ealing, boar; P. G. Walker, Westford, Ont., boar and sow; Albert Dundas, Putnam, Ont., boar; William Dundas, Putnam, boar; Rubin Nanskivel, Ingersoll, Ont., boar. We have still on hand a few choice fall boars and sows, and expect something good in spring pigs, as we have bred several of our best sows to Royal No. 1251.

Messrs. Miller & Shibley, Franklin, Pa., write:—"Twenty-one head of our choice Jerseys were purchased by the Log-Cabin Stock Farm, Detroit, Mich., of which Senator T. W. Palmer is proprietor. The experience and good judgment of the Superintendent, Mr. G. T. Van Norman, enabled him to select the twenty-one animals in half a day's time. Had he taken a week for the job he could hardly have done better. The bull to head the herd is June Pogis 19872, by Stoke Pogis 5th 5987 out of May Dee 18958. He is a full brother to the cow May Dee Pogis, which tested for us as a four-year-old 20 lbs. 5 oz. His dam on her sire's side is a descendant of Eurotas through Duke of Darlington and Euclid. On her dam's side she has much of the blood found in Jersey Belle of Scituate, 705 lbs. of butter in one year. The cows are mostly daughters of Ida's Rictor of St. L. 13656 and Stoke Pogis 5th 5987. Among them are Ida Twinkle, test 25 lbs. 2 1/4 oz.; May Dee Pogis, 20 lbs. 6 1/2 oz.; Princess Aurea Pogis, 17 lbs. 7 1/2 oz.; Rho A. Pogis, 14 lbs. 15 oz. The breeding on the dam's side is also rich. All that have yet had calves have proven themselves first-class milkers. Several of them have given upward of 40 lbs. per day."