

GOSSIP.

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

The English Royal Show will be held at Manchester this year, from June 23rd to 29th, inclusive.

The Argentine Shropshire Sheep Breeders' Association was organized at Buenos Ayres in January, with a Mr. Brown, of Campana, President, and Mr. W. T. Cripps, Secretary. This is the first sheep breeders' organization in South America.

Owing to the prevalence of swine plague and sheep scab in the Western States, the Breeders' Gazette strongly advises its readers to quarantine purchased hogs on some remote corner of the farm where the premises can be destroyed and the ground disinfected in the event of an outbreak, and in the case of sheep "dip, dip, dip," not only to prevent scab but to combat ticks.

A. Begg, P. M., Rossisle, Man., writes:—"We cannot afford to be without the ADVOCATE. It is steadily improving every year. As one of your first subscribers, I may say that I am more than pleased with the appearance of it in its new colored cover, especially the Christmas number, which is certainly a credit to any publisher. The FARMER'S ADVOCATE is clearly printed on paper of good quality and filled with both useful and valuable information that we farmers cannot afford to do without."

Mr. F. S. Peer, of New York State, an occasional contributor to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, writes as follows regarding a grand yearling Ayrshire bull, Chieftain of Parkhill 8240, which he selected from Mr. Jas. Drummond's herd:—"He was the last calf of one of the most famous prize-winning Ayrshire cows in Canada, Viola 3rd 3222. His sire is Nelson of Parkhill, who as a three-year-old has also a good score card at prize winning. It must be remembered that if a cow or bull gets any recognition at all in an Ayrshire show-ring in Canada (where five prizes are awarded) it must be a high-class animal. In 1885, for instance, 17 herds competed for herd prizes, and in all 245 entries, and not that alone—the Ayrshires of Canada are the best bred and the most perfect in conformation and the highest type of dairy cattle in America."

H. GEORGE & SON'S TAMWORTHS AND CHESTER WHITES.

A representative of the ADVOCATE called upon the firm of H. George & Son, Crampton P.O., Ont., and found their stock in excellent shape, as might be expected at this old and successful swine breeding establishment. Among the Tamworths and at the head of the herd is Duke of Avon 395, an animal whose record in the show-ring speaks for his quality, for he was a prize winner wherever shown, coming ahead of all competitors at Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal. Mr. George says: "We have also bred some of the best sows to Shortnose 88." Among the females of especial note is: Daisy No. 147, due to farrow about April 15th to Duke of Avon. This sow is an extra fine specimen of the Tamworth breed and was a winner at Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, which speaks in loud terms for her quality, and she is, moreover, strong and healthy—a characteristic feature of all of Messrs. George's herd, as they are believers in allowing plenty of exercise. Countess 2nd (imported), 4 years old, farrows about March 10th to Shortnose. This sow is also in extraordinary strong condition, yet not burdened with fat. Annie 508 is also due to farrow in the early part of May to Shortnose. She was winner of the first premium at the Guelph Fat Stock Show.

Among the Chester Whites, are Dominion King 764, an imported hog 13 months old, the winner of first at Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa; and U. S. King 619 (imported), which won 2nd place at the above shows. Both animals are fine specimens of this popular breed. Among their sows is Bell Calton No. 613, another red ticket winner at Toronto and Ottawa and 2nd at Montreal. This sow tipped the scales nicely at 700 lbs. at fair time. Crampton Queen 810 (imported) was not exhibited last fall, due to farrow about March 15th to U. S. King.

NOTICE.

We have just received from Oser, Hammond & Nanton, Winnipeg, Manitoba, lists of farms which they have for sale in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. In these lists is given the returns from farmers in several districts, showing most conclusively the marvellous fertility of the soil and the possibilities within the reach of any industrious farmer to procure a comfortable home for himself and family in a very short period of time. The figures explain themselves more clearly than words can. We quote as below:

TABLE SHOWING PRICE OF FARM AND PROCEEDS REALIZED FROM 1896 CROP.

District.	Sale No.	Acres.	Sale Price 1896.	Crop Realized.	Terms.
Alexander.	139	160	\$1,300	\$1,050	1 crop
	1110	160	1,150	762	1 crop
Douglas.	126	160	1,200	619	1 crop
Hartney.	148	160	500	359	1 crop
Melita.	106	320	2,200	2,064	1 crop

The following are from farmers who bought their lands a few years earlier, and have their soil in a better state of cultivation.

TABLE SHOWING THE ORIGINAL SALE PRICE OF THE LAND AND RETURNS FROM THE 1896 CROP OF GRAIN ALONE.

Sale No.	Acres.	Date of Purchase.	Price of Land.	Value of 1896 Crop.	Acres in Crop.
469	320	1891	\$1,920	\$4,092	200
170	320	1891	1,920	3,300	250
39-149-157	640	1889-90	2,180	3,591	288
168	160	1891	960	1,298	124
165-195	320	1891-2	2,000	5,124	340
145	320	1889	1,600	2,920	165
166	1891	960	5,630	350	
207	160	1893	960	1,157	100
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