

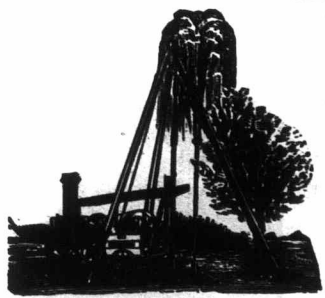
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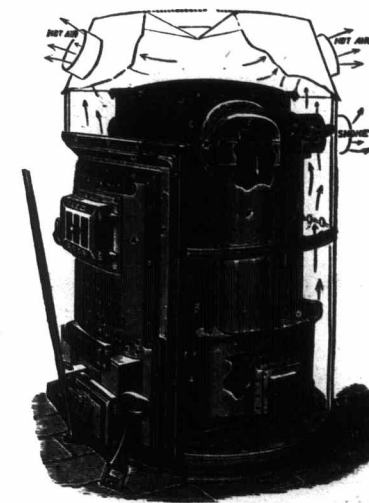
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STOCK GOSSIP.

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Some 31 Herefords were exported from England to South America last year. The Shropshire Sheep Breeders' Association held a general meeting in the Royal Show Yard, at Cambridge. Mr. J. Bowen Jones (President of the Society) presided, and among those present were Messrs. P. A. Muntz, M.P., J. Beach, J. Farmer, D. Buttar, P. L. Mills, P. Evans, R. Thomas, A. E. Mansell (Secretary), J. Darling, etc. The meeting regretted that the export sales for the last year had fallen off to some extent, but they looked forward to a future demand as soon as financial matters were placed upon a sounder basis in North and South America.

The National Sheep Breeders' Association of England met on June 27th in the members' tent, Royal show ground, Cambridge. Among the subjects brought up for discussion were the advisability of sending a delegation to wait on the Minister of Agriculture, along with a number of members of the Highland Society, concerning the fraudulent sale of foreign meat. Also that a committee be appointed to draw up a statement showing how unnecessary are the present 90 days' quarantine imposed upon sheep exported to the Australian colonies. The English Shorthorn Society held their annual meeting in the show yard at Cambridge, on June 26th, with the president, Philip P. Mills, in the chair. A report of the council showed the membership to have decreased since last meeting, because of death and resignation of members. The society now consists of 553 life, and 628 annual members, making a total of 1,181 members on the register. The council strongly urge upon breeders the importance of entering their cattle in the herd book, as it is practically the best advertisement of the herd, and is particularly useful to the many foreign and colonial breeders to whom the herd book is forwarded.

The Ingersoll Packing Co., of Ingersoll, Ont., have offered a prize of \$25 for the best pair of pigs at the next Provincial Fat Stock Show, Guelph (grades or pure breeds eligible), under nine months' old, suitable for the export trade. The following rules are to govern in making the awards:—Weights, from 160 to 230 lbs. each, in the fore end as possible without injury to the constitution, long body, ribs deep and well sprung. The back should be smooth and even, with fine handling, indicating lean meat. Flanks full, and hams well fleshed down to hocks. Objections:—Head coarse, with heavy jaw; wide, full crest; broad and soft back, indicating excess of fatness. Body short, and under or over weights given, viz.: One hundred and sixty to two hundred and twenty pounds.

Mr. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont., has recently sold to Mrs. E. M. Jones, Brockville, the two high-class Jersey cows, Gipsy of Spruce Grove and Rose of Willow Lodge. These cows were giving 40 lbs. each per day of milk, which tested 6.02 per cent. butterfat, and are model dairy cows. Mr. Snell has added to his herd the fine young cow Massena's Bessie, bred by Mrs. Jones, a daughter of Massena's Son, and Bessie of Malone, who was in the 1st prize herd at Toronto Exhibition. This cow made 11 lbs. butter in 7 days at 21 months old, and was estimated as good for 21 lbs. at 4 years old. Massena's Bessie has given Mr. Snell a fine heifer calf, by Massena's Hero, by Massena's Son, out of Sybil. Mr. Snell reports a steady demand for Jerseys, and he has yet a few nice heifers in calf for sale.

C. J. Gilroy, Glen Buell, Ont., writes: "Holsteins at Maple Glen Stock Farm are coming forward in fine shape. One of our two-year-old, Gilly Flower, dropped us a very fine heifer calf, and is proving herself to be a worthy young animal. Gilly Flower has given us 1,312 lbs. of milk in 30 days, which tested 4.7-10 with Babcock tester (official test), which means about 62 lbs. of butter in given time, or a trifling over 2 lbs. per day. Her dam, Ione J., has given us 61 lbs. a day as a four-year-old, and her milk tested 4.4-10. Babcock tester (official test). We have recently sold our yearling bull, Sterling Prince, to Mr. Thos. Percival, of Plum Hollow, Ont. Sterling Prince was a promising yearling, weighing when 16 months old, 1,250 lbs. He had for dam Ione J. and was half brother to above heifer. With such individual merit, he ought to make a grand stock bull. Our Berkshires and Yorkshires are also doing well, as some of our youngsters have been gaining 3 lbs. a day. Although feed is high, with such gains as this pork can be produced to show a neat profit, even with a market as low as at present. We still have a few grand young animals left of both breeds, suitable for exhibition purposes. We have a few sows due to farrow about 1st September. Pigs from these litters will be suitable to grow for exhibition, as under 1 year old. Orders are being booked for same. We have recently bought a few head of Dorset Horned sheep, which are bred direct from imported ewes and bucks.

Messrs. David Morton & Sons, of Hamilton, Ont., have decided to reduce their celebrated herd of pure-bred Ayrshire cattle. This will afford breeders an excellent opportunity to procure fresh blood of the right sort. Up to the present they have refrained from pricing any of their females. The herd at present exceeds fifty head, and it is doubtful if a better lot is to be found in Canada. The imported bull, Monarch, at the head of the herd has proved himself a sire of superior merit. Seldom can be seen such a fine lot of youngsters together. Donald, sired by Monarch, dam Red Rose, is eighteen months old, and one of the 'most promising bulls we have seen for a long time. He will doubtless be heard from in the show ring, and is fit to head any herd. Space will not permit mentioning many individuals, but we cannot refrain from noticing a few. Maggie Brown, a three-year-old, for example, shows excellent points and carries an exceptionally fine udder. She would prove a very hard one to beat in any show ring. A few days ago she dropped a fine bull calf. Sprightly 3rd is another good one, sired by Royal Chief. In April last she dropped a most promising bull calf. The Sprightly family have all given the Messrs. Morton the very best of satisfaction, as have also the Blue Bell, Beauty, Red Rose, Jess and the noted Maggie Brown strains. Any of our readers requiring Ayrshires would certainly do well to see this herd. In fact, it would be a great mistake not to do so.

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