

## TO BREEDERS OF IMPROVED STOCK.

We have received from Lewis G. Morris, Esq., the following announcement of his next annual sale, which such of our sub-subscribers as are desirous of improving their stock could not do better than attend. Mr. Morris's sound judgment, great in lustry and enterprise in his particular department, coupled with his high standing for honorable dealing, fairly entitle him to the confidence and support of a discerning public.—EDITOR C. A.

LEWIS G. MORRIS'

*Third Annual Sale, by Auction, of improved Breeds of Domestic Animals, will take place at Mount Fordham, Westchester County, (11 miles from the Oily Hall, New York,) on Wednesday, June 9, 1852.—James M. Miller, Auctioneer.*

Application need not be made at private sale, as I decline in all cases, so as to make it an object for persons at a distance to attend. Sale positive to the highest bidder, without reserve.

Numbering about fifty head of horned stock, including a variety of ages and sex, consisting of pure bred short horns, Devons, and Ayleshires; Southdown buck lambs, and a very few ewes; Suffolk and Essex swine. Catalogues, with full pedigrees, &c., will be ready for delivery on the first of May—to be obtained from the subscriber, or at the offices of any of the principal Agricultural Journals or stores in the Union. This sale will offer the best opportunity to obtain very fine animals I ever have given, as I shall reduce my herd lower than ever before, contemplating a trip to Europe, to be absent a year, and shall not have another sale until 1854.

It will be seen by reference to the proceedings of our State Agricultural Society that I was the most successful exhibitor of domestic animals, at the late State Fair.

*It will also offer a new feature to American Breeders—one which works well in Europe; that is, letting the services of male animals; and will solicit propositions from such as see fit to try it. Conditions—The animal hired, to be at the risk of the owner, unless by some positive neglect or carelessness of the hirer; the expense of transportation to and from, to be borne jointly; the term of letting, to be one year or less, as parties agree; price to be adjusted by parties—to be paid in advance, when the bull is taken away; circumstances would vary the price; animal to be kept in accordance with instructions of owner, before taking him away.*

I offer on the foregoing conditions, three celebrated prize bulls, "Major," a Devon, nine years old; "Lamartine," short horn, four years old; "Lord Eryholme," short horn, three years old. Pedigrees will be given in catalogues.

At the time of my sale, (and I would not part with them before) I shall have secured 2 or 3 yearly sets of their progeny; and as I shall send out in August next a new importation of male animals, I shall not want the services of either of these next year. I would not sell them, as I wish to keep control of their propagated qualities hereafter.

I also have one imported buck, the prize winner at Rochester last fall, imported direct from the celebrated Jonas Webb; and also five yearling bucks, winners also, bred by me, from bucks and ewes imported direct from the above celebrated breeder; they will be let on the same conditions as the bulls, excepting that I will keep them until the party hiring wishes them, and they must be returned to me again on or about Christmas day. By this plan, the party hiring gets rid of the risk and trouble of keeping a buck the year round. All communications by mail must be prepaid, and I will prepay the answers.

L. G. MORRIS.

Mount Fordham, March, 1852.

## THE WEATHER, CROPS, AND MARKETS.

We have at length got through one of the longest, severest, and, in consequence of frequent winds and the absence of sun-shine, most unpleasant winters, that has occurred in Canada, for many years. Spring work has only just commenced and very little sowing has yet been done; the season, in fact, is nearly or quite a month later than that of last year. Cattle in many places are suffering much from the effects of the long snow and cold, and in some of the back settlements, we hear they are dying in great numbers for want of sufficient food. Many of their evils, however, might be prevented or at least mitigated, by a little fore-thought, either by increasing the amount of food, or by diminishing the number of animals to the proper proportion of the supply of fodder and by providing suitable shelter.—The past winter will read, it is to be hoped, a salutary lesson for the future, as regards these matters.

The accounts we get from different sections of the Province of the winter wheat are upon the whole, of an encouraging character. In some places the plant has suffered from exposure or snow drifts; but these evils we have reason to hope are but partial; and if this fine, warm weather should continue that has just commenced, the prospect of the wheat crop will present a very encouraging appearance. The copious and continued covering of snow, which we had during the late winter, has doubtless had a most beneficial influence on the wheat plant.—Rain is copiously falling to-day, and the temperature is indicative of Spring. The buds of fruit and forest trees are expanding, and we have noticed during the last twenty-four hours in several species such as the Elder, the Spruce and the Gooseberry, the development of leaves. With a warm mean temperature in connection with the present amount of moisture, the progress of vegetation will be astonishingly rapid.

The badness of the roads and coldness and lateness of the season have caused our markets to be bare of butter, eggs, &c., which have consequently ruled higher. Grain, however, continues depressed, with little doing. The recent accounts from England, contrary to general expectation, are of a discouraging nature, and the late advance in price has not been sustained. The Spring commenced in the United Kingdom with dry, cold winds and all farm operations were in a forward state. Wheat although somewhat backward was looking healthy, and a large breadth of potatoes had been early planted under the most favorable circumstances.

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