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"You Should Have It."

Under the above heading the Goderich Star makes the following observations:—"The FARMER'S ADVOCATE is one of those publications that, once tried, will be found indispensable to the farmer, stockman or even the gardener or horticulturist. The issue for April 15 is particularly timely and valuable in the subjects presented. The information given for the orchard is very full and from the best authorities; there are hints from the leading packers on the now rapidly-growing hog industry; the dairy is well presented in a variety of points, and poultry and bees are each noticed by leading authorities. In fact, you will be interested and repaid by a perusal of this number, which is fairly representative of the character of this old and reliable publication. Send a postal card to the Wm. Weld Pub. Co., London, for a sample copy.

HENRY NICHOL, Fairview Farm, Brandon.
Clydesdales.

Mr. Nichol was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, but while very young emigrated along with his parents to Ontario, where he was brought up, living upon a farm nearly all the time. For a few years previous to coming to Manitoba in 1880, he was working in the implement business for A. Harris, Son & Co., and came out here in their employ, being stationed for the first two years at Portage la Prairie, and in 1882 was sent to Brandon to open out business there for the firm. He remained in their employ till 1890, since which time he has resided on his farm a few miles north of Brandon, he having bought C. P. R. land in 1882 and another section in '88. There are upwards of 500 acres under the plow, wheat, of course, having been the principle crop. In 1888 Mr. Nichol bought three Clyde mares and a driving mare, "Maggie B.," in Markham, Ont., and brought them out to his Brandon farm. He has now 11 registered Clyde mares, all Canadian-bred from imported sires, and of the hardy, blocky sort, with the best of feet and legs. In fact, he seldom requires to put a shoe on any of them. They run in weight from 1,300 to 1,600 lbs., and he finds them a capital farm animal in every way, working the brood mares on the farm. He has secured always a good share of the prizes at the Brandon Fair every year, and for the past three years the first prize on fastest walking team. The driving mare before mentioned has proved a fine breeder, having raised four strapping colts. He has now another driving mare, "Maud," and she also has raised some fine foals. These mares weigh 1,200 to 1,300 lbs. each, and so have weight enough to drag a plow when necessary. "Maggie B.," as a two-year-old won first prize at the Markham show in '87 over the filly that took first at Toronto. She has twice taken first place as brood mare and as single driver at Brandon Summer Shows, and was never beaten till last summer. But Mr. Nichol expects her to get there again. Mr. Nichol has now a fine shelter belt all around his house and buildings, which in a few years will prove a genuine shelter. And what is seldom seen in Manitoba, he has a very high board fence surrounding the stable yard, making it a pleasant place for the stock to exercise in. He always takes great interest in public affairs, and acted very acceptably as President of the Brandon Farmers' Institute during 1892 and '93. H. T. MUNN, OF J. D. MCGREGOR & CO., Brandon, Importers and Breeders of Draught and Carriage Horses, Aberdeen Angus Cattle and Tamworth Hogs.

Henry Toke Munn, member of the above well-known firm of importers and breeders of live stock, was born at Ashford, Kent, England, in 1864. Educated at Cambridge University. He came to Manitoba in 1886, and in the following year entered into partnership with Mr. J. D. McGregor, at Brandon, in the horse importing business, their first transactions being the bringing in from the west of several large shipments of western horses. In 1889 and the three following years the firm brought out from England large shipments of Shire, Cleveland Bay and Yorkshire Coach, Hackney and thoroughbred stallions; in all upwards of seventy have been imported and sold. So well-known throughout the province are many of these horses that it is needless for us to mention them here. Any firm might well be proud to claim the honor of importing the three top horses in the coach class at the last Industrial Exhibition, not to mention the showyard victories of many others of their importing, not only at Winnipeg, but at nearly all local western fairs.

Besides horses, this firm have one of the largest herds of Polled-Angus cattle in Canada, and won the bulk of the prizes in this class at the Winnipeg and Brandon Summer Fair.

Not only is this firm so extensively engaged in the pure-bred horse and cattle industry, but a couple of years ago they imported a number of Tamworth hogs from England, they being the first to introduce this breed into Manitoba. This breed of red hogs, long and favorably known in England, are bound to become favorites in this country; they are a bacon hog, long, deep sides, meat well proportioned with lean. They are very prolific, and are easy feeders.

In his regular letter, which appears elsewhere, our correspondent, "Scotland Yet," practically owns up to what has been all along asserted regarding the purpose of the British embargo against Canadian cattle. The Old Country feeder, he says, has now to buy his stores "in a protected market"—but he has to sell in a "free market" in competition with Chicago dressed meat. Why not call the embargo by its right name instead of slandering the healthy herds of Canada and going through never-ending "investigations" and "examinations?"

Pennsylvania is after the oleo interests with vigor. State Dairy and Food Commissioner Reeder has filed his first report at Harrisburg, instituting 56 civil suits for recovery of penalties and 45 involving criminal prosecution. Fully 50 per cent. of the samples of suspected butter submitted to test by Mr. Reeder proved to be oleo. There are 600 creameries in the State, and 1,800,000 acres devoted to the dairy interest. The entire capital invested is \$129,000,000, and the value of the annual butter product is \$20,000,000.

CANADA'S COLUMBIAN VICTORS.

How the Public Appreciate Our New Premium Picture.

From far and near enconiums continue to flow in expressive of the admiration excited by Canada's Columbian Victors, our new premium, wherever it has gone.

NEWSPAPER COMMENTS.

"The victorious Ayrshires made a grand display at the World's Fair, and only second to the reality is the beautiful engraving entitled 'Canada's Columbian Victors,' issued by the Wm. Weld Co., publishers of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, London. It is a group of thirteen pure-bred Ayrshires, correct portraits of the animals that won the honors of the fair. The artistic work of this picture is highly creditable to Mr. F. Bridgen, who has brought out the fine points of the individual and the breed in a most admirable way. The enterprise of the publishers in producing a work of such excellence is also deserving of marked recognition.—The Globe, Toronto, Ont.

"Canadian cattle breeders were very successful at the World's Fair, Chicago, as they carried off many prizes. The exhibit of Ayrshires was especially good, and the honors awarded them exceeded anything anticipated by our breeders, as out of \$2,085 in prizes they carried off \$1,885. The Wm. Weld Co., publishers of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, London and Winnipeg, have just published an excellent engraving of the winners, which belonged to herds in Ontario and Quebec. The engraving is most artistically executed, every detail of shading and grouping being carefully considered and arranged by the well-known live stock artist, Mr. F. Bridgen, Toronto, who stands at the head of the profession on this continent. The enterprise displayed by the publishers of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE will, no doubt, be keenly appreciated by our breeders and dairymen, who are offered an excellent opportunity of securing a valuable memento of the great live stock contest at Chicago, where competition was open to the world, and where Canadians proved their superiority as cattle breeders.—The Mail, Toronto, Ont.

"The FARMER'S ADVOCATE publishes an interesting engraving entitled 'Canada's Columbian Victors.' The animals portrayed won high honors at Chicago last summer, the grouping and shading is artistic, and the individual characteristics are faithfully brought out.—The Witness, Montreal, Que.

"The FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, Ontario, Canada, has favored us with a very pretty illustration of 'Canada's Columbian Victors,' the 'Prize Winning Ayrshires' at the Columbian Exposition. The herd (thirteen in number) is composed of as perfect types of this well-known breed of cattle as may be found (possibly) in the world.—Drainage Journal, Indianapolis, Ind.

"The publishers of the London FARMER'S ADVOCATE have just issued an engraving of a group of pure-bred Ayrshire cattle, which won such a large number of the prizes at the Chicago Fair. It is a handsome engraving, and will serve as a permanent memento of the success of Canadian cattle at the greatest exhibition the world has ever seen.—Tilsonburg Liberal.

"The FARMER'S ADVOCATE has issued a capital plate of the prize-winning Ayrshires at the World's Fair, which will make an interesting addition to the adornments of every farm house in Ontario.—Algoma Pioneer.

PERSONAL OPINIONS.

"I received your picture 'Canada's Columbian Victors.' It is a good one, and well may the men feel proud who have their cattle shown in it. Have you any of the pictures left, entitled 'Canada's Pride?' I would like to get one."

THOMAS A. BOWLES, Frazerville, Ont.

"The beautiful engraving entitled 'Canada's Columbian Victors,' which for life likeness and artistic beauty is seldom equalled, and never excelled by any, will long serve to commemorate the great success of our young country at the World's Exhibition."

CHAS. CALDER, Brooklyn, Ont.

"Many thanks for your picture of the 'Columbian Winners' which you sent me some days ago. I consider it a very fine engraving and worthy of being framed for any farmer's home."

H. I. ELLIOTT, Danville, P. Q.

"We are very much pleased with Canada's Columbian Victors."

JAMES S. SMITH, Maple Lodge, Ont.

"Please accept our thanks for a copy of your engraving entitled 'Canada's Columbian Victors.' It is a very meritorious illustration, and I shall endeavor to have it framed and placed available to visitors here."

C. S. PLUMB, Director Purdue University, Agl. Experimental Station, Lafayette, Indiana.

"Please accept our best thanks for the very handsome picture 'Canada's Columbian Victors.' We have got it framed and hung up in our office where it will bear testimony to the excellency of Ayrshire cattle, and to the enterprise of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE in producing a picture of such merit."

DAVID MORTON & SONS, Victor Soap Works, Hamilton, Ont.