

STOCK GOSSIP.

NOTES FROM GREENWOOD.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, writes to say that Shorthorns, though not as brisk in demand as they have been, are holding their own in public confidence and esteem quite as well as any other breed of cattle, or anything else in the market. Our cattle are looking healthy and well, as well as they have ever done, in spite of hot weather, burnt-up grass, and the abominable flies, the latter of which seem worse in their operations, if not in numbers, than they have ever before been. We have a few of our bull calves taken into the stables, and we intend to take the remainder in shortly. They are very promising this year, though scarcely as early as on some former occasions. We will be in good shape to supply our customers about October to January. We have already sold three of the oldest ones. We have three white ones, for which we expect keen competition. We intend to use one of them on our own red cows, in order to make sure of roans.

MR. JAS. COOPER'S SHROPSHIRE.

Within half a mile of Kippen station, on the London, Huron & Bruce railroad, are located the fine farm and commodious buildings of Messrs. Jas Cooper & Son. The first importation of Shropshires was made in 1881, and was composed of fourteen head from the well-known breeder, Richard Beach, Elswick, England. The first venture in this line having turned out very successful, Mr. Cooper made a second importation in 1886 of twenty from the flocks of T. & S. Bradburne, Warwickshire. In 1891 a still larger draft was made upon the flocks of the Old Country. Mr. Cooper visited the best flocks in England and personally selected a number of choice animals, twenty-five of which were bred by T. & S. Bradburne, and the remainder from the well-known Parker flocks. The stock ran in use at present was bred by A. S. Berry, England, and sired by one of the Royal winners. This season's lambs are a wonderfully even lot, being well formed, blocky fellows, and well woolled. Mr. Cooper also has a few choice shearing rams as well as to dispose of. As the flocks number some 90 or 100, purchasers will be sure of finding something to suit their special requirements, and we need scarcely add, a warm welcome and honest dealing.

ELM GROVE FARM.

Elm Grove Farm, the property of W. H. & C. H. McNish, is situated about one mile from Lyna station on the main line of the G. T. R., and about six miles from the flourishing town of Brockville. As is well known, this section is in the centre of one of the greatest dairy-producing counties of the Province. In considering the question of which breed was the most suitable, the Messrs. McNish were impressed by the claims of the Guernseys, and decided to keep no other. A good start was made by the purchase of the entire herd of the late Sir John Abbott. This herd is headed by the bull whose sire won third prize at Chicago. He is a very superior young bull, and should give a good account of himself. He was got by Ontario's Pride, dam Sarah 2nd. Improved Large Yorkshires are also kept on this farm. Among the number we noticed three especially good sows bred by Mr. Wm. Davies, Markham, and sired by a Walker Jones boar. The stock boar Real Diamond, which was bred from imported stock of Walker Jones breeding, is a good specimen of the breed, and is producing some wonderful stock. We noticed especially one litter of nice growthy young pigs, seven of which were boars about the right age for service. Another choice specimen of the breed is Kinicroft Judy, a sow of great depth and length, of true Yorkshire type. She was suckling a nice litter of pigs four weeks old. So it will be seen that the Messrs. McNish will be in good position to supply choice stock of their own breeding at any age to suit customers. We would refer our readers to their advertisement in this issue of the ADVOCATE. As they intend exhibiting at Toronto and Ottawa, parties wanting Guernseys and Yorkshires would do well to look them up.

GREENHOUSE STOCK FARM, ABERFOYLE, ONT.

It was but lately we had the pleasure of inspecting Mr. W. B. Cockburn's 1894 importation of Oxford and Suffolk sheep. We found him busy preparing several for the coming shows. After a look over them we could not but remark that these will make the Oxford and Suffolk classes very interesting at the forthcoming shows, and will, no doubt, give their owner a very high reputation for the quality of sheep imported and bred at Greenhouse. Mr. Cockburn left for England on the 12th of April, and returned on the 10th of June with 72 Oxford and Suffolk sheep—a very select lot drawn from the best known flocks in England: Messrs. A. Brasse, Chipping Norton; G. Adams, Faringdon, and J. Treadwell, Aylesbury, and the Suffolks from Joseph Smith's flock, at Woodbridge, England. A number of these are being fitted, while the remainder of them are quietly feeding in the pastures. They are a very even lot, combining both size and quality. Besides his importation, he purchased ten from Mr. H. Arkell, all of which are imported from Messrs. Brassy, Adams, Barron, Rothchild or Fox, and were all winners last year, both in Ontario and also at the World's Fair. We cannot help noticing Doncaster Royal, a 3-shear ram, a really wonderful sheep, bred by Mr. Brasse, of Chipping Norton, and was champion ram at Detroit Fair two years ago; also stood at the head of the pen that won first at the same fair for the best pen of ten mutton sheep. Another grand sheep is a shearing, Lord Gloucester, also bred by Mr. Brasse, and a winner at the World's Fair last year in Mr. Arkell's hands. We also noticed a beautiful pen of 2 and 3-shear ewes, and a pen of shearlings; among them is the ewe lamb that won 1st at Chicago last year. In another pen were four ewe and four ram lambs, just landed a few days ago, after having been shown at five different shows in England, with the following result:—At the Oxfordshire Show, both rams and ewes, 1st; at Wallingford, 1st; Bath and West, at Pulford, 1st; Royal Counties Show, at Canterbury, 1st; at the Royal at Cambridge, they were again 1st; also 1st at Norfolk County Show, which is a pleasing record. We noted as a pen of Suffolk shearling ewes, also winners at the Royal. They need only be seen to be appreciated. These, with a number of Suffolk lambs, complete the lot in training for the exhibition war-path. After dinner Mr. C. kindly drove us to the Royal City of Guelph, a distance of 7 miles.

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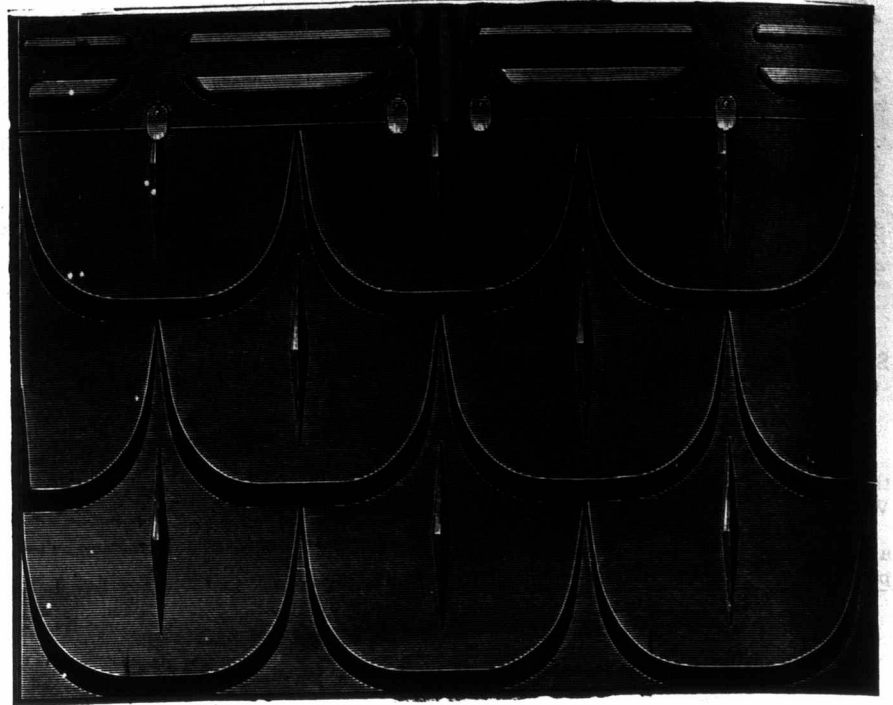
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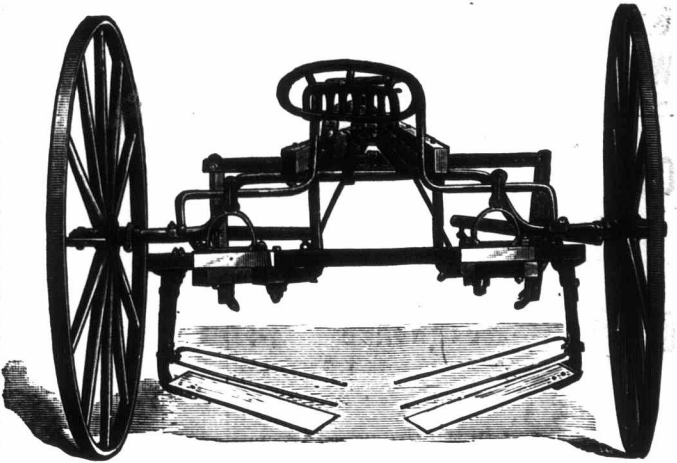


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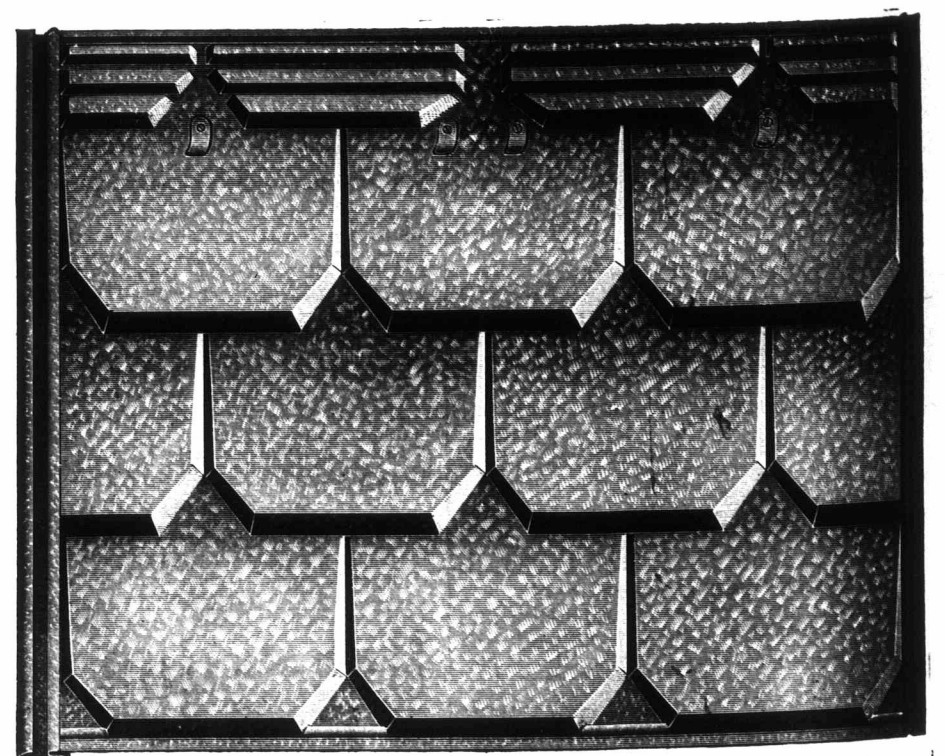


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