

GOSSIP.

James Douglas, Caledonia, Ont.:—"Short-horns are doing well and a good demand for them. We have a few choice bulls left yet and a number of heifers. Our imported bull is doing fine, and will make a hard bull to beat if put in show fix."

In the footlines accompanying the illustration, in our issue of March 15th, page 161, of the Holstein cow, Belle Korndyke, a typographical error made the date of the official test in which she won first prize as 1889, whereas it should read 1898-9, and 180 per cent. butter-fat should, of course, have read 80 per cent.

Mr. E. R. Hogate, of Toronto, is in the Old Country for another importation of heavy draft stallions. Several Shire stallions and a few Yorkshire Coach horses have been secured and shipped. He has also purchased the well-bred Clydesdale horse, Lord Mayor 10586, from Mr. A. McIntyre, Woodnam Ferris, Essex. He is by Prince of Ord 7156, a grandson of Prince of Wales and of Jean of Bogleshole 13470 by Darnley.

W. & H. Jones, Mount Elgin, Ont., write:—"We have had no trouble to dispose of all the Poland-China sows in pig we had to spare, and could have sold lots more had we had them. We have yet four good boars about seven months old, extra long, deep fellows, and we have three litters of pigs this month—27 in all. Our young pigs never came stronger than they have this spring. We have enjoyed a good season, for which we must give the ADVOCATE much credit, as it is the only paper that we ever used that ever gave us satisfaction, for which please accept our many thanks."

SHROPSHIRE FOR CANADA.

Messrs. Alfred Mansell & Co. despatched, on March 3rd, per SS. Lake Huron, from Liverpool, a choice consignment of 32 in-lamb Shropshire ewes, on account of Mr. Bradshaw, of Canada, selected from the flocks of Mr. Richard Thomas, Mrs. John Everall, and Mr. J. T. Nickels, sired by well-known high-class rams and served by high-class sires of distinguished repute.

SNELGROVE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Mr. W. J. Campbell, Snelgrove, Ont., advertises in this issue "eggs for hatching" from his fine flock of "Barred Rocks." The growing importance of the poultry business and the acknowledged excellence of this utility breed should induce very many farmers to improve their stock of fowls, and the cheapest way to do this is by ordering a setting of eggs from a reliable breeder. The Snelgrove flock has worthily secured a good reputation, and is kept up to date by the introduction of new blood from the best known sources.

SHORTHORNS SELL HIGH IN IOWA.

At the dispersion sale of the Shorthorn herd of J. R. Crawford & Sons, Newton, Ia., March 8th, some high prices were made, the light roan six-year-old cow, Gwendoline 5th, by Knight of the Thistle, topping the sale at \$1,100. F. A. Edwards, Webster, Ia., was the buyer. Glen Nonpareil, a red six-year-old cow, sold for \$920; Bashful 4th, a red three-year-old, for \$915, and a dozen other females brought from \$350 to \$325 each. The red three-year-old bull, Victor Baron, by Baron Cruickshank, brought \$925, and went to H. D. Parsons, Newton, Ia. Secret Valentine, a roan yearling bull by St. Valentine, went to Riley & Greenwood, Albion, Nebraska, at \$855. Thirteen bulls brought an average of \$282, 42 females an average of \$431, and the 55 head sold averaged \$338.63.

On March 6th and 7th, C. S. Barclay sold 97 head of Shorthorns at West Liberty, Iowa. In this offering were 20 head which were a part of the herd of A. & G. Davidson, Monticello, Ia., sons of Mr. Jas. H. Davidson, Balsam, Ont., recently purchased by Mr. Barclay. These were superior animals and in the good condition which the Davidsons always keep their stock, and they made the grand average price of \$368.80, the two cows, Duchesses of Gloster 28th and 31st, bringing \$550 and \$600, respectively, and Golden Bud 2nd, a red two-year-old bred by Hon. John Dryden, sired by Revenue, topped the sale at \$625. The highest price for a bull at this sale was \$390, for the red Grand Baron, but five others sold at prices ranging from \$300 to \$335. The 97 head sold at this sale brought an average of \$199.55.

A NOTABLE IMPORTATION OF YORKSHIRES.

From the Aberdeen Free Press of recent date we quote:—"Mr. D. C. Platt, of Summer Hill Stock Farm, Millgrove, Ontario, Canada, whose famous herd of Yorkshire swine is the largest in that country, has been on a tour through England and Scotland in search of the choicest specimens of Large Yorkshires he could obtain. He purchased a number of the prize 'Royal' winners of 1899, and several which were in training for the forthcoming 'Royal' Show at York; in fact, he bought nothing but strictly first-class stock, which will form a valuable addition to his famous herd at Summer Hill. His purchases were drawn from the stocks of Mr. Philo L. Mills; Mr. Daybell, Nottingham; the Queen, and the Earl of Roseberry, and include several notably fine specimens of both boars and sows, which only a high price could have tempted the owners to part with. This important consignment of high-class stock, which will leave Glasgow Feb. 3rd, per the Donaldson liner, Concordia, for St. John, testifies to the great business enterprise of Mr. Platt, and will be a valuable acquisition to the stock of pigs of bacon type in Canada." Mr. Platt writes us that he confidently believes this selection of Yorkshires is the most valuable importation ever made to Canada, among the number being a young boar from the herd of Mr. D. R. Daybell, which cost \$200, his sire being a very noted getter, being the sire of over 10 first-prize winners in Britain last year. There are also in the lot some very choice sows, bred to the best boars in England, and due to farrow in April. Such an importation, added to the already large and strong herd at Summer Hill, will place Mr. Platt in a good position to supply the great demand which is sure to be experienced this spring in sympathy with the rapidly-rising prices for hogs of bacon type in the market at all points in Canada. Mr. Platt also selected and imported for Mr. Thomas Teasdale, Concord, Ont., a fine Berkshire sow from the herd of Her Majesty the Queen at the Windsor Shaw Farm.

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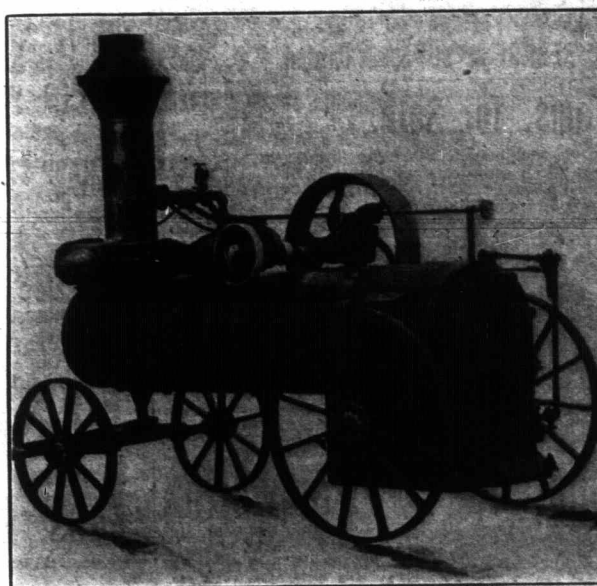


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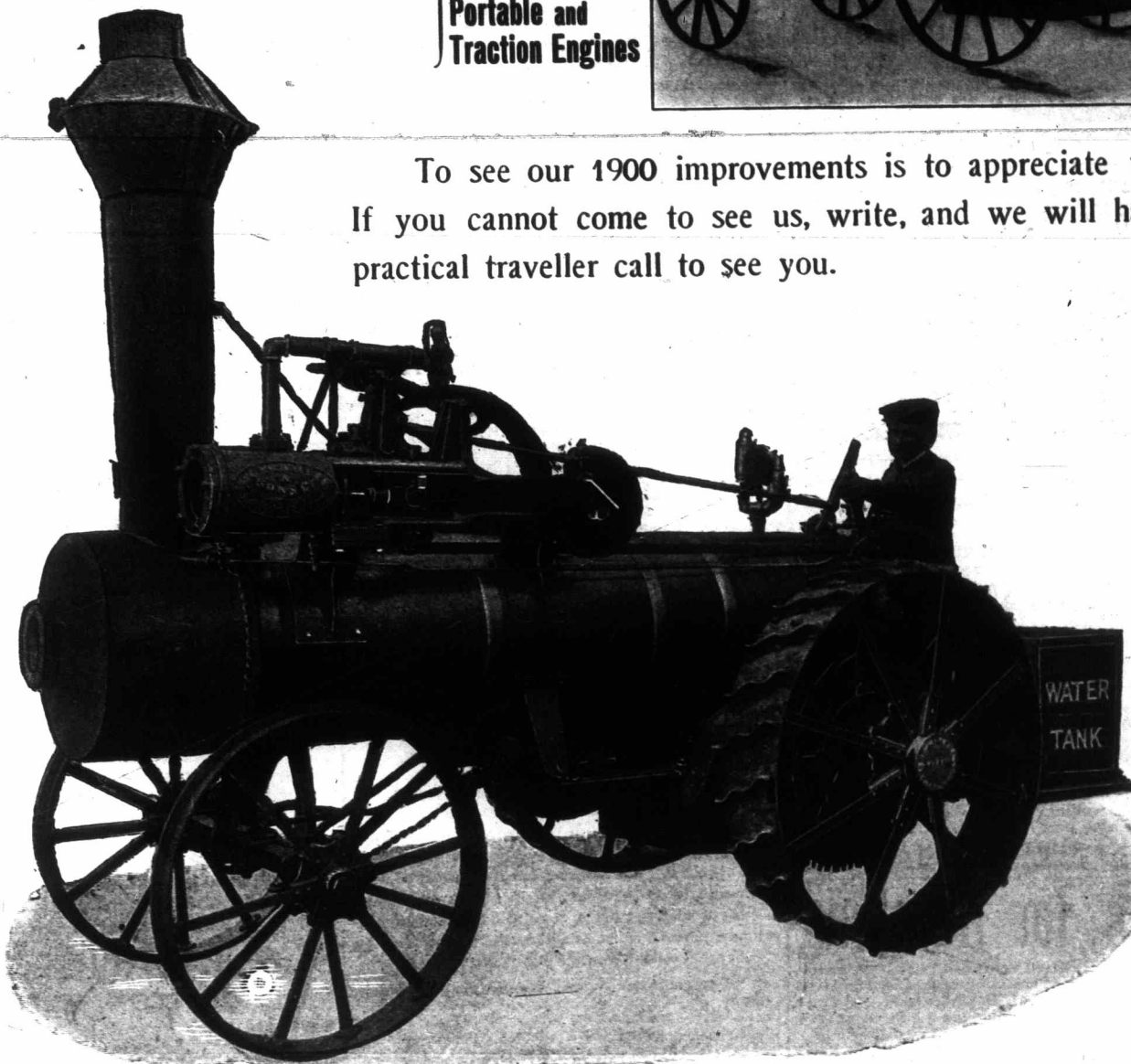
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