

Stock Notes.

By our late English exchanges we note that at the sale of the Kilbow Herd, belonging to John Foster, Esq., on the 15th Sept., the following stock was purchased by Mr. John Hope:—

Docile, roan, calved 22nd February, 1874, for 205 guineas. Desting, roan, calved 3rd May, 1874, 170 guineas. Duchess of Clarence 12th, roan, 20th January, 1875, 210 guineas.

The following bulls were secured by Prof. Lawson, and go to Nova Scotia:—

Lord of Braemar (Earl of Dunmore's), red, calved 20th January, 1875, for 71 guineas. Wetherby Star (Duke of Devonshire's), roan, calved 11th May, 1875, 63 guineas.

On the 7th ult., at the sale of the Brayton Herd, belonging to Sir Wilfred Lawson, the well known shorthorn breeder, Mr. J. Hope secured Waterloo 36th, red and white, calved 24th Aug., 1872, for 120 guineas; and Prof. Lawson, Cambridge Wit, roan, calved 6th July, 1869, for 50 guineas; and Fortune Teller, red and a little white, calved 8th March, 1874, for 41 guineas.

On the 8th ult., at the sale of the Newbie shorthorn herd, Mr. J. Hope purchased Bessie Lee, calved March, 1871, for 31 guineas.

The Canada West Farm Stock Association have just imported for their Bow Park Herd

Polly Gwynne 9th, and her roan cow calf Elmhurst Gwynne, with Lady Fawsley 6th, and Lady Geneva Fawsley, from the celebrated Elmhurst Herd; 38th Duke of Oxford, with his foster mother, from Holker, and Royal Kent Charmer, purchased at Mr. Slye's sale. Two Clydesdales (an entire co't and filly), both two years old, and 50 shearing Cotswold ewes and two rams.

MORE THOROUGHbred CATTLE FOR CANADA.—

A consignment of thoroughbred cattle left Liverpool for Nova Scotia on the 16th inst., from Mr. Fleming, of Strathaven, whose Ayrshires were liked so well last year. There are some six or eight animals of that breed, including bulls, cows, and heifers. Mr. Fleming, in writing about them, says he made a selection just to suit the Nova Scotia taste. Mr. Brebner, the manager of Her Majesty's Norfolk Farm, near Windsor, has selected for us two Devon heifers from the Royal herd, also a number of Berkshire pigs of the Windsor strain, and, at last writing he was endeavoring to obtain a few Southdown rams really worth sending. Mr. Cole, of Cirencester, has selected five Cotswold rams from one of the largest and finest Cotswold flocks on the Cotswold Hills. The Earl of Ellesmere's manager has set aside three splendid large sows of the finest of all strains of the Yorkshire breed, the same as the young ones that excited so much admiration last year. One of the principal features of the importation will be the shorthorns. They will be selected by Mr. Thornton, of Princess Street, Hanover Square, and as authority was given him (if necessary to secure really good animals) to reach a higher average price than was paid last year, there is no doubt but that an excellent selection has been made. There will be at least eight shorthorns in the importation—four bulls and four cows. On arrival at Halifax the cattle will be conveyed at once to Truro, kept till the time of the Provincial Exhibition, in the second week of October, and then sold at public auction in the same manner as former importations.

The old established firm of Ellwanger & Barry, Rochester, N. Y., send their Fall Catalogue of fruits, ornamental trees and plants. It is hardly necessary to state that their stock is the most extensive in the U. S.; that they bear the highest character as nurserymen, and that their orders are most faithfully filled. By the way, their display of fruits at the Centennial has eclipsed all competitors in their line, and has received marked distinction.

F. K. Phoenix, Bloomington, Ill., send their catalogue of tulips, hyacinths, crocus, &c.

Hovey & Co., of Boston, Mass., also in their Bulb Catalogue announce novelties of great merit. If you wish beautiful winter blooming plants, spring flowering bulbs, &c., send for any of the above catalogues.

The Foot and Mouth Disease.

To the Managers of the Globe, Mail, Free Press, Advertiser and other papers:

In our last issue we requested that they should correct the erroneous impression caused by them regarding our position about the Foot and Mouth Disease. We again respectfully request them to make proper corrections.

To Our Correspondents and Readers.

The FARMER'S ADVOCATE has hitherto been favored with contributions to its columns from those for whom it is designed—the farmers of the country. We hope we shall have the pleasure of adding to our list of contributors many new names. Reports of experiments in farming; of the trial of new seeds; of the yield of different varieties of farm produce; of meetings of farmers' clubs, granges and leagues, for the discussion of agricultural subjects—all add greatly to the value of an agricultural paper. We hope to make the ADVOCATE more than ever a thoroughly Canadian agricultural paper.

Our columns are still open to farmers to express their opinions on Protection or Free Trade. We have had several contributions in favor of Protection. We must request any of our readers who may be favorable to Free Trade to express their opinions through the ADVOCATE. It is a question of the greatest interest to us as farmers—not less than to any other class.

The Centennial Exhibition—Agricultural Department.

An exhibition of roots, grown for cattle feeding, onions, potatoes, &c., will be held in the Pomological Department of the Agricultural Building, from Oct. 2nd to 7th, inclusive. Roots, Bulls and Tubers may be exhibited in lots of nine specimens of each variety. The awards will consist of a special report by the judges, and a diploma and bronze medal from the U. S. Centennial Commission.

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The Canada Agricultural Insurance Company.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of the above Company, which appears in this issue. Its capital of \$1,000,000, held by our leading and most reliable men throughout the Dominion, is sufficient guarantee of prompt payment of loss and of ability to meet all calls. Its business is confined to the Dominion. The Company makes a speciality of insuring only farm property, private residences, and non-hazardous property against fire and lightning, and refuses mills, shops, tanneries and hotels, and such risks. It pays losses by lightning, whether a fire ensues or not; and live stock is insured against death by lightning, either in the building or elsewhere on the premises.

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Additional Correspondence.

SIR,—We have mostly finished harvesting. Both hay and grain crops are very good. Wheat is not much sown here, but what we have is very good. Potatoes never were better; turnips are looking splendid; corn is going to be good; oats are good, the Hulless especially proving good, and superceding the old kind. In spite of the backward spring we never had a more bountiful harvest. J. B., Richmond, P. Q.

[Communications to the FARMER'S ADVOCATE should be sent in such time that we may have them ten days before the first of the month. Your section of country seems to be peculiarly favored in good crops this season. Hulless oats, as far as we have been able to ascertain, have proved a great disappointment to every one who tried them. We always had doubts of their being valuable, and our doubts have grown into conviction. We have had no reports favorable to them but this one from you.—Ed.]

SIR,—Will you give me information as regards the use of superphosphate. Would it be beneficial to sandy soil; how is the best way to use it, and will it pay? J. M. L., Strathroy.

[Perhaps some of our subscribers who have used it would oblige by giving their experience with it.—Ed.]

SIR,—In your next issue please tell me if rye is good for fattening pigs, if so, how should it be used? Also, does plowing under buckwheat renovate a sandy soil, and what do you consider the best plan of manuring such land? Lakefield, 12th Sept. A. J. W.

[Rye is good for fattening pigs. From its nutritive properties it must be good food for animals either growing or fattening. It is a good food, though not equal to oats, for horses, for which it is much used in some countries. It is used to a great extent for bread by the rural population of the North of Europe; and even in good wheat growing countries it is also used for bread, but generally mixed for the purpose with wheat flour. It is said by farmers and farm laborers to make better bread, more nutritive and strengthening than wheat flour by itself. To feed rye or other grain to pigs, it is well to either crush it or cook it. We always found it profitable, in feeding pigs with the coarser grain, as rye, or with the light grain from the fanning mill, to feed it steamed with roots.

Ploughing under buckwheat serves to renovate a sandy soil, though it is not so fertilizing as clover. Sandy soils are quickly exhausted of humus by cropping, and green manuring serves to restore it. Though clover is more enriching, buckwheat has some peculiar advantages. It will give a crop on worn out soil (though it may be a light one) where clover, if sowed, would be a failure, and by being ploughed under may be a preparation for clover. We prefer manuring a sandy soil with a root crop, and seeding with clover the first succeeding crop. If your sandy soil be pasture land top dress it in the fall.—Ed.]

Small hogs of from 200 to 300 pounds' weight command a better price in English markets than larger ones, which certainly shows that the pork eaters on the other side of the Atlantic know the difference between a coarse and fine grained article.

Commercial.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

The tone of the English market is firmer and more buoyant than it has been for some time. The receipts continue large, yet the improvement in the price of wheat, flour and provisions, except pork, is reassuring. The improvement in prices and the greater demand for breadstuffs will stimulate the sending forward of larger shipments.

CANADIAN MARKETS.

Montreal.—In wheat, prices nominal; flour, fine, \$4.00; spring extra, \$5.10 to \$5.70; butter, 18c. to 24c.; cheese, 11c. to 12c.

Toronto.—Flour in demand at downward prices; wheat, \$1.10 to \$1.15; oats, 35c.; barley, 65c. for No. 2, and 77c. for No. 1.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York.—Wheat quiet and firm, \$1.15 to \$1.22; oats, 33c. to 52c.; corn, 57c. to 58c.; butter, 22c. to 36c.

Chicago.—Wheat, \$1.08 to \$1.10; barley, 86c.

Ottawa.—Wheat, \$1.07 to \$1.12; peas, 50c.; oats, 35c.; beans, \$1.10 to \$1.10; butter, 20c. to 25c.

London, Sept., 30.—Dehl wheat, per cental, \$1.85 to \$1.88; Treadwell do., \$1.75 to \$1.88; Red Winter do., \$1.60 to \$1.81; Spring Wheat, \$1.65 to \$1.78; barley, \$1.00 to \$1.58; peas, \$1.12 to \$1.18; oats, 96c. to \$1.00; corn, \$1.00; butter, 18c. to 20c.; potatoes, 50c. per bush; apples, 20c. to 40c.; hay, \$8.00 to \$10.00 per ton.

The feeling of the market is firm and buoyant.