

## STOCK NOTES.

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Messrs. Powell Bros., of Springboro, Pa., U. S. A., write us that they have just received an importation from France of forty stallions, and expect another shipment shortly.

T. G. Nankin, of Shade Stock Farm, Merivale, Ont., has just returned home from a purchasing tour, bringing back some fine stock. He writes that he has a sow only two months of age which weighs over 800 pounds.

Mr. James I. Davidson, of Balsam, Ont., had a consignment of Shorthorn cattle from Mr. Cruickshank's famous herd shipped from Glasgow, arriving at Point Levi, Quebec, on May 26. The herd consists of the young bull Baron Bampton and nine heifers.

Professor Lawson's herd of Shorthorn bulls, cows and calves will be sold by public auction at the railway cattle sheds, Richmond depot, Halifax city, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, Aug. 13th next. This herd is located at Lucyfield, and comprises a long list of excellent stock.

Lord & Cook, of Aultsville, Ont., have made the following sales:—Two-year-old heifers Anselma, Brigitte, Benoit, Denise, and Bestalda, and bull calf and heifer calves Odanah, Mandeline and Grace Darling, all to W. H. Williams, Picton, Ont., for the sum of \$3,000; also two heifer calves, viz., Nellie Bell Second, and Princess Ida to W. N. Randell, of Brockville, Ont., for \$400.

Mr. H. B. Sharman, of Stratford, Ont., has imported a fine herd of Herefords. The yearling bull, President Grant, by President Arthur, was purchased from the late T. J. Carwardine, of Stocktonbury, Leominster, England. He also bought eleven head from Mr. John Hill, of Telhampton Court, Church Stretton, embracing two cows, seven two year old heifers and two yearlings: together with the yearlings Bonny 6th and Countess 10th, purchased from Mr. Thomas Rogers, of Hereford.

J. H. Tennent, veterinary surgeon of this city, has shown us two monstrosities that he has secured this season, in the form of the heads of two double-headed calves. One was taken from a cow belonging to Mr. Wilsie, of Delaware township, the other from a cow belonging to Mr. Parkins, of the same township, by E. Blackwill and J. Prudham, students in the office of J. H. Tennent. In both specimens the heads appear perfect, and all of the organs of both heads in each to be complete, with the exception of one ear, which seems to be double, with a partition in the centre of it. It may be added that both calves, with the exception of the heads, were single, there being but one spinal cord and a single set of organs after leaving the head. The mothers of both calves are living and doing well. Both heads have been carefully preserved by a taxidermist, and can be seen by any person desiring to see a singular *usus nature*, by calling at the office of J. H. Tennent, veterinary surgeon, King street, London.

M. Wilson & Co., Hamilton, Ont., write:—"THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE has proved a success as regards advertising. We have had enquiries from Manitoba to Prince Edward Island, and have sold out all our stock of Hay Loaders."

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