

GOSSIP.

In writing to advertisers, please mention the Farmer's Advocate.

Yorkshire, Eng., is to have an experimental farm at a probable cost of £15,000, to be contributed jointly by the east, west and north ridings, and to be under direction of Yorkshire College.

Mr. Shaw Lefevre, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Agricultural Depression in England, has resigned his position owing to differences that have arisen within the Commission.

The Russian Government has been purchasing a considerable number of Suffolk Punch horses in England. The last consignment, it is said, will be utilized to cross with native mares chiefly for military purposes.

The death is announced of Mr. Geo. Longman, of St. Louis, Mo., for a long time editor of the Rural World. After coming from England (of which he was a native) to America, he spent some ten years in Canada, then removing to St. Louis, where he subsequently resided.

Col. King, of Minnesota, some of whose "recollections" as a veteran breeder have been published in a Minneapolis paper, referring to the time that Lyndale and its Shorthorns were under the management of Mr. John T. Gibson, says:—"He was a thorough farmer, a most capable cattle man, and handled both farm and herd to my entire satisfaction as well as to his own credit."

We would draw attention to the new advertisement of swine, appearing in this issue, of Mr. Chris. Fahner, of Crediton, Ont. The stock of the several breeds offered are certainly of a superior type; large in size, smooth, and of good quality. The breeding sows are an exceptionally fine lot, while the young stock offered are of a very desirable type. We were particularly pleased with a remarkably handsome Berkshire sow of the Snell stock, while the Tamworths, Durocs, and Polands compare favorably with any we have seen.

Intending purchasers of the Poland-Chinas should also note the new advertisement, appearing elsewhere, of Mr. J. F. McKay, of Parkhill, Ont. This herd was founded by a selection from the well-known stock of W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin. Parkhill Queen, out of Beauty 4th -766-, and by Darkness Quality 594, their great show sow, is a large, handsome sow, now nursing a litter of remarkably fine youngsters. Lennox -617- heads the herd; also purchased from the Messrs. Jones. He is maturing into a capital sow, and if fitted would make a fine show animal. He is by Wise Reuben -504-, and out of April Queen 2nd -516-, by Sandy -427-. Mr. McKay can now supply choice young pigs ready to wean and older ones.

THE DON HERD OF JERSEYS.

A representative of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE recently had the pleasure of spending a few hours at the farm of Mr. David Duncan, Don, Ont. The farm is pleasantly situated a few miles north of Toronto, and is admirably adapted to stock raising and dairying. The breeding of high-class Jerseys is now the leading feature of the farm, and it was with the intention of making his herd second to none in Canada that Mr. Duncan last year visited many of the leading herds of Canada and the United States, choosing a number of very choice individuals, particular attention being given in their selection to actual milking capabilities. This valuable addition to the already good herd should mean the production of stock of more than average merit, and we predict that in the near future selections from the Don herd will be keen competitors in the show rings of Canada. The stock now comprises some fifty individuals, about thirty of which are registered. And among the choice ones we might mention: Sunbeam of St. Lambert 58975, a grand cow out of Anjou's Lady Claire 37420, and a granddaughter of Faith of Oaklawn, one of Mr. Fuller's grand stock cows; she was sired by Canada's John Bull 4th 17865, one of the most noted stock bulls of his day. Sunbeam of St. Lambert is a cow of many merits; she has a mellow, velvety skin and the requisite points of a good dairy cow. Rejinta -87551-, next came under notice; she was imported from the Billings Farm, Woodstock, Vermont, and was sired by Landseer Columbus, and traces back to Fancy Harry and Fancy Wax, some of the choicest Tennessee blood. Rejinta is a cow that should prove a valuable breeder in the herd, being well up in the points of a typical Jersey; she had for her dam the grand cow Stoke Fogis Rogina -48909-.

A couple of very promising heifers were imported from the herd of T. J. Cogswell, of Rochester, N. Y. Tolly Morse 3rd 95481, by Exile of St. Lambert 23rd 20712, dam Tolly Morse 47653; and August Lass 100717, out of Albert's Rose 58486, and by Exile of St. Lambert 13657, a bull that has probably more well-tested daughters than any bull living.

A couple of beautiful heifers were purchased from the Hood Herd, Lowell, Mass., and as their names imply, they are a pair of gems. Gem of Art 103332, was so named, no doubt, because she so nearly represents an ideal for a work of art; and Art's Work, her stable mate, probably because she is a living subject for the best work of the artist's brush. The former was sired by Electric Art 28194, and out of Gem Perfect 31190; while the latter was sired by Shylack 32686, and has for her dam Work of Art 63350. A few nice young things were seen, and also a number of other good cows.

Costa Rica's Son 40685 heads the Don Jerseys; a handsome bull of solid color; well built, with extra deep body, short legs, and a grand constitution. He has 75 per cent. of the same blood as Merry Maiden, and is out of the same dam as this great cow. Merry Maiden was sired by Diploma, out of Costa Rica, one of the choicest cows in the Hood herd. Costa Rica has a record of 20 lbs. 10 ozs. of butter in seven days, and milking 38 lbs. milk per day on winter feeding. Costa Rica's Son is assisted in the herd by Jolie's King of St. Anne's 34479, by Jolie of St. Lambert 3rd 29731, his dam being Mary Ann of St. Anne's 32743. Jolie's King is a pure St. Lambert - deep bodied, and a rich, mellow handler. Parties wanting young bulls of the choice sort should write their wants to Mr. Duncan, or pay a visit to the Don Jersey Farm, located eight miles north of Toronto, Yonge street trolley line running within a couple of miles of farm.



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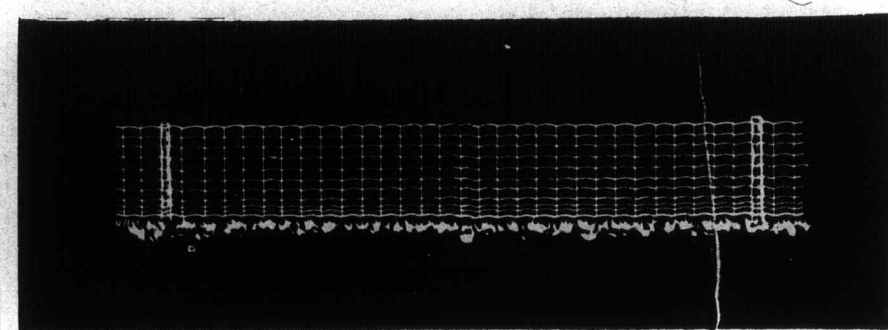
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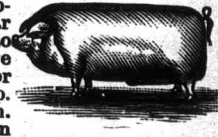
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