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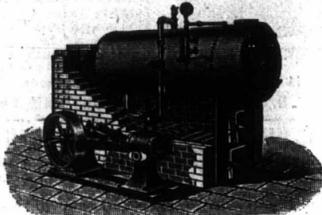
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NOTICES.

The New Brunswick Provincial Exhibition will be held at St. John, Sept. 13th to 23rd.

An adjourned meeting of the American Southdown Breeders' Association will be held in Springfield, Ill., June 29th, for the election of officers and directors, and for the transaction of other business. John G. Springer, Springfield, Ill., is the secretary.

Mr. F. S. Peer, Mt. Morris, N. Y., will call for England and the Channel Islands on July 9th to import cattle, sheep and swine. This is his second trip this year, and he is open to accept commissions to bring out stock for breeders who wish to avail themselves of his services.

The Farmers' Gazette states that at a sale of Shorthorns, at Harwich, Eng., May 23rd, bred by Col. T. R. Ratcliffe, the young cow Sea Gem, the champion of the breed at the Royal Show last year, illustrated in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE of September 1st, was sold for 420 guineas to Mr. Wm. Harris, of West Smithfield.

At the unreserved sale of seventeen Hackneys, the property of James Walker, of West Calder, Scotland, May 17th, an average of 234 7/8 lbs. was made. The highest price was 295 guineas for the three-year-old Regina Danegelt Sweetest May made 210 guineas, and the seven-year-old brood mare, Miss Agnes, brought 115 guineas.

In a private catalogue of the herd of Jerseys owned by W. Mackenzie Leylands, Kent, Eng., the milk records of all the cows in the herd are given for the year 1897. The highest record is 10,339 pounds. Six cows averaged 9,127 pounds easily. Fourteen cows and two calves gave an average of 7,550 pounds, two of these having calved in October, 1896.

H. J. Davis, Woodstock, Ont., breeder of Yorkshires, Berkshires, Shorthorns, and Shropshires, writes:—"I have had a very good trade in all classes of stock the past season, have filled orders from Missouri, Kentucky, N. W. T., and many places in Ontario and Quebec. Crops of all kinds promise well, and are several days ahead of last year."

J. G. Snell, Snelgrove, Ont., reports his Berkshires and Cotswolds as doing well, and the demand quite satisfactory. Among recent sales of young heifers are one to each of the following buyers: George W. Hammond, Yarmouthville, Me.; Henry H. Berger, Calumet Harbor, Wis.; and Green Bros., Indianapolis, Ill. Mr. James Main, who is now in England, will import twenty Cotswold sheep for Mr. Snell.

At the close of a horse show is a fitting time at which to hold a sale of animals fit to win in modern competition. At a recent sale of Philadelphia Show horses, consigned by Mr. John S. Bratton, \$4,500 was bid for a pair, but as \$3,000 had been previously offered for one of them they were withdrawn; \$850 was the price at which a four-year-old brown gelding went by private sale, however; but \$1,175 was the price paid for a pair of bay geldings five years old; \$675 and \$520 were gotten for two pairs; and \$500 was paid for a six-year-old black mare. Dr. Gagnon also consigned a small number, and received \$970 for a pair of bay geldings.

Among the Canadian stock breeders who are reported as likely to visit Great Britain during the present month, with the purpose of importing cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry, are Robert Miller, Brougham; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; H. Cargill, M. P., Cargill; John Isaac, Markham; C. M. Simmons, Ivan; and J. E. Brethour, Burford. James Main, Milton, and Lauchlin Cameron, Ivan, sailed early in May, and no doubt have the ground well looked over ere this. The Royal Show will be held at Birmingham, June 20th to 24th, and most of the visitors named will probably take this in, after which we may expect to hear of their home-coming with selections for show and breeding purposes. There is room for toppers here, and the men who have gone over are not likely to bring any other sort.

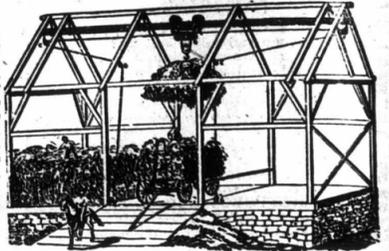
Mr. F. W. Taylor, Wellman's Corners, Ont., breeder of Ayrshires, whose advertisement is running in our columns, writes under date of June 1st:—"I am sending you a few notes, and also some of my last spring's sales since March. My stock are looking well, much better than they have been for the last two seasons. I had plenty of feed of all kinds, and they have gone out to grass in fine condition. My cows are milking extra well; my young two-year-old heifers some of them will nearly fill a large dairy pail, without any extra feeding. I find a ready sale for my calves this spring, especially heifers. I cannot supply all my customers. I sold two to Mr. Charles Parisien, Summerstown Station, and he was so well pleased that he sent for two more. I have still a few bull calves, sired by Douglas of London. My sales since March are as follows: John McCullough, Corbyville, Prince Charles; George Johnston, Belleville, White Floss; James Robinson, Cannifton, Prince of Wales; John Kingston, Stirling, Gladstone; E. S. Cassan, Campbellford, Ont., Surprise; George M. Phillips, Cannifton, Ont., Klondike; Wilfred Cummings, Anson, White Lion; Philip Lott, Springbrook, Ont., Melissa.

SALE OF LIMESFIELD HACKNEYS.
Seventeen Hackneys, the property of Mr. James Walker, Limesfield, West Calder, Scotland, were recently sold, buyers being present from all parts of Scotland and several from England. The prices obtained averaged over 284. Regina Danegelt 10464, a three-year-old filly, brought the highest price of the day, being bought by Messrs. Billington Bros., Blackpool, for 295 gs. Sweetest May 8512, a brood mare, was purchased by Captain Ashe, Mid Calder, for 210 gs. Another mare, Newbald Regina, was bought by Mr. Watson, Blackpool, for 120 gs.; while the mare Miss Agnes 248 also went into three figures, going to Mr. Mitchell, Millfield, for 115 gs. The following is a summary of the prices:

6 Brood mares, with foals.....	Average, 4 s. d.
1 Harness mare.....	92 11 6
1 Three-year-old filly.....	220 10 0
1 Two-year-old filly.....	309 15 0
1 Yearling filly.....	44 2 0
4 Yearling fillies.....	12 5 3
4 Yearling colts.....	33 17 3
17 All ages.....	684 7 5

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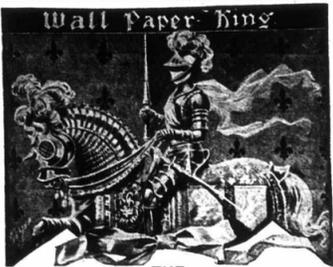
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