

## STOCK GOSSIP.

Prouse & Williamson, Centreville Stock Farm, write us as follows:—In the Stock Gossip of last month, I see you are asking all parties to send in their sales and purchases. We have this winter sold two Canadian Clydesdale stallions. We have also added to our stables two imported mares, Jeanie Dean and Ceylon Maid; the latter won first at the Toronto Industrial last September, as a two-year-old, and was a prize winner in Scotland. They have lately purchased the Clydesdale stallion, Norseman (4500), which won first at Toronto spring show in 1887.

W. J. Bell, Banda, reports the following sales of Bronze turkeys, all bred in 1888 with one exception:—J. Maughan, Toronto, hen; J. Kitson, Avening, pair hens; J. Anderson, Guelph, hen; H. Element, Creemore, trio; R. Niblock, Smith's Falls, two; J. Stevenson, Leaskdale, gobler; B. A. Lucas, Wallbridge, pair; H. P. Smith, Aurora, gobler; A. D. Harkness, Irena, pair; George Fraser, La Chute, Que., pair; George Merrill, Compton, Que., pair; Wm. Hodgson, Brooklin, gobler; J. M. Carson, Oranville, pair; J. Monteth, Rosseau, pair; George Stewart, Maple Valley, gobler; Mrs. H. D. Rutherford, Middle Stewiache, N. S., pair; L. W. Edsall, Selkirk, pair hens. Many thanks to the ADVOCATE, as the majority of sales were made through it.

The Bollert Bros., of Cassel, Ont., write under date of April 20th:—Our crop of calves this spring is the finest we ever had, showing that high breeding is not lost in them. Geldertje 2nd is a rare beauty, and one might go a good way to find her equal. Geldertje is now giving 64 lbs. of very rich milk per day, and is gaining with every milking. She does this on ordinary feeding, without any crowding. Her Holland record is 84 lbs. per day, and 19 lbs of butter in 7 days on grass only. Jenne E. also has a very fine heifer, by Barnston, which is undoubtedly a great sire. Her calves are eagerly sought after, and bring higher prices than those of any other bull of the breed in Canada. He fully substantiates the high opinion which Dudley Miller, Esq., of Oswego, N. Y., the expert judge, holds of him. He pronounces him one of the best bulls of the breed in America. The demand continues very good from all quarters. Since last report we sold to Mr. W. Thompson, Jr., of Derwent, Ont., the bull Lord Lytle. Individually, this is one of the finest specimens we ever saw, and for quality and breeding he is unsurpassed. Mr. E. Truscott, of South Monagan, took the bull Linden Court Prince. Mr. Robert Armill, of Tally Ho, Algoma, gets Barnston, Jr. This is the first animal of the breed going to that district. He is a very good one, and will undoubtedly prove a good investment.

On the 28th of March we had the pleasure of witnessing one of the most straightforward and honestly-conducted auction sales it was ever our privilege to attend. The sale was called by Mr. James S. Smith, of Maple Lodge, Ont. Some fourteen Shorthorns were sold, which made an average of about \$110 each. The cattle were not in high flesh, not as high as would have been profitable to the seller, but were in what is often termed straight, useful condition. As each animal was brought into the ring, Mr. Smith referred the buyers to the catalogue; then if the beast had any defect he frankly stated it. This was his third annual sale, and he thinks the cattle were the best lot he ever offered at public auction. He still has nearly 40 head in his herd, as follows:—Two pure Bates, females, of the Constance family, viz., 2nd Constance of the Manor, bred by Mr. John Gibson, and a red heifer, from her, two years old, Constance of Maple Lodge, got by Duke of Colonus (2282); another Bates-bred family, of which he has five females, is that descended from imp. Daisy, by Wild (263). Daisy was imported by Mr. Dunn, of Kentucky, and since then crosses has been added of the best Bates blood only. From this family and the Lavinias, of which he has about twenty head, he has produced his best milkers (and he has good ones). The Lavinia family in his possession is of two branches, the one branch having several crosses of Booth blood and the others all Bates. Then he has five females of Mr. Cruickshank's Lovely family—Lovely Queen 3rd and her four calves, three of them sired by Duke of Colonus (2282), combining the graceful carriage and mellow "touch" of the Duke, with the Cruickshank characteristics of their dam. Lovely Queen 3rd was got by Butterfly Duke (he by 4th Duke of Clarence and out of Bow Park's show cow Butterfly Duchess), dam, imp. Lovely 19th, bred by Mr. Cruickshank. Five of the females are descendants of imported Jane 3rd, bred by Robert Syme, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, through the sires imp. Prince of Wales (18630), imp. Nicol (185), Highland Chief (701), Baron Constance 5th (1378), and Duke of Colonus. He likes this family. Then he has two females of the imp. Lily by Warden (1563) family: Tulip's Duchess 9th by 5th Earl of Goodness (593) s. sire, 2nd Duke of Rutland (1699), s. gr. sire, 2nd Duke of Ardrrie (500), &c., and her heifer calf by Sir Arthur Ingram 2nd. He has five very promising young bull calves, thick-set fellows, with nice soft coats and lots of style. He recently bought of Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., for use in his herd, a very nice red bull, Conqueror, calved November 1st, 1887. This is a massive, short-legged fellow of good quality, a typical Cruickshank, and is of the Cressida tribe, one of Mr. Cruickshank's most valued families. Cumberland, of this family, is now the chief stock bull at Sittytton, and is to be followed in that position by Commodore, another of the same tribe. Owing to a number of recent sales to parties in different parts of the United States, his flock of Leicester is not large. He has eleven ewes raising sixteen lambs, and six very choice shearing ewes. He has just on ram, one shear, left. He also has a few very nice Berkshires.

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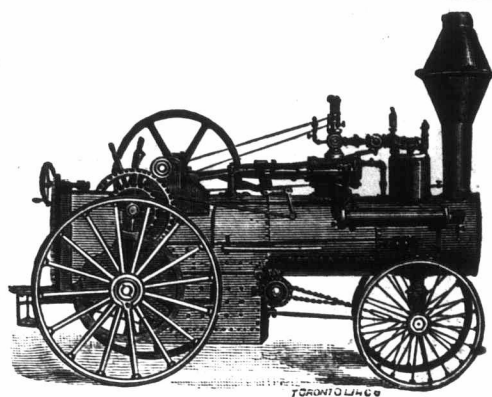
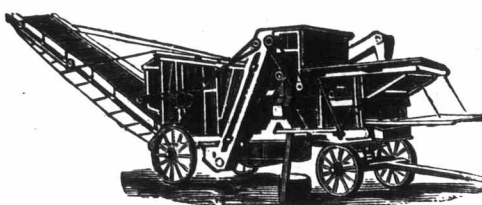
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