

seen, are taken from that bird during the nesting season, and that every egret feather on a hat signifies a nest of little baby-birds left to starve, and cry for their mother in vain? If this does not touch you—do you not know that the birds are the great benefactors of our land; that their keen little eyes are ever on the alert for insects and seeds which would work us woe? Look back in your "Farmer's Advocate" of September 1st, 1903, and see what Geo. E. Atkinson and Clara Humberstone have to say about these things! Read any book on birds and their habits; learn to know them ever so little, and I am sure you will never again tolerate a bird or its wing on your bonnet. We have too long been blind as moles, and, possibly, more heartless: a mole, at least, feels as much as it is necessary for it to feel. Let us open our eyes, and our hearts will open also. Try to aid this work all you can. Remember, if we women arise in arms against wearing birds, or parts of birds, the trade will stop, and that is an end of it. There are thousands upon thousands of women and girls who each week read the "Farmer's Advocate"—let each use her influence in this thing, and the effect may be incalculable. At the same time remember that you may have a very beautiful hat which has not the sign of a feather on it. Velvet, ribbon, and the beautiful new chiffon velvet, in a thousand shades, will give you choice of all the variety in head apparel that you need, and enable you to go out in all innocence, conscious at once of the fact that, while you are wearing a fashionable and becoming hat, no dear little warbler has suffered the pain of death in order that you may go about flaunting a decoration so barbarous as to be well left to the savage tribes with whom such misplaced adornment originated.

With the Canadian Poets.

September.

By Archibald Lampman.

Now hath the summer reached her golden close,
And lost, amid her cornfields, bright of soul,
Scarcely perceives from her divine repose
How near, how swift, the inevitable goal;
Still, still, she smiles, though from her careless feet,
The bounty and the fruitful strength are gone,
And through the soft, long, wondering days goes on
The silent, serene decadence, sad and sweet.

In far-off russet cornfields, where the dry
Gray shocks stand peaked and withering, half concealed
In the rough earth, the orange pumpkins lie,
Full-ribbed; and in the windless pasture-field
The sleek red horses o'er the sun-warmed ground
Stand pensively about in companies,
While all around them from the motionless trees
The long clean shadows sleep without a sound.

Under cool elm trees floats the distant stream,
Moveless as air; and o'er the vast warm earth
The fathomless daylight seems to stand and dream,
A liquid cool elixir—all its girth
Bound with faint haze, a frail transparency,
Whose lucid purple barely veils and fills
The utmost valleys and the thin last hills,
Nor mars one whit their perfect clarity.

Thus without grief the golden days go by,
So soft we scarcely notice how they wend,
And like a smile half happy, or a sigh,
The summer passes to her quiet end;
And soon, too soon, around the cumbered eaves
Sly frosts shall take the creepers by surprise,
And through the wind-touched reddening woods shall rise
October with the rain of ruined leaves.

GOSSIP.

The dispersion sale of the noted Shorthorn herd of the late Mr. W. S. Marr, Uppermill, Tarves, Aberdeenshire, will be held on Oct. 11th, when the bull calves of this herd and those of Mr. Wm. Duthie, of Collynie, will be sold first, followed by the cows, heifers and heifer calves of the Uppermill herd. The sale will be without reserve, no test, and terms cash. It will doubtless be a great sale, and will attract a very large attendance of breeders and buyers.

An important sale of horseflesh took place at Dr. Craig's barns, Hamilton, Ont., last week. Mr. John L. Young, of Glanford, sold his stallion, Hal B. (mark 2.04), the fastest sire in Canada, for \$4,000, less the express charges to West Milton, Ohio. The purchaser was Mr. Owen Van Kirk, and he bought the animal for Mr. D. H. Mast, owner of a well-known stock farm. Mr. Mast is the owner of Hal Dillard (2.04), the sire of Hal B.

Mr. Young bought Hal B. at a sale in New York about a year ago, at a cost of \$3,100, laid down in Hamilton.

Wallace's Farmer quotes Professor Thomas Shaw, formerly of the Minnesota Agricultural College and editor of The St. Paul Farmer, as authority for the statement that a sow owned by him—a Tamworth—farrowed on May 9th of this year a litter of nine pigs. She nursed these until May 19th, and on that day farrowed another litter of nine healthy and strong pigs, of which she has six at the present time. Professor Shaw states that the sow was given but one service at the time of mating. His statement of the case is direct and positive, and he offers to substantiate it with the testimony of other witnesses.

Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw, of Glanworth, Ont., near London, well known as a breeder and importer of Shropshire sheep, having sold his fine Middlesex farm and purchased a farm in the Chilliwack Valley, British Columbia, shipped a carload of effects to that point last week, including a nice bunch of Shropshires, and will follow with his family this week. Before leaving his old neighborhood, he was the recipient of a valuable gift from his numerous friends. The Farmer's Advocate commends Mr. Hawkshaw to the people of Chilliwack as an honorable man of sterling character, possessed of a happy faculty of looking on the bright side of life.

Fair Queen, the roan two-year-old Shorthorn heifer, bred by Harry Fairbairn, Theford, Ont., is carrying off the highest honors in the circuit of Western State fairs, having won the sweepstakes as best female of the breed, any age, at the Missouri and Iowa State fairs last month. She will be a strong card for the World's Fair, as she was female champion at the International last year. Col. W. A. Harris, representing the Shorthorn Association, who was in the pavilion at Iowa State Fair at the time this class was exhibited, said in effect, of Fair Queen, "I consider her one of the most perfect show-yard types I have seen in many years. She has the character, depth, thickness and levelness of flesh so difficult to find in combination, and is every inch a show animal."

PRESENTATION TO C. W. SCOTT.

Recently at Mr. Henry Wade's Office, the Registrar of Live Stock, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, a presentation was made to Mr. Chester W. Scott, on the event of his leaving the employ of Mr. Wade, to accept a position with the C. P. R. Mr. Scott has been connected with Mr. Wade's office for some years and will be greatly missed by the live-stock men of the country. The gift was accompanied by an address, signed by all members of Mr. Wade's staff. Addresses were also made by the following: Mr. Henry Wade, Registrar; J. W. Nimmo, Assistant Secretary Swine Breeders' Association; H. G. Wade, Assistant Secretary Dominion Shorthorn Association; G. De Warren Greene; F. M. Wade, Assistant Secretary Clydesdale Association; R. G. T. Hitchman, Manager Toronto Scots F. C., and W. J. I. Hitchman. Mr. Scott replied in suitable words.

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BIG DISPERSION SALE.

Mr. David Bennett, of Dutton, Ont., announces in this issue of the "Farmer's Advocate" a dispersion sale of his pure-bred and other live stock, as he is going West. The offering will include his entire herd of 48 Shorthorns, 5 Clydesdale horses, 7 Clydesdale mares, 30 recorded Yorkshire swine, 30 recorded Berkshires, 35 recorded Oxford Down sheep, 50 grade cattle, and 100 grade hogs.

Settlers' Low Rates West.

Via the Chicago and North Western Ry. every day from Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th, settlers' one-way, second-class tickets at very low rates, from Chicago to points in Utah, Montana, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, also to Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Rossland, and other points in the Kootenay district. Correspondingly low rates from all points in Canada. Full particulars from nearest ticket agent, or B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 King St., East, Toronto, Ont.

TRADE TOPICS.

A GREAT BUSINESS SCHOOL.—When a school requires the services of sixteen teachers and utilizes premises aggregating nearly 2,500 square feet, divided into 20 apartments, and when it turns out and sends more than 750 students direct from its classes into good commercial positions within one year, it may fairly be considered a great business school. Such an institution is the Central Business College, of Toronto, which, under the principalship of Mr. W. H. Shaw, has grown to occupy the foremost place among such schools in our Dominion. This college enjoys a splendid reputation for thorough work, and its graduates are much sought after by business firms requiring first-class clerical assistance. The prospectus of this school is most interesting, and may be had by anyone on application by postal or letter to the principal.

A BISCUIT MISSION.—The Mooney Biscuit & Candy Co., Limited, of Stratford, Ont., now celebrating its first birthday, is an example of the growth and progress of Canadian industries. Starting a little over a year ago, with a plant which should have fulfilled all demands upon it for some time to come, the company has already had to double it. Outside of the natural growth of the Dominion, the chief reason lies in the biscuits themselves, which are known to the trade and the people as something different and better than any other biscuit on the market. Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas, as they are called, have firmly established their reputation all over Canada. As Mr. Mooney puts it, "They are the biscuits that made all Canada cracker-hungry." People who do not fancy the ordinary soda biscuit, develop the biscuit appetite once they have tasted Mooney's. The Mooney idea is that "just as good" is not good enough. They realized at the start that their field lay in making a biscuit that would be crisper, daintier and better in every way than any other—in short, they resolved that they would make the best biscuits in Canada; tell the people about them through the press, then trust to the quality to place them on every table in the land. One has only to taste the dainty, crisp deliciousness of Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas to discover the secret of their popularity. All grocers have them, packed in airtight, moisture-proof packages.

GOSSIP.

At Providence, R. I., Sept. 1st, 8,000 people watched Major Delmar fail to lower the world's record for trotters without windshield. He made the mile in 2.03, the record being 2.02.

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