

Stock Notes.

Mr. A. A. McArthur, of Lobo, Ont., has been one of the most successful exhibitors at the American Exhibitions this year. At the great St. Louis Stock Exhibition he carried off four first prizes and two grand sweepstake prizes for his improved Berkshire swine. He has now attained a high position among breeders. This is due to his energetic persevering principles. He met with heavy losses at first, and many reverses; now he is envied by many who were in the foremost rank but now have to take a back seat.

The average prices of shorthorns with long pedigrees have been wonderfully reduced the past season, and they can now be had at what they are really worth. The days of fancy prices and paper pedigrees are not what they were. The highest price reported this season was obtained at the sale of the Earl of Dunmore's herd. Duchess 111th went for \$16,640, and Duchess 114th for \$14,040.

Mr. George Hood, of Guelph, has taken one carload of sheep for exhibition at the great fat cattle fair to be held in Chicago, U. S. The lot number thirty of the best sheep ever seen together in that part of the country.

CLOVER.—The prospects are that clover will be in good demand this year, and that prices must advance.

IMPORTATION OF CANADIAN CATTLE.—There appears to be some very contradictory statements in regard to the Americans prohibiting the importation of Canadian cattle into the U. S.

NOTE.—While in conversation with one of our leading fruit growers he informed us that he believed the cry about apples not keeping well this season was raised for the benefit of dealers, and that apples would bring a high price in the spring.

The total receipts of the Western Fair (London, Ont.) were \$11,073.54 over last year. This will leave a surplus on the year's business of from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

The long continued drought in the United States, extending over the greater part of the country, has made the fall supply of honey-producing flowers very scarce.

Potatoes will give as good returns for the careful selection of seed annually as any other plant.

An unusually large area of fall wheat has been sown in the Ottawa valley this season. It looks remarkably well, and should the weather be favorable there will be an abundant yield.

The Wheel of Fortune and other gambling devices were permitted by the mismanagers of the Colorado State Fair; \$300 were offered for horse-racing and \$25 for agricultural exhibits.

THE WHEAT CROP OF MINNESOTA.—The yield varies greatly in different sections of the State. From 10 to 12 bushels along the Mississippi, dropping from 8 to 9 back from the river, and from 4 to 5 in the south-west, north, and south of St. Paul, the estimated average yield is 13 1/2 bushels. Minnesota is said to be one of the best wheat-growing States in the Union.

Mr. Mewha, one of a party of ninety-two English farmers, who went to Texas some time ago, on the assurance that good farming land can be had there for \$3 per acre, has returned to New York disgusted with the land, which he says is fit only for stock raising. The rest of the ninety-two, with the exception of about twelve, have also left the land of promise.

A writer in the London Times declares—what general facts in European countries seem to justify—first, that there is no successful treatment of the grape phylloxera (grape flea) which will not at the same time kill the vineyard; and second, that the only feasible way to get even temporary relief from the pest is to root out and burn the vines and devote the land to tilled crops for at least two years.

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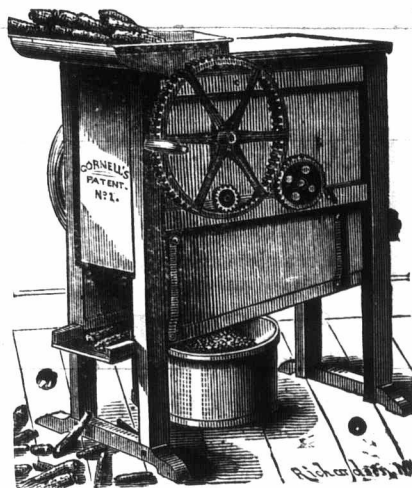
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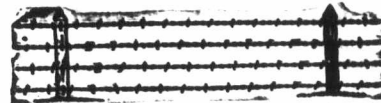
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