

## GOSSIP.

Mr. A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont., writes: "I recently sold a very nice, thick, red, Shorthorn bull to Mr. Jas. Skelley, Powassan, Ont. The young bull was sired by Sir Wilfred (imp.), and is very short legged and deep bodied. His dam is a grand milker. This is the second time Mr. Skelley has bought a bull from me, and he is well pleased with his purchases. Another handsome roan son of Sir Wilfred went to J. J. Washington, Auburn, Ont., for a syndicate of progressive farmers in that district. He is from the Fair Queen family, has lots of size, and excellent quality of flesh. Mr. D. W. Johnston, of Peterboro, got a good red son of Imp. Knuckle Duster, his dam being a daughter of the first-prize cow in the Dairy Test at Guelph a few years ago, and herself a prizewinner at same show."

Arrangements for the big live-stock show, to be held in connection with the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon, are already being made by M. D. Wisdom, superintendent of the live-stock section. The exhibition of horses and mules will be held from August 28th to September 8th, and the cattle show, including the exhibits of sheep, swine and goats, will begin September 19th and close September 29th.

By the prize-list issued, it is shown that for horses in the Thoroughbred class there are five prizes given, ranging from \$35 down to \$5. Champion stallions and mares, \$40 and \$25. For German coach horses, special prizes are offered, ranging from \$100 down to \$25; Clydesdales, \$100 and \$50; Percherons, \$150 to \$20.

For the cattle classes, prizes ranging from \$50 down to \$5 are given for bulls, cows and heifers; \$50 and \$35 for champion bulls and cows; \$75 to \$10 for aged herds, and \$100 to \$20 for breeders' young herds. Special prizes are offered by the various breeders' associations, ranging from \$30 to \$5 on the different classes of bulls, cows and heifers.

Sheep and goat division prizes range from \$25 down to \$3, and in the swine division from \$25 to \$2, with specials of \$30 down to \$5.

The Clydesdales, Shorthorns and Cotswolds of Clayfield Stock Farm, property of Mr. J. C. Ross, of Jarvis, Ont., are very well known to most lovers of good stock in Canada and to many breeders in the U. S. Among the Clydesdale brood mares are Clayfield Lass 2524 and Bonnie Lass 2523, full sisters, sired by Lord Fife (imp.) [1436] 6962, dam Imp. Lady Kerr 2515. This pair have bred some excellent stock for Mr. Ross, among which are a two-year-old filly and a yearling colt from Clayfield Lass and by Alexander's Heir (imp.).

Blossom 6173, rising three years, by Alexander's Heir (imp.), dam Bonnie Lass 2523, is a very promising mare, as is the two-year-old filly, Jessie Clayfield 6174. A four-year-old is by Sir Richard (imp.) [2548] 9818, dam Clayfield Lass. She also has a fine filly foal, by Alexander's Heir (imp.). The last named sire is considered by many to be the best sire of big, good ones that has ever struck that district; indeed, his worth as a sire is almost decided when such a good judge as Mr. Ross continues to use him year after year. He has certainly left some royal good ones at Clayfield. The Shorthorns receive no special care, although imported sires are generally used in the herd, thereby keeping the breeding of this herd on the advance. Cotswolds are next in order of attention to the Clydesdales. Mr. Ross is one of the oldest if not the oldest importer and breeder of Cotswolds in Canada that is still in the business. His flock consists of about 120 head that include several St. Louis World's Fair and Chicago International winners, as well as winners at leading Canadian shows, in competition with the best from England as well as America. About 25 ram lambs and about the same number of ewe lambs as well as a few yearling rams and ewes are for sale, mostly sired by Standard, the imported ram bred by Russell Swanwick, that won first in his class at St. Louis World's Fair. This lot of lambs proclaims Standard a No. 1 sire as well as a show man. Parties wanting good stock in his line will do well to make their wants known to Mr. Ross, whose ad. appears in this paper.

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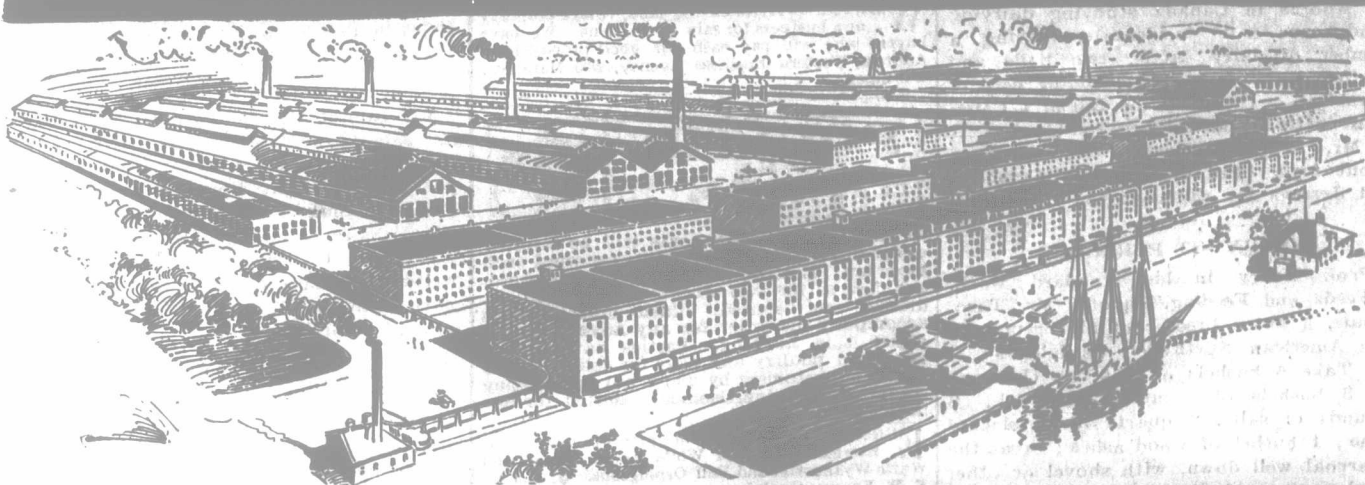
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