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THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

About 280 head of shipping cattle were on sale Sept. 28. About 280 head of shipping cattle were on sale, but the difficulty of obtaining insurance for deck loads, and the limited freight room available pre-vented any activity in the demand, consequently sales were few and at somewhat lower prices, sev-oral small lots changing hands at 5665 per lb., live weight. At Viger market the continued heavy receipts of butchers' cattle to-day, about 700 head, have resulted in a material declension in prices, most buyers filling their wants at rates considerably below those current last week. A few head of choice sold at 5c. per lb. live weight, but the cattle obtaining that figure were very carefully selected. Fair to good grades brought from 4 to 44c under a fair active demand. Poor and inferior stock were very plentiful and a large proportion were unsold at mid-day, buyers being indifferent about purchasing except at very low rates. Sales were reported as low as \$10 to \$15 per head. Calves were scarce and firm at from \$3 to \$10 per head, although one or two extra choice sold for higher prices. Sheep and lambs were in liberal supply, the offerings numbering over 1,200 head. The general run of quality was very poor. Sheep sold at from \$5 to \$8 each, and lambs at \$2.50 to \$4 as to quality. Fat hogs were in better supply at easier rates, prices ranging from 74c to 8c. as to quality.

Eleven shipments of farm cattle, prize stock exhibited at the Provincial Fair by H. & J. Groff, Elmira, Ont., were shipped from here to H. Longworth, Glenwood, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The latest incident in the Hereford versus Shorthorn competition is a challenge to champions of the latter breed to compete at the next Fat Stock Show in Chicago for \$1,000, half of the prize money to be contributed by each interest.

Henry Stewart says of farmers' clubs : "They are the most useful and effective means available for lifting the farmer into his right and proper position in the world. It is by some such association that all other industrial classes, and even the learned and scientific professions, have been brought into a condition of coherence by which their weight and influence are felt in society, and through which, by the advantages resulting from mutual assistance, each member has gained by the work of every other one.'

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in a pail or box until the fruit has mostly decayed, when the seed should be carefully and thoroughly washed; all pulp, etc., being removed, the seed is then dried and placed in a cool, dry storeroom. The seeds of cucumbers, as well as those of all our garden vegetables, should be all saved from the most perfect and productive specimens, and in order to pre-serve the variety in all its purity no other sort should be permitted to grow near it.

RAT CUNNING. -- Rats are very provident, both for their benefit and the community's. Eggs, which they have been known to carry from the garret to the cellar, and other tempting foods instead of being devoured instantly, are stored away for the hour of need. A writer, in the Quarterly Review cites a note-worthy instance of the far-seeing sagacity of rats. A gentleman who fed his own pointers noticed through a hole in the door that a number of rats ate from the trough with the dogs, which did not attempt to molest them. He resolved to shoot the intruders, so when next he served out the food he kept the dogs Not a rat came to taste, although away. he could occasionally see them peering out of their holes, for "they were too well versed in human nature to venture forth without the protection of their canine guard." When the dogs were let in, the rats joined them, and fed with them as usual. -[Chamber's Journal.

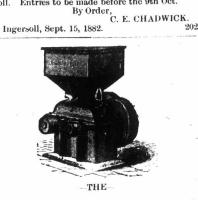
The above Heifers have all been served from the 10th of July to the 10th of September, by Prince of St. Lambert.

- St. Lambert.
 "Cow Boy," by St. Lambert, dropped 3rd July, 1878; his dam May-day, 5109. No. 3790 is now registered in the books of the American Jersey Cattle Club, Newport, Rhode Island.
 "Prince of St. Lambert," No. 5287, calved March 10th, 1880.
 "Bismarck," dropped Feb. 13th, 1882; his dam, Lady Dufferin: got by Cow Boy.
 "Rob Roy," calved April 17th, 1882; dam Maus; got by Cow Boy. 18 19
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Spring Calves.

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 22 "Emma," dropped Nov. 5th, 1881; dam Josephine: got by Cow Boy.
 23 "Grace Darling," dropped Dec. 8th, 1881; dam lady Grant: got by Cow Boy.
 24 "Maud S.," dropped Jan. 2nd, 1882; dam Lady Maud; got by Cow Boy.
 25 "Mamie," dropped April 4th, 1882; dam Elizabeth; got by Cow Boy.
 26 "Fancy Fan," dropped April 9th, 1882; dam Pinkie; got by Chicago; he by Humboldt.
 27 "Victoria 2nd," dropped April 20th, 1882; dam Victoria: got by Cow Boy.
 28 "May Blossom," dropped May 10th, 1882; dam Rosa Lee got by Cow Boy.

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