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The first annual show of the New Brunswick Poultry Association will be held at St. John on Jan. 24th to 27th. Mr. John G. Burke, St. John, N. B., is the secretary.

A. C. Hallman, New Dundee, Ont., writes: "My stock is doing fine. The herd of Tamworths is most complete quality and breeding. Have 12 mature sows bred for spring litters; bred to such famous boars as Whitacre Crystal, "Royal" winner in England, 1898; Nimrod, my old stock boar; and British King, also imported. My newly imported sow, Whitacre Countess 2nd, is the most perfect type of a bacon pig I ever saw. She was a champion sow in England in 1897. Her litter imported with her are beauties—5 boars and 3 sows. My Holsteins never did better than this season."

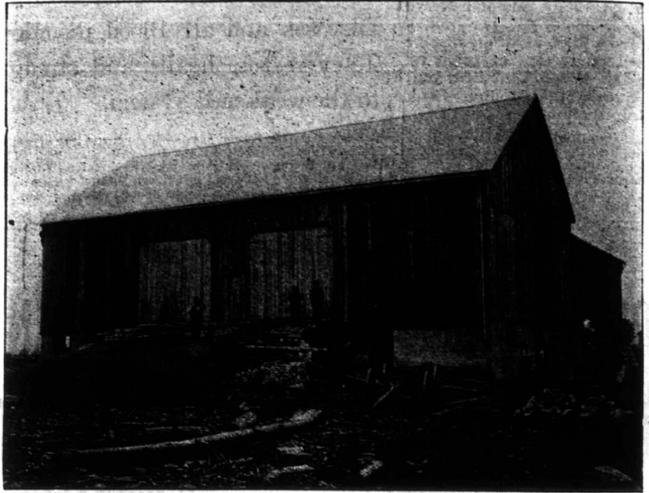
H. Bennett & Son, St. Williams, Ont., write: "We have had a very successful year, both in sales and in the showing, and the sows and boars we are offering in our advertisement were prizewinners last year. The following are a few of our recent sales: J. D. Clement, Vanessa, Ont., 1 sow, 6 mos.; Thos. K. Hand, Stanton, Ont., 1 sow, 7 mos.; Robt. Catherwood, St. Williams, 1 sow; Jno. Carr, Cherry Valley, Ont., 1 boar; Joseph Doyle, Pickering, Ont., 1 sow; C. W. Patch, Bromé, Que., 1 boar; Geo. R. Stroh, Conestoga, Ont., 1 sow; Jno. Clemens, Port Rowan, 1 sow; Albert Brown, Port Rowan, Ont., 1 sow; Wm. Lester, Forest, Ont., 1 boar; J. Chellew, St. Catharines, 1 boar; Thos. Davidson, Palmerston, Ont., 1 boar; J. M. Clark, Smith's Falls, Ont., 1 sow; S. N. Culver, Simcoe, Ont., 2 sows."

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Ridgetown, Ont., is located in one of the garden spots of Canada, surrounded as it is by a splendid farming and highly-improved country, which in years gone by gave the tillers of the soil handsome returns for their abundant crops of No. 1 beans. For a few years past prices have not been so encouraging for this product, yet immense granaries of No. 1 beans are to be found in that part of the country to-day. At Messrs. Tape Bros.' home, in December, we were shown several hundred bushels awaiting a more favorable market, which we were informed was on the rise. While the above-named gentlemen have become expert in the cultivation of beans, they have been fully alive to the condition of the times in live stock matters, and many years of honest toil has accumulated some 300 acres of splendid grain and pasture land, all of which is kept in a high condition of cultivation. One strong part in the policy pursued by the firm is the improvement of their cattle, for which purpose an excellent Shorthorn bull was purchased, some three years ago, from Mr. Arthur Johnston, by the noted Indian Chief, unmistakable evidence of which is apparent among the young stock. A few cattle are annually fed off the farm, and frequently a good one is fitted, and that in a creditable way too. Their stronghold, as is well known, is their herds of Duroc-Jersey swine. Some seven or eight years ago, Duchess of Kent 13th, by Perfection Lad 7th, and out of Golden Duchess 5th—12—, was imported from her breeder, C. J. Stickney, Atlanta, Ill. (acknowledged to be one of the best breeders), and the firm credit her with being largely responsible for placing them well to the front, both in the show and breeding pens. Many of her daughters were retained as matrons, and have been immensely successful producers of uniform, vigorous stock, being of the popular modern type, with the early-maturing, profitable qualities which wide-awake breeders recognize. Of much the same pedigree on the dam's side is the four-year-old sow, Janie 155, by Nabob II., a hog which won much favor with the firm, his progeny all having splendid backs and were thrifty doers. Janie won a distinguished place for herself with the firm and gave them much profitable stock. By the same sire we saw the four-year-old sow, Baroness 83, and out of Duchess of Kent, in her usual good form. She has successfully landed many of the first honors at the big shows where the competition was the hottest in the country. Her splendid back, deep, even sides, with well-developed, nicely-formed hams and good bone, make her an attractive sow, and one from which (backed by her pedigree) there can be no possible mistake in selecting breeding stock. Another sow which has done much good and whose stock have found quick buyers and won many showing honors, is Blossom 216, by Nabob, and out of Lady Blossom 15; she was bred on the farm. In all, the firm carry a dozen or more good sows of the most fashionable and best blood that money and good judgment can select and raise, so that they are in a position to furnish a variety of pedigrees with stock of much the same age.

Among the first imported boars we heard the name of Duke of Kent, who remained three years; then came Nabob II., and in the two years of his service he left an unmistakable impression. Royal winner 2nd No. 12, by Royal Winner, and out of Lady Blossom, next came upon the scene and remained a year. Howard King 67, Nimrod 106, Sovereign 107, all did service, and now Prince Imperial 196, by Duke of Kent, and out of Delta B. 32 (bred by J. S. McBride, Burton, Mich.), is entering upon his third year of service, and to this sire and Nimrod lies the credit of siring the prizewinners of recent showings, among them being nearly everything competed for at the late fat stock show at Bradford. Prince Imperial was an easy winner wherever shown last fall at the big fairs. He is a long, deep animal, with a splendidly filled body and well-shaped back, standing firmly and squarely on a good set of legs, and is regarded as a great sire. A young boar littered in April was imported from Mr. Q. McBride, Burton, Mich., to employ on young sows, so that the firm not only have been keeping up to the times, but are still doing so according to their demands. At present a few very choice six months-old boars are held for disposal, and orders are being booked for spring stock. The firm report a very prosperous year, and orders have been filled in the extreme portions of the Dominion. We deem it sufficient to state that the good name the firm have established for upright dealing and sound judgment is a sufficient guarantee of the most of their stock and the business they are doing.

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