

to hunt better than ever. I feel certain that if he had been exhibited at the recent Palace show he would have won; the other dogs would have looked like pigmies alongside of him."

THE TORONTO DOG SPORTS CLUB.

For two or three years past a party of gentlemen in this city have taken great interest in the summer sport of dog swimming on the bay, and each year has proved a greater success in the way of sport and the number of entries than the preceding one. Mr. Clow, Colborne street, may be accredited with the promotion and popularity of these sports in the first place, and his setter bitch Jessie, and subsequently her offspring Snipe, have been contestants and winners in nearly every race.

This pastime became so attractive during the summer months that it was found desirable to organize for the purpose of consolidation and a continuance of dog sports through the long period of winter. A meeting of the prominent dog owners interested was held in the fall. The result of this meeting was that a club was formed under the title of the "Toronto Dog Sports Club," having for its object the racing of dogs with the various classifications, such as straight running, coursing, hurdle-racing, jumping, and swimming, with the more intelligent attributes of the dog specie, such as retrieving and tricks. The first meeting held was about two months ago on the Jarvis street grounds, when a fine afternoon's sport was had. About six straight races was the afternoon's programme, classified in the different breeds, with a consolation race for non-winners.

Since the inception of this club a few months ago it has made rapid strides, and now numbers a membership of over one hundred.

It is the intention during the summer to have an open to the world swimming meeting, at which it is expected some of the aquatic canines from over the border will be present.

Alderman Piper is president of the club, Mr. George Thomas vice-president, and Mr. Gilbert Griffin secretary-treasurer.

A CURIOUS DOG CASE.

From the Leeds Mercury.

At the Leeds County Court on the 11th ult., before Judge Greenhow, an action of a curious character was heard. It was brought by James Johnson, plumber, of Hunsletlane, to recover from Samuel Wilson, hairdresser, Shipley, the sum of £2 as damages for alleged misrepresentation in connection with the sale of a dog. It appeared that in November last the plaintiff gave the defendant 25s. and a Fox-terrier bitch in exchange for a red Irish Terrier dog, which, from the fact of its being red, was a valuable animal. The plaintiff soon exchanged his purchase for another dog, with a man named Pearson, who lived at Bedale. A week afterwards Pearson wrote to say that the dog's feet, after it had been washed two or three times, had turned white. The fact of the feet being white rendered the animal valueless for show purposes. The dog was produced in court, and the plaintiff stated that the animal's coat had changed, being of a much lighter color than when he bought it. A witness was called who stated that a man named Crawshaw, who kept dogs for the defendant, had told him he had intended to dye the dog's feet. He saw the dog some days after this conversation, and its feet were then red.—Mr. Braim, who appeared for the defendant, called his client and a number of witnesses, who stated that the dog's feet were of their natural color when Johnson purchased it.—His honor gave a verdict for the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

NOTES.

At a recent meeting of the committee of the English Kennel Club, it was resolved: "That any dog who shall have qualified previously to January 15, 1885, for competition in a champion class, must compete in a challenge class, where such classes are provided."

The annual Bench Show, held by the Westminster Kennel Club, will take place at the Madison Square Gardens, New York, on April 28th, for which the entries close on April 14th. Owing to the lamented death of Mr. Charles Lincoln, Mr. James Mortimer has been appointed superintendent.

A few days since Hero, the fine St. Bernard dog belonging to the superintendent of the Salem Lead Company, broke one of the panes of glass in his kennel. He at once went to the kitchen window and attracted the attention of Mrs. B. and the servant, and by "dog signs" pointed out the mischief, and appealed to them in mute language to go out and mend it. Failing to persuade them, he undertook the job himself. Picking from the ground with his teeth the piece of glass which had fallen out, he made several attempts to put it in place, but, having no experience as a glazier, he gave up trying and calmly awaited the return of his master. The damage was then repaired and Hero was happy.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

An amusing story is told by "Plover" in *The American Field* of how his friend cured a gun-shy dog of the fault. The association of feeding time with the sound of the gun is by no means a new idea in trying to cure gun-shy dogs. The plan adopted in this case was to show a dish of prepared food to the delinquent when in company with another dog that had not the fault, and then fire off a gun. The gun-shy dog, of course, bolted, whilst the other remained to feed, the sight of which gave the former, as "Plover" says, food for reflection if not digestion. This course was adopted daily until the pangs of hunger forced the dog to submit, and, in less than a week, although the animal at first had vanished at sight of a gun, or anything resembling it, he was completely cured, and soon learnt that, when associated with a mutton chop, the sound of a gun becomes a matter of pleasure to a strong dog.

The premium list of the ninth annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel Club is now ready for distribution. The premiums offered are the same as last year. There have been some changes in the classification; the berg-hund classes have wisely been omitted, the black and tan setter puppies have but one class instead of two. A class has been added for English retrievers, and the champion Irish water spaniel class is omitted. The second prize for wire-haired fox-terriers is a medal instead of \$5, and in the two fox-terrier puppy classes there are two prizes, \$10 and medal, instead of only a medal. The same change is also made in collie puppy classes. There is a class for champion bull bitches added and one for bull puppies, with medal for prize. The bull-terriers have two more classes than last year, a champion and open class for bitches over 25 pounds. The Bedlington and Skye terriers have separate classes for bitches. The poodles have two classes for black and one class for other than black. The total number of classes is 123, against 119 last year. The show will be held under the rules of the A. K. C., which have been added to, modified, and altered to suit the occasion. The club has shown good sense in omitting the extra champion class and ignoring the "construction" of the champion rule.

Live Stock & Kindred Markets.

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There have been no new developments in the British cattle trade, and this week's cables report featureless markets. Receipts of Canadians and Americans have been fairly liberal, which with rather free supplies from other sources has plentifully stocked the markets. At Liverpool the demand has been moderately active at unchanged prices.

Quotations at Liverpool are as follows, being calculated at \$4.80 in the £:—

Cattle—	\$ c.	\$ c.
Prime Canadian steers.....	0 1 1/2	to 0 00 per lb.
Fair to choice.....	0 13	to 0 00 "
Poor to medium.....	0 12	to 0 00 "
Inferior and bulls.....	0 9	to 0 10 1/2 "

Dressed beef in Liverpool is cabled higher at 5 1/2d., against 5 1/4d. last week. Mutton is lower at 4 1/2d., against 4 3/4d. last week.

TORONTO.

The run of live stock on the Toronto market has been very light so far this week. Prospects, however, point to an increase by the closing days. The decreased offerings, however, have not affected the trade to any extent. The quantity of dressed meats coming in continues large and the demand for live stock is therefore not so large. A slightly firmer feeling is the only result of the light supply. Owing to the light demand and unremunerative prices which have prevailed for some time past a number of the dealers have been holding off, remaining at home instead of going to the country to buy.

CATTLE.—The receipts so far this week number about 7 car loads of fair cattle. The demand is about the same as a week ago, there being certainly no improvement. The supply is quite large enough for all requirements. Exporters are buying a few, but there are not many cattle suitable for shipping coming in. The average price is 4 1/2c. per lb., with a range of 4 1/4 to 4 3/4c. per lb. for good to choice shippers. Butchers' cattle are selling from 3 1/4 to 4 1/4c. per lb. for good to extra good. A number of common changed hands at 3 1/2c. No car loads of choice were offered. There was some enquiry for stockers, and a few weighing 1,000 lbs. were bought at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. per lb.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Are in very light supply and quotations are practically nominal at last week's prices. Dressed mutton has been offering in considerable quantities; a car load was received from Kingston yesterday.

CALVES.—The demand continues very good. The supply however is light, and all offered are quickly taken at prices ranging from \$3 to \$12 each, according to quality.

HOGS.—None have been received this week. The supplies though small have been increasing during the past few weeks. The demand is good. Prices are unchanged at 4 1/2c. for the best.

The receipts of live stock at the western market here last week with comparisons were:—

	Cattle.	Sheep and Lambs.	Hogs.
Week ending March 7.....	768	121	57
Week ending Feb. 28.....	801	161	36
Cor. week, 1884	566	179	42
Cor. week, 1883.....	469	257	38
Total to date.....	6,780	2,100	464
To same date 1884.....	6,654	3,516	1,176
To same date 1883.....	5,952	3,078	810

Quotations are:—

Cattle, export.....	4	to 4 3/4 per lb.
" butchers', choice.....	4 1/4	to 4 1/2 "
" good.....	3 1/4	to 4 "
" common.....	3	to 3 1/4 "
Sheep and lambs, choice, per head ..	5 00	to 5 50
" secondary qualities, per head ..	4 50	to 4 75
Hogs, fat, off the car.....	0	to 4 1/2 per lb.
" store.....	0	to 4 1/2 "
Calves.....	\$3	to \$12

MONTREAL.

The market for shipping cattle has been quiet and about steady, with transactions at from 4 1/4 to 5c. per lb. live weight. The exports from Boston during the past two weeks were 3,167 head cattle, 351 sheep, 5,181