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CANADIAN THORPE BARLEY.

We regret to say that our supply of Canadian Thorpe Barley was not equal to the demand. Several parties who sent in new names could not be supplied. To these we will give any other premium offered for the same number of subscribers, either now or at any future date. We trust that all who have received packages of Thorpe barley from us will report the results obtained as soon as the crop is harvested. We will be prepared next season to offer some valuable new grains as subscription prizes. We are anxious to obtain the services of ten first-class canvassers; to the persons we will give constant employment and good wages.

the Cotswold Hills of Gloucester, England, which are the home of the Cotswold sheep. The extensive range that Mr. Ward has at his command, together with a soil so well adapted for this industry, has enabled him to get together one of the largest, if not the largest, breeding flock of this sort in the Dominion. With a view of extending as well as improving his flock, Mr. Ward visited England in 1891 and selected a large number of the best sheep from the most famous ram breeding flocks of England. Those who have seen these sheep, specimens of which Mr. Ward exhibited at the Toronto Industrial that season, must have been impressed with the high order of merit that alone could satisfy him when making the selection. Two exceedingly good rams were purchased, one from Mr. Robt. Jacobs, Gloucester, England, and the other from Mr. Gillette, Gloucester, while a grand lot of store ewes were selected from the flocks of Mr. Robt. Jacobs, Burford, and Mr. Chas. Bagnall, Oxfordshire, England.

We were particularly impressed with the excellence of this season's crop of lambs, which are got by an exceedingly good ram bred by Mr. Gillette. So highly does Mr. Ward value this sheep as a sire that he refuses to put a price on him. At the time of our visit the breeding ewes were in good breeding condition. After supplying the demands of last season's trade nearly fifty ewe lambs were reserved; these have done well and are now awaiting customers. The sales of last season were more severe in depleting the ranks of the ram lambs, yet there are still a goodly number of shearlings on hand, while the prospect for superior show lambs for this season's trade is very good. At the time of our visit there were some sixty on hand, and a promising lot they were.

Mr. Ward carries a very heavy stock of cattle and sheep. About two carloads of fat cattle have been fed this year, yet he has much grain and hay still on hand. The condition of his farm is an object lesson to those "grain-growing farmers," who usually at this season of the year go hunting around for hay to feed their working teams.

Mr. Ward finds room for a few useful Shorthorn cows, from which he yearly has some good young bulls to sell; also Berkshires of good type and breeding are always kept, so that variety may be counted as another feature in the management of this farm.

LITTLE FARNUM STOCK FARM.

The proprietor of this establishment is Mr. Henry Arkell, Arkell, Ont., whose name has long been known in connection with sheep breeding. The farm is most conveniently situated for railway communication, as all trains stop at Arkell, a station on the Guelph division of the C. P. R., within three minutes' walk of the farm buildings. This farm contains three hundred acres of land that can hardly be surpassed for producing any of the grains known in Ontario, while for roots and other field crops it is equal to any. The property is divided by a wide, well-kept lane that runs its entire length, on each side of which are large, well-cultivated and well-fenced fields. The soil is of such a texture that it becomes quickly fit to work after wet weather.

Formerly a flock of Cotswolds were kept here, but in 1881 these were disposed of to give place to Oxford-Downs, which have been bred ever since. At the above date the first importation of Oxford-Downs was made from selections from the flocks of Mr. Wm. Arkell, Heythrop, Fairfield, Gloucestershire, and Mr. Chas. Hobbs, Maisey Hampton, Oxfordshire, England. Of these importations five were winners at the Royal Show of England, held that year at Reading, Berkshire. The next season sixty-five head were imported; these were chiefly from the flocks of Mr. Chas. Hobbs and Mr. Robert Hobbs, Kelmscott, Gloucestershire. Again in 1887 a number of rams were purchased from Mr. John Jacobs, Burford, England.

In 1891 another importation of sixteen was made from the following flocks, viz.: Messrs. Evans and Albert Brassey, Chipping Norton, Geo. Adams, Farrington, Berks., and J. A. Miles, Swindon, Wilts.; and in 1892 six were brought over, which were purchased from Messrs. J. W. Jeffrey, Bris Norton, and A. Brassey.

Mr. Arkell has also at different times purchased Messrs. Adams and Brassey's sheep, as well as the sheep bred by other English breeders. Through careful dealing with American breeders he has worked up a most flourishing trade, which he has turned to good account. Thus Mr. Arkell has sold in many instances breeding stock to Canadian customers, and again bought from them the produce. By this means he has not only obtained a large number of well-bred sheep, but at the same time he benefitted his customers by buying from them their surplus stock.

As might be expected, we found Mr. Arkell in active preparation for the coming World's Fair at Chicago. Of the dozen or more specimens being fed for this purpose all were in superb condition, made the more apparent at the time of our visit, April 18th, as the sheep had just been closely sheared. We shall be disappointed, with the care and attention he is personally bestowing upon them, if they do not give an account of themselves which will be a surprise to owners of English-fitted sheep.

In addition to the above, two flocks are being fed, one of which is destined to be shown in Ohio, the other in Indiana. Another lot of twenty rams is being fed for a breeder in Wisconsin; these

were contracted for some months ago. Specimens are also being prepared for the Canadian shows.

Among the few animals of which we took individual notice was the three-shear ram, British Wonder, bred by Mr. John Jacobs, Burford, England, and a two-shear ram, Doncaster Royal, which was one of the pen of lambs which won first in England in 1891; this sheep was bred by Mr. A. Brassey, and imported as a lamb. Another good stock ram used in the flock was bred by Mr. Geo. Adams; he was also a prize winner at the English Royal in 1891.

Among the ewes is the now famous Minnie Miles, a three-shear winner of the silver cup over all breeds at the Detroit show; she also won first in her class at that show, and was one of the pair which won first at Toronto.

The yearlings are of equal merit. A few head of Shorthorns are kept. At the head of the herd is Ottawa Chief, bred by J. and W. Russell, Richmond Hill, Ont.; he is the sire of some very promising calves.

We were also shown some good specimens of Berkshire pigs, which is the breed favored here.

SHORTHORNS, BERKSHIRES AND YORKSHIRES AT MR. H. J. DAVIS', WOODSTOCK, ONT.

With the push and energy that has marked the course of so many of our successful stockmen, Mr. Davis has established a business that not only keeps him pretty closely tied at home, but has the encouraging feature of having become profitable.

The prices that farmers have obtained for pork during the past winter, together with the prospect that high prices will rule for some time to come, has had the effect of vastly stimulating the demand for breeding swine. In these Mr. Davis has endeavored to supply the demand by breeding two sorts, viz., Improved Large Berkshires and Large White Yorkshires; both have found an equal footing—they are kept in about equal numbers. Of the many good ones in the herd, one that is doing good service is Mistress Fourth, a typical Yorkshire sow, imported in dam and bred by Walker Jones. She was suckling a litter of nine as nice pigs as one would wish to see, which is what might be expected, as she is a sow of superior merit herself, being of the pattern that is now sought after. She has great length and depth of side and well-let-down hams.

Country Lass, by Sultan, is a yearling Yorkshire sow that presents a good appearance. She has already raised a litter of pigs farrowed in November, and is again due, so that she has lost no time in becoming a profitable breeder, and yet she has made a good growth. There are now in these pens a number of Yorkshire boars and sows that are of a suitable age for coupling, and are well worth inspecting, should readers require anything in this line.

In Berkshires, the boar Bakerfield has been principally used in the herd, and by the appearance of the young pigs he has proved an impressive sire.

Among the Berkshire sows that drew our attention was Royal Duchess 2nd. She is a daughter of that beautiful sow Royal Duchess, by Imp. This is Him, which Mr. Davis sold to the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, two years ago. Royal Duchess 2nd was suckling a litter of twelve wonderfully even, promising pigs, thus proving that Berkshires give large litters of good pigs as well as other sorts.

The sow Violet 2nd, out of Imp. Violet, is a really good one that has already one litter to her credit.

The Shorthorn herd has the Kinellar bull, Invincible, at its head. He is sired by the Sittytton bull, Vermont, and is leaving some very nice calves that are full of promise.

Altogether Mr. Davis has a nicely chosen stock of the different lines.

Southdown Sheep Breeders' Association of Great Britain, Incorporated.

BY-LAWS FOR 1893.

1.—For the present the following shall be the respective amounts due from Members under the terms of ninth Article of Association:—

	£	s.	d.
Entrance fee	1	1	0
Annual subscription	1	1	0
Life composition in lieu of annual subscription	15	15	0

2.—In the case of a firm one subscription will be deemed sufficient to entitle the partners therein to the joint rights and privileges of one individual membership, and either partner shall be entitled (subject to Article 26 of the Articles of Association), on behalf of the firm, to exercise such rights and enjoy such privileges.

COUNCIL.

3.—Meeting of the Council shall be held each year during the Show of the Smithfield Club in London, and at such other times and places as the Council shall from time to time appoint.

4.—The Council, at its first Meeting after the Annual General Meeting, shall appoint from among its Members an Editing Committee, a Finance Committee, and an Inspection Committee.

FLOCK BOOK.

5.—The Flock Book shall be published annually by the first day of July, and shall contain a register of Southdown Sheep (for this purpose each breeder shall make a complete return of his flock on or be-