

Stock Notes

MR. W. H. KIRBY, of Oshawa, is advertising Rose Comb Black Minorcas, Silver-Laced Wyandottes, and White Plymouth Rocks in this issue. A setting of eggs which the writer obtained from Mr. Kirby last year turned out exceedingly well, the birds being of good size and perfectly marked; equal, in fact, to some of the best show birds of the season.

MR. H. STAIRS, of Hillarton, N.S., was a visitor at the Horse Show last week. He is inspecting the various herds of Polled Angus cattle with a view of purchasing a large quantity of stock for his farm in the Annapolis Valley. Mr. Stairs confines his operations to raising apples and purebred Angus cattle, and finds stock-breeding combines very well with fruit-growing.

MESSRS. D. G. HANMER & SONS, of Hill Home and Maplehurst Stock Farms, Mount Vernon, Ont., write, asking us to correct the statement made in our issue of April 11th. Two of the members of the firm are going to England in May, and while there will attend the Royal Show. In our statement it would appear that only one was going. We gladly make the correction.

SALES of stock through FARMING are not confined to any particular locality. Here is a letter from Rhode Island concerning a transaction arising out of an advertisement which appears regularly in our issues: "East Greenwich, R.I., Feb. 15th, 1899. Mr. Wm. Howe, North Bruce, Ont. Dear Sir,—The pig arrived here this afternoon all right, in spite of the cold weather and snow blockade. He is a very nice pig, longer and better than I expected to get, and I thank you very much. Yours truly, GEO. M. MADISON."

MR. ALBERT HAGER, of Plantagenet, Ont., reports that the boom in shorthorn cattle is being felt in the eastern districts of Ontario. He says, "I have sold everything I could spare. Dairy men want Shorthorn bulls to cross on their cows, finding out by experience that there is something in the general purpose cow of which the grade Shorthorn is the best type. My Shropshires are doing well; lambs are strong and plenty of them. Have no less than thirty pairs of twins, all living, out of 48 ewes lambed so far."

MR. EDWIN BATTYE, of Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, is one of those who has faith in the future of the Shorthorn and is prepared to back his faith by the investment of money. He has already laid a good foundation for a first-class herd, and has recently added a number of very fine animals to it. From Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, he has purchased one eight-months-old bull by Royal Sovereign, dam Lady Aberdeen, the latter being, in Mr. Johnston's opinion, one of the most perfect cows in the Dominion; also, the two-year-old cow, Duchess of Gloster 45th, by imp. Grand Sweep—64121—dam, Canadian Duchess of Gloster, 21, by Lord Abbott—51536, a beautiful young cow and beautifully bred; also Jubilee Jilt, by Britism Statesman—63927—dam, Jilt—20327, bred by Mr. S. Campbell, of Aberdeen, Scotland, and a very fine yearling heifer with several prizes to her credit at last year's leading fairs. The price paid to Mr. Johnston for these animals we understand to amount in the aggregate to a very considerable sum. From Mr. W. J. Biggins, of Clinton, Ont., Mr. Battye has secured the five-year-old cow, Matchless of Elmhurst, by the imp. Cruickshank bull, Excelsior—5132—and Mina May, a grand cow of the Mina family by imp. General Booth, and in calf to Royal Don, the first prize and silver medal bull at Winnipeg Exhibition last year. At the sale of Mr. John Avery's stock in Stanley Township, Mr. Battye purchased Nellie Booth—23079—and Aggie Booth—23077—two sisters from imp. General Booth; Nellie Booth 3rd, by Roan Chief—2004—dam, Nellie Booth, and also a purebred cow four years old. With them and his many years' experience as a successful farmer, Mr. Battye, will, no doubt, very soon take a leading position amongst the Shorthorn breeders of the Dominion.



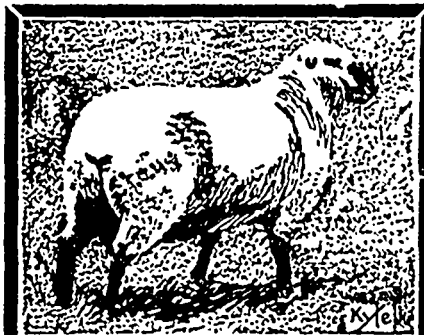
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