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We want good, active agents to work for us in every county in Canada. To suitable persons we will give permanent employment and good salaries. We ask each of our readers to take an interest in the ADVOCATE; send us at least one new name, more if possible. If you cannot canvass for us, and know of a suitable person who can, send us that person's name and address. We are anxious to double the present circulation of the ADVOCATE. The more assistance you give us in the way of sending new subscribers, the better paper you will receive. Now is the time! Help us to make the ADVOCATE the best agricultural paper in America. We will do our utmost, but we want and must have your help.

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Ontario's Winter Show.

The tenth annual Ontario Provincial Fat Stock Show, which will be held on the 6th and 7th of December, 1893, promises to be the best Winter Show ever held on the continent. This exhibition is held under the auspices of the Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations, the Agriculture and Arts Association, and the Guelph Fat Stock Club. No pains have been spared to make it the best show of its kind ever held. The large sum of \$1750.00 in prizes is offered in the sheep and swine departments, while liberal prizes are offered in the cattle classes.

Prize lists and entry blanks may be obtained by applying to the Secretary, Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto.

Auction Sales.

SOUTHDOWNS AND SHORTHORNS.

Our readers will regret to hear that Mr. John Jackson, Abingdon, lost his barn and buildings by fire on the night of the 4th inst. The contents consumed included a quantity of hay and grain, together with 16 head of Southdown sheep, among which were several of the late Chicago winners. In consequence of this disaster Mr. Jackson has decided to sell, at public auction, on Nov. 22nd, 50 head from his celebrated flock of Southdowns. Several pure-bred Shorthorns will also be included. For many years Mr. Jackson has imported the best sheep he could find in England, among which many winners at the Royal and other English shows have been selected. In proof of this, we only have to call to mind the innumerable triumphs this flock has won during this and other seasons. This sale will therefore afford one of the best opportunities offered in many years to find a flock of Southdowns.

SHORTHORNS.

As announced in another column, Mr. W. B. Cockburn, Aberfoyle, will sell his entire herd of show Shorthorns at public sale, on Jan. 10th, 1894. The bulls offered include several celebrated show yard winners, such as Greenhouse Chief, the sweepstakes bull at Toronto and Montreal, 1892, his twin brother British Chief, that beat him at Chicago this season, the sensational bull calf Indian Warrior, that won sweepstakes over all beef breeds at the World's Fair, Chicago. Among the cows and heifers are a number that have also made their mark in the show ring, and comprise such popular Scotch families as Nonpareils, Wimples, Village Lillies and Missies. In all 26 head will be sold without reserve.

Ensilage for Summer Feeding.

The absolute necessity of providing something more than pasturage for the summer feeding of cows is becoming well recognized, perhaps never more so than during the past season. A fresh discussion of this important subject was recently invited by the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and brought out an interesting contribution from Mr. Butler, of Dereham Centre, who has made a success of clover ensilage for that purpose. Mr. J. O. Sanford, a Vermont farmer, after two years' experience with corn ensilage, pronounces it a cheap and most excellent summer feed. His silo is 24 feet long, with a partition across the middle, making two pits 12 x 16 feet. One of these pits is again divided the other way with a partition of two-inch plank five feet high, the top edge of the top plank being hewn to an edge, so that the silage will settle readily around it when the silage is fed down to a little below the top of that partition; one part is covered with a foot of saw dust and left for summer food. It is uncovered on August 1st, and lasts till the new corn is mature enough for use, about one bushel per cow per day being fed.

Swine at the World's Fair.

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CHESTER WHITES.

This breed is very popular in many of the States, and some very choice specimens were on exhibition. Nine different herds were in attendance, and the prizes were divided, although S. H. Todd & Sons, of Wakeman, Ohio, who showed 20 head, secured the lion's share of the premiums, and they had a very select herd, well fitted, and an even type throughout. Mr. Todd informed us that he was endeavoring to produce pigs with more length and depth, and it was quite evident, after inspecting his herd, that he was succeeding. The list of his prizes is as follows:—First on My Choice, an aged boar, very long and straight, with a fleshy back and low set on his legs; second on boar over 6 and under 12 months; first on a smooth, low set boar under 6 months; first and sweepstakes on Ollie, an aged sow; third on yearling sow; first on a sow that was 6 days over 6 months, and shown in section over 6 and under 12 months. The judge afterwards said that "had this sow been entered for sweepstakes she would have been an easy winner." Messrs. Todd also won first and third on sows under 6 months. In the two sections, boar and 3 sows owned by exhibitor, and boar and 3 sows bred by exhibitor, both prizes fell to these exhibitors. They also won third on another herd, and the two sections—boar and 3 sows under 1 year owned by exhibitor, and bred by exhibitor—were also secured by them. Four pigs, the produce of same sow under 6 months, bred by exhibitor, and four pigs, the get of the same boar, were each awarded to four splendid young pigs comprising this herd.

L. H. Martin, Alexandria, Ohio, showed 10 head and secured six prizes. His herd were in fair condition, but not highly fitted.

F. A. Branch, Medina, Ohio, had only 4 head but won three prizes, including sweepstakes on his yearling sow, which was in the pink of condition, and had a good head and ear, with a smooth, fleshy back and full loins, but a trifle short; the third prize on aged sow went to the same exhibitor.

Baker & Haskins, of Delaware, Ohio, had on exhibition 24 head, and secured three prizes, his pigs not having been fitted for exhibition.

M. E. Newburn, Hennepin, Ill., came forward with 19 head and won 12 prizes, including sweepstakes on boar bred by himself. This boar was long and smooth, a little high on the legs, but possessing good bone, and had the appearance of being a thrifty pig.

F. B. Ashbridge had the largest exhibit in the Chester White class, but his pigs were in thin condition and of fair quality; he secured two prizes.

F. A. Grover, of Bennett, Neb., showed 6 head, but was not fortunate enough to secure any of the money prizes.

Ten head were exhibited by R. J. Crumb, of Ouaquaga, N. Y.

TAMWORTHS.

Although the "sandy-haired" Tamworths have only recently been introduced into Canada, they are steadily gaining admirers, especially among the pork-packers and those who are interested in the growth of bacon-hogs. They are a very long, deep-sided pig, and possess a lot of merit. The appearance of their long faces was the butt of much merriment among our American cousins who had seen the breed for the first time, but we must admit that when one gets accustomed to seeing them the head does not seem out of proportion to their long bodies; and, although the head is long, it is not by any means heavy, and I will venture to say that many of the prize-winning Poland Chinas had more waste about their head than this breed which created so much amusement.

Thirteen head was the total number of Tamworths on exhibition, 5 of these being the property of Jas. Calvert, 2 belonging to John Bell, of Amber, Ont., and the balance were owned by Thos. Bennett, of Roseville, Ill. The majority of the prizes went to the latter exhibitor, whose herd had the appearance of having had a cross of some other blood.

Mr. Bell won first on aged boar and second on aged sow.

Jas. Calvert received first on herd over 2 years, first on boar over one and under 2 years, also 3rd and 4th on aged sows.

SMALL YORKSHIRES.

This class was represented by five exhibitors, and, taken as a class, they were decidedly a mixed lot. As a breed they would be known in Canada as Suffolks, and the type chosen by the judges was after the pattern seen in that class in Canada. If the Suffolks which were shown at the Industrial at Toronto this year had been allowed to enter as small Yorkshires, I doubt if there would have been a single prize gone to the animals competing at the World's Fair.

In the section boar 2 years and over, there was a ring of five animals of fair quality, the first going to A. P. Chapman, Sugar Grove, Ill., whose pig was a good type of small Yorkshire, but a little off his legs, second going to Willis Whinery, Winona, Ohio., third to Chas. McClave, New London, Ohio, and the fourth to D. T. Bascom, California, Mich. D. T. Bascom got first on Romance in the section