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## **GOSSIP.**

The National Sheep Breeders' Association have been able to arrange, through the permission of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London, to hold their next international conference at the Guildhall, London. The meeting will take place on the afternoon of Monday, June 22nd next, the day previous to the opening of the Royal Agricultural Society's Show.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, Ontario, writes to this office, requesting change of advertisement, which will be found on another page. He says : "We now have a splendid lot of 18 young Shorthorn bulls for sale, including 9 lusty fellows sired by imported bulls and out of imported dams of the richest Scotch breeding. Their ages vary from eight months to twenty-three months - rich roans and good reds We have never bred a finer lot, nor have we ever owned a more fashionably-bred lot. Our yearling and two-year-old heifers are particularly nice, and of the richest breeding, and, as usual with us, they are for sale."

Mr. W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont., informs us that his Trout Creek herd of Shorthorns, including most of the winners of first herd prize at Toronto last year, is in thrifty condition, and comprises representatives of the most approved Scotch-bred families, headed by the two grand imported bulls, Spicy Marquis, championship winner at Toronto, bred by Mr. W. S. Marr, and Baron Beaufort, of the favorite Broadhooks family, bred by Lord Lovat, the highest-priced bull imported to Canada. In the herd are some excellent young bulls, imported and home-bred, which should find places in herds where their breeding and quality would surely tell for good; also, a few young cows and heifers that will make fine foundations for herds. While Mr. Flatt makes some sales at high prices, he has also sold many at moderate prices, such as the farmer and small breeder can afford to pay, and he is desirous of meeting the wishes of those who are seeking to improve their cattle, feeling, as he does, that improved live stock is the great need and the hope of Canadian farmers for the future.

We are in receipt of the catalogue of the Pioneer Stud Farm Shire, Percheron, Suffolk and Hackney stallions, which is handsomely illustrated, and contains the pedigrees of 35 stallions. Mr. J. G. Truman, the manager at Bushnell, Illinois, writes us : "I am in receipt of cablegram from our headquarters in England stating that our last importation of Shire and Suffolk stallions left Liverpool last week, and they will come from Now York by

here at our stables about the 1st of March. These stallions are all purchased by my brother, Mr. H. H. Truman, M. R. C. V. S., of March, England, and are all passed as sound by him before he pays for them. In a letter received from him, he mentions buying the noted Suffolk stallion, Highlander (2852), dark chestnut, foaled 1899, sired by the celebrated Scottish Chief (2615), dam Mercy (3953) by Smith's Wedgewood (1749). This horse is weighing around an English ton (2,240 lbs.), and is considered by good judges one of the best Suffolk stallions in England. It is needless to say that a horse of this character, being perfectly made and absolutely sound, would cost a good round sum, but we are determined to buy none but the best. The Shires are a magnificent lot, running in ages from 3 to 8 years old, and are up to our standard produced and shown by us at the International Show last fall. I shall be pleased to show any prospective buyers the best lot of Shire, Percheron and Suffolk stallions in the United States, and also to mail them a catalogue." Mr. Truman, who has branch stables at Brandon, Man., adds: "My father, Mr. J. H. Truman, is now en route to England to attend the London Shire Horse Show, where he will look after our interests." See illustrated adv't of this firm in this issue.