

STOCK GOSSIP.

Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., advertises Shorthorn bulls in this issue. They were all bred in Scotland with the exception of two imported in their dams. From a personal inspection we can strongly recommend them. They are all he claims them to be, and fit to head any herd.

At a meeting of the Board in Toronto, December 27th, the Ontario Agriculture and Arts Association decided to hold the Provincial Exhibition next year in London. It is reported that the receipts on account of the exhibition at Kingston last year showed a deficit of \$3,677.24. It was decided not to hold a fat stock show this year on account of the scarcity of food over the province.

Mr. Wm. Linton, Aurora, Ont., writes us under date of Dec. 19th as follows: My imported Shorthorn bull, Baron Ingram (52471), is the sire of seven pairs of twins, dropped this year. Two of my imported cows have lately given three calves each. I have since sold their sire to go to the United States. (You should have kept him, friend Linton, you would soon have had an enormous herd.) Mr. L. continuing says: The enquiry for young bulls is strong, but money is slow. Berkshires are in fine demand. I have sold all I have to spare. Prices for long wool sheep are looking up; there will be a strong demand before spring. The pair of pigs which I have reserved for you as a prize for new subscribers are as good a pair as I ever saw, they are worth double what you value them at. They are perfectly marked and finely bred.

Joseph Yuill, Carleton Place, Lanark Co., Ont., reports the following sales: Ayrshires—Yearling bull, Frank Ramsay, 449, to T. W. Kennedy, Billings Bridge; 1 recorded heifer to J. C. Graham, Smith's Falls; 2 heifer calves to W. M. Bass, Newboro; 2 heifer calves to H. E. Eyre, Herlem; 1 bull calf to J. Halfpenny, Lanark; 1 bull calf to R. Leech, Newboro; 1 bull calf to James Callendar, North Gower, P. Q.; Shropshires—10 ewes to W. E. Edwards, M. P., Rockland; 1 ram to John Lawson, Bell's Corners; 1 ram lamb to L. Toley, Almonte; 1 ram lamb to H. Caper, Gananoque. Berkshires—Boar and sow to J. A. Carson, North Nation Mills; 2 sows to R. R. McFarlane, Bristol, P. Q.; 1 boar to John Hay, Lachute, P. Q.; 1 sow to W. M. Bass, Newboro. Mr. Yuill has recently purchased the following: Clyde mare Lady MacConachie (3381) from J. C. Clark, Ottawa; 1 sheep (ewe) from John Dawson, Bell's Corners; 1 ewe lamb from R. Blair, Almonte, and 1 Berkshire boar from Messrs. McNish, Lyn.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont., writes us that he has, during December, sold two imported Clydesdale stallions, one imported bull, and two home-bred bulls, a record quite as good as usual. He says bulls, good enough to head herds, are in as great demand as ever before at this season of the year. A new catalogue of the Greenwood herd will be ready on or about the 20th January, 1889. This catalogue will contain the pedigrees of the best lot of young females ever offered from this herd, and the bulls are quite up to former years. Catalogues will be mailed free on application to all parties wishing to inspect them, regardless of business prospects. Calves are coming fast and good colors. He also says: My aim has been to bring out the very best young things I could find in their natural store condition. I have, however, aimed at importing young animals with show-yard qualities about them, and the records of the show-rings during the past six years show that I have succeeded in importing and breeding animals good enough to win, at least, a fair share of honors in the very best company and with the keenest competition. In 1883, at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, the second-prize aged cow, the first prize two-year-old heifer, and the first prize yearling heifer were all bred by me. At the Provincial Exhibition held at Guelph, in 1883, the first and second prize aged cows, first prize two-year-old heifer, and first prize yearling heifer were bred by me. In 1886, at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, there were five bulls of my importation exhibited, and they won four out of the nine prizes awarded to bulls over one year old. At the Provincial Exhibition held at Guelph in 1886 there were only two bulls of my importation shown, and they were awarded first prize in the two-year-old class, and second prize in the yearling class, showing against bulls that afterwards won the highest possible honors in the Western States. In 1887 there were five bulls of my importation and one of my breeding shown at the Toronto Dominion and Industrial Exhibition, and they succeeded in carrying off six out of the nine prizes awarded to bulls other than calves. They won two first prizes, two seconds, and two thirds, the one bred by myself winning easily in a good class. Four out of the five animals composing the herd that won first prize at the same show were sold by me. At the Provincial Exhibition held at Ottawa, in 1887, there were two bulls of my importation and one of my breeding exhibited, and they were fortunate enough to win first prize in the aged class, first prize in the two-year-old class, and third prize in the yearling class, besides the sweepstakes, as best bull of any age in the show. That is three bulls sold by me won three first prizes and one third prize at the Provincial Exhibition of 1887. I have taken no account of the scores of prizes won at the local shows, though in some of these contests competition has been quite as keen as at the great exhibitions above referred to. I may here state that none of the above prize winners were fitted up by me, but were fitted up by the parties who exhibited them.

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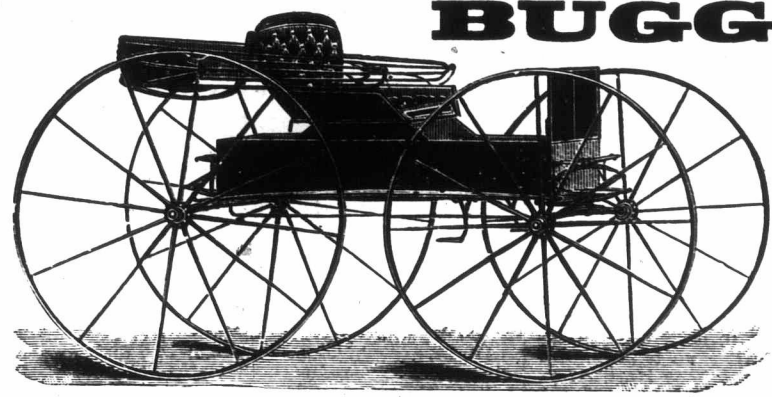
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