

STOCK GOSSIP.

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CANADIAN RECORDS FOR SHEEP.—As this question is to be brought forward at the meeting of the Sheep Breeders' Association to be held in Toronto, Feb. 6th, this will afford a favorable opportunity to take this matter up—for comparing notes as to its rules that govern existing associations. Some believe that one Flock Book for each breed of sheep is enough for the whole of America. Others hold different views. If existing records are satisfactory to breeders generally why multiply them? If they are not, and cannot be made so, then there is plenty of room for more. Opposition often does good. Breeders of Shropshire sheep, I believe, are generally well pleased with the liberal treatment dealt out by the American Shropshire Association, and it is not hard to see why this should be so. The headquarters of this Association is at Lafayette, Ind. The fee for membership is \$5; this entitles the members to the volumes of the Flock Book as they are published. The fees for recording sheep are \$1 for an imported animal and 50 cents for American bred animals, and with these they don't lack for funds. Why should it cost so much more to record one breed than another? Compare the American Southdown Association, with headquarters at Springfield, Ill. For membership, etc., \$10 (but as this is capital stock it don't matter so much); the fee for recording is \$1 for each sheep, and if imported (only) \$5. This Association has several members in Canada, but, notwithstanding this, if that is the best deal we can get the sooner we quit the game the better. We have been told that this excessive fee of \$5 would be taken off. Why was it ever put on? Simply to tax importers. If Southdowns are going to possess the earth they must have a fair show for it. It is quite expensive enough to bring sheep from England without paying an extra duty on them to get them in the Flock Book. And they are too widely scattered to be easily "cornered." Let us have a Flock Book that will benefit the Southdowns.

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Mr. Robert Anderson, Wyoming, Ont., reports that the three head of Shorthorns purchased last spring at the sale of Frank R. Shore & Bros. have been quite successful in the show ring in his locality.

Wm. Stewart Jr., Seymour, Ont., writes:—"I desire to report that my stock of Ayrshire cattle and Berkshire pigs are doing splendidly. I have opened my silo, and am feeding contents to stock with a marked effect on the condition of animals, and an increase in the quantity and quality of the milk. I have made the following sales of Ayrshires: A bull calf, winner of second prize at Toronto, to T. Macfarlane, Shannonville, Ont.; bull calf, Tam Glen, to Elias Young, Picton, Ont.; heifer calf to D. Gunn, Belleville, Ont.; bull, General Middleton 458, to Mr. John Douglas, Percy, Ont. Berkshires—One sow to R. R. Ross, Rosmore, Ont.; sow, to Robert Burns, Chatham. I have bought from Mr. D. Morton & Son the bull calf Dainty Davy, from his imported bull Royal Chief, and out of the imported cow Primrose. This is a calf of great promise, and will, no doubt, be heard from again. I have also bought Berkshire boars from Messrs. Snell Bros., Edmonton, Ont.; he was a prize winner at Toronto. I have some good young bulls and heifers for sale.

Mr. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont., calls attention to the announcement that at the recent show of the Smithfield Club, London, England, the champion plates, open to all breeds of pigs, have again been carried off by the Berkshires. Mr. N. Benfield, having won the coveted honor for best pen of pigs, and also the herd cup for best pen of Berkshires. Mr. T. P. Mills had the champion single pig of any breed (a Berkshire). The London Live Stock Journal of December 12th, commenting on the show, says: "To the Berkshires belong the honors of the show, and this is by no means uncommon, as the Berkshire pig has no superior, if an equal, for fat stock show purposes. It will stand any amount of forcing after it is six months old without becoming patchy or soft or breaking down. It also retains its cylindrical form and its even lines far better than most breeds of pigs."

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Mr. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont., reports the following recent sales of Cotswolds, which shows that these sheep are in demand over a wide extent of territory:—Rams—To X. McKee, Cadiz, Ohio; Robt. Patterson, Emerald, Ont.; J. B. Barker, Mt. Vernon; Y. Fitch, Oriel; Geo. Harding, Waukesha, Wis. (6); J. B. Harkless, Knightstown, Ind. (4); T. Pearen, Stanley Mills; J. H. Ferguson, Brampton; William Edwards, Glen Ross; M. Zant, Port Elgin; W. W. Wilson, Muncie, Ind.; 4 ewes and 1 ram to J. H. Green, Atwater, Ohio; 5 rams and 3 ewes to A. Bachman, Buchanan, Mich.; ram lamb to T. Col'ey, Castlederg, Ont.; 1 ewe to A. F. Brown, West Liberty, Iowa; 2 ewes to I. Henderson, Dromore, Ont. Among his swine he reports recent sales of Berkshires to J. Whittaker, Stone Bank, Wis.; Wm. Douglass, Caledonia; W. C. Edwards, M. P., Rockland, Ont.; Hon. A. A. Arnold, Galesville, Wis.; Dr. Jefferson, Hampton, Tenn.; E. W. H. Laidlaw, Aylmer, Ont.; D. K. High, Jordan, Ont.; Palmer & Theis, Mendota, Ill.; imported sow; Homer Bros., Greenville, Pa.; Thos. Ronan, Newmarket; James Dillon, Osgoode, Ont.; Chas. Ray, 3d, Palmerston, Ont.; C. F. Saunders, Franklin, Ky.; imported sow; S. Goist, Girard, Ohio.



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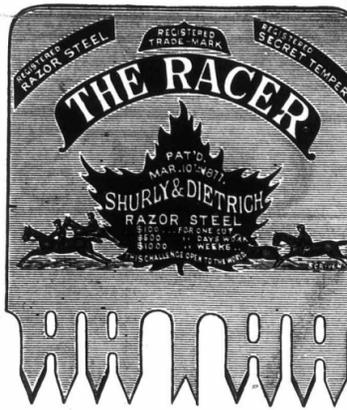
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