

**GOSSIP.**

We call attention to Messrs. T. & H. Shore's new advertisement of poultry. We assure purchasers they will receive birds as represented.

The National Poultry Association, of Chicago, will hold their second annual poultry show, Jan. 24th to 29th, at the 2nd Regiment Armory Hall, on Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Secretary, W. W. Hogle, 1015 Benson Ave., Evanston, Ill. Elaborate preparations are being made.

It has been arranged that Mr. C. Marker and Mr. J. A. Kusella, members of the Dominion Dairy Commission's staff, who have been in charge of the creameries in the Northwest Territories during the summer, will spend some time in British Columbia to promote dairy interests there.

H. George & Son, Crampton, Ont., write: "Our herds of swine are going into winter quarters in good shape, and the sales for good, straight hogs continue good. We will not exhibit at the coming Provincial Fat Stock Show at Brantford this year, on account of being so closely sold out, and breeding all our good stuff for next spring's trade."

F. Birdsall & Son, Birdsall, Ont., write: "Our stock are going into winter quarters in good heart. Shorthorns have been in good demand, and enquiries are numerous for bulls from good milking strains. Our Oxfords have done remarkably well at the local shows, and are going into the sheds in good trim. The demand has been very good at reasonable figures. Below are some of our sales: John Fitzpatrick, Norwood, 1 shearing ram; A. Tynel-Wooler, 1 ram lamb; Alex. Robertson, Boboyagon, 1 ram lamb; Morgan Johns, Lakofield, 1 ram lamb; Henry Arkell, Arkell, 6 ram lambs. Our Chester White sows have farrowed, one having fifteen at a litter, the other nine. They are exceedingly fine pigs, of nice type, and sired by U. S. King—619—and Uncle George—386—



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W. G. Pettit & Son, Freeman, Ont., write us that they have had an excellent demand for Shropshires this fall, and have sold all but a few yearling ewes, that they reserved until after they were served by their imported ram. They say: "Our Shorthorns were never in better shape. The young bulls are an excellent lot of thick-fleshed fellows, with good quality and plenty of substance. Indian Statesman is doing well, and we are more than pleased with our young stock from him."

Our readers should note W. C. Shearer's change of advertisement in this issue. He advertises some grand Barred Plymouth Rocks bred direct from imported stock. This breed is one of the finest of farm poultry, being of a good size, quiet disposition, and excellent winter layers. This should be a good opportunity for farmers to secure a cockerel to grade up their present stock of hens; and why not give one of the boys or girls an interest in the farm by purchasing a trio of fowls, and let them keep a small pure-bred flock of their own.

The programme for the fifth annual meeting of the Michigan State Association of Farmers' Clubs, to be held at Lansing, Dec. 14, 15 and 16, has been issued by the secretary, F. D. Wells, Rochester, Mich. Among other topics to be taken up the following seem to us of greatest importance: "Effective Work with Legislative Bodies," "The Relation of the Farmer to the Rural School," "The Larger Life," "The Farmer's Club, Why?" A number of notable addresses will be made by Col. J. H. Brigham, Asst. Secretary of Agriculture, Mich.; Hon. G. F. Horton, Master of the State Grange; and other prominent gentlemen, besides a number of ladies.

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