

such contingencies the long brush of the collie shepherd dog becomes of service in aiding him to turn around sharp curves. On the high and dry prairie ranges in Western Kansas and Nebraska, and in all localities where sheep can be most profitably raised and subsisted, there is the natural work and the most suitable place for the Scotch collie dog. But on the lower and richer lands in the valleys of England and in America, and on the rich bottom and benchland pastures of the West and Far West, the old-time English drover dog would be the most effective, and therefore the best dog to assist in penning, or driving cattle from one place to another.

J. W. CLARKE.

London, England, Aug. 31.

### CANADA'S CATTLE TRADE.

AN INTERVIEW WITH A REPRESENTATIVE LONDON SALESMAN OF CANADIAN CATTLE.

Mr. A. M. Pool, of the old and extensive cattle salesmen firm of Marcus Pool & Sons, West Smithfield, London, England, is at present in the city. Mr. Pool is on his return trip home, having been in the country some weeks, during which time he has made a journey through the Province of Quebec and Ontario for the exclusive purpose of conversing with our cattle raisers and exporters, taking observations on the methods of cattle grazing and acquainting himself with the future of cattle prospects in Canada generally. Mr. Robert Bickerdike, of the Dominion Abattoir and Stock Yards, Montreal, is the firm's representative in Canada, and both gentlemen have worked assiduously together for the organization of the Dominion Cattle Association, lately established. To a STAR representative who waited on him at his rooms, St. Lawrence Hall, Mr. Pool said: "The immediate object of my visit is to lay before the cattle exporters the prospects for the season's export trade. We have more cattle in England than we have had for many years past, and we are threatened with heavy supplies from foreign countries. In the face of this and the present depressed state of trade in England, I fail to see what possible chance there is of obtaining high rates in England for cattle.

"As regards the Canadian cattle which I have seen during my present visit I do not find them inferior in quality to those in preceding years, and this is my third trip of inspection to Canada, but I should like to impress on the exporters the mistake made in paying such high rates for stock as they have done of late years. In order to meet the present prices in England, prime cattle should be bought at no higher than five cents a pound. Freights should also be proportionately lower. In my visit through Canada I do not find the exporters so willing to purchase as they have been in former years. This time last year, there were thousands of cattle already bought for shipment in May and June, and space on ocean steamers was nearly all taken, whereas at the present moment I doubt whether there are altogether one hundred cattle bought for the present season's export trade, and as far as I can ascertain no space is yet taken."

"What about our sheep trade?"

"I fear exporters will not be able to buy their sheep sufficiently low to meet the prices in England. Owing to the very heavy supplies of New Zealand mutton, 20,000 to 30,000 prime carcasses coming on every ship, prices are now lower than they have been for many years past.

"Exporters, in selecting stock, should bear in mind that it costs as much to ship an inferior animal as one of prime quality. The Canadian cattle exported last year were decidedly inferior to those of former years and injured the reputation of Canadian cattle to such an extent that English butchers re-

fused to purchase, saying Canadian cattle "carried no more inside fat than an old cow," and it was therefore difficult for us to dispose even of first class cattle."

"What is your opinion as to our facilities for raising cattle?"

"I am decidedly of the opinion that one has every facility in the Western Provinces for raising the best stock. The quality and variety of grasses and fodder compare well with England or any country."

"What would be the effect on prices of a general European war?"

"It would have very little effect on the price of cattle. Grain and breadstuffs would of course be affected, but war would make no material difference in the price of meat."

Mr. Pool left Montreal Saturday and will sail for England on the 18th. He expresses great confidence in the agricultural future of Canada, especially the western provinces, and says he will continue to visit this country from time to time in the interests of his house.

### Important sales of improved stock.

We take pleasure in announcing to our readers, two auction sales of improved stock, the first to take place at A. Mousseau, Esq., at *Berthier en-haut*, on the 20th of October next, when some 35 heads of Ayrshire stock both males and females will be sold, and quite a number of Cotswolds. (See advertisement.)

On the 22nd of October next, two days after the Berthier sale, we shall sell by auction, on our experimental farm at Three-Rivers, some twenty-five heads of *Canadian Jerseys* closely related to MARY ANN OF ST. LAMBERT, etc., and eight Cotswold sheep, bred from stock purchased and imported by the agricultural College at Guelph, Ont. (See advertisement.)

Agricultural societies as well as farmers generally in this province, shall no doubt have at these sales, a good occasion of securing improved stock of the above named breed at reasonable prices.

We hope that this new departure in agriculture, may obtain the encouragement necessary to secure the full success of such sales, so that they may become annual.

E. A. BARNARD,

Director of Agriculture.

### AUCTION SALE OF SPLENDID CANADIAN JERSEYS AND COTSWOLD SHEEP.

The undersigned, will sell without reserve, on the 22nd of October next, at his experimental farm, THREE-RIVERS about 25 heads of Canadian Jerseys, from the best types in the world. STOKES POGIS III (the father of MARY ANN OF ST. LAMBERT, which gave 867 lbs. of butter in 11 MONTHS TIME,) is grand sire of the cows that will be sold, and *Albert Rex Alpha*, imported for the herd of Mr. Romeo Stephens of St. Lambert is the father of the calves. It is certainly one of the best Jerseys known.

Also four Cotswold rams, from the magnificent herd of the Agricultural College of Guelph, Ontario.

The sale to commence after the arrival of the noon train at Three-Rivers.

The above stock can be seen, together with *Albert Rex Alpha*, at the farm of the undersigned, at Three-Rivers. Apply to Mr. Thomas Fortin, Chemin des forges. For further details, apply to.

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Director of Agriculture,

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