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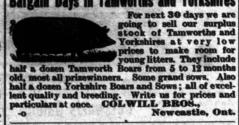
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### GOSSIP.

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While at the Bowmanville Fair, a member of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE staff fell in with that enterprising stock-breeder, Mr. Jas. A. Russell, whose farm lies north of Cobourg, at Precious Corners: and in looking over his exhibit we concluded Mr. R. had not been idle. In Berkshires, he informed us that he had some 20-odd animals on hand. The three brood sows are a combination of Snell, Green, and Teasdale breeding, and each trace their origin, sooner or later, direct to English breeding. Sally 15th 6768, by Prince Albert 5230, and out of Sally 5th, was farrowed September, '98. She is a smooth, good sow, with lots of length and quality, and due the middle of October to one of Geo. Green's show boars. Lady Oxford traces to Baron Lee 4th, through Hale and Gypsy, and is the kind you would expect from such a combination of blood. She was 3rd at Toronto in '98. Topsy traces through College-bred stock to imported Star One, and is also a good, young individual. We found an extra good stock boar in Mr. Russell's King Victor, by Prince Albert, and he should mate very satisfactorily with the present list of matrons. Two young boars by King Victor, and out of Topsy, and half a dozen out of Oxford Maid are ready for disposal.

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Twenty-five head of Yorkshires, of the Haskett and Cinderella strains, compose the list, and those more familiar with Yorkshire pedigrees will recognize at once the value of Mr. Russell's foundation stock, especially when we state that he has lately added a sire from the pens of Mr Philo L. Mills, the noted English breeder, and out of an English show sow. The first named families have been largely responsible for placing the Large Whites in the prominence they now hold. Mr. Russell has wonat six exhibitions this fall on his pigs, 18 first prizes, 8 seconds, and 6 thirds; also diploma for best herd of Yorkshires and best herd of Berkshires at Cobourg Central Exhibition.

#### NOTICES.

The Boer War.—Biggar, Samuel & Co., of Toronto and Montreal, have issued a handy pamphlet giving a very complete account of the causes of the present Transvaal war, and its interest to Canadians, with a useful glossary of Cape Dutch and Kaffir terms frequently used nowadays in the newspapers. It may be obtained for ten cents per copy.

Cheese and Butter Prizes.—At the West-ern Ontario Cheese and Butter Makers' con-vention, to be held at Ingersoll, Ont., on January 31st and February 1st next, prizes are offered for exhibits of cheese and butter to the amount of \$150 in cash, besides several useful specials. For particulars and entry forms write Mr. John Brodie, Mapleton, Ont.

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