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Corrections.—In the November issue, by some unaccountable oversight, we omitted the name of Mr. Francis Green, Innerkip, in giving the names of the judges on Shorthorns at the Ontario Central Exhibition, held at Port Perry. In an account of the same show we credited Mr. William Smith, Columbus, with the ownership of the sweepstakes Canadian bred Shorthorn bull, instead of Mr. H. H. Spencer, Brooklin. We also gave Mr. Spencer no credit for his exhibit of Southdowns, whereas he took 1st and 2nd on aged ewes, since sold to Mr. Tamblin, Orono, Ont. We are always thankful when our attention is called to omissions or mistakes in the JOURNAL.

The Cotswolds of West Dereham Abbey.—When the father of the present owner of West Dereham Abbey commenced breeding rams to be sold for crossing purposes, in order to produce early maturing mutton sheep, in the year 1818, he commenced by breeding pure Leicesters. These were crossed in time by pure Lincoln rams to give more size, but not in the lifetime of the elder Mr. Aylmer, and later by pure Cotswolds, nearly forty years ago. The flock now shows only Cotswold characteristics and is one of the noblest and largest in England, the admixture of the blood being considered an improvement. No less than 400 breeding ewes are kept by Mr. Aylmer.

The Municipal Elections.—Our friends will please not forget the rare opportunity which these meetings offer to obtain subscribers with but little labor. We remember in our own experience, when we obtained fully fifty names on one of these occasions as subscribers to an agricultural paper. The day of the voting especially is a tempting one on which to canvass, so large a number of freeholders remain, not particularly occupied, to learn the state of the polls at the close. Our friends have it in their power to render these occasions harvest days for the JOURNAL, and we shall feel exceedingly obliged for any effort put forth by them in this direction.

Anonymous Enquirers.—We are continually receiving communications of enquiry from parties signing themselves "Subscriber," without giving the real name in any part of the communication, so that we are at a loss to know whence it comes. In such a case we cannot publish the enquiry, as it is necessary in self defence that the editor knows who is the real author of everything sent for publication in the paper which he conducts. Of course the name need not be published, but it should invariably be sent. Parties writing to the JOURNAL henceforth will please be very careful to observe the above requirement.

The sale of Killerby Shorthorns.—This sale, which took place early in October, revived, in a measure, the palmiest days of Shorthorns, and proved to be a demonstration that right animals of the breed still command a good price. Notwithstanding the extremely unfavorable condition of the weather, 40 cows and heifers averaged £101 13s. 10d., and 18 bulls £83 13s. The 58 animals sold averaged £96 2s. Princess Royal, a handsome 3-year-old roan cow, by the Warblay stud bull Royal Stewart 40,646, and out of the dam Buzantine, a beast of excellent character, was sold to T. H. Hutchinson for 330gs. Mr. Hutchinson bought largely at this sale. The old bull King of Trumps brought 423s., at the age of fourteen.

The Canadian Horticulturist.—This exceedingly useful little monthly, now in its ninth year, is published by the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, with Mr. L. Woolverton, Grimsby, for editor. Its numerous short pithy papers on all matters relating to fruit culture are eminently practical, and the large amount of the correspondence it contains renders it what every publication relating to the farm or garden in this country should be, thoroughly Canadian. The subscription price is but one dollar a year. Oftentimes what is worth more than this sum can be gleaned from one number. No fruit-grower of our clime can afford to be without it, who wishes to keep abreast of the times.

Rock Salt.—A gentleman, who is an extensive breeder in one of the midland counties of Ontario, writes that he would not be without rock salt on his farm if it cost double the money it now fetches. In summer he places it in troughs in the pasture fields. In winter it is in every manger. The animals take only as much as is good for them, and it keeps them in condition. No worms in a stable where rock salt is found. Sheep, too, escape rot and other bowel complaints when able all the time to have access to a lump of rock salt. It is a

wonderful tonic and alterative, as is proved by the immense distances travelled by wild animals to reach a salt lick. Mr. A. Boyd, of Toronto, is agent for the importers, and his advertisement will be found in another column.

Red Polled Cattle Club of America.—The fourth annual meeting of the Red Polled Cattle Club of America, met in the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, Nov. 17, 1886. It was decided to charge double registry fees to persons who are not members. The Secretary was authorized to receive pedigrees as soon as the proper blanks can be prepared, and the President and Secretary were authorized to proceed to the publication of the foundation volume of the American Red Polled Herd Book. It was ascertained that 100 head of the Red Polled cattle had been imported this year, and that the members present at the meeting owned 200 head of thoroughbreds and 500 grades. L. F. Ross, Iowa City, Ia., was appointed President and J. C. Murray, Maquoketa, Ia., Sec.-Treas.

Inoculation as an Antidote to Pleuro-Pneumonia.—A good deal of difference of opinion exists in the minds of the veterinary profession in Britain as to the precise value of inoculation as a preventative to an attack of Pleuro-Pneumonia, in the case of animals that have been exposed. England's Prof. Brown has given the following deliverance: "If inoculation is practical at all as an alternative to slaughter, in the case of cattle which have been exposed to the contagion of Pleuro-Pneumonia, but are not discoverably affected, the inoculated cattle should be kept in the infected place until they are in condition for the butcher. And the infected place should not be declared free while any of the inoculated cattle remain alive." This does not afford much comfort to those inclined to sit under the shadow of inoculation.

Free Advertisement.—A circular has again reached us giving a plan of the mode of operating at the 291st lottery, to be held in the "Free City of Hamburg," this coming off during the approaching winter, and along with a great many other things it is stated that use is made of the great seal of the state by the notaries, in the preparation of the prizes. It is a libel on the lottery to apply it to a city or the people who make use of the great seal thereof in legalizing a business so infamous as that of lotteries. May we Canadians ever be saved from the enjoyment of such a freedom. They dangle before their readers who are scattered everywhere over the great deep of life, the bait that contains an account of prizes (very large ones), that have been recently drawn. They do not give the invariable sequel that to those who drew them, they were but instruments of their rapid ruin. The lottery men of New Hamburg have yet to learn that that ancient decree which condemned the race to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow has never been repealed.

The Drumlanrig Herd of Galloways.—This herd, founded by the late Duke of Buccleugh, K. G., more than half a century ago, and owned by the present Duke of Buccleugh, is said to be one of the best herds of Galloways in Scotland, if not in the world. From *The London Live-Stock Journal* we learn that it consists at present of two detachments, comprising 60 breeding cows, 12 two-year heifers, 24 one-year heifers, about 30 head of heifer calves, and an equal number of bull calves, and it is still to be enlarged. A severely unsparing policy of selection has been adopted for many years past, which, in a great measure, accounts for the great excellence of the herd. When stud bulls were selected, it was generally those that had proved their merit by the uniformity of the stock they had produced, and several of these being kept, it enabled the manager to see to it that the mating was of that nature which would correct defects. When a sire once proved himself an unquestioned success he was retained for long in the herd. Of the bulls used in the herd we may mention Border Knight, 539, bred by James Graham; Robert Bruce, 543, 1st at the H. S. Show at Glasgow, and from a very noted cow, named Curley; Border Chief, 1015; Lochinvar 520; Blaiket 548, a grand producer; Stanley of Drumlanrig 1348, from a family proverbial for their surpassing quality and close family resemblance; Queensbury 1027, from a dam Melantha of Drumlanrig, noted as a producer of grand sires; Eskdale 1559, and Black Prince of Drumlanrig 546. The present stock bulls are Kinsman 2nd of Drumlanrig 1790; Netherlea 3335, champion of the year at Castle Douglas, in a class of 100 competitors; Queensbury 6th 3736; Victor of Balig 3847, whose family, the Tidys, have twice carried off within three years first honors in the family contests at the H. S. Show, and The Miller of Dee 1373. Of these, the Black Prince of Drumlanrig (546) has been the most famous. Bought by the late Duke for £49, when a yearling, he refused £500 for the bull when nearly 12 years old, and steadily refused to sell him at any price; at the Highland Society's Show this year, at least 75 per cent. of the many prizes on Galloways went to his offspring. His two most famous sons are Duke of Drumlanrig 667, and Scottish Borderer 669. Of the females, Fanny of Drumlanrig

1634, the dam of H. S. prize winners, and Illythia of Drumlanrig 1307, of ancient lineage, have each founded an illustrious family. The Harriets and Melanthos have proved exceedingly valuable as breeding tribes; the Nightingales are "select" and the Handboms are "a splendid old sort," and the Beezie family are deservedly much esteemed. These are only a part of the famous tribes represented in the herd.

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Stock Notes.

Parties forwarding stock notes for publication will please condense as much as possible. If written separate from other matter, it will save much labor in the office. No stock notes can be inserted that do not reach the office by the 23d of the month preceding the issue for which they are intended.

Horses.

Mr. Jno. Bone, Edgley, is the owner of 6 Clyde fillies, all under 5 years and eligible for registry in the C. C. S. B. He took 1st and 2nd on 1 year fillies at Markham.

Messrs. Snider & Edmonson, of Brantford, Ont., the largest importers of horses in the county of Brant, mention their third importation this summer, bringing out from England 3 Clyde stallions, two of them 3-year-olds and one 2-year-old; and 4 of