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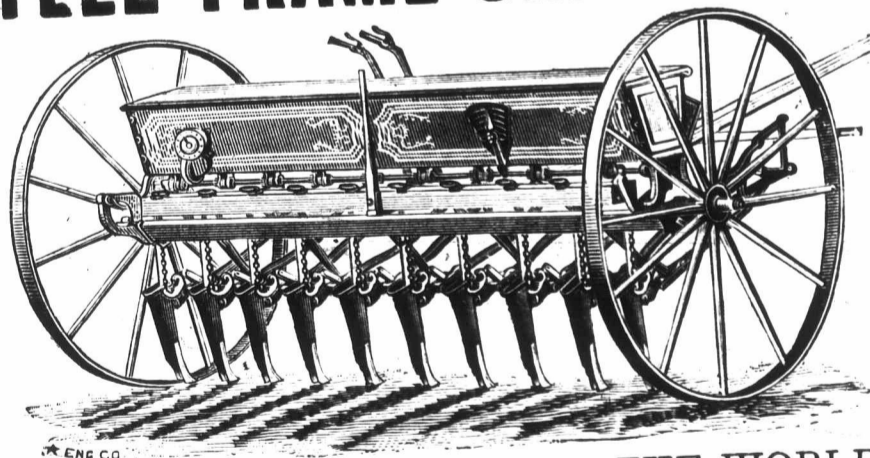
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STOCK GOSSIP.

MESSRS. GRAHAM BROTHERS' CLYDESDALES.—Another valuable lot of horses, carried by the Corean, was fifteen head owned by Messrs. Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont., and purchased from the Messrs. Montgomery. Chief of these, and looking very fresh and vigorous like, was the noted prize horse the Macneilage, 2902, winner of first prize at Dunfries Union Show in 1883, first at the 'Royal' both in 1884 and 1885, and third at the Highland and Agricultural Show at Aberdeen in the latter year. This grand specimen of a draught horse has never been in better shape than during this season when he was the premium horse for the Lockerbie district. Another outstanding horse was the yearling colt Arbitrator, winner of third prize at the Royal Northern Show at Aberdeen, and a horse of excellent quality, and having good action. The two-year-old colt Chairman, 6363, which Mr. A. Montgomery purchased at the Orchardmains sale, has, as was expected, grown into a massive, big horse, and other four two-year-olds give promise of making superior breeding horses. A capital yearling colt, named Ravenswood, was purchased from the Marquis of Londonderry, and was got by Castlereagh, out of a St. Lawrence mare, a line of breeding to which he bears credit. The whole shipment, composed of one aged stallion, five two-year-old stallions, six yearling colts, one three-year-old mare and two yearling fillies, is of the character so long associated with the firm of Graham Bros., and likely to furnish as many prize winners as their shipments of the past.

A representative of the ADVOCATE called on Mr. Andrew Routledge of Lambeth, Ont., a few evenings ago for the purpose of testing the milk of one of his Shorthorn cows, Minnie, 2nd 4635. Said cow having a habit of pouring down forty-six to fifty pounds of milk per day, a low percentage of butter fat was anticipated, but instead a percentage of 3.75 per cent. was shown, fully 50 or half of one percent above the average.

Messrs. R. & S. Nicholson write us in re their herd as follows:—By the first of last June we had sold all our bulls that were fit for service. Our herd will again be on exhibition at the leading shows this fall, it was never in such fine trim before. Warrior, (5517) now weighs 2,625 pounds, just the same weight as the first prize aged bull at the Royal show year. He is just the sort to show in an English show ring, being not only large but very thick and smooth, and carrying a wealth of flesh of the first quality.

The annual report of the Dairy and Creamery Associations of Ontario, for 1888, is a pamphlet of one hundred and sixty pages, and contains a report of the Dairymen's Association for Western Ontario, do. for Eastern Ontario, and the Creameries Association of Ontario, and contains much more practical information for dairymen and farmers than most reports of its class, in fact many of the books sold for two or three dollars contain much less information. It can be obtained free of charge by applying to the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, Ont. Get it and read it carefully, it will pay you well.

Recent sales from the herd of Charles M. Simmon, Ivan, Ont.:—One Strathallan bull to D. Stewart, Leno, Ont.; one to D. & G. McDonald, of Appin, Ont.; a Strathallan; one to D. R. McCrae, of Strathburn, Ont.; one to Henry Smyth, of Chatham, Ont.; one to John Sharp Jr., of Delaware, Ont.; Berkshires—One heifer to Mr. Robson, Brampton, Ont.; one to Mr. Deacon, Belgrave, Ont.; one to C. Pranzley, Dresden, Ont.; one sow to H. Smyth, Chatham. Have sold about 30 head of Berkshires to Canadians in the last few months. Have a number of Shorthorn bull calves, got by the silver medal bull, Sir Christopher, and young Berkshires of both sexes for sale.

The Bollert Bros., of Cassel, Ont., write under date of Aug. 15th, that their herd of Holstein-Friesians are doing very nicely this summer, the calves, both male and female, are developing exceedingly fine and give great promise for the future. Sales have been very satisfactory this summer, among others we sold two very choice heifers (one three and the other two years old) to Mr. W. Mulshier, of Port Robinson (which, by the way, is his third purchase from us); one heifer, one heifer calf and one bull calf to Mr. D. Lindsay, Hagersville. These are from the very best strains of Mr. N. L. Roth got a very choice bull calf to head his herd. The demand for highly bred animals is continually increasing. Messrs. Bollert aim at 12,000 pounds of milk per annum, and inform us that some of their cows even exceed that.

The American Southdown Association offers as a special prize at the American Fat Stock Show, Chicago, November 12-21, a solid silver cup, costing \$50.00, for the best Southdown wether, on the following conditions: 1st. All competing animals to be one and under two years old, to be pure bred, the progeny of recorded sires and dams, and to have been bred by, and at the time of the exhibition to be the property of the exhibitor. 2nd. The exhibitor to furnish at the time of entry, a written statement, verified by affidavit, giving the pedigree, age, weight, date and manner of feeding, and other important facts connected with the management of each animal during the year. 3rd. Competition shall be open to all, but no award shall be made except there be two more competitors. 4th. The party securing the prize may hold it in trust until the opening day of the first succeeding Fat Stock Show, when it shall be placed in the hands of the American Southdown Association to be again competed for. When taken the second time by the same exhibitor, the prize shall then become his actual property.