

STOCK GOSSIP.

Messrs. Routledge & Bouverie, of Virden, have quite a number of pure-bred cattle, most of which are at their farm in Northern Manitoba for the winter. Two fine young bulls are now in the stables. Of these Lord Frank of Boss Hill is a yearling of promise, being nice and straight and very thrifty. Bachelor, a dark, rich roan two-year-old, is a son of Grand Master, and bids fair to rival the best in the Province when he gets a little more age.

H. George & Sons, Crampton, Ont., write us:—Since your last issue our imported sow, Daisy, has farrowed eleven fine, long pigs; also our young sow, Jean, has ten nice pigs. This sow is sired by our old stock boar, Royal, No. 1251, imp. We will have several more sows farrow within the next two weeks. We find the sale of good, long Chester boars on the increase, as they make a good cross on common Suffolk or Berkshire sows. We have made several good sales this month; will give them later.

Messrs. Felan & Breckon, of Oakville, write that their herd of Holsteins, now numbering 17 head, are all doing well, and that their advertisement in the ADVOCATE has resulted in a large increase of enquiries. Their recent sales have been the two cows, Annie Roberts and Maid of Falkenwood, to James Bannerman, of Calgary, N. W. T.; and the young bull, Annie Roberts' Oakville Chief, to Abraham Rowand, of Walkerton, Ont. Messrs. F. & B. were very successful at the fall shows, winning 11 prizes on 12 head at Toronto.

We are in receipt of the catalogue of the stud of Clydesdale stallions and fillies imported and owned by Messrs. Dundas & Grandy, Springville P. O., County of Durham, which contains the pedigrees of six stallions, thirteen mares and fillies. The first of which is the beautiful brown stallion General Wolfe (5800). This horse was much admired at the last Industrial Exhibition, when he carried second position in the very strong class of three-year-olds. He is a very attractive horse, with great style; plenty of size, and capital quality in legs and feet. This firm seem to be making special efforts to bring out good fillies, if Maid of Baldring and Halton Fancy are a sample. These are a pair of good ones, beating those that had gone up high in prize winning in Scotland.

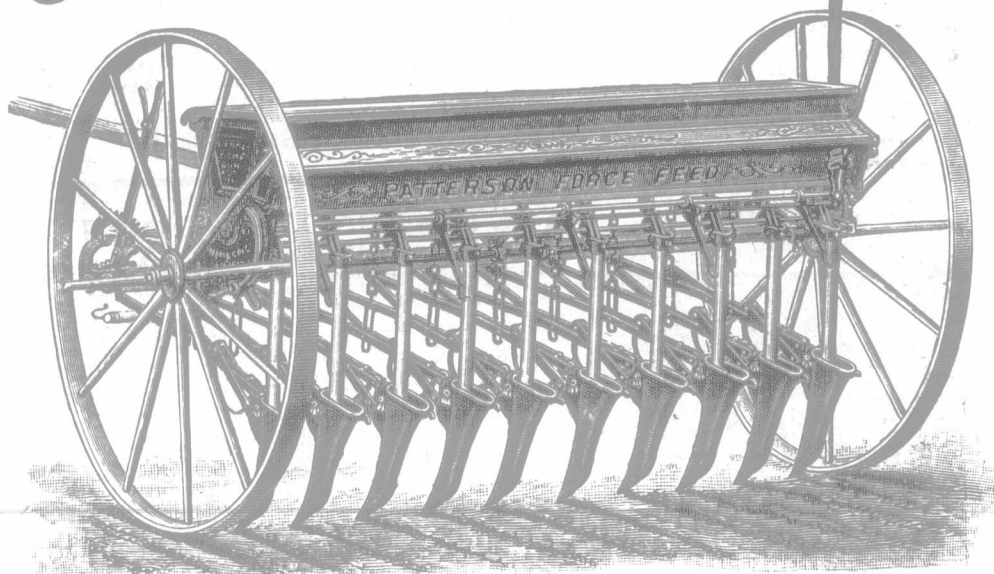
M. Robert Burgess, of Winona, Ill., one of the judges at the late Toronto Spring Station Show, ought to have ability in that capacity, if we judge by the success he has made in his business of importing and breeding. Shire horses are his specialty. He and his brother, who is his partner, have imported 100 stallions this season, besides a lot of mares. They now have on hand sixty stallions and the same number of brood mares. They believe that in breeding they will advance the horse interests of their State quite as fast as by importing the class of good ones they usually bring. They claim they are the only firm that has imported a Champion Royal winner or a London winner into the United States. And this firm have bred every American bull winner of any pretensions, of late years. They own 900 acres of land, 800 of which they farm, the balance being let. They have been twelve years in the business, which they have built up from nothing entirely by their own judgment and enterprise. Mr. R. Burgess has selected twenty-one importations in person in the twelve years.

JAS. MCGREGOR & Co's IMPORTATIONS—This enterprising firm have just received another consignment of horses direct from England, and they expect to import about thirty more this summer. Among those recently received, worthy of especial notice, is Lord Arthur, a fine dark bay stallion; foaled in 1885; bred by John Carr, Pearson Sykehouse, Snaith, England. Lord Arthur was got by What's Wanted 4178; dam by Lincoln 1348. This is a typical Shire, with a wealth of muscle and great substance; standing on strong, well-formed limbs, and good feet well placed under him. He has, in fact, a grand middle and two good ends. This horse, with his good breeding and excellent individuality, should prove a decided acquisition to the Province. Another fine animal is Iron Master; foaled in 1885; a nice dappled grey stallion; bred by John Drury, Househam, Lincoln, England; got by Brown Boxer 2404; dam by Champion 458. Iron Master is a little more lengthy than Lord Arthur, but is well ribbed up, and ribs nicely sprung. He, too, has good legs and feet, and his whole make-up denotes vigor of constitution and great strength. While this firm give special attention to Draft horses, they also import Cleveland Bays and thoroughbreds. Of the former Grosmont Wonder 838 is probably one of the finest that has been brought to the Province. He is rising three years, and stands sixteen hands high. He was bred at the Cleveland Stud Farm, Rillington, Yorkshire; was sired by Statesman 89; he by Wonderful 359; dam Fairland 164, by Barnaby 18; g. d. by Master William 411; g. g. d. by Halderness 150. The Cleveland Bays are grand carriage horses, and are usually in good demand. The thoroughbred stallion Comrade, now eight years old, is a horse of more substance than most of his class, and has excellent blood in his veins. He was got by Conductor; dam Strathsby, by Kettledrum, winner of the Derby; her dam Wax, by Surplus, winner of the Derby; and St. Leger, by Beeswax, out of Beeswing; dam Lady, out of Lady Eliza, by Whitewood. Comrade should make an excellent cross on cold blooded mares of ten to twelve hundred lbs. This cross usually produces stock of greater size than the parents, with both strength and stamina. This firm warrants every stallion a foal getter, and if he proves otherwise they take him back.

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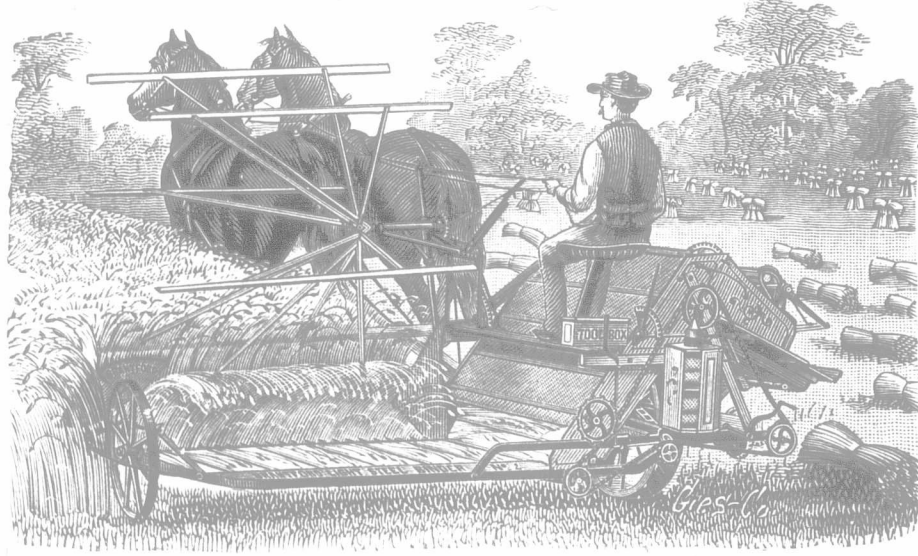
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