

Stock Notes.

Bow Park Sale.

Among the sales of the day were the following: Sixth Baron Acomb, six months' pure Bates' calf, Mr. A. Whitman, North Leominster, Mass., at a high figure. Waterloo Duke, a ten-months' calf, Mr. A. Macpherson, banker, Michigan, for \$600. Mr. Andrew Anderson, of Burns, county of Perth, Ont., secured a superb twelve-months' old calf, Earl of Airdrie 3rd. Mr. Robert Clark, of Griersville, St. Vincent township, Ont., a grand yearling Knightley bull, Baron Fawsley, for \$205. Mr. Thomas Stock, of Waterdown, the pure Sanspareil twelve-months' calf Gauntlet 3rd, for \$120. Mr. Peter Roy, Brantford township, the beautiful eight months' calf Bolivar 5th, for \$195. Fifth Famosa Chief, a fine yearling bull, was secured by Mr. George Hackney, of South Huron, Ont., for \$200. Mr. John Hadden, of Moore, county of Lambton, Ont., bought a capital yearling bull, 2nd Baron Rosamond. Earl of Cambridge 7th goes to a gentleman in Michigan for \$175. Baron Gano 2nd, a beautiful yearling, was secured by Mr. John Warnica, of Barrie, Ont., at \$180. Mr. George Cormack, of West Zorra, Ont., a prize yearling Princess bull, Suleiman Pasha, for \$170. Mr. Wm. Campbell, of Leamington, county of Essex, Ont., bought Earl of Cambridge 8th for \$180. Mr. Ashworth, for the Indian Institute, Brantford township, became the purchaser of Baron Sharon 6th for \$140. Mr. H. Glazebrook, of Simcoe, county of Norfolk, carried off two beautiful heifers, Souvenir of Thorndale 4th and Isabella 31. Mr. Thomas Birkett, of Dover Mills, Base Lake, Michigan, got Countess of Dufferin 2nd. Mr. Belton Snarey, of Florence, county of Bothwell, got a fine young cow Plumwood Elf 4th, at \$150. Mr. John White, of Halton, Countess of Brant 8th for \$145, and Second Duke of Woodhill much under his value. Among the other purchasers of the day were Mr. John Smith, of Barrie, Ont.; Mr. Thos. Holmes, of Chatham, Ont.; Mr. Richard Coad, of Komoka; Mr. Robt. Thompson, township of Brantford; Mr. Wm. McElroy; Mr. Thomas Blade; Mr. Thomas H. Taylor; Mr. T. B. Fellowes, of Cayuga Co., N. Y.

Geo. Thomson, of Bright, Ont., writes:—"My Ayrshires are doing very well. The calves got by 'Arthur Mars' are coming a good color, are fine, and appear to be just what is wanted. I have sold the two-year-old bull 'Joe' to Mr. Woodcock, of Haysville, and another two-year-old, 'Young Tarbolton,' to Mr. Lawrence Lowell, of Wroter; also 'Dandy Jim' to Mr. Anthony Whitehead, of Richwood, Blenheim, and two cows, 'Beauty 2nd' and 'Violet,' to Mr. T. Woodcock, Haysville. Would like to sell some more, as I have a large stock yet—twenty-seven head—and the gold medal cow, 'Mermaid,' to calve yet. 'Arthur Mars' is doing well; he has grown well of late, and I think will hold his own."

The celebrated farmer, J. J. Mechi, of Tiptree Hall, has but six acres of permanent pasture, and yet manages to keep as an average 200 sheep, and from 15 to 20 head of cattle. All food is cut up, no roaming at large is allowed, and supplemental food is invariably given. The sheep are always within iron-hurdled folds, removed morning and evening.

Jardine & Sons, of Vine Vale Farm, Hamilton, Ont., write:—"Ayrshires looking well; bull calves in good demand; shipped one to Ormiston Bros., Cuba, also a heifer last January to A. W. Smith, of same place, at fair prices. The spring is very backward here. Fall wheat looks well."

It is stated that the St. Louis Fair Association has determined to place both the Holstein and the Ayrshire cattle on the same footing in regard to premiums as Shorthorns, Herefords, Jerseys, and Devons, at its next fair.

To G. M., Brantford.—Mr. John Gearey, of this city, has a good blood stallion. He is well proportioned and has just the stepping action required for commanding a high price in England. He is the best stallion of his class in this county.

Mr. Simon Beattie is importing by Ss. Quebec pedigree stock, viz.: Clydesdale and Percheron horses; Shorthorn and Hereford horn stock; Cotswold rams, and Oxford Downs, Southwold and Lincoln sheep.

PROLIFIC.—On the 5th April last, a cow belonging to Mr. R. A. Roe, of Clarence, Ont., produced three bull calves, alike in size and color. All doing well.

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR,—I send enclosed some grains of millet seed. As it is new in this locality, I would like to know a few particulars about it. 1st—Can you tell from the sample of the seed the kind? 2nd—When should it be sown; quantity to the acre, and on what soil does it answer best; can it be cut more than once? A few remarks on millet in your next issue, that will answer the foregoing questions, will much oblige. H. McD., Clarence.

[The seed you sent is Hungarian grass, not millet. The growth of each are similar, the Hungarian grass growing finer and makes rather better hay. They can be sown any time from 1st to the 20th of June, and grow well on any soil, but like almost everything else, the richer the soil the better the growth. You can only cut it once. Where soil is not very rich one-half bushel per acre is sufficient, but on rich land it requires the three pecks per acre; this prevents it growing too coarse.]

SIR,—I promised my son a gold watch of the value of \$100 if he adhered to the principle he adopted—not to touch any intoxicating liquor. He will be 21 years old in June next, and has kept his promise—not even touching the so-called temperance drinks. My object in writing is to ascertain whether a Russell or Waltham watch would be best, and the address of a reliable watchmaker to purchase from. ESIMORPEEK.

[This is out of our line, but to oblige a subscriber would say we recommend the Russell watch; and W. D. McGloghlin, jeweler of this city, we believe, has as good a reputation as any in Canada.]

SIR,—I take the liberty of asking you which you consider the most suitable place to emigrate to—Kansas or Manitoba. I can command \$3,000, and wish to get more land. J. M., Askin P. O.

[We have been to Kansas, and cannot advise you to go there. It was bad enough when we saw it, but now the negroes are swarming to it, we should think it would not be as desirable a place to settle in as it was before their migration. From what we have read and heard, we should prefer prospecting in Manitoba. It is our impression that many will do well there.]

PREMIUMS AT FAIRS.—In a large number of cases it is not the money value of the premium that gratifies the recipient; it is the fact that a premium was given at all. Now that Fair schedules are being—or should be—considered, and published, we would suggest to those having the matter in charge, that a number of societies offer as premiums a year's subscriptions to the FARMERS' ADVOCATE AND HOME MAGAZINE, and that those which have done this in a small way at first, have found it so satisfactory that they have added to the number of premiums of this kind and that this custom is increasing. Such premiums do vastly more to promote the objects of the society than mere money prizes. Aside from the fact that one can not fail to be greatly benefited by the teaching of the FARMERS' ADVOCATE AND HOME MAGAZINE, its regular coming once a month is a frequent reminder of the Society and its Fair, and thus the interest of the recipient of the prize in the fair at which it was given is kept alive the whole year. If the officers who have yet to arrange their premium lists will think of this matter, they will see that they can in no other way make the money at their disposal go so far, and at the same time do as much good, as to award a large share of it in the manner suggested.

READ THE ADVERTISING COLUMNS.—Letters are daily received by the editor, asking where stock, fowls, seeds, fertilizers, machinery, etc., can be procured. Information of this kind is given in the advertising pages, if those needing anything will only look there; and often we cannot find room to repeat what is already plainly told elsewhere. Every page of the ADVOCATE, including the covers, is interesting reading, and should be carefully examined every month. In addition to looking after what one may want, the reading of what others have to say, in offering their wares, etc., starts up some new idea in the mind of the reader.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

ONE CENT AN ACRE.—Three hundred and sixty thousand acres of white oak and mineral lands in McDowell County, West Virginia, were sold at auction last week in New York city, in lots of 1000 acres or more, to suit purchasers. One-half of the tract sold at half a cent per acre, while the balance was sold mostly to Germans, in lots of from 1000 to 10,000 acres, at from one-half a cent to a cent and a half per acre.

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