

## STOCK GOSSIP.

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F. Bonnycastle & Sons, Campbellford, Ont., write:—"We have just bought a very fine bull calf from Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood. He is from a Duchess of Gloster cow, by Imp. Duke of Lavender, from extra good milking stock on the side of both sire and dam. It is well worth anyone's while to go and see Mr. Johnston's Shorthorns. We have sold a lot of young pigs, but still have a few good ones left."

The American Shropshire Sheep Association have provided ribbons for special prizes offered by that Association this year. These ribbons are very handsome, costing the Association nearly \$1 each. They will be forwarded to the secretaries of each of the fairs where the above Association offers special prizes. This Association also pays the expenses of expert judges named by it for judging at the fairs where they offer special prizes.

A. & G. Rice, Currie's, Ont., report:—"Though, like the rest of the country, we have had to contend against the drought and flies, we are pleased to be able to report all our Holsteins in fine condition, and have had a splendid crop of calves, and they are still coming. We intend to again exhibit a carload from our herd at the principal fairs, and we want all lovers of a good cow to call upon us at our stalls. We can show you cows that have milked as high as 84 lbs. 10 oz. in twenty-six hours in a public test; three-year-olds that have milked 51 lbs.; two-year-olds that can milk 45 lbs. to 50 lbs.; yearlings whose dams have milked as high as 70 lbs. milk, 3 lbs. butter, in twenty-four hours, at five years old in a public test. Remember, our records are beyond question. Our stock are bred from great ones, and are great themselves. This is the kind of stock you need. We hope to meet many old friends and make many new ones at the fairs. Remember, our bull is a great prize winner, taking second at the World's Fair and many firsts. We have also young Sir Paul Dekol Clothilde, who unites the blood of three of the greatest milk and butter cows the world has produced."

MR. W. E. WRIGHT'S SHROPSHIRE. Close to Glanworth station is the farm of Mr. W. E. Wright, who has been following the breeding of Shropshires the last few years past. The flock now contains some eighty head of very good quality. The breeding ewes comprise selections from such English flocks as R. Bach, Dawes, Thonger, Butlers, Sheldon, Mr. Brownley, and their descendants. This year's lambs are from a grandson of the noted stock ram Wool Merchant and Brownley ewe, and are of nice quality and covering, a few being sired by Columbia, a ram owned by Mr. Wm. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove. Some very nice lambs indeed were being fitted in the pens for exhibition purposes; also four very nice shearing ewes, and a couple of shearing rams. One of the shearing ewes we considered very nice indeed, and properly mated would make an exceptionally fine show pair, and no doubt Mr. Wright will be out again this year in good form as usual.

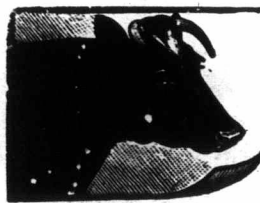
THE THISTLE HA HERD OF SCOTCH SHORTHORNS AND SHROPSHIRE. A short run out of Toronto, on the C. P. R., through varying scenery and fine agricultural lands, we arrived at Claremont, then a drive of about three miles brought us to the stock farm of Messrs. John Miller & Sons, where very extensive breeding operations are carried on in Scotch Shorthorns and high-class Shropshire sheep. The stock kept at this farm are so well and favorably known throughout Canada and the United States that it is almost unnecessary to enlarge on their many merits. The well-earned trophies won in the past by representatives from the flocks and herds of this farm at the leading fairs is sufficient evidence of the high quality of the stock.

The Shorthorns at present comprise some seventy or eighty head, and contain animals of the famous Strathallan, Lydia, Jilt and Astarte families. Many of the younger cows of the herd are the produce of the renowned bull Vice-Consul (60112). The imported bull, Sittytton Stamp, bred by Mr. Duthie, now heads the herd, and is a model animal throughout; and the young stock seen of his production proclaim him to be an exceptionally good sire, and when a herd is composed of such fine animals as Lavinia (imp.), bred by Mr. Duthie, Scotland; Cleopatra (imp.); Miss Isaac (imp.), bred by S. Campbell, Kinellar, Scotland; Merry Maud, by General Booth; 2nd Golden Crest; Lydia 5th and Lydia 6th, by Vice-Consul; Grand Duchess (imp.), bred by Wm. Duthie, and many others equally good, and mated with a bull of such excellent points as Sittytton Stamp, it is easy to understand why it is the young stock possess such grand quality and are such ready sellers.

Shropshires.—The flock of Shropshires comprise something over two hundred head. The ewes are all imported from the best English flocks, and this season's crop of lambs are sired by imported Williams and Mansell rams, and are of nice quality. A number of good shearing rams were seen, which should be ready sellers, and also some exceptionally good show lambs. Mr. Robert Miller was in England at the time of our visit, and had already purchased a number of Royal winners of the Shropshire, Oxford, Southdown and Cotswold breeds; also a number of Welsh ponies, which have already been bred to some extent at Thistle Ha. The desirous of full particulars regarding the Thistle Ha Shorthorns should send to Messrs. Miller for a catalogue, which will be cheerfully forwarded.

## BOOK TABLE.

We have just received for addition to our library of live-stock records, from Mr. Mortimer Levering, Secretary, a copy of Volume X. of the American Shropshire Sheep Record, which is uniform in binding and general style with those previously issued. The frontispiece consists of a group of Shropshires at Crystal Spring Farm, the property of C. Hills & Son, Delaware, Ohio. It contains the pedigrees of ewes and rams from No. 57,055 to 69,620, together with list of owners, breeders and importers, index to ewes, list of members, number of sheep owned by breeders named in this Volume, number of sheep reported dead, officers of the Association, index to rams and transfers. We can congratulate Mr. Levering and his fellow officers upon the continued large dimension and handsome appearance of the Shropshire Record.



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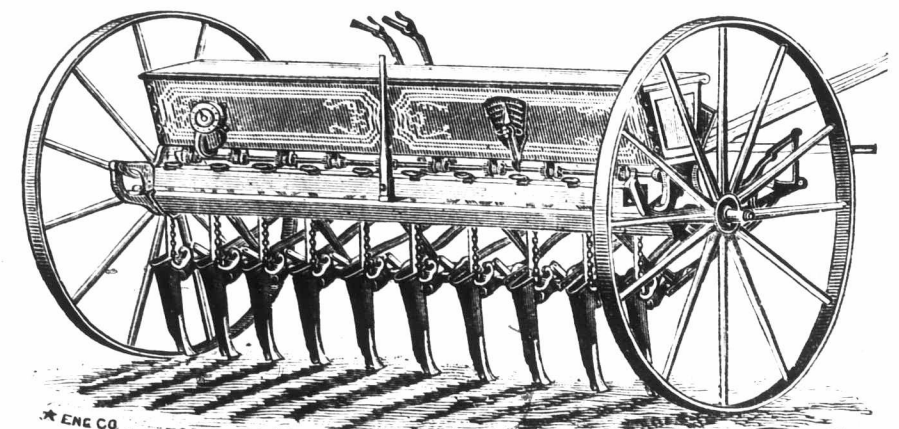
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