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CONDY'S PATENT DISINFECTING FLUID. THE safest and best disinfectant ever discovered, much superior to the chlorides of Lime and Soda.

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Extensive Sale! EXTENSIVE SALE OF Valuable Thorough-bred Leicester and

SOUTHDOWN SHEEP ESSEX PIGS, ETC. THE subscribers will offer for sale on the Market Ground, Guelph,

On WEDNESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER (being the first day of the South Riding Fall Show), the following Thorough-bred Leicester and Southdown Sheep:

LEICESTERS.—Twenty Ewes, various ages, some imported; 15 Ram Lambs, 15 Ewe Lambs—all pure-bred Stock.

SOUTHDOWNS.—Six Ewes, 6 Shearling Rams and 8 Ewe Lambs, and an aged Ram. All the Shearlings and Lambs are from imported stock, and the Ewes from Stock imported by Mr. Daniel T. Wilnot.

GALLOWAY STOCK.—Also, will be offered for sale at the same time, if not previously disposed of, five pure-bred Galloway Bull Calves.

ESSEX PIGS.—Also, will be offered for sale at the same time ten pure-bred Essex Pigs.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock TERMS.—Signs of \$10 and under cash; over that amount, twelve months' credit will be given on approved endorsed notes if required.

THOMAS McCRAE, JAMES ANDERSON. Guelph, 5th September, 1867. (4w-1c)

PETRIE'S CHOLERA AND Diarrhoea Remedy! An unparalleled remedy for Cholera, Cholera Morbus, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, and Summer Complaints.

All the above diseases can be cured by the timely use of this remedy. Particular Attention Must be given to the precautionary symptoms—especially Diarrhoea, and if taken in time, few cases will result fatally.

To the Millers, Manufacturers, Produce Dealers, and Tanners of Canada.

GENTLEMEN.—We beg to advise having admitted Mr. John C. Moore, of Halifax, as a partner in our firm, and have opened a Branch of our business in that City, where it will be our aim to serve our friends in Canada to the utmost of our power in the attaining the best possible rates for Consignments, the extension of the manufacturing interests of the Lower Provinces, the importing thereof on commission their Fish Oils, &c., and the dissemination of correct and unbiased information respecting the markets.

On consignments to Halifax, as well as Montreal, we will, as heretofore, make liberal advances against shipments, and drafts may in all cases be made at the option of Consignees, either on Montreal or Halifax.

The season being now at hand when the Cheese and Butter in the country must be marketed, we take this liberty of tendering our services for its sale here, or at either of the different principal points in the Lower Provinces or Great Britain, where we have first-class reliable correspondents, who will do the very best that can possibly be done with Consignments. Cash advances on which will be made by us here when required.

KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO., Commission Merchants, Montreal. KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO., Commission Merchants, Collin's Wharf, Halifax, Montreal, 2nd Sept., 1867.

41. QUESTION! 41. WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR BOOTS and SHOES?

CALL AT THE Kingston Penitentiary Boot and Shoe Store.

If you would choose from the Largest, Cheapest, and Best Stock for

Fall and Winter Wear in the County of Wellington. Having been selected from none but first-class establishments, they cannot fail to please in every respect.

Inspection invited. All work warranted. Terms Cash. JOHN CRIDFORD, Guelph, 2nd Sept., 1867.

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LOT FOR SALE. FOR sale, a valuable lot on the main street, in the village of Hanover, on the Durham Road, with a Blacksmith's Shop, 24 x 36 ft., and a Dwelling House attached 18 x 24 ft. Will be sold cheap, and on reasonable terms. The owner being a wanderer would like to sell to a good blacksmith. For particulars apply (post-paid) to JAMES C. CLARK, Hanover P. O., July 18th, 1867. (3m)

COW STRAYED. STRAYED from the York Road Commons, about a week ago, a single horn Cow, with black stripe along the back, horns a little turned up in front, in good condition. Whoever will return her to the owner, or give such information as will lead to her recovery, will be suitably rewarded. ROBERT MARTIN, Guelph, 11th September, 1867. w3m

Wholesale Grocers, Have now in stock, at their stores, Corner of Church and Front-sts., A large and varied assortment of

GROCERIES, WINES, &c., which they are prepared to offer to the Trade at lowest prices, and on liberal terms. Their stock consists of:

TEAS—Young Hyson, Hyson, Twankay, Japanese, Soulongs, Oolong and Congou. SUGARS—Porto Rico, Cuba, Centrifugal, and Refined and Golden Syrups. COFFEES—Rio, Lagayra, Java and Mocha. TOBACCOS—10s, 1 lb. and 1 lb. of various grades.

WINES and LIQUORS—Champagne, Messelle, Hook, Port Sherry, Claret, Brandy, Cognac, &c. &c. Also, in bottles, Old Tom, Brandy, Rum, Irish Whiskey (Dunville's and Kennan's); Scotch Whiskey (James Watson's); Old Rye, Malt, and Common.

ALE and PORTER—Blair's and Allport's, in quarts and pints; Guinness's and Barclay & Perkins' Porter, in quarts and pints.

SPICES, CHEMICALS, FRUIT, SOAP AND CANDLES, RICE, STARCH, OILS, PAINTS, And every article in the Trade. 61 and 63, FRONT STREET. Toronto, 17th Sept., 1867. w2m

Apprentice Wanted. WANTED, an apprentice in the Carriage Blacksmithing—one from the country preferred. None but one well recommended need apply. J. B. ARMSTRONG, Guelph, Sept. 10, 1867. (6w) Excelsior Works.

BEES. BEES. THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has on hand and FOR SALE until Winter, an assortment of COMMON BEES, of Common Hive, 80 each; movable Comb do., 85 each. I shall also have, late in the Fall, a limited number of DAN BEES, for sale at \$15 in movable hives.

Evening Mercury. TUESDAY EV'NG, SEPTEMBER 24.

Local News. BASE BALL.—A return match between the first nine of the Union, and the second nine of the Maple Leaf B. B. Clubs of this Town was played yesterday. The latter were beaten by 67 runs.

ADVERTISING.—The publication of advertisements is as much in the business of a newspaper as the publication of the news, and an editorial notice which is designed to supply the place of or add value to a regular advertisement, has even less claim to a gratuitous insertion than would such an advertisement. Yet there are those who ask just such gratuitous notices, and this almost as a matter of right. If these same persons should be asked to make a present of a dozen yards of muslin to each purchaser of a merino dress, or a dollar's worth of sugar to whoever bought three pounds of tea, or half a dozen "free tickets" to whoever engaged twenty seats at a concert, they would resent the demand as an insult. Yet why should not their wages be given away as freely as should, and are, the products of the editor's and publisher's labor and capital? The merit makes his profit and living by selling his goods. The publisher of a newspaper makes his by selling his advertising columns, not by giving them away.

The Parliament of Canada is further prorogued until the 2nd of November, and the Parliament of Quebec until the 4th of November.

Eramosa Volunteer Rifle Match. From our own Correspondent. The Eramosa Volunteer Rifle Company held their first annual shooting match at Oshie, on Saturday last, on which occasion a numerous assemblage was present.

In the first match 8 prizes were given for most points at 200 and 300 yards collectively, the maker of most points also to hold the silver Challenge Rifle for the year, to become his own property if won by him two years in succession. About 40 members entered, and the undermentioned were the winners—

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Provincial Exhibition. The arrangements on the Fair Grounds on Monday were in a very backward state. In many respects the departments are so bare that there is some reason to fear the exhibition this year will not be quite all that was expected. The show of manufactures will be inferior, though, as to mere numbers, the palace is already well filled in this department. In the Fine Arts department there will undoubtedly be a poor show. Ladies' work is limited but good in quality. There are very few implements on the ground, but more are coming. In the hall devoted to agricultural, horticultural and dairy products the show is extremely meagre. Of poultry and pigs there is also an inferior representation at present.

SHOW OUTSIDE—HORSES. There are only three entries of blood horses this year. The owners of these are Mr. A. Smith of Toronto, Mr. Dainty of Cobourg, and Mr. Downing of Newcastle. There is a very good show of agricultural stallions, most of them being owned by parties east of Toronto. Mr. Brown of North Dumfries is the only exhibitor from this section. Of agricultural yearling colts there is a very fair number of entries. Agricultural yearling fillies are poorly represented. A large number of entries of agricultural mares and foals has been made—from which it is seen that farmers generally are desirous of improving their blood mares.

The road and carriage horses of different ages are largely represented. A diploma has been offered for the best road or carriage stallion of any age, and for which Messrs. J. Patterson, of Scarborough; John J. Gilson, of Clark, Durham; J. M. Davis, Richmond Hill, York; A. Van Slyck, Earnestown, Lennox; J. W. Fraile, of Ernestown, and James Miller, of Keswick, Halton, have entered.

The entries of French Canadian stallions are not large, the cause of which may be accounted for by the fact that there are but few French Canadian horses in Lower and Western Canada; and those which are owned in the eastern parts of the province of Quebec are not often brought forward for competition at the western exhibitions. Although powerful and hardy animals they are considered too small for the western provinces, and hence their scarcity in Ontario. The entries of two-year old roadster fillies are also small. The entries of roadster mares and foals are a good average. There are no less than 84 single entries of road and carriage horses, and from the high reputation of the exhibitors, no doubt the display will be very good when they are all got together. There are 32 entries of matched carriage horses, but it is doubtful whether they will all be exhibited. There are a large number of heavy draught mares and stallions. There are only four entries of heavy draught mares and foals, which seems rather unaccountable, as there must be a large number of very fine animals in the neighborhood of Kingston.

CATTLE—DURHAM.—The show of four year old Durham bulls will be small, there being only four entries. They will be shown by Messrs J. Lawrie, of Scarborough; J. Ashworth, of Belmont, Ottawa; J. Pollard, of Clarke, Durham. Of three-year old Durhams there are only four entries—Messrs F. W. Stone, John Miller, Pickering; A. McKenzie, Whitby; and T. Davis, Etobicoke. There are five stions of two year olds, made by F. W. Stone of Guelph; James Davidson, of S. Dumfries; Brant; John Snell, Edmonston, Peel; J. Davidson, Pickering; and Geo. Miller, of Markham. It is somewhat surprising to observe that there is no local cattle of this class entered. Of Durham bulls one year old, there are seven entries. They are to be shown by Messrs Stone (who has three entered), John Snell, the well-known breeder, of Edmonston; J. Gardner of Toronto township, and George Miller, Markham. There are no less than nine entries of Durham bull calves under one year old, nearly all of which come from the neighborhood of Toronto. Mr. F. W. Stone has entered 4 young calves. Of Durham bulls any age, there are eleven entries, of which Mr. Stone entered one. There are eight entries of Durham cows. Messrs Stone, Snell, Thompson of Whitby, Ashworth of Belmont, and Cochrane of Compton, being the exhibitors. There are seven entries of Durham heifers by the owners of the cows above referred to. There are six entries of Durham heifers one year old, Messrs Stone, Miller, A. St. Marie (of Laprairie) and Cochrane being the exhibitors. There is a collection of nine Durham calves under one year old entered by the above exhibitors.

DEVONS.—Devon bulls, four years old, are not largely represented here—there being only two thus far on the grounds. One is owned by Mr. Geo. Rudd, of Paslinch, and the other by Mr. R. Spooner, of Kingston Township. Mr. Perdue, of Chingquacousy, Peel, has entered a Devon bull, three years old, being the only one entered. There are four entries of Devon bull one year old—Messrs Rudd, of Paslinch; W. & L. Courtice, of Darlington; Geo. Mann, of Bowmanville, and Thomas Allen, of Whitby, being the exhibitors. There are ten entries of Devon bulls under one year of age. There are ten entries of Devon cows.

HEREFORDS.—The entries of Herefords are not large. Mr. Stone has entered 2 four year olds, and 1 three year old. Mr. Perdue, of Chingquacousy; Mr. R. L. Denison, Toronto, and N. Choate, of Hope, Durham, have each entered 1 two-year old of this breed. Mr. Stone has also entered in addition, three one year old bulls and bull calves under one year old. Mr. Stone has entered the largest number of Hereford cattle here, for which he is justly praised.

AYRESHIRE.—This breed is well represented, Mr. Wheeler, of Scarborough, is the largest exhibitor. There are also several exhibitors from Oshawa and Brockville.

GALLOWAYS.—The show of Galloway cattle is good, but much less in number than the Ayrshires. Mr. Wm. Hood, of Guelph, has entered a four year old bull, and so has Mr. Thomas McCrae, of Guelph. Mr. Hood, of Guelph, and Mr. Geo. Hunter, of Kingston, are the only exhibitors of two year old Galloway bulls. Messrs. McNeil, (Vaughan), Hood, McCrae, and Denison also appear as exhibitors of Galloway of various ages, from the unruly old bull to the innocent little sucking calf.

ANGUS BREED.—There are only three exhibitors of this breed of cattle, Mr. Nimmo, of Camben, being the most prominent one.

GRAYS.—There are 62

In this class Mr. Gideon Hood has entered a fat heifer.

THE FERUGS CUP.—There are only 2 entries for the Fergus Cup, Mr. J. Miller of Pickering, having entered a fine heifer aged one year and six months, and Mr. H. Young of Guelph, one of the same age called "Cherry." The prize is a silver cup presented by the Hon. A. J. Ferguson Blair, for the best grade heifer, not more than two years old, by a thorough-bred short horn bull, out of a cow not having more than two crosses by thorough-bred short horn bulls.

SHEEP—LEICESTER. The show of sheep is large and attractive. There are about 500 entries in all, and it is expected the show in this department this year will rival that of last Fair in Toronto. Of the whole number of sheep entered two hundred are of the Leicester breed. There are twenty-three entries of Leicester rams, two years and over—the names of Mr. Jno Snell, of Edmonston and Mr. Geo. Miller, of Markham, being on former occasions, prominent on the list. Among the other exhibitors entered are Messrs J. Davidson South Dumfries; Jas. Storey, Whitby; John Scott, Lobo; William Hendrie, Hamilton; George Thom, Cavan; Thomas Easton, Nassagawaga; Samuel Inch, Oshawa; and J. Carruthers, Haldimand. There are fifty entries of Leicester shearing rams, and it is noteworthy that two of them are from the sister province of Quebec. Among the other intending exhibitors of shearing rams are Messrs. Thomas Smith, Toronto Township; Jno. Miller, Pickering; John Snell, Edmonston; C. Walker, London; Wm. Jeffrey, Whitby; J. McNair, Vaughan; J. Russell, Markham; G. Miller, Markham; John Scott, Lobo; T. Grey, Oshawa; T. Davis, Etobicoke; and James Nimmo, Camden. Forty nine entries of Leicester ram lambs promise to give a fair show in this section of the department. Leicester ewes and ewe lambs are shown in as great variety, the principal exhibitors being those whose names are given above.

Mowing Match in Huron. From the Toronto Globe. A Mowing Match in connection with the "Huron Farmer's Association," came off Wednesday, the 17th July, on the farm of Mr. John Copeland, in the Township of Stanley, in this county. The day was splendid, beautiful sunshine and a cool breeze. A large number of the farmers of the south part of the County turned out to witness the competition. The two Reform candidates for the South Riding, M. C. Cameron and R. Gibbons were present, and appeared to take a deep interest in the proceedings of the day. The machines were tested in two fields, one of clover and one of timothy. The grass was average, and the bottom very good for a fair trial.

Eight machines were entered, and took their places, as drawn by lot, in the field. Prizes were to be awarded to the best mower, and to the best combined mower and reaper. Being all combined machines, the whole eight were entered in both classes. The machines that competed were as follows, viz:

The "St. George Machine," manufactured by Bell, of St. George.

The "Ayr Machine," manufactured by J. Watson, of Ayr.

A "Stratford Machine," manufactured by Joseph Sherman, of Stratford.

A "Wood's Patent," manufactured by Modeland, of Elora.

A "Ball's Ohio," manufactured by Sawyer, of Hamilton.

A "Side Delivery," invented by Mr. Collins, of Guelph, and manufactured by Waterhouse & Co., of Brantford.

And an "Excelsior," manufactured by Lutz & Co., of Galt.

The draft, as tested by dynamometer, and weight of cut of each machine, were as follows: "Ball's Ohio," Sawyer & Co., Hamilton, 217, cut 4 feet, 81 inches; "Wood's Patent," draft, 232, cut 4 ft. 3 inches; "Stratford Machine," draft 194, cut 4 feet 3 inches; "Excelsior," draft 196, cut 4 feet, 4 inches; "Ball's Ohio," Lucan, draft, 207, cut 4 feet, 5 inches; "Ayr Machine," draft 211, cut 4 feet, 51 inches; the "Ayr Machine," draft 217, cut 4 feet, 41 inches; the "Brantford Machine," draft 192, cut 4 ft. 4 inches.

There were two set of judges; three to judge of the quality of the work done, and three to judge of the best constructed machine.

The first prize for the best mowing was awarded to "Wood's Patent," from Elora; the 2nd prize to Waterous & Co., of Brantford; and the third prize to the "Ball's Ohio," from Lucan.

For the best constructed machine, the first prize was awarded to the "Ball's Ohio," from Lucan; the second to Sherman, of Stratford; and the third to the "Ball's Ohio," from Hamilton. The awards, as "combined machines," cannot be given, of course, till after the coming "reaping match."

As an instance of our splendid facilities for communication in Ontario, and also of the enterprise of our agricultural implement makers, I may mention that the "Association had ordered a dynamometer from Montreal. It did not come to sea forth on the morning of the match; Mr. Watson, of Ayr, hearing of the difficulty, at about 8 o'clock in the morning, telegraphed to Ayr to send on his dynamometer; it came all the way through to the township of Stanley, and was on the ground in good time to test the machines at the close of the match.

The proceedings of the day were wound up by addresses from Messrs. Cameron and Gibbons, three cheers for the Queen, and three for the makers of the machines, &c.

The general opinion was that the mowing was all well done, and that the judges must have had a hard task to decide which was the best.

A militia order states that only thirty rounds of ammunition per man is to be allowed for target practice for Snider rifles until further orders.

The house of Mr. David Pinkerton, Grobuck township, was destroyed by fire on the morning of Friday last. The fire

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

Special Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

From Washington. Special to the Guelph Mercury. Washington, Sept. 24.—An affray took place at one of the hotels between Senator Patterson, of Tennessee, and General Kyle, of the same state. Patterson slapped Kyle's face, whereupon Kyle knocked him down. Patterson then attempted to shoot Kyle, when friends interfered, a reconciliation took place, the combatants shook hands and then took a drink.

Advices from Lancaster say that Thaddeus Stevens is dying. The Herald's Key West special says the yellow fever in the Dry Tortugas has assumed a more malignant form. It is estimated that one-tenth of the entire number of soldiers and prisoners on the island have died since the fever commenced its ravages.

The World says the President has pardoned Mallory, rebel of the navy. This is the pardon granted a member of the rebel Cabinet.

From New Orleans. Special to Guelph Mercury. New Orleans, Sept. 23.—According to the Republic's figures, the whole number of deaths from yellow fever from its commencement to Saturday morning, the 21st inst., was 1214.

From St. Louis. Special to Guelph Mercury. St. Louis, Sept. 23.—In the steeple race to-day, over Trotting Park course, between Kirkwood, Pilot, Temple, Patchen, St. Paul and Clifford, for \$500, best 3 in 3, Kirkwood won the second, third and fifth heats in 2:29, 2:29 and 2:29. On Wednesday, Brown George and running mate will trot against Gen. Butler and Patchen to saddle, for a purse of \$1000.

From New York. Special to Guelph Mercury. New York, Sept. 23rd.—The Herald's Leavenworth special says the contractors on the Union Pacific Railroad applied today to Gen. Smith for additional troops or work would stop, owing to Indian difficulties. Gen. Smith replied that he had no more to spare.

From San Francisco. Special to Guelph Mercury. San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Gen. Rousseau will sail for Sitka this week. General Jeff C. Davis will sail in the John L. Stevens with a detachment of United States troops for Sitka, Russian America, in a few days.

A fire occurred on Saturday evening on Clay and Merchant streets, which destroyed fifteen buildings and stores. The loss is about \$25,000, mostly frame buildings. Fires have been very numerous lately, and have been attributed to incendiaries. The first earthquake shock felt in twelve months was noticed last evening. It was very distinct but slight.

From Florence. Florence, Sept. 23.—Garibaldi has made his appearance at Arzo, forty miles from this city.

From London. London, Sept. 23.—Later from Rio de Janeiro state that, at the last accounts from the seat of war, the allied forces had made no further advance since their success, and were lying idle before Paraguayan fortifications at Humaita. Gen. Mitre was in command of the combined Brazilian and Argentine armies.

THE TOBACCO TRADE.—In 1860 the crop of tobacco was the largest ever raised in the United States. It was upward of 429,000,000 pounds. In 1864 it amounted to only 197,000,000 pounds, and the returns have fallen still lower since then. According to the last report of Commissioner Rollins, the production of taxable tobacco in 1865 was, in round numbers, twenty-three and a half million pounds; in 1864 it was sixty-three millions; in '65 it was thirty-six and a half millions; and in 1866 it was only thirty-five and a half millions. With the great decline in the trade, indicated by these figures, there has been a falling off in the profits of all engaged in it who attempt to deal honestly with government and the public.—Tobacco frauds, almost as gigantic in every respect as the notorious whiskey frauds, have operated to the serious detriment of the honest manufacturer. By the more extensive use of the leaf in its natural state, and by illegal manufacture, and sale, the Government loses about one-half of the whole amount it might raise on this article. The frauds practised are shameful. About the beginning of last June seven tobacco manufacturers were seized in the neighborhood of New York city, two of which had defrauded the government of about \$50,000. With proper management the one-tenth of the whole revenue ought to be raised from the tax on tobacco, but under the present system not more than five per cent. of the internal revenue can be obtained from tobacco, snuff and cigars. In France the tax on tobacco yield an annual amount of \$15,000,000, and in England eleven per cent. of the whole national income yet in America where the article is grown all that the Government can produce the trade is \$17,000,000 per annum.

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