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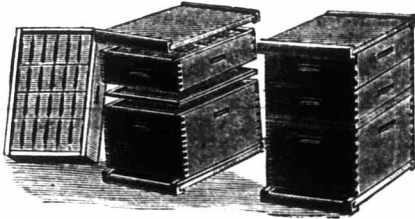


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In order to encourage the spread of useful knowledge among the farmers, and also to increase our circulation, we offer, as a prize, a two inch space for six months to be awarded to the live stock breeder who will send us the largest list of new subscribers during 1891. The advertising space may be used any time the winner desires after the award is made. To all who are not winners in this competition we will allow the regular commission advertised. (See page 69, February number.)

In a letter Mr. Wm. Bennett, Chatham, Ont., who is breeding Poland-China swine, writes us that he has received orders from all parts of the country in response to his advertisement in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

Mr. W. Goodger & Son write us that they have been particularly successful in their sales from their herd of Improved Yorkshires, and have shipped breeding lots all over the province. They report wonderful gain per day in some of the pigs bred by them, amongst which were some prize winners at the Christmas Fat Stock Show at Woodstock. They still have a few boars and sows for sale. (See add.)

An English breeder writes:—Those of your readers on this side of the water are immensely amused with some of the advertisements of pigs in the Canadian papers. If the pigs advertised only grew half as fast as the reputed number of prizes won, the rearing of pigs would indeed be a fortune-making pursuit. Thousands of figures are dealt in with the utmost freedom and as little proof given. A prize list issued in 1890, of one herd, gives between four and five hundred prizes won, but in crossing the sea the numbers appear to have grown to thousands, while the given date of the establishment of the herd is not recognized on this side. We may have been asleep like Rip Van Winkle.

W. Goodger & Son, Woodstock, Ont., write:—Please insert in stock notes following sales of Improved Yorkshires: Sow to Abraham Bean, Bright; sow to John Parker, Maplewood; sow to John Hankinson, Grovesend; two sows to S. Barfoot, Chatham; boar to Thomas Irwin, Irwin; boar to David Cowing, Innerkip; boar to Green Bros., Innerkip. I have a few very fine young boars and sows on hand; boars old enough for service. I find Yorkshire boars crossed with Berkshire sows to produce very fine, growthy pigs. I bred a pair of pigs that were shown at our fat stock show in Woodstock this winter, that weighed at nine months old, 815 lbs. the pair. They took first and second and sweepstake prizes, beating pigs nearly two years old, which, I think, speaks well for Yorkshires or their crosses.

Bollert Bros., of Cassel, Ont., write:—Since last report we made the following sales of Holsteins: To R. S. Park, Whitewood, N.W.T., the 3-year-old Barington cow Lady Valentine 2nd, and one of the finest young bulls we ever owned; to Thos. & Jas. Dobbie, Lachute, Que., a very superior young bull. On receiving him they expressed themselves as more than pleased with him. J. Martin, a very superior bull. Mr. Martin has used a Holstein bull before, and appreciates their great dairy qualities. A. C. Smith, of Paris, a pair of yearlings, of very superior quality, the bull being sired by our great Barnton (winner of the silver Medal), and out of Guillemette, winner of the second prize at the Provincial, 1886. She is one of the greatest cows of the breed in Ontario. T. A. Cox, Paris, took the imported cow Eustolia (than which there is no better), and another very superior son of Barnton, out of the imported cow Madam Dot. We take much pride in reporting these sales, as all these animals belong to the very tops of the breed, and must necessarily leave a good impression of this grand dairy breed in their new home. We are pleased to note that high quality is appreciated by the advanced dairymen. The demand is very brisk. We have shipped as high as four bulls in one week. We are indebted for this to the advertisement in the ADVOCATE, and wish you continued success.

Mr. Richard Bach, Craven Arms, Salop, England, who has a standing advertisement with us, writes us that he shipped on November 29, at Swansea, per Lake Ontario, Beaver Line, for Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw, Glanworth P. O., Ontario, 46 grand shearling ewes out of the flocks of Messrs. Bach, Edwards (Stanton Lacy), Blakeway (Wootton), Giles (Hope Court) and Bray (Dilwyn). The ewes include part of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize ewes at Ludlow, and are in lamb to Ashby Star 3849, winner of first prize Shropshire and West Midland Show; Rector Prince 4763, purchased at Uffington for £64; Sir Wigley 3rd 4825, and Woolstapler the 2nd 2420, sire of many winners, this shipment making 150 Shropshires Mr. R. Bach has sent to him this year. Six ewes and two rams have been sent from the Onibury flock to South Africa. The Press (Pretoria, Nov. 3rd) giving the following account:—The Dunnottar Castle brought out some Shropshire Downs, black-faced sheep, which are a class that ought to do well in this country. They were imported for Mr. Sivewright, M. L. C., by R. T. N. James, of this town. The sheep have done well on the voyage, arrived in splendid condition, and are "great beauties." Mr. Bach further adds: Since the above shipment I have sold 106 ewes in lamb, which have been forwarded to Canada and Michigan, and have just received twenty letters of enquiry.