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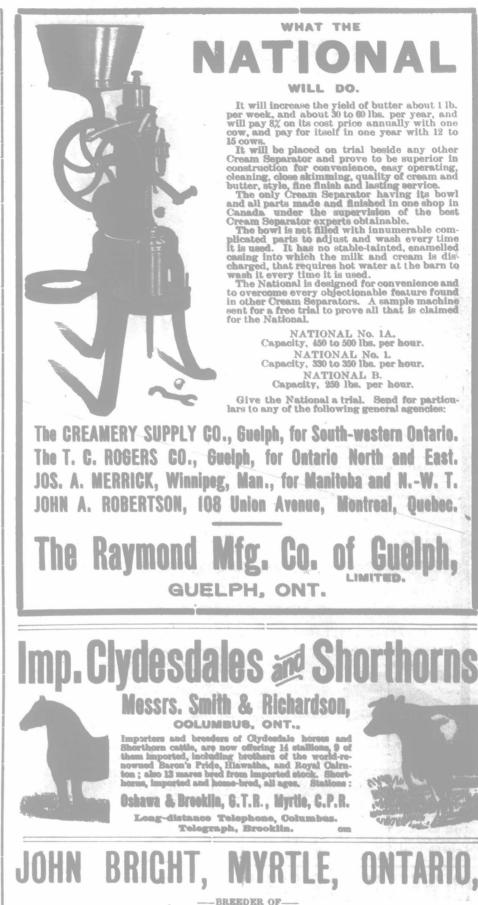
THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

GOSSIP.

At the sale of the Shire stud of Messrs. Shaw, Lancashire, England, February 6th, 22 stallions and colta sold for an average of £182 10s., and 5 mares at an average of £90. A twoyear-old stallion, Gillihand, by Bodenham King, brought 290 guineas (\$1,812). The four-year-old, Red Cloud, sold for 320 guineas (\$2,000), and the mature stallion, Bodenham King. for 610 guineas (\$3,810).

Mr. Robert Davies, Thorncliffe Stock Farm, Toronto, has recently sold the following Clydesdale stallions from his noted stud, and attributes the sales to the wide circulation of the "Farmer's Advocate," by which Thorncliffe has become known to the farmers and horse buyers of Canada: To Mr. H. H. Eckford, High River, Alberta, Imp. Border Riever 2307, a seven-year-old horse, by Prince of Millfield. Border Riever was the championship winner at the Canadian Horse Show at Foronto, in 1898, and first prize in the three-year-old class. To Mr. Richard McLelland, Metz, Ont., the two-year-old colt, Royal Sensation, by the champion Lyon McGregor.

The present seems to be a stormy time for the American breeders of Percheron horses. For many years the keeping of their studbooks has been carried on as a private enterprise and without the assistance and vigilance of a good strong breeders' association. Last December, however, some of the most progressive breeders organized an association, obtained recognition from the Federal Government, and elected officers to carry on the work of the association which includes registration of animals, and to enlist members. In many quarters, sympathy is felt for Mr. S. D. Thompson, who has for many years served the interests of the Percheron horse breeders in the capacity of secretary, with whom pedigrees were registered, and who has been deprived of that position by the newly-formed association. But it is believed that what the association is doing is in the best interests of the breed, and that they are not actuated by any personal anin_osity toward Mr. Thompson. It was only to be expected that where so much money was invested in a breed, and where the interests of the breed were not guarded by a strong association, that when the awakening did come there would be made sweeping alterations. The executive of the new association are all interested breeders and capable, honorable men, and under their direction the interests of the Percheron will be safeguarded and materially advanced. The officers of the new association, which is called the American Percheron Horse Breeders and Importers' Association, are : President, Hon. H. G. McMillan ; Secretary, Hon. Geo. Stubblefield. Directors-J. L. DeLancy, H. A. Briggs, C. O. Keiser, W. S. Dunham, C. R. Taylor, and A. P. Nave. By an order of the Department of Agriculture, for the present the new association only will be officially recognized .



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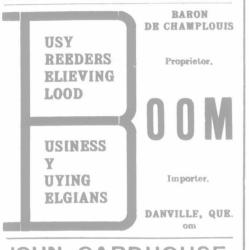
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