

## STOCK GOSSIP.

Mr. Boyd, of the Pine River ranch, has bought the Clydesdale stallion Puzler (2896) from Everett & Kerr, of the Ridgemere farm.

Mr. Walter Lynch, of Westbourne, informs us that his Shortlorns have come out in better shape than they went into the stables in the fall.

Mr. James Glennie, near Portage la Prairie, recently sold nine steers, one year old past, to Mr. Mitchel, of Winnipeg, for \$40 per head. Mr. Glennie reports his stock coming out in good shape.

Messrs. J. McGregor & Co., of Brandon, have sold the imported Cleveland bay stallion Grosmont Wonder 838 to George Alexander of Rapid City. He is about as perfect a horse as we have ever seen.

Mr. Wm. Beattie, Wilton Grove, Ont., so well-known in Shropshire circles, will visit England during this month, and will select and import a considerable number of his favorite sheep, the Shropshires.

Mr. Chris. Farnhi, of Gladstone, has recently purchased the magnificent stallion Campsey Lad (374) (4277), imported by R. Belth & Co., of Bowmanville, Ont., in 1886, and sold to Mr. John Bell, of L'Amaroux, near Toronto, where he was a very successful prize winner. Mr. Farnhi will travel him in the vicinity of Gladstone.

Mr. James Fletcher, of Binscarth, recently bought from Savages & Farnum, of Detroit, Mich., the Percheron stallion Coco, and will travel him in the municipalities of Russell and Silver Creek. Coco is a fine black horse, six years old and weighs 1,700 lbs. He is a good draught horse and should prove a decided acquisition to that locality.

A subscriber writes:—The farmers of this country will no doubt be pleased to see by the column in your paper, headed "Stock Gossip," that importers and dealers and large stock raisers are bringing into the country horses which are a credit to the importers and a benefit to the districts into which they are brought. I would, therefore, call your attention to a recent importation by an enterprising stock raiser of our district, viz.:—Mr. I. E. Jobson's Shire stallion Granite 3rd No. 7295, foaled 1877, grey roan. This magnificent horse was bred by A. E. Cooper, of Normanton le Heath, Ashby de la Zouch, got by Premier (2646), out of Troy (2339), and is from the Calwich Abbey stud, winner of first prize at Ashby de la Zouch, and was purchased from Mr. C. Duncombe, Calwich Ashbourne, Derbyshire. It may not be amiss to mention a few of the prizes taken by Premier (2646), the sire of Granite 3rd. Mr. Landen Spencer's excellent report of the 1886 London show, in giving a list of the winning sires, says:—"The most remarkable addition is Premier (2646), who, with the aid of five yearlings and one three-year-old, distanced his rivals and claims six winners." His winnings are further augmented in 1887, as shown in the report of the same writer. For the second year in succession Premier (2646) takes pride of place with seven winners. The British Live Stock Journal, of March 7, in speaking of Granite, says:—"This valuable importation will, no doubt, prove beneficial to the farmers of the district." Premier (2646), the sire, is engaged for the season of 1890 to the Leicestershire Agricultural Society for 500 guineas. This will give some idea of the value placed upon this stock in England.

**THE PORTAGE AND LAKESIDE STALLION SHOW.**  
—The numbers and quality of the horses at this show would do credit to a much older country. In the Clydesdale class were Granite City and Lord Coleridge, owned by Messrs. Everest & Kerr, Reaburn; Georgia, owned by Mr. Brown, of Portage; Pride of Aberdeen, owned by Rowe & Lairdman, Portage, and Gladstonian, owned by Charles Gallo-way, of the Portage Plains. Granite City was awarded first, Lord Coleridge second, and Gladstonian third. In agricultural horses there were four entries, viz.:—D McLean's young Son of the Rock, A. C. Moore's British Commander, Charles Cuthbert's Smuggler and McLean & McRobbie's Wasenhaw Tom, all of which are owned in the immediate vicinity of the Portage. The first prize was awarded to Smuggler, second to British Commander. Only one Shire horse was entered, Lord Arthur, owned and imported by J. McGregor & Co., of Brandon. Although shown alone, he is fit to win in good company. In general purpose horses there were but two entries, Pride of the West, owned by Roger Bell, and What's Wanted, owned by Ed. English. The first prize was awarded to Pride of the West, second to What's Wanted. In roadsters there were four entries, Chas. Ager's Clear Grit, Firefly, owned by Everest & Kerr; Pilot Chief, owned by A. C. Moore, and Abdallah Manbrino, owned by Mr. R. Roxbury, all of Portage. From the first the tug of war was between the Hackney stallion Firefly and the trotting-bred stallion Pilot Chief. The latter seemed to be equally as speedy, but had not the magnificent action of Firefly, who trotted even in the small ring with mathematical accuracy. After considerable deliberation the first prize was awarded to Firefly and second to Pilot Chief. But one entry was made in the thoroughbred class, viz.:—Comrade, owned and imported by J. D. McGregor & Co., of Brandon. This horse is a grand specimen of the thoroughbred, and it, as some of our best men are now claiming, the thoroughbred is a useful horse to cross on cold-blooded mares of twelve to fourteen hundred pounds, there could be no better selection than Comrade. A novel method of judging was adopted at this show. A draught of seven judges was made from the locality and each judge dropped a ballot for the horse he considered most worthy. The awards were made subject to veterinary inspection and gave good satisfaction.

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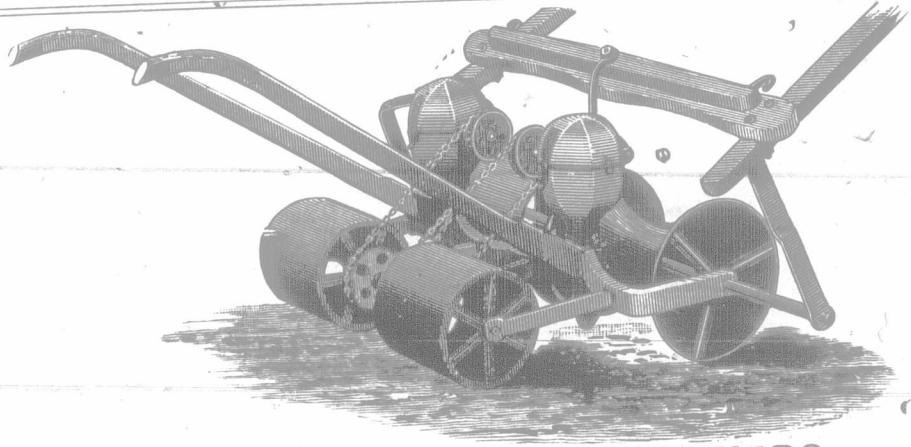
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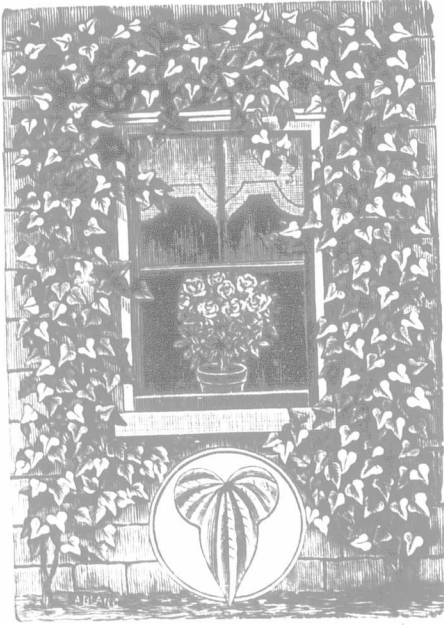
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