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GOSSIP.

AN IMPORTANT BERKSHIRE SALE.

As announced in the enlarged advertisement in this paper, an important auction sale of 100 Berkshire swine, from the noted Elmhurst herd of Mr. H. M. Vanderlip, of Cainsville, Brant County, Ont., will be held on January 8th. The offering consists of brood sows, young boars ready for service, and young sows bred and ready for breeding, also a large number of younger pigs of both sexes, all of the most approved modern type, and the best of breeding, from high-class imported sires and dams, or from the produce of imported stock of superior stamp and quality. The catalogue, showing the breeding of the offering, may be had on application to the owner, and will show that they are blue blooded in the best sense of the term, and the pigs will be found to be as good as their pedigrees. Rarely has so good an opportunity been afforded of securing bacon-type Berkshires at the buyer's own price, and the present is a most favorable time to secure a good class of hogs to prepare for what is almost certain—a rich harvest for those who have hogs for sale next spring and summer. Cainsville is a station on the Buffalo to Goderich branch of the G. T. R., and about 3½ miles from Brantford.

SALE OF IMPORTED CLYDESDALE FILLIES.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, Mr. Wm. Meharey, Russell, Ont., sold by auction, in the Butler House yards, Ottawa, what is said to have been the best lot of Clydesdale fillies ever so disposed of in Eastern Ontario. To prove that they were well bred, it is only necessary to name the sires, while the dams' side showed equally good breeding. Such sires as Baron Mitchell, the famous premium horse and half-brother to the great Everlasting; King's Crest, last year's winner at the Royal; Moncreiffe Marquis, who has had some of the best premiums in Scotland as well as being an H. & A. S. Show winner; Baron Beaulieu, who has sired some right good ones recently imported; Argosy, by Sir Everard; Flash Sturdy, by Prince Sturdy, and others equally well-bred, need no further description. These fillies are supposed to be in foal to such horses as Baron Galloway, Prince Thomas, Prince Sturdy, Warlaby, Royal Fortune and Pride of Blacon. The fillies had just arrived, and were not showing to advantage, as they were thin in flesh. However, good feet, clean, flinty bone and good action were found, coupled with good middles and fair size; in fact, they were a very even lot. The prices ran from \$200 to \$435, and averaged between \$290 and \$300, which, considering the scarcity of feed and tightness of the money market might be considered fair. The stockmen of the Ottawa district owe much to Mr. Meharey, who has brought out some of the best horses in this part of the country.

The following is a list of animals sold, the prices paid, and the buyers:

Daisy Graham, by Baron Mitchell;	
Wm. Crowe, Canamore.....	\$250
Maggie Patterson, by Prince Victor;	
A. Scharf, Cummings' Bridge.....	310
Honeydew, by Mathias; W. E. Byers	
& Sons, Hawkesbury.....	305
Lily Arnott, by Moncreiffe Marquis;	
W. K. Kay, Phillipsburg, Que.....	435
Betty Rae, by Prince of Galloway;	
J. Nelson, Cummings' Bridge.....	265
Bess Watson, by Carkineer; W. K.	
Kay.....	260
Lady MacConnell, Argosy; W. K.	
Kay.....	280
Europa VI. of Drumlanrig, by Baron	
Beaulieu; W. E. Byers & Sons.....	265
Nina II. of Drumlanrig, by Baron	
Beaulieu; Wm. Graham, Haw-	
thorne.....	230
Lady Flash, by Flash Sturdy, W.	
Major, Cummings' Bridge.....	270
Killanbrae Belle, by Durbar, W.	
Major.....	285
Lady Brown, by Durbar, A. Scharf,	
300	
Lily Marten, by Lothian Tom, T. L.	
MacLaren, Temphson, Que.....	385
Mary Decca, by Lothian Tom, T. L.	
MacLaren.....	300

BOOK REVIEW.

"Fifty Years Among Shorthorns" is the title of an exceedingly interesting volume of 200 pages, written by Mr. Robert Bruce, Agricultural Supt. Royal Dublin Society, a keen observer who has had unique opportunities, extending over a long period, of following the fortunes of the Shorthorn. Mr. Bruce is recognized as one of the leading authorities on the breed; his connection with what is now described as the Scotch Shorthorn is well known, and he has always been a staunch advocate of utility in breeding. Whether or not his observations and conclusions will be endorsed by all readers of the volume may be questioned, but it is certain, at any rate, that no breeder will peruse its pages without learning much which will be to his advantage and profit. A novel feature of the contents is the large collection of pen-pictures of celebrated sires; while the original notes penned by Mr. Amos Cruickshank on leading sires used at Sittyton are now published for the first time. There is also a biographical sketch of Mr. Cruickshank, along with notes of the system of management at Sittyton. Unfortunately, the famous breeder seems to have been a sententious individual—a man of few words—and his comments on the sires used in the herd occupy little space. Of the celebrated Fairfax Royal (6987), calved in 1844, he gives a fuller account than of others. The bull cost him £150, and he would have given £400 before he would have lost him. His pointed criticism of Bacchus (8855) is of another sort—"no good." The comment on Lancaster Comet (11663) is well worth preserving. "I did not realize his value until he was gone. He was a short-legged bull, and put together like a fat pig. All his stock were good." Champion of England (17526) was "best of all." There is also a chapter on "Beef and Milk" that is opportune at the present juncture, when we are reading so much about the dual-purpose cow. The Sage of Sittyton said of Champion of England: "He is from a fine-milking tribe, and his produce partake of the character of their sire, and undoubtedly are of the right sort for a rent-paying farmer. The book may be ordered through this office, price, \$2.10 post free.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

REMOVING APPLE-TREE STUMPS.

Could you inform me, in case of apple trees sawed close to the butt and salt-petre applied in a hole, and left for about a year, could the stump then be destroyed by setting fire to it? If so, how much salt-petre? A. S.

Ans.—We have had no experience with the method suggested, but possibly some of our readers have. The plan we advise is to dig around the tree roots, cutting those that run very deeply, then, with the weight of top, the whole can be overturned, and the job properly finished at once.

THUMPS IN PIGS.

My pigs, which are about eight or nine weeks old, thrifty little fellows, take sick in a few hours, act as if they had fits, froth at the mouth, breathe very heavily, and kick with their feet. They live about twenty-four or thirty-six hours, then die. J. B.

Ans.—This is thumps, the result of too much rich food and too little exercise. The heart and lungs are become cramped in their action by the fat accumulating around these organs, and the free circulation of the blood is interfered with, causing, in some cases, fits or convulsions. Little can be done in the way of treatment of the sick ones, with hope of a cure. Prevention is the proper thing. Both the sow and pigs need exercise while nursing, and the pigs should have liberty to get out on the ground for exercise. The feed should consist of a fair proportion of bran or ground oats, or both, where stronger meal is used. The survivors in the case mentioned should be given a teaspoonful each of sulphur in milk, and greasy swill, to move the bowels and work upon the blood.