

## Our Illustration.

Having a few leisure hours one fine afternoon in November, the Managing Editor of the REVIEW, accompanied by the Agricultural Editors, took advantage of the kind courtesy of our esteemed Farm Superintendent, Mr. Wm. Rennie, to drive over to the stock farm of Mr. Henry Arkell for the purpose of inspecting his immense flock of Oxford Downs.

We found the genial proprietor of three hundred acres, nice sandy loam, just beginning chores among his favorites, a flock of about two hundred choice Oxford Downs, grouped around in a few well arranged pens and yards.

Almost upon entering our eyes lighted upon an exceptionally broad and well developed ram lamb, Lord Gloucester, (7781, Am. S. Record) winner of 1st prize at Toronto fall exhibition and fourth place at the Columbian Exposition. This lamb was the pick of first prize pens at the "Royal," England, in 1891. In this pen were about twenty very

with her great breadth of loin and astonishing chest and heart girth combine to give her her position as champion of the breed.

Adams No. 9 is a worthy compeer even in such company, as Minnie Miles, while all the others are good enough to win good company.

Mr. Arkell's shearling ewes are a prime lot. Foremost among these we noticed Waddon's Lass and Waddo's Lass 6th, bred by Baron R. Thichilds, a first prize pair all over Canada.

These shearlings were bred to Lancaster Royal (5104), one of the stock rams of the flock. This regal fellow claimed first prize at Doncaster, '91, 1st at Detroit, '93, and champion at Canada's first shows in '92.

In the same pen we saw Adams No. 5 (5112), a two shear ram and Canadian champion in '93.

In a splendid company of yearling rams "The Nob", (7783), held first place. This ram was awarded first place at the Columbian Exposition. His fleece was of exceptionally fine texture and lustre evidencing health and thrift in the wearer.



growthy promising lambs. Stepping over the paling we fastened our eyes on what is undoubtedly the finest Oxfordshire Down ewe lamb on the continent of America (Adams 25 of '93.-7786 A. S. R.) This lamb is a model Oxford in every respect, having a form and covering both of flesh and wool that is as nearly as possible faultless.

Passing hastily along we found ourselves face to face with the maters of the flock, and truly they were a picture. In the very centre as if conscious of superiority, stood the champion ewes of Canada, Minnie Miles, 5115 A. S. R. and Adams No. 9, 5109 A. S. R. The first of this noted pair is from the highly commended pen Doncaster in '91. With her mate Mabel Miles she was first prize winner all over Canada in '91, first in her class and champion over all broods at Detroit in '92, winning the silver cup. At Chicago the past season she was given third place. Her average clip unwashed is 17 pounds. This ewe is certainly a model even among Oxfords. Low in stature, with great length and depth she carries a wealth of flesh that is marvellous; those,

Mr. Arkell is his own shepherd and the excellency of the flock as a whole is sufficient evidence of his knowledge and skill. We noticed among other things that one side of his feeding room was largely covered with blue and red tickets, trophies from many a hard fought and well won battle.

On enquiry we found that Mr. Arkell departs from the practice of many sheep feeders in that he feeds liberally of roots, even to breeding ewes. He grows a great deal of grass and also clover, the latter for hay. Oats and bran, with oil cake for fattening purposes, are his chief grain foods, and certainly his 200 Oxfords prove the suitability of the diet.

Any one desiring to see one of the first flocks of Oxfords in Canada would be well repaid by a visit to this flock, and we would also assure them every hospitality.

The accompanying cut is a fair representation of Mr. Arkell's flock. His advertisement also appears in this issue.