

STOCK GOSSIP.

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A. Geary, Dundas, Ont., recently shipped thirty-one valuable heavy draught horses to British Columbia.

Mr. Arthur Johnston reports the Greenwood herd as having wintered in fine shape. Not a loss, and not a sick one out of a herd now numbering over eighty, of all ages. The demand for young bulls has never been brisker, though prices have ruled low. There are still a number of good ones for sale in the herd, as well as cows and heifers of various ages fit for show.

In a letter Mr. J. S. Smith, Maple Lodge, writes as follows:—Our sale of Shorthorns, held 25th March, was fairly successful. We had a good attendance from different parts of Canada, some from Michigan, and a good share of buyers. Eighteen head were sold at an average of about \$100, which is not too bad for the times, and 13 of the number being one year or under. Bulls seemed to be in extra demand, and those offered sold readily at prices ranging from \$102 to \$129, and they were an extra, even, fleshy lot. The following gentlemen were purchasers:—Wm. Chapman, Brucefield; James Creighton, St. Marys; John Dempsey, Fairview; P. Maloney, Metropolitan; H. Call, Jura; Duncan McLaren, Cromarty; D. Milnie, Ethel; Peter McEwen, Wroxeter; Smith Bros., Hay; John Kerr, Crediton; John Madden, Mount Carmel; David Hill, Staffa.

R. S. Stevens, Attica, N.Y., writes us as follows:—Among recent sales of Maplewood bred Holstein-Friesians are two that will interest your readers, as they embrace two of the richest bred Holstein-Friesian bulls that ever entered Ontario from the United States. The purchasers were Smith Bros., of Churchville, and H. & W. F. Bollert, of Cassel. H. & W. F. Bollert selected the bull Colanthes Abbecker, and he is, as his breeding would indicate, a very superior individual. He has on both sire and dam's sides a long list of unbeaten prize-winners, both in show rings and in public tests. Such well-known individuals as the following appear in line of his direct ancestors: Sir Henry of Maplewood, Colanthes Sir Henry, Sir Mechtchilde, Constantyn and Empire, in males; and Colanthes, Alberta Abbecker 1st and 2nd and Mechtchilde, in females, each of which has been a record breaker. Mechtchilde now holds the world's butter record, 9 lbs. 10½ oz. in 7 days, 150½ lbs. in 30 days, and 322 30-100 lbs. in 60 days; milk record, 112 lbs. 4 oz. in one day, 2,693.23 lbs. of milk in May, 1890, and 2,860 lbs. of milk during June, 1890. Mechtchilde was sold last month for \$1,500 cash, and is now owned by J. H. Packard, of Colorado, who also purchased the sire of Colanthes Abbecker at \$1,500 cash. We are glad to have Maplewood bred and Maplewood bred Holsteins represented in your section, and to have the individuals in such good hands. They will be heard from in the leading show rings later in the season.

A. C. Hallman & Co., New Dundee, Ont., report as follows:—Our stock is doing nicely, and has come through winter in fine shape. The sales made since our last report are as follows: A pair of cows to Geo. W. Clemons, St. George. These cows are of excellent breeding—of more than ordinary importance; Baillie 2nd, a descendant of the world famous Netherland Prince. She has also a dash of Aaggie blood, besides being closely related to such famous cows as Echo, 23,775 lbs. 8 oz. milk in one year; Constance S., with a record of 83 lbs. milk in one day as a three-year-old; Franklin, record 70 lbs., and a host of others of almost equal importance. Vida's Princess, a very promising young cow, traces back seven times to old Rooker, the fountain head of the Aaggie family. She is a daughter of Vida Rooker 3rd, whose dam is half sister to the great cow Tyrannia, who swept all the butter tests at the exhibitions a few years ago in the states. These cows have created such an interest in Mr. Clemons that he since came back and bought the dam of this young cow, Vida Rooker 3rd, which is a very promising young cow, and will be heard of some day. To head this choice herd, Mr. Clemons has secured the richly bred bull Artis Aaggie Prince, being a son of our celebrated Prairie Aaggie Prince, who, in three years' show ring competition lost but one 1st prize, and won in that time two diplomas, and three times headed the 1st prize herd (two diplomas and one "silver medal"). This bull is also full brother to our "silver medal" heifer Artis Kassie 3rd, who won the 1st prize and medal when but 16 months old, competing against a heavy class of imported cows. Her dam, Artis Kassie, we sold to the O. A. College a year ago. This bull will be a prize to Mr. Clemons some day. Mr. Joseph Stratford got the fine young bull Cvar of Springbrook; dam Mina Rooker, which we sold to the N. S. Experimental Station; sire African Prince, which went to the O. A. C. Guelph a year ago. Messrs. W. J. & R. Sproule got a pair of fine yearling heifers, Mina Rooker 5th, daughter of Mina Rooker, and Mina Rooker 3rd Pride, she by Mina Rooker 3rd, got by Prairie Aaggie Prince; sire African Prince. To head this list he selected the richly bred bull Netherland Prince, our noted herd bull Netherland Statesman's (Cornelius), he by Netherland Prince, and g. dam Lady Fay; dam Gem 2nd No. 2, a very large, handsome cow of excellent breeding, she by Joe, whose dam Johanna gave 88 lbs. milk in one day; also closely related to such cows as Pledge, 110½ lbs. milk in one day, and Copia, 99 lbs. 8 oz. in one day. This is a rich dairy bull, and will no doubt leave valuable stock. We have still a fine lot to be selected from.

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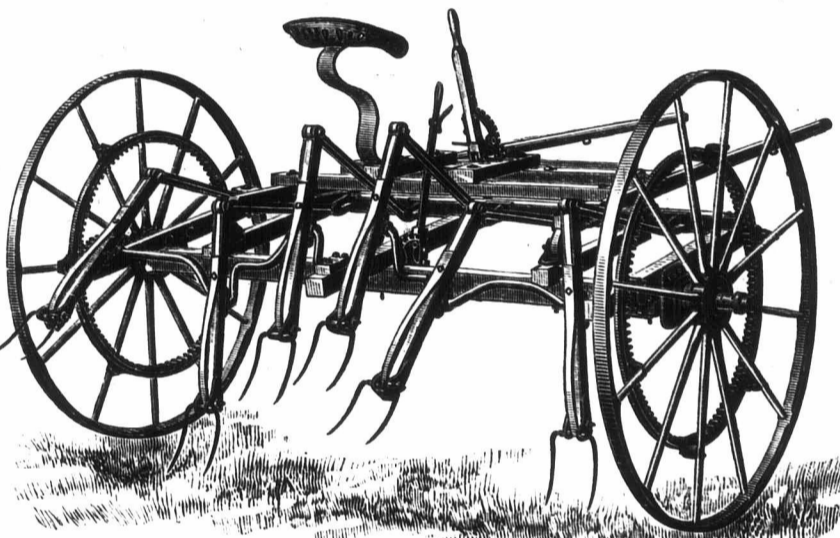
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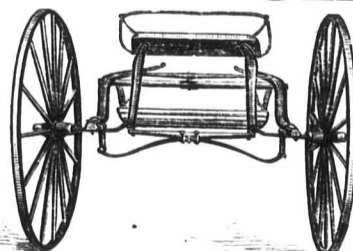
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