

**English Shropshire Sales.**

A number of very important ram sales have recently taken place in various parts of the English midlands. The annual draft from the famous Harrington Hall flock of Mr. A. E. Mansell came under the hammer of Messrs. A. Mansell & Co., of Shrewsbury. For most of the rams offered an exceptionally brisk demand was experienced, and the result was that in several instances prices ran well into the three figures. The ram, Phenomenon 8680, was run up to 120 gs., at which figure he was secured by Messrs. A. Tanner and S. Minton. A ram by Montford Dreamer, winner first prize as a lamb, and winner in pen of five shearing rams at Leicester, R. A. S. E., 53 gs. Mr. J. E. Farmer. One of the first prize pen of five at Leicester, and Shropshire and West Midland show, made 51 gs., his purchaser being Major Lambert, Beaupare, Ram by Montford Dreamer, winner third prize Leicester, R. A. S. E., etc., went at 165 gs. to Mr. R. P. Cooper. Many of the others sold at prices ranging from 20 to 40 guineas. Of the ewes, pens 1 and 2 went to Mr. Lythall, at 7 gs. and 5 gs.; pens 3 and 4, to Major Lambert (Ireland), 6 1/2 gs. and 4 1/2 gs.; others 3 1/2 gs., 3 1/2 gs., 3 gs., etc. The general averages were as follows:—43 rams let and sold, £29 9s. 8d.; 50 ewes, £4 1s.

The usual draft sale from Messrs. Evans's celebrated flock at Sherlowe also came off. The top price of the sale, 46 gs., was paid by Lord Falmouth for one of the shearlings. The others sold at figures ranging from 8 to 30 gs., the average being £13 14s. The ewes sold from 2 to 6 gs.

On the occasion of Mr. T. Minton's annual sale, the top price realized was 90 gs., paid by Mr. Bowen Jones for one of the shearlings. The others sold from 5 to 40 gs., the average being within a fraction of £16. For the ewes an average of £3 10s. was realized.

**GOSSIP.**

A disease supposed to be Texas fever is reported among cattle at Wilton Junction, Ia., near the stock-yards.

Queensland recently lost by death one of its oldest and best-known breeders and farmers, Mr. J. D. McAnsh. He had been interested chiefly in Shorthorn and Devon cattle and Merino sheep.

South America is making rapid strides in the matter of stock-breeding. Mr. R. S. Ewart, of Buenos Ayres, has recently sailed from Scotland with a well-selected consignment of half a dozen Clydesdale stallions of fashionable breeding.

Damage to Australian flocks of sheep from stray dogs is reported to be on the increase, one of the most valuable pure-bred flocks near Adelaide recently being ravaged. Foxes are also troublesome, their depredations being also on the increase.

Clydesdale horse-hiring is said to be unusually brisk in Scotland this season. In the middle of August more good horses were placed for next season than in the corresponding month for a long time. Alike in the North and in the South this activity prevails. It is remarked that rates are considerably reduced.

The annual show of the Australian Sheep Breeders' Association this year promises to be a great success. The entries number 237 Merinos, as against 208 last year, and the long-wools number 65, as against 53 last year. The most important feature in this year's show is the presence of Tasmanian competitors in the Merino classes.

The board of cattle commissioners of Vermont, assisted by Dr. Edward Moore, of Albany, N. Y., have examined eighty Jersey cows belonging to Moulton Bros., Green Mountain Stock Farm, Randolph. Over 75 per cent. of the animals tested were found tuberculous, and eight were killed, verifying the test. The remainder of the herd is yet to be inspected.

MR. W. G. PETTIT'S SHORTHORNS, SHROPSHIRE, AND BERKSHIRES.

A representative of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE again had the pleasure recently of calling on Mr. Pettit, of Freeman, Ont., and a stroll over the well-regulated farm, which is situated in one of the finest parts of the Province, and amongst the herd of high-bred Shorthorns, and the large flock of fine Shropshires luxuriating in fields of rape nearly to their backs, is a pleasant experience to a lover of fancy-bred stock and nature in its refreshing peacefulness.

The Shorthorns were found in good form; the cows, a strong, handsome lot of the useful type, doing duty at the pail. A number of fine two-year-old heifers were in the pens; a uniform, thick-fleshed, thrifty lot, and the making of fine young bulls, from calves to two years old; these and the young heifers being sired by Grand Fashion = 15404 =, bred by Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, Ont., and sired by (imp.) Hospedar. A grand young fifteen months old bull, Indian Statesman = 2381 =, by the renowned stock bull, Indian Chief, was recently purchased from Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, and is now installed at the head of the herd. He is of the famous old Duches of Gloster family on the dam's side, and gives every promise of maturing into an exceptionally fine stock bull, and in many ways the counterpart of his sire. He is a very thick, deep-fleshed fellow, with grand quality, and a rich, mellow handler, and a bull with all that should develop as he at present indicates, would make a strong fight for leading showing honors.

The Shropshires are in capital trim, and number in all some one hundred head, with a grand two-shear ram, bred by Messrs. Hammer, of Mt. Vernon, a strong, healthy lot, of good quality. The shearing ewes and rams, of which there are some thirty or forty head, are an even lot, in good condition, and should be quick sellers. Mr. Pettit has just purchased a very fine shearing ram of extra breeding and choice quality from Mr. James Phin, of Hespeler, Ont.

The Berkshires are headed by the yearling boar, Norman = 3936 =, by Lord Ross = 3072 =, a son of the great boar, Enterprise. They are of the lengthy, thick-fleshed type, which should recommend them to intending purchasers.

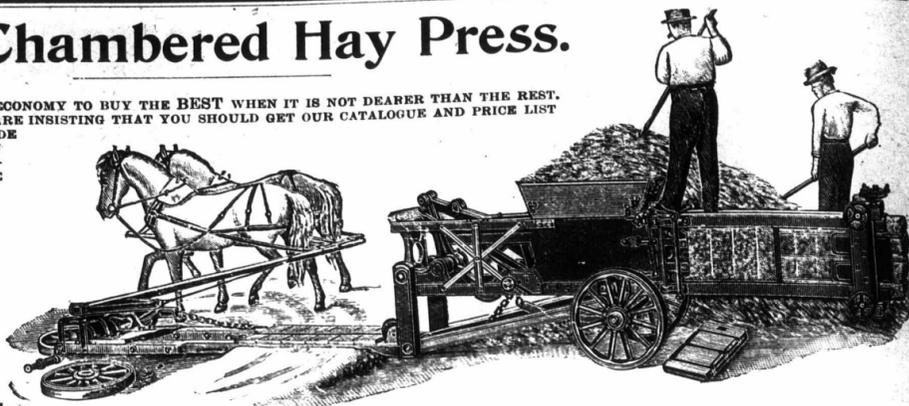
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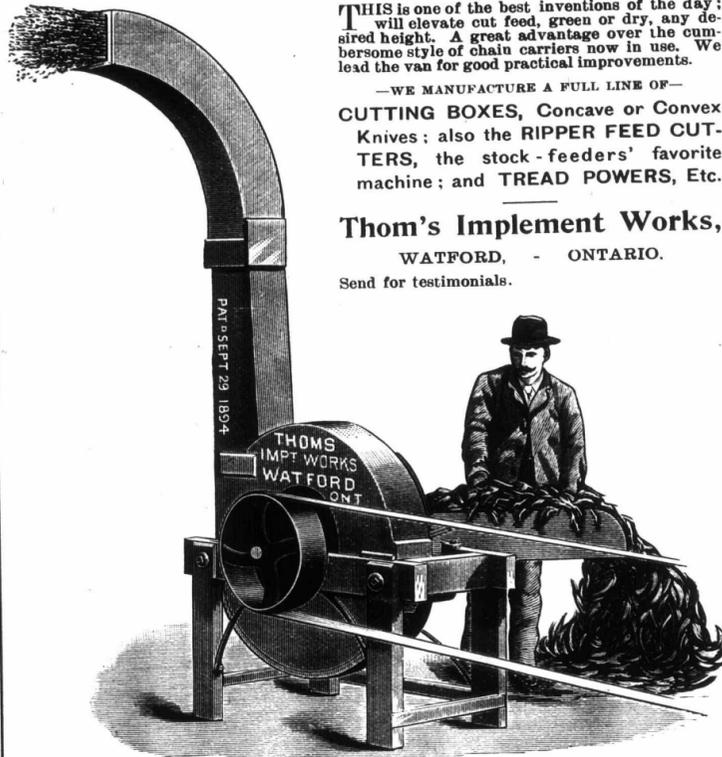
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