

GOSSIP.

Mr. L. Rodgers, Weston, Ont., breeders of Yorkshire pigs, writes: "I have been very successful at fall fairs, winning the big end of prizes, rarely losing a first, and sometimes beating a Toronto first-prize winner. Have still a few choice boars well fit for service, with a number, both sexes, two and three months old, of the best bacon-type strains."

The Aberdeen-Angus breed, in its unmixed purity, has not yet found many votaries in the Northwest. Messrs. Henderson and Topley, of Morden, Man., have resolved to join with those who are giving the breed a trial, rightly believing that the hardy animals have characteristics which are well adapted to our western conditions. Prairie Chief, the winner of first prize last year as a two-year-old at Winnipeg, leads the herd. He is a straight-topped, well-proportioned fellow, well filled in the quarters, and deep-ribbed. He is got by Rapids River, out of Lady Jane. The animals owned by Mr. Topley are: Riverside Margin, by Eric Estill, and Osira and Bella Boeca, also by Eric Estill, are three very fine cows, true types of the Polled-Angus breed, showing good conformation and very fine quality. There is also a very fine bull calf by Panama, out of Bella Boeca, and a heifer calf by Panama out of Riverside Margin. Panama was bred by Mr. Tyson, Minn. The noted bull, Pride of Dennison, was his herd bull for a number of years.

The members of the herd owned by Mr. Henderson are: Riverside Alice, by Eric Estill, out of Titania, bred by F. Gilbert, Des Moines. She is a fine, straight cow of true type and excellent quality. Riverside Sabrina, by Prince Albany, out of Riverside Alice, bred by N. Upham, N. D., U. S., and Moltba, by Prince Alvan, out of Riverside Constance, also bred by Upham, are two very fine cows. Mr. Henderson has also two heifer calves, one of which won first prize at Morden Fair.

The herd bull is the joint property of Messrs. Henderson and Topley.

The fertile Plains of Portage are appropriately known as the home of good horses, and there is nothing in the circumstance to be wondered at, for thirty years ago only Portage Plains was known in Manitoba as a field for the agriculturist. The Plains were early settled, and after the struggles of the early years were got over oxen were discarded for the horse, and the good points of the latter animal began to be cultivated. A great many fine horses are now to be found in the district, and a good deal of attention is being paid to the breeding of horses. Mr. John Wishart has a stud of first-class Clydesdales, and the "Advocate" field man, on a recent visit, found the animals in good thriving condition and well cared for. Prince of Prospect, one-year-old stallion, is a well-developed, clean-limbed animal. He moves freely and with good action. He won third place at Winnipeg last season, and as a foal, in 1902, he was first at Winnipeg, Portage and Brandon. He is got by Prince of Eden Grove, out of Lady Granite. Lady Granite, by Granite City, out of Lady Slack, is a free-moving, well-knit, clean-limbed mare. Maude Granite, by Granite City, out of Maude Slack, is another of Mr. Wishart's typical Clydesdales. Wonderful Lady, by Wonderful Boy, out of Lady Granite, is a well-grown, deep-ribbed three-year-old. She gives good promise of grand development. Lady Coleridge and Lady St. Gatten, the former by Lord Coleridge, out of Lady Slack; the latter by St. Gatten, out of Lady Granite, are a pair of first-class mares. Queen of Prospect, by Prince of Eden Grove, out of Maude Granite, was first at Winnipeg and Portage this year as a yearling. Lady Prospect, by the same sire, out of Lady Coleridge, is also a very fine yearling. A nice colt was noticed, Jenny Young, with a fine quality. The mare took first in the road class and the foal took first in the colt class at Portage.

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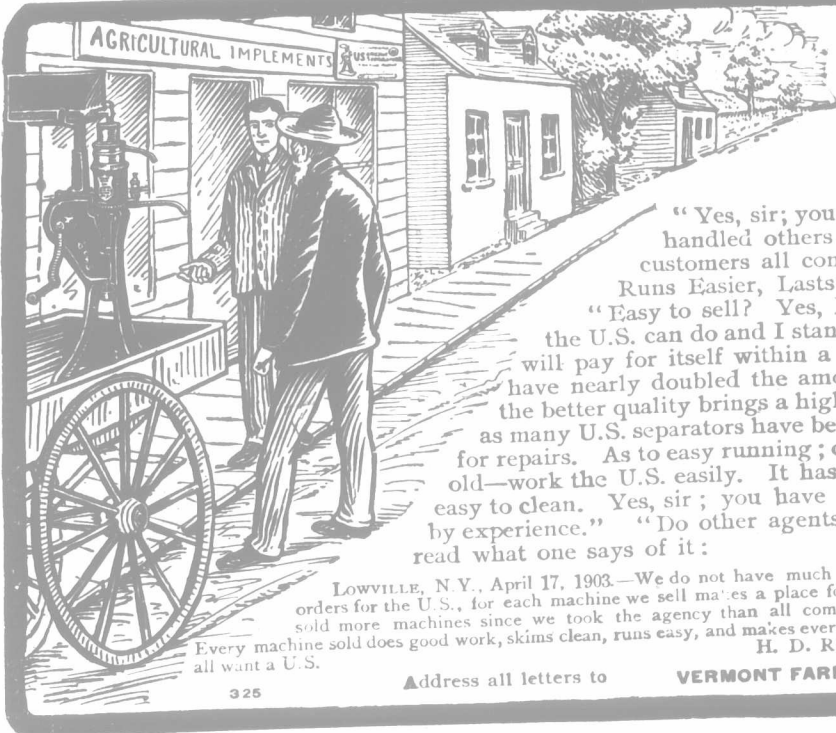
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