

Highland and Agricultural Society.

ENTRIES FOR PERTH SHOW.
The entries have now been closed for the Highland Show, to be held at Perth, on Tuesday, 21st July, and three following days. The totals in the various sections are as follows:—Cattle, 292; horses, 257; sheep, 198; swine, 20; poultry, 368; dairy produce, 45. The following table shows how these figures compare with the entries at Dumfries last year, and at Perth in 1887:—

	Perth. 1896.	Dumfries. 1895.	Perth. 1887.
Cattle	292	271	—
Horses	257	332	239
Sheep	198	226	311
Swine	20	26	26
Poultry	368	213	210
Dairy produce	45	114	72

In the implement department there will be a very large and representative display, the amount of space taken exceeding 4,500 feet. A novel feature of the show will be the exhibition of horseless carriages. As at the shows of the last three years, the jumping contests will be an interesting feature of the Perth Show. The prizes for jumping amount to \$107, and there are two competitions on each of the last three days of the show, besides competitions on Thursday evening. Entries for jumping are received in the show-yard up till the evening preceding each day's competition.—*Scottish Farmer.*

GOSSIP.

HILL HOME STOCK FARM.

Beautifully situated in the fine agricultural district of South Brant, near the village of Mt. Vernon, five miles west of the progressive manufacturing City of Brantford, and convenient to the town of Paris on the north, and Burford to the west, is Hill Home Stock Farm, the property Messrs. D. G. Hamner & Sons, Mt. Vernon, Ont. The farm particularly convenient and well adapted to the purpose to which it is devoted, viz., the breeding of pure-bred stock for exhibition and breeding purposes, being accessible from several points by rail, a great convenience for visitors to the farm as well as for shipping purposes, while the farm, with its rich, rolling fields of green pastures, well watered by living springs, and belted with handsome rows of oaks and maples, makes it, as stated above, exceptionally well adapted to stock raising, and particularly so for the handsome flock of fancily-bred Shropshires, which are a specialty with these gentlemen, and of which we more particularly wish to make mention.

The buildings, which are beautifully situated on an eminence overlooking a richly-wooded valley, through which winds one of the tributaries of the Grand River, are commodious, convenient, and substantial, while the rows of beautiful evergreens and well-kept lawn evince the good taste of the proprietors.

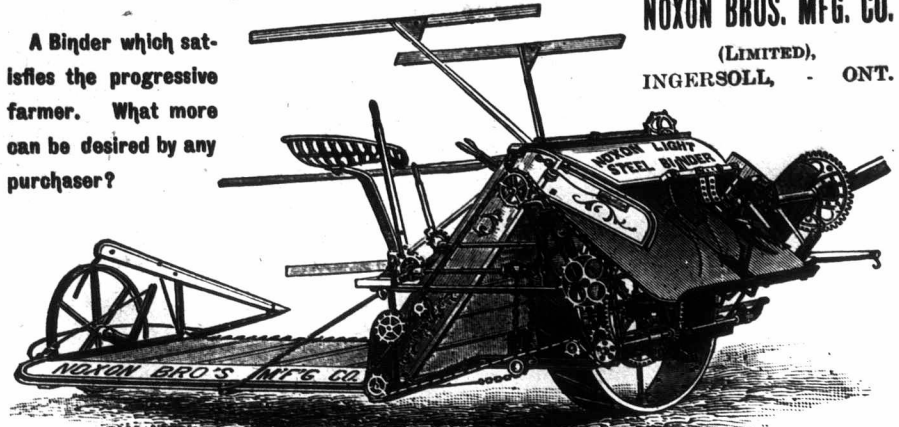
Returning to the sheep, Messrs. Hamner have for the past 25 or 30 years made a specialty of sheep breeding; handling and exhibiting during that time no less than six different breeds, but finally choosing the noble and aristocratic Shropshire as the breed of their choice, some fifteen years ago, and since that time they have devoted unceasingly their best energies to the production of a flock second to none in our great Dominion, having before them a high ideal, and endeavoring year by year to bring their flock to a higher standard of uniformity and choice quality, so that at the present time the flock, which now comprises some 200 head, unquestionably is one of the best in Canada, a place which it has honorable held for several years at the leading Canadian fairs, always securing a large share of the best trophies for the best Canadian-fitted and home-bred stock; their wings in 1895 being 140 prizes, a large number of which were won at the Madison Square Gardens, New York; the Toronto Industrial; and London, Ont.; including first on pen of five lambs, owned and bred by exhibitor, at each of the above fairs—a prize accorded to this flock for several years—and also three specials out of four given by the American Shropshire Association, at Toronto and London. Selections have been added to the flock at different times from some of the best English flocks, and in 1891 one of the firm visited the Old Country and selected a large number from leading flocks. Therefore the flock at Hill Home now contains stock from such well-known breeders as Bradburn, Bach, Barber, Blanters, Nevill, Evans, Thomas, and other leading breeders. For a number of years Messrs. Hamner have held a lucrative American custom for exhibition and breeding stock, and more lately have secured an extensive ranching trade with the West, more especially for rams, of which several hundred are yearly shipped. The Hill Home flock now comprises upwards of 100 breeding ewes, a large number of which are imported; 40 yearling rams; and a large flock of lambs of choice quality, sired by an imp. Parker ram, and Tinker, a winner at the Madison Square Gardens, New York, last year; a ram of grand conformation, strong bones, and of rare quality, being exceedingly well covered on the face and legs, and having a dense, thick fleece and beautiful pink skin. His lambs this year are a strong, growthy lot, and exceptionally well covered. He is now in grand form, and will head the exhibition flock at the coming fall fairs with credit. The pens now under fit are a particularly handsome lot, and for quality and covering they would be hard to better, and we predict that a large share of the best trophies must surely fall to their lot. Parties desiring show stock or breeding stock of high quality should pay a visit to this flock, where they undoubtedly can get their wants supplied at reasonable figures.

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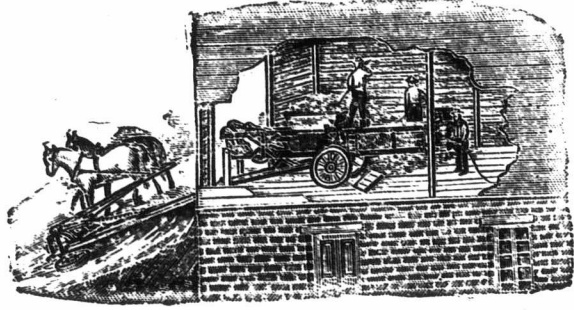
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