

for the farm, let the education of both mind and muscle go hand in hand, or completeness of equipment can never be obtained, for neither the one of these nor the other that may be lacking at maturity, can ever be so easily or so perfectly acquired after that period. We have said that farmers are oppressed by other interests in the commonwealth. The term oppressive may seem a strong one, but we are in no way disposed to soften it. It is either true or not true. We hold it true.

(To be continued.)

A Day Amongst the Newly Imported Shorthorns.

We have heard it whispered by some who, it may be, would be pleased so to see it, that the Shorthorn interest in Canada is waning, and that the retrogression dates from the action taken by the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association when its present standard of registration was fixed upon. That was not the impression left upon our mind on February 7th, a day on which we inspected more newly imported Shorthorns than on any one occasion previous, not excepting our visit to the Quebec quarantine in June of 1884, a year which is memorable for the extent of its importations.

MAPLE SHADE.

We began with Maple Shade, where Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., of Brooklin, has brought the entire herd of Mr. E. Cruikshank, of Lethenty, consisting of some 41 head—11 males and 30 females, at the time of purchase—but which has been increased by 14 head since that date. It has been the motto of Mr. Dryden for many years in his breeding operations to seek "the greatest quantity of the best quality," hence it is not to be wondered at that when the opportunity offered he most eagerly secured a herd whose owner from the first acted on the principle "that a good beast is on every consideration more desirable than a bad one," and who "drew a distinction between Shorthorns constitutionally wanting in flesh and that have been fed up on purpose, and Shorthorns that are naturally full of flesh and easily kept." The three leading characteristics of the herd in Scotland were fleshiness, substance and hardiness, and these much coveted qualities will only be intensified rather than the opposite by the careful, skilful management always observable at Maple Shade.

The foundation of this Lethenty herd, as stated by our Aberdeenshire correspondent in the December issue of the JOURNAL, p. 680, "was laid through the purchase of several Lord Forth cows at Rettie, near Banff, and to these Mr. Cruikshank added a few heifers from the herd of his uncle at Sittyton." The bulls that were used on this foundation strong in Sittyton blood, were Perfection, bred by Mr. Amos Cruikshank and Prince Rufus, a son of Perfection. The three stock bulls at present at Maple Shade are Patriot (53390), Sussex, a red roan, and Sittyton Chief, a red April calf of orthodox shapes, bred at Sittyton from the dam Surname and the sire Cumberland (46144). Patriot, a red, is a shapely fellow with a strong parallelogram back, and nice, all round adjustment and carriage, but not quite so strong perhaps as Sussex, a oan, bred at Sittyton by Royal Violet (47444), and out of the dam Serenity by Barmpton (37763), with a grand back and extraordinary quarter. The young calves of his get are strong but not perhaps so neat and perfect as those by Patriot.

We saw the Sittyton Grizelda with substance great and strong, the three-year-old Butternut by Vensgarth (47192), the five-year-old Almond Blossom, with a top so grand; the two-year Twilight, vigorous and promising; Harmony, in her eleventh year, the dam of Red Emperor, the champion in so many western

show-rings, and his youthful half sister Red Empress, of stately mould—but why should we distinguish where all are good? The five imported bull calves and two home bred are a good lot. They have sufficient bone and lots of substance, though like all the rest of the herd, in but moderate condition.

The Maple Shade catalogue, just issued, a model of its kind, contains the pedigrees of 51 females and the three stock bulls, and in the appendix are the young bulls held for sale. This catalogue is in itself an epitome of the history of Mr. Dryden's herd. It contains the name, color, vol. and breeder of each of the dams in the pedigree, and the name, number, color and breeder of each of the sires.

After leisurely gazing at the 70 head of Shorthorns of this herd, we saw and admired the strong Clyde one-year stallion recently imported from Lethenty. The large flock of beautiful shearing imported Shrops, with their shapely bodies and low-set frames, with beautiful black faces and bright eyes blinking from behind their half blinders of wool, came next. It required much firmness on the part of Mr. Dryden to prevent their shipment to the United States.

THE DORSET STOCK FARM.

We found Mr. H. H. Spencer, of Brooklin, amongst his stock, where he loves to be, and as on former occasions we had noticed that while his place is not heavily stocked, he has a careful regard for quality. The Isabella Shorthorns are sustaining their reputation as producers of neat, useful cattle, two pretty heifers by Vensgarth being all that could be desired. The Shropshire Downs were in fine trim, the stock ram, purchased from Mr. Dryden's importation of last year being in every respect a model. His covering is most complete. As with the cattle and the sheep, so was it with the Berkshires, and the Clydes.

THE MESSRS. JOHN MILLER & SON, of Brougham, Ont., have done a splendid business this season, more especially in Shropshire Down sheep and horses, but they have also done their share in Shorthorns. Of the former the stock is low, but very select, all that could be kept from falling into the hands of the Americans by the imposition of very heavy restrictive home tariffs. Of the large lot of Shorthorns here the Strathallans take the lead. They are certainly a fine family of cattle. In addition to shapes that are right, they seem all of them to possess a vigorous constitution, and that coating of fine, strong hair which so surely indicates quality, and enough of size to make them profitable. There are several bull calves and one-year-old bulls in the herd, strong, shapely fellows, and most of them sired by the magnificent Cruikshank bull which leads the herd.

The horses were not at hand, but more will be found relating to them on another page.

THE GREENWOOD SHORTHORNS.

This herd is well supplied with representatives of both sexes from this side of the Atlantic and the other. The females alone number 48 head, of which 7 are Nonpareils, 4 Minas, 4 Rosebuds, 5 Daisies, 3 Minnies, 3 Lancasters, and 2 each of the Margarets, Clementinas and Victorias, while the Stamford Claret, Verbena and other tribes are represented. The stock bulls are imp. Premier Earl (48454), Baron Camperdown (47389), and Royal Victor (53611), the two former bred at Sittyton, the last mentioned at Collynie.

The bulls now number some 14 or 15 animals, of which 5 head are bulls of 1886, by imp. Eclipse (49526), save one. The home-bred bulls of 1887 are mostly by imp. Warrior, now of the Sylvan herd of the Messrs. Nicholson.

Of the 1886 lot we admired Lord Erskine, a beau-

tiful roan, which will some day win red tickets, and of the younger lot, Victor Hugo, a Cruikshank Victoria, in the pink of condition, and Warrior Bold, a red, which will make a good sire for his purchaser or he will fall short of present promise.

The imp. bull calves, now one year, all came from Kinellar and are sired by the Cruikshank bull Gravesend (46461). Warfare, red, a Rosebud, is a deep, thick, short legged calf of much style in front, and quarters broad without roughness. Baron Hope, a red, is one of the old Cold Cream sort, straight, even and smooth, with close fitting shoulders, and would take the Englishman's fancy. Star Imperial, rich in the blood of Cruikshank sires, is lengthy and showy, with the decided Scotch types and more than Scotch style and finish. Golden Victor, a red, one of the old time Golden-drops, is neat and smooth and fine, thoroughly typical of the low down, thick, beefy sort. Mr. Johnston takes a delight in showing this bull in a silence that is significant. Viscount, of the Ury family, a red, is excellently bred, and Bank President, out of the dam Maid of Promise, which produced the prize winning Warrior, labors under the disadvantage of being a light roan in color, though a fine calf. Primrose, a red, with a Claret dam, has much heart girth and grand ribs, and like the rest of his stable companions, has nice flat horns and a wealth of hair, such as one loves to handle. Visitors were at Maple Shade and Greenwood in a long succession the day of our visit, and so it proved where succeeding visits were made. All those stockmen are doing a splendid trade in entertaining visitors, whatever may be the outcome.

KINELLAR LODGE.

Seven or eight miles westward, sometimes on the road, sometimes in fields, around farm steadings, and over hills and through hollows, brought Kinellar Lodge, now owned by Mr. John Isaac, Markham, formerly of Bomanton. We passed "Rigfoot" on the way, once the home of the late Geo. Miller, the pioneer importer of that section of country. He is gone, and other and greater breeding centres have arisen, but the improved stock traceable to the Rigfoot importations remains. Fortunately for Kinellar Lodge it has fallen into such hands, for having been rented for many years, it has shared the too common fate of rented farms in this country in having been sorely fleeced, although naturally very productive. What would become of our country if the whole of the land were managed on this principle? Mr. Isaac has felt the ill effects most in a shortage of crops. Thus it is that land restorers, in common with the country, must needs suffer in consequence of the ravages of the land spoiler.

Mr. Isaac is now happily located for raising stock successfully, being but two miles from Green River station on the C. P. R., and 1¼ miles from Markham on the Midland.

The importation of last autumn comprised three young bulls and four heifers. Reporter, a red, from the dam Wimple 13th, by Golden Prince (38363), is of the same family as the cow which at the sale of Mr. H. Thompson, of St. Mary's, brought \$500. Rajah, a red and white, with Borough Member (33186) for g. sire, is of the Mary family, and Hopeful, a red, is come of the Rosebuds of Kinellar. They are all sired by Gravesend (46461) and are strong, useful bulls, just the sort most wanted in the herds where the desire is to get flesh on the parts where it is most valuable.

The three heifer calves of the Cecilia, Claret and Fanny families respectively, comely in their shapes as the bulls, are also by Gravesend (46461). Ury Girl, a red, by Vermont (47193), is of the Urys.