

GOSSIP.

THE GREAT SHORTHORN SALE TO
MATERIALIZE AT HAMILTON,
AUGUST 13TH.

It is safe to say that never before in Canada were offered at public sale so many high-class Shorthorns, selected from so many noted herds, and comprising so great a variety of representatives of first-class families and strains of blood, as will be found in the offerings from the seven fine herds drawn upon for the combination sale to be held at Hamilton, Ont., on August 13th. And from what is known of the character of these herds, it is safe to predict that in combination with this variety there will be found uniformity of excellence of type and quality in high degree, for the reason that besides the large percentage of imported animals of similar breeding and stamp included, there have been used in each of the herds for many years, and in most of them from the date of their establishment, only first-class bulls of like breeding and pattern. Never has as good an opportunity been afforded farmers and young breeders in this country to lay the foundation of families or herds on a safe and sound basis than will be found in this sale. Much depends upon starting right. It is not unusual to find the progeny of one cow selling for thousands of dollars more than that of another in a given number of years, a fact which emphasizes the importance of a good selection of foundation stock and of following it up by the use of well-selected sires as to breeding and stamp. There has never been a more promising or propitious time than the present for starting in the business of breeding pure-bred stock, or for securing good bulls for service in grade herds to improve the form and feeding qualities of the cattle on Canadian farms. Good cattle are scarce, and are getting scarcer every year, while the demand for such was never better nor the prices higher, while the prospect is clearly for a continuation of good prices for good cattle, and they are the only sort that pay a reasonable profit on their feed and the cost of raising them. There is every prospect of a bountiful supply of good feed in the country this year, and there is room for a few more good cattle in most of the pure-bred herds in the country, and many of them will be the better for an infusion of new blood such as may be secured at the Hamilton sale and which will tell for good on the character of the herds into which the animals go.

The catalogue of the sale is not to hand at this writing, but in a general way the offering may be summarized:

MESSRS. W. G. PETTIT & SON have sent us the private herd catalogue, indicating the numbers they have contributed to the sale, which include the two imported Kinellar Claret bulls, Prince George, a red three-year-old, by Director, by the Prince Royal bull, Prince Horace, his dam by Sittytton Sort, and gr. dam by Gravesend; and Scottish Hero, a roan two-year-old, by the Duthie-bred Count Amaranth, who belongs to the same family as the famous Field Marshal; dam by Kintore Hero, of the Ythan tribe, with clan Alpine, Gravesend and Vermont as sires behind these. Of the ten females from this herd in the sale, eight are imported animals, from one to four years old, and representing the Cruickshank, Orange Blossom, Fragrance, Flora, Killean Beauty, Jealousy, Jilt and Bessie tribes, and having for sires such noted bulls as the Duthie-bred Sittytton Prince, of the Cruickshank Victoria tribe; Craibstone, of W. S. Marr's Bessie tribe, by William of Orange; Spicey King, bred by Mr. Marr, from the Uppermill Goldie family, by Spicey Robin, whose dam was by William of Orange; Reveller, bred by Mr. Duthie, from the Uppermill Roan Lady tribe; Red Light, of the Gordon Castle Lustre tribe; the Marr Missie bull, Lord Hampton, by Deane Willis' Baptor Czar, and Belisarius, by the Prince Royal sire, Prince Horace, a son of the noted William of Orange.

MR. JAS. DOUGLAS, of Willowbank Stock Farm, Caledonia, Ont., contributes five very choice heifers of excellent families. Mirth 13th, by Duncan Stanley 16364, and out of Mirth 11th 25191, is a very short-legged, thickly-fleshed roan two-year-old, with calf to Imp. Christopher 28859; Victoria 17th is a red two-year-old heifer of exceedingly smooth finish and good size, by Imp. Christopher 28859, and out of Victoria 8th 16080, one of Mr. Douglas' best cows. Queen Alice, a yearling, by Imp. Christopher 28859, and out of Lady Clare 29612, is a grand individual and gives promise of making a particularly good show heifer. She is large for her age, very smoothly fleshed, and has a thrifty appearance, which speaks well for her future. Elgitha 32nd, by Imp. Christopher, and out of Elgitha 8th 16758, is a real neat yearling, of a very good milking strain. Britannia 54th is a dark roan eight-months-old calf, and to all appearances will make a grand show animal. She is of pleasing form, thickly fleshed, and stands on good, straight, strong legs, rightly placed. She is sired by Imp. Christopher 28859, and out of Britannia 40th. The top sires of these heifers are noted bulls, representing several of the very best Scotch Shorthorn families. Take for example, Duncan Stanley 16364, by Stanley, the sire of the champion Tonsman, and Imp. Christopher 28859, by Emancipator, out of Fairy Girl, of the Kinellar Fair Queen family, by Gravesend, a Cruickshank Bravith Red bull, used with great success at Kinellar and Collynie. The "Willowbank" Stock Farm contribution to the sale is a good one and will be in good condition.

CAPT. T. E. ROBSON, of Iderton Farm, contributes six, including the grand two-year-old imported Marr-bred bull, Wanderer's Last, sired by the veteran Cruickshank-bred Wanderer (60188), out of Missie 144th, by Roan Robin, who was in service in the Royal herd at Windsor, Collynie and Bapton Manor, and grandam by Athabasca, three superior Cruickshank bulls, with the Marr-bred Prince Charlie and Heir of Englishman immediately back of these. Wanderer's Last is a thickly-fleshed, low-set, massive fellow, smooth and uniform throughout, a splendid type of the right kind to breed from. Goldie 46th, imported by H. Cargill & Son, and bred by W. S. Marr, of Uppermill, is a beautiful roan of first quality. Mysie's Lady, sired by Golden Wimple, is a very neat red calf. Roan Lady, sired by First Choice, champion at Toronto, 1900, is a grand individual, possessing substance and quality hard to surpass. Queen Leonore, a roan, sired by Lord Strathmore, and Burnbrae Nettle, a red, are both very choice yearling heifers.

MR. ROBERT MILLER'S 10 head are all Scotch-bred, representing a number of popular families, and all young animals of high-class individual merit.

MR. J. M. GARDHOUSE includes in his selection of 5 head an excellent half-sister of the noted American champion bull, St. Valentine; two daughters of the Imp. Duthie-bred bull, Prime Minister, and a Cruickshank Matchless.

MR. HARRY SMITH contributes 5 heifers and 1 bull, all Scotch-bred, of the excellent families and by the high-class sires that have figured so successfully in his grandly-bred herd and in the principal Canadian shows in recent years.

MR. AMOS and MR. A. C. PETTIT are young breeders who are winning their spurs, having commenced right by putting sound and select foundation stock of approved stamp. The former will sell 6 head, two of which are imported and the balance nicely bred, being deep in the best of Scotch blood lines. Of the four head contributed by Mr. Pettit, two are imported and the other two bred from imported stock. Further reference to these offerings may be expected in the August 1st issue of the "Advocate." In the meantime all interested will do well to apply early for the catalogue, as the indications are that there will be a very large demand for it. Mr. Platt, who has the management of the sale in hand, having already received applications from a very widely-extended territory, including most of the Provinces and many of the States.

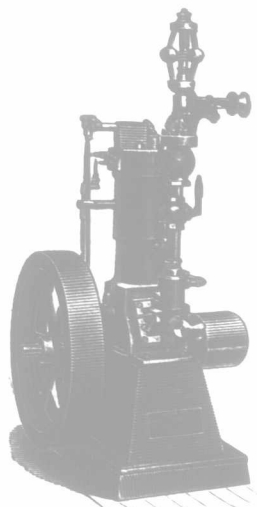
Isaleigh Grange Farm, Danville, P.Q., writes: "Our sales have been excellent, and results satisfactory to all purchasers. Our Shropshire lambs this season are away ahead of former years—new blood tells every time. Canadian Flagstaff, by Ulster Rose, dam by Erace Flagstaff, and going back to the Crane-bred ram, Calcut 317, is a good one, and his lambs show it. We have still a few Ayrshire and Guernsey calves to part with. Note change of advertisement."

LADY OF THE BOYNE 5TH AND MISTLETOE 21ST

In this issue we publish photo-engravings of two contributions by Mr. W. D. Platt to the great combination Shorthorn sale in Hamilton on August 13th. The beautiful Missie-bred roan, Mistletoe 21st (Imp.) 3415, was calved March 30th, and bred by Wm. Duthie, out of Mistletoe 4th, one of his best cows, and by Nonpareil Victor (7107), got by Deane Willis' celebrated Victoria bull, Count Victor. The other cow portrayed, Lady of the Boyne 5th (Imp.) 38063, was bred by Robt. Turner, Carlton of Roxandie, Portsoy, Banffshire, Scotland. She is by the same sire, President (5761), as Mayflower 4th, sold in Mr. Platt's Chicago sale for \$2,000. She was calved April 10th, 1898, out of Lady of the Boyne, by Challenge Cup 37029.

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