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PRIZE-WINNING HEREFORDS.

The property of R. J. Mackie, Oshawa, Ont.

Cecil and Velvet.

Our sketch this month shows the imported stock bull Cecil and the two-year heifer Velvet, two representative animals of the numerous and prosperous herd of well-kept Herefords, owned by Mr. R. J. Mackie, of Springdale farm, Oshawa, Ont. This herd is now the second largest of the breed in Ontario, and produced last year the sweepstakes Hereford herd at the Toronto Industrial, and also the first prize herd of calves at the same exhibition. The herd is more fully described on an inner page.

Cecil (8385), 18469, imported by Mr. Mackie in 1884, was bred by Mr. Aaron Rogers, of The Rodd, Herefordshire, England. He was calved April 6th, 1883. His pedigree is princely. He was sired by Charity 3d (6350) by The Grove 3d (5051), and out of the dam Curly by Broadcloth (4376), of Mr. Rogers' family of the Curlys to the eighth generation. This bull is a first-class sire, judged by his progeny, that unerring test, and is a good individual judged by the show-ring test, also pretty sure, though sometimes it errs. Though not large he fills the eye well, being level, deep-chested and smooth. He is a good handler and stylish, and

has a tranquilly noble look of nobility about him. His head and horns are about perfect, being broad between the eyes, with an intelligent expression. He was first shown at the Provincial, London, 1885, when he was placed second, and third at Toronto the same year, and in 1886 took first at Toronto and first and silver medal at the Provincial at Guelph.

Velvet, from the dam Victoria 2d, out of Victoria 1st, of silver medal Centennial prize-winning fame, and by the sire Duke of Argyle, bred by Her Majesty the Queen, was bred at Springdale. She is a pretty neat heifer with clean-cut limbs, the usual Hereford deep front and broad back, is uncommonly well packed behind the shoulder, and has that handling that makes one long to be the owner of many such. As a calf she was first at Toronto and at Ottawa Dominion Provincial in 1884, and at other fairs. In 1885 first at Toronto and second at London; and in 1886 was also a prize-winner, but was displaced at Toronto by her companion and close rival Silk, of the same age. Silk was bred at the Rodd out of Speck of the Spot family of Mr. Rogers, and by Cosino by Osman Pacha (5489), the grandson of Horace (3877), which of the two will retain the first place time alone will tell.

The Springdale herd is noted for its numbers, the good average excellence of the individuals comprising it, and for the splendid breeding habits of the herd.

Not Neighborly.

In the *Nor.-West Farmer* for December is an illustration of the Messrs. Watts' Barmpton Hero, which appeared in the *JOURNAL* of January, 1884. This is all right, of course, as the engraving speaks for itself as to its origin, and we are pleased to see cuts engraved originally for the *JOURNAL* used by our contemporaries rather than otherwise; but the first half of the descriptive matter is ours also, word for word, and yet it is not credited to us—and this is all wrong. It is our desire to live on good terms with all our neighbors, but this cannot be without the rights of neighborhood are observed. One cannot highly respect a neighbor who steals from him, and the most contemptible of all thieves is one who takes without any necessity. This is not the first time the *Nor.-West Farmer* has used us thus, or we had held our peace. We have admired the spirit shown in the management of this paper in many ways, and wish it abundant success; but who can admire the feature we have just referred to?

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