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Leicester sheep are always an important sec-tion at this show. The entry this year was not quite so numerous as usual, but several very good animals were shown. Mr. Thos. Clark, Oldhamstocks, headed a good class of Leicester shearling rams, also getting the special for the best ram, not with the one placed 4th at Edin-burgh, but with a flock companion. It was only after a tie with a new sheep from Mr. Wm. Hume's flock, of Wormerlaw, that he was first, the latter nlaced accord ultimately hav. Wm. Hume's flock, of Wormerlaw, that he was first, the latter, placed second ultimately, hav-ing a better skin. Mr. McIntosh's shearling, which stood second at the Highland Show, was here placed fourth, Mr. Clark having first and third. Baillie Taylor's three-year-old Auchen-brain ram, that stood first at Edinburgh, again took first, Mr. McIntosh coming second with £150 Polwarth ram, now five years old. For shearling ewes Mr. Clark had first, third and fourth, the second falling to Mr. Jas. Nesbitt, Mr. Robt. Taylor, as at Edinburgh, was first for aged sheep, with his Auchenbrain ram. The Duke of Buccleuch was first for ewes. Mr. Clark headed the class for shearling ewes. Clark headed the class for shearling ewes. RECENT SALES OF SHORTHORNS MADE BY MR. W. D. FLATT, HAMILTON, ONT.

RECENT SALES OF SHORTHORNS MADE BY MR. W. D. FLATT, HAMILTON, ONT. To William Boyce, Palgrave, Ont., Flamboro, a red yearlingbull of good quality. To J. Fletcher, Gibraltar, Ont., a young bull which should prove very profitable as a sire in a dairy herd, he being well bred on milking lines. To Messrs. Geo. Harding & Son, Waukesha, Wis., three heifers and one cow. Of the former, Lintie (imp.), a two-year-old heifer, is a really good one, possessing good Shorthorn character, has well-sprung ribs, is lengthy, level, and straight in her lines; Mina Auguston 5th (imp.) is a very stylish heifer, and capitally bred; Genevieve, a red two-year-old heifer, is good enough for the showring; she is of the favorite Ury family; sire Prime Minister (imp), bred by Mr. Wm. Duthie, and successfully exhibited at Toronto. Rosy Nell, a five-year-old cow, is a beautiful, blocky, short-legged, heavily-flesh-ed one, being very deep and wide. To N. P. Clark, St. Cloud, Minn., 14 head. Daisy of Strathallan 15th, a smooth, strong heifer, of fine quality, the highest-priced cow in U. S., was of this family: this heifer also topped the sale when Mr. C. M. Simmons dispersed his herd. Her sire, Royal Saxon, was awarded first prize at Toronto Industrial Exhibition, 1894. Crimson Jewel 2nd, a large, lengthy, smooth cow, with strong loin and fine quality, is choicely bred Jewel 2nd, a large, lengthy, smooth cow, with strong loin and fine quality, is choicely bred and a good milker. She is the dam of Crimson Knight, sold by Mr. Flatt to Premier Green-way, awarded first prize at Winnipeg In-dustrial Exhibition, 1898, and headed the first prize young head at same show Lyr Loaf a mea dustrial Exhibition, 1898, and headed the first prize young herd at same show. Ivy Leaf, a mas-sive cow, and very attractive, won first prize at London and second prize at Toronto; she is also proving to be an exceptionally good breeder. Dorothea, a prime young cow of ex-cellent character, and heavily fleshed; Trout Creek Beauty, a promising heifer; Floretta 3rd (imp.), a large, low-set, deep-bodied, thick-fleshed cow, a good milker, and, if fitted, would give trouble to many in a showring; Fashion Fair, an even fleshed, excellently-formed, and good-doing young cow—she is proving to be a profitable breeder and good milker; Mary Minto is good enough to go into the best of company—there are few, indeed, just like her in Ontario; Queen Ann is a show cow, smooth, well-proportioned, with grandly proving to be a Minto is good enough to go into the best of company—there are few, indeed, just like her in Ontario ; Queen Ann is a show cow, smooth, well-proportioned, with grandly sprung ribs, strong, level back; her sire, Aberdeen (imp.), was a first prize winner at Toronto. Scotsman 2nd, an extra good bull, of fine character and good disposition, is the sire of many good things; he is by Scotsman, who was sired by the famous Barmpton Hero ; grandsire Methlick Hero (imp.) —2723—, bred by Wm. Duthie, Collynie, Scotland; his dam, Mademoiselle, was that very fine cow imported by the Experimental Farm at a cost of \$1,000, won first at the Royal Northern and Ythanside Shows, both as a yearling and two-year-old. Blossom, a two-year-old heifer, with strong individual merit ; Columbia 4th, two-year-old, a typical Shorthorn, symmetrical, straight and deep-fleshed, her breeding is superb ; Vebena's Flower is a strong, well built cow, of excellent quality, and has been pronounced one of the choicest cows in the Tront Creek herd, her breeding is right ; Laurier, a red bull calf—he is as good as his name, more than this cannot be said; his sire. Prime Minister (imp.), was bred by Mr. Wm. Duthie, and was successfully exhibited at Toronto Industrial Exhibition. To C. Hintz, Fremont, Ohio, Ruby Hill 4th, a two-year-old heifer; this heifer was good enough for Toronto Industrial Exhibition; she is beautifully bred, and has descended from a host of prizewinners. Mr. Hintz intends exhibiting her at a number of the State Fairs. To Wm. Conley, purchaser for Mr. A. Chrystal, of Marshall, Mich., Lady Pride, a three-year-old heifer; she is richly bred, having some of the best Cruickshank blood. Trout Creek Wanderer (imp. in dam), a bull calf of good promise, sired by My Lord, a bull bred by Mr. Duthie, and out of the famous to prizewinners. To Wm. Conley, purchaser for Mr. A. Chrystal, of Marshall, Mich., Lady Pride, a three-year-old heifer; she is richly bred, having some of the best Cruickshank families ; Stanley, her sire, wa



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