

Mr. Cochrane's land amounts to about 2 tons, in quality identical with cane sugar, and superior to the brown sugar of the colonies. While the woods are thus rendered profitable, every year drainage is carried vigorously forward, and the huge fangs of the primeval forest and ponderous masses of rock are torn up by the iron grappling hooks of the resistless stone and stump extractor. . . . When Mr. Cochrane commenced his work of improvement, there was but little enterprise or spirit of progress amongst Canadian stock farmers. In the province of Quebec they are chiefly French Canadians, who, being somewhat circumscribed in means, were naturally cautious in regard to any outlay of money involving risk, until Mr. Cochrane's example set some of the more enlightened among them to improving the quality of their stock by the use of pure-bred males.

As a leader in the march of improvement, Mr. Cochrane commenced his spirited career with a determination to have the best and most fashionable specimens of the Shorthorn race that money could procure; and he accordingly made his selections, partly from the tribe that for a series of years has enjoyed the sanction and support of the bucolic aristocracy of England, and partly from that which, through a still more lengthened period, has maintained the pride of place in her national show fields. His first purchase of note was made in 1867, when, along with a valuable cargo of the choicest Cotswold, Leicester, Southdown, and Lincoln sheep, Suffolk horses, and Berkshire pigs, he imported the world-renowned cow, *Rosedale*, whose performances in the principal show rings of Great Britain have never been equalled. This queen of cows was a daughter of Mr. Booth's *Valasco* and *Rosy* by MASTER BELLEVILLE, and was bred by Lady Pigot, who had the good fortune to purchase her dam, then carrying the unborn *Rosedale*, from Mr. Carr. No exhibitor had ever enjoyed such a career of conquest as the fair lady of Branches when proprietress of this peerless Shorthorn—

"To her, as to the burning Leven,
Short, bright, resistless course was given."

During the brief period of two years she had won with *Rosedale* upwards of 500 gs. in prizes, besides several valuable cups, two of them being of the value of 100 gs. each. *Rosedale* subsequently became the property of the Duke of Montrose, at whose sale she was purchased for Mr. Cochrane at 235 gs. On the passage to Canada she gave birth to a sea calf (male), which was safely landed, but was, unfortunately, overlaid by its dam in the loose box to which they were transferred from the steamer at Montreal. Mr. Cochrane having at this time no Booth bull, *Rosedale* was next crossed with 11TH DUKE OF THORNDALE, a pure

Duchess bull, bred by Mr. Thorne, which had been lately added to the Millhurst herd, at a cost of £600, and she produced a roan heifer, *Rosedale's Duchess*, which the *Albany Country Gentleman* pronounced "equal in all points to her dam, save in fulness of heart, and forelank, characteristic of the Booth blood." This heifer was sold when a yearling to Mr. Duncan, of Illinois, for £700, and resold by him within three months to Colonel King, of Minnesota, for £1100. The colonel subsequently purchased *Rosedale* herself for £1200, the price to be reduced one-half if she proved not in calf, which unluckily happened to be the case.

In 1868 Mr. Cochrane bought from the Wetherby herd for 1000 gs., *Duchess* 97th, by 3RD DUKE OF WHARFDALE. This heifer was, in her purchaser's opinion, by far the best of four from which he had the privilege of choosing at that price, the other three being *Duchesses* 98th, 99th, and 100th. No 97 was the first "*Duchess*" female Captain Gunter had ever parted with since his original purchase at the Tortworth sale of *Duchess* 67th (for 350 gs.), *Duchess* 70th (for 310 gs.), and *Duchess* 69th (for 400 gs.). She was, moreover, the first of her family that had been exported from England since the great American purchases in 1853, and the price given for her was the highest that had ever been realised for a female Shorthorn.

At the same period various other acquisitions were made by Mr. Cochrane. Amongst them, for 250 gs., a pure Booth animal of great beauty, Mr. Bruere's *Star of Braithwaite*, then three years old, and forward in calf to Mr. Carr's PRINCE OF THE REALM. She is by BARON BOOTH, a prize winner, and the sire of prize winners, and from *Star of Windsor*, by WINDSOR, the Carlisle Royal 1st prize bull, her grand-dam being Mr. Bruere's well-known cow *Vesper* by KING ARTHUR, a son of CROWN PRINCE and the invincible *Venus Victrix*. From Mr. Harvey's herd he at the same time selected a 3-year-old red and white heifer, *Wild Eyes* 26th, at the price of 150 gs. She was then nearly due to calve, and dropped a roan bull calf, which was shipped 24 hours afterwards with its dam, and arrived safely at its destination. In addition to these Mr. Cochrane bought from Mr. Torr of Aylesby, *Warlabby Flower*, a roan yearling of the Flower family, originally bred by Robert Colling, with four immediate crosses of Booth sires; and a fine young bull, which has since done good service in the herd of Mr. Wainfield, of Kentucky, viz., ROBERT NAPIER, descended from Mr. Booth's *Anna*, by PILOT, and by the Warlabby sire, LORD BLITHE. In this year it need hardly be said that Mr. Cochrane distanced all competitors in the Canadian show fields, being awarded amongst other honours too

numerous to detail, the Prince of Wales' prize at the exhibition of the Provincial Association of Ontario, as the owner of the best herd of Shorthorns, a group of five females and one male, which afterwards won the Gold Medal of the New York State Agricultural Society; and at the exhibition of the Quebec Association he was presented with a gold medal "for his eminent services in importing valuable stock into the country."

In 1869 Mr. Cochrane brought over, amongst other live stock, five more female Shorthorns and one yearling bull, selected from the respective herds of Messrs. Barnes, Torr, Aylmer, and Lynn—the purchase price of these six animals averaging £114. The Westland herd supplied the Booth cow *Isabella Sovereign*, since sold to Illinois; Aylesby Manor sent *Weal Bliss*, *Bright Lady*, and GENERAL NAPIER. *Weal Bliss* derives her lineage from the "Waterloo" family, formerly in the possession of Mr. Bates, and upon this foundation has four fine crosses of Warlabby sires, one of them being CROWN PRINCE. *Bright Lady* has the super-addition of five splendid Booth crosses, (CROWN PRINCE, VANGUARD, BRITISH PRINCE, BREASTPLATE, and LORD BLITHE) upon the pedigree of the "Blanche" family, descended from Mr. Booth's *Anna* by PILOT. GENERAL NAPIER can boast of an equal number of Booth crosses upon the blood of Mr. Torr's "G" tribe. The other two importations were Mr. Aylmer's *Forest Queen* (since sold) and Mr. Lynn's *Queen of Diamonds* (the 2d prize heifer at the Manchester Royal); descended from the stock of Mr. Chrisp, and got by PRIZEMAN, son of Mr. Booth's HARBINGER. This heifer was repeatedly shown against *Patricia*, by Mr. Booth's LORD BLITHE, and *Lady Annie* by Mr. Carr's PRINCE OF THE EMPIRE, and kept her place as a good second, whilst the other two alternated as 1st and 3rd, the three being considered the best show heifers in England. Later in this year another shipment of Shorthorns was made for Mr. Cochrane, comprising *British Maid* from Mr. Chaloner's sale, dam of the highest priced lots there, and having four crosses of Booth blood in a family of very old descent; *Floribunda*, a DR. McHALE cow, also from Mr. Chaloner's; and two heifers from Mr. Pawlett's herd—namely *Princess*, of "Fame" family, which produced Mr. Booth's celebrated cows *Faith*, *Hope* and *Charity*, and Lady Pigot's royal prize winners, *Dame Swift* and MASTER RAPID (the offspring of cows bought of Mr. Carr), and *Rose of June*, from the same tribe as Mr. Douglas' *Rose of Summer* and *Rose of Autumn*, and Mr. J. Booth's MANTALINI.

That Mr. Cochrane's importations had been conducted on no niggardly scale is evident from the fact that the average