

GOSSIP.

BROADLANDS, A PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STOCK FARM.
 Near Georgetown, the county town of King's, in the Island Province of Prince Edward, is Broadlands, the farm and home of Mr. Fred. G. Boyer, where we find a high-class herd of Shorthorn cattle. At the head of the herd is Silver Chief - 20500 -, a massive bull of pure Cruickshank breeding, his sire being imported Indian Chief, and his dam imported Mimosa, a cow with more than the usual number of Cruickshank crosses, and described by a judge of Shorthorns as "a big, wealthy cow of the most approved Scotch type, a capital milkster - the sort that made the Scotch Shorthorns famous - famous because paying - paying because good." Silver Chief, having so good a dam and famous a sire, is all that a skillful breeder would expect. A model of the best Scotch Shorthorn type, short legged, broad and deep, great girth, smoothly filled out, fine hair, nice handling quality, and withal, a gentle, mild temper. So good is he that one of the best judges in Ontario on seeing him at Halifax remarked that he would have given the best at the Industrial a "tassel" for first place.
 Noticeable among the females in the herd are the Canadian Duchess of Gloster 23rd, a great-granddaughter of imported Duchess of Gloster 12th, and sired by imported Duke of Lavender, and Mina Mowbray, granddaughter of imported Minerva, and sired by imported Indian Chief. Both these cows are as good as their pedigrees, which is saying they are as good as the best. Their red color insures a plentiful supply of roan calves from the yellow-white bull. We find other good cows in the herd descended from imported cows of remote date, such as Clarentine, Easterville, and Rose Gwynne. The offspring of these old imported cows show that none of the valuable Shorthorn character has been lost in the hands of Mr. Boyer. Among the young things we found a nice bunch of heifers. But most worthy of special inspection is the roan bull calf, a son of Canadian Duchess of Gloster 23rd, and sired by Silver Chief; his fine furlike coat and broad back give promise of his future fitness to head a herd.
 While passing through the yards we could not help admiring the grand forms of the Lincoln sheep, bred to typical sires, purchased from Gibson and Walker, Ontario. We were surprised at the rate at which the younger sheep have developed since we saw them at Halifax. Looking at them we cease to wonder at the fabulous prices the choicest of the breed fetch in Great Britain. In another wing of the stabling we saw a choice bunch of Oxford Down, bred from imported stock. There are some magnificent specimens in the yard, typical of the breed, great wool-growers, and still greater producers of high-quality mutton. Both breeds evidently find congenial conditions in their sea-girt home.
 Mr. Boyer has been a successful breeder and exhibitor of pure-bred registered cattle and sheep for over twenty years. But last fall marked his first visit to the shows in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where he had a fair share of success, being awarded first for herd at both shows, and first in "champion" beef breed class, and first for flocks in both Lincolns and Oxfords.

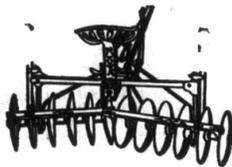
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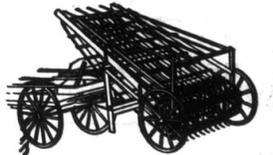
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We are just informed by wire that First Prize, with all accompanying awards, medals and honors, has gone to A. W. McCall, of Creston, Iowa, with a score of 97, and Second Prize and honors to O. P. Jensen, Wells, Minn., with a score of 96½.

And further, that out of 229 entries scoring above 90, or, in other words, all high-class butter entries, 206 were positively "Alpha" disc made, with some of the few remaining in doubt and probably so.

Our representative adds that the convention is a big, enthusiastic one, and that so far as separators are concerned, the "Alpha" is first, last, and everywhere - everybody in sight being an "Alpha" man - just as must necessarily be the case in such a representative gathering of intelligent, wide-awake, and up-to-date creamerymen and buttermakers who know the difference between separators from their own use of them.

We congratulate the buttermakers generally upon the success of their convention, and the prize-winners particularly upon their deservedly successful exhibits.

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