

PURE-BRED STOCK

NOTES AND NEWS FROM THE BREEDERS

These columns are set apart exclusively for the use of breeders of pure-bred stock and poultry. Any information as to importations made, the sale and purchase of stock and the condition of herds and flocks that is not in the nature of an advertisement will be welcomed. Our desire is to make this the medium for conveying information as to the transfer of purebred animals and the condition of live stock throughout the country. The co-operating of all breeders is earnestly solicited in making this department as useful and as interesting as possible. The Editor reserves the right to eliminate any matter that he may consider better suited to our advertising columns.

Four Important Sales

Special attention is directed to the auction sale of pure-bred stock advertised in this issue. They begin on October 17 at Montebello, Que., when 50 head of high class Ayrshire cattle, the property of Hon. W. Owens, Riverside Farm, Montebello, Que., will be offered at public auction. Senator Owens is a breeder of repute, and has given special attention to the breeding of Ayrshires of deep milking qualities.

The next to follow is the great dispersion sale of imported and home-bred Shorthorns, the property of Captain T. E. Robson, Ilderton. This sale will take place at London, Ont., on October 23, and in addition to the entire herd of splendid Shorthorns, there will be offered one four-year-old Clydesdale stallion and one four-year-old Hackney stallion. The captain's reputation as a Shorthorn breeder is of the highest order. He knows how to breed and to buy good ones as well as to sell them.

Then comes the combination sale of Shorthorns and Yorkshires, the property of H. J. Davis of Woodstock, Ont. This sale will be held in that town on October 24. Mr. Davis has recently returned from Great Britain with an importation of good ones, both of Shorthorn cattle and Yorkshire swine. They are all choice individuals, strictly bred, selected by Mr. Davis, who knows a good one when he sees it.

The last on the list, but by no means the least, is the sale of imported Clydesdale fillies, the property of J. R. Johnson, Springfield, Ont. This sale will take place at Woodstock, Ont., on October 25, and offers a splendid opportunity to farmers to secure good breeding stock of the popular horse in Canada to-day. The fillies were carefully selected by Mr. Johnson in Scotland this summer, and are well bred, big, drafty animals, with lots of substance, bone and first-class underpinning, action and quality.

Captain Robson will be the auctioneer at all of these sales, and buyers may rely on securing fair treatment, whether they are present in person or send their orders by mail. Write to each one asking for a catalogue, and be convinced that what we have said regarding the goods to be offered has not been put any too strongly. Further details are crowded out of this issue owing to Toronto Fair report.

J. G. Clark's Ayrshire Sale

The dispersion sale of the Ayrshire herd of J. G. Clark, held at Woodridge Farm, near Ottawa, on Wednesday, August 29th, did not fully come up to the expectations of the stockmen of the district or of the owner. Prices running from \$35 to \$70 and \$80 for the best of pure-bred stock could hardly be called up to value. They were certainly bargains to the buyers, but not very remunerative to the seller. There was a fair but not

a large attendance, those present being chiefly from the surrounding district, the dairy sections of Eastern Ontario and Quebec. Only a few Americans attended. This was caused, it was said, by most of the prominent stockmen of the other side being away at the State fairs and unable to leave. The disappointing prices at the sale could hardly be attributed to a lack of appreciation of the breed which is very popular in the dairy districts. The time of the year, it was thought, had a good deal to do with it, and most of those attending thought that if held later it would have been a record breaker for the Ayrshires.

As to prices, the highest paid for a cow was by J. H. Montgomery, of Montreal, for Clarissa of Woodroffe, six years old, registered 13036 in the Canadian National Registry. Mr. Montgomery gave \$183 for her. Mr. L. A. Reymann, of Wheeling, West Virginia, took away nine animals at a total cost of \$1,025. The highest price he paid was \$160 for Addington Queen, 10917, Canadian Registry. As a heifer she gave in one year 9,223 lbs. of milk when under 36 months old. Her property is of very much greater, and calculating milk at \$1 per hundred, it will be readily seen what a valuable return she will give on the investment.

The bulls did not sell well. The highest was a son of Addington Queen, Up to Time, a two-year-old, for which James Sloan, of Oxford Mills, paid \$87.50. He was bred by Mr. Clark, and is full of good dairy quality. The lowest for a bull was for a June calf, Woodroffe King Edward, which fetched \$25. The average for eleven bulls was \$55, certainly a low average for the class of stock that was offered.

The average for cows was about \$70 and the lowest \$35. Included in the list were Maud S. 1st of Hillhurst (imported), which, as a three-year-old, won sweepstakes at Toronto and Montreal, and also won the grand championship over all ages at the St. Louis Fair. She was bought by J. H. Montgomery, of Montreal, a buyer who took away a large share of the stock. Mr. Clark could have done much better by most of his animals in private sale, but with a conscientiousness that did him high credit, he sent out all his animals as advertised in the program, even when he had private offers of a very liberal char-

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