

GOSSIP.

JOHN LEE & SONS' SHORTHORNS AND LINCOLNS.

Forty miles west of St. Thomas, on the Michigan Central and Pere Marquet's railways, is situated the village of Highgate, and less than half a mile from the station is the farm of Messrs. Jno. Lee & Sons, breeders of Shorthorn cattle and Lincoln sheep. The herd of Shorthorns was founded in 1885 by the purchase of three females from the herd of the late Mr. W. B. Watt, one sired by the grand old champion, Barmpton Hero, another by Abbotsburn (imp.), and out of a Barmpton Hero dam, and the third by the imported Cruickshank bull, Duke of Albany. From time to time since then, a good female has been added as opportunity presented, and the herd now comprises representatives of many of the best Scotch families. The Messrs. Lee have always kept in view as their ideal the low-down, thick, sappy sort, and have been very exacting in the purchase of their herd bulls, consequently their thirty-odd head are as select a lot as can be found on any farm in the Province. The word imported as an affix to a bull's name has been no lever to the Messrs. Lee in the purchase of a stock bull. They have demanded a good pedigree and a bull to suit, and would never discard a first-class Canadian-bred bull with a good sire and a known first-class mother for an imported one not good individually and whose immediate ancestors were not known. They have made it a practice, when they have found a bull to suit, to see that the sire and dam were also right. An instance of this may be seen in the case of their stock bull, Royal Senator, that has recently been sent to the shambles at eleven years old. He traced no less than fifteen times to Champion of England, and was of pure Cruickshank breeding. He was sired by the great old Indian Chief (imp.), and out of that splendid imported cow, Duchess of Gloster 34th, that sold for the second highest price of any female at the dispersion sale of the show and breeding herd of the late Col. Moberly, of Kentucky. The second dam was Duchess of Gloster 21st, the dam of Dunblane, who sired such well-known imported bulls as Vice Consul, Hospodar, and others. We might thus follow back through the whole list of their stock bulls, but suffice it to say that in the purchase of their present stock bull, Ridgewood Marquis, they have not wavered from their well-defined plan of getting a good bull with good immediate ancestors. He is a bull low-down, thick and sappy, wonderfully straight in his lines, a well-developed front end, with great spring of rib, and with such a wealth of flesh on the back as is seldom seen in a bull in the same flesh. He was first in his class at London in 1904, and was also a winner at Toronto the same year. He was bred by Mr. W. D. Flatt, and sired by the imported Marr-bred bull, Spicy Marquis, and is out of the cow, Augusta 3rd, one of Mr. Flatt's show herd in 1902. The first crop of calves by him are just beginning to arrive, and if they develop according to present appearance, the bull will be no disappointment. We have not space to mention the many superior females in the herd, but cannot pass without noticing one or two. Flirt, a five-year-old massive red cow, with excellent back, a good front and a wonderful middle, was first in her class at the Essex and Elgin County fairs, and is a cow any breeder may be proud of. Aberdeen Polly, by Aberdeen Hero (imp.), has just entered her fourth year, and is another top-notch. She has an unbeaten record as a three-year-old this fall. Senator's Roan Mina, by Royal Senator, a yearling, whose photo appeared in our last issue, is good enough for anybody, and with her stable mate, Senator's White Lily, they won first and second prizes wherever shown, both this year and as calves. We have not space for further mention, but will just say the Messrs. Lee had this fall the sweepstakes herd of the three counties, Essex, Kent, and Elgin. The young bulls offered for sale are of the right type—straight, smooth, thick-fleshed, sappy, good-haired fellows. Two of them were first-prize winners at the Essex and Elgin County fairs: the one, sixteen months old, win-

ning as a yearling, the other, ten months old, going to the front in the calf class. As herd headers, these bulls are worthy the attention of buyers. In fact, we may say we do not know of a herd that will stand closer inspection than the herd of the Messrs. Lee, and anyone wishing either a first-class bull or female cannot make a mistake by visiting Highgate.

The flock of Lincoln sheep comprises some 25 head of breeding ewes, and a more thick-fleshed, stronger-backed, better-woolled lot, or a flock showing more perfect type of the breed, we believe cannot be found in the Dominion. The Lees have kept good sheep for over forty years, but for many years have given their attention to Lincolns. They have furnished winners for the best shows of the land, and as the "Farmer's Advocate" puts it in the October 19th issue, "The exhibit of Lincoln sheep at Highgate Fair had the Canadian National beaten to a finish," and these were mostly owned by the Messrs. Lee, and were all descended from stock of their breeding. The demand for these sheep has been so keen this fall that everything offered has been sold weeks ago, many of them going to the United States, and the inquiry is still astonishing. Anyone wishing to visit the farm will be met at either the M. C. R. or P. M. stations on giving due notice by card or letter.

Messrs. H. Cargill & Son, Cargill, Ont., report the following recent sales from their herd of Shorthorns: "We had a pleasant visit recently from Messrs. Norton Kenny, of Columbus Grove, and Ed Motter, of Bluffton, Ohio, and before leaving, the former concluded to have shipped to him the yearling bull, Lord Crocus, out of the Duthie-bred cow, Sweet Crocus (imp.), a daughter of the prizewinning bull, Lord of Fame (72906), and sired by the Duthie-bred Missie bull, Lord Mistletoe (imp.). This is a beautifully-turned bull, of excellent quality, good character and flesh, and should make a first-class sire, and a show bull, if given the opportunity. With him, Mr. Kenny took the red-roan heifer, Sappho C, of the Mayflowers family, and sired by the Duthie-bred bull, Merchantman (imp.) (81686). Mr. Motter selected two grand heifers, sired by Baron Beaufort, a bull in use for some time in the herd of the late W. S. Marr, of Uppermill, and imported by Mr. W. D. Flatt, of Hamilton. Beaufort Blossom, a magnificent red heifer, very thick, wide, on short legs, is out of Parma Blossom (imp.), a sweet cow and daughter of Scottish Hero (77821), and out of Peach Blossom 2nd, by the Cruickshank-bred bull, Dauntless (54155). Beaufort Tulip, a fine roan thick, short, broad-backed and low-down, of grand feminine character, is out of Ballechin Tulip 2nd, a grand cow, a daughter of the Lovat-bred bull, Macbeth (77149), one of the famous sons of the famous Royal Star (71502). Her dam was Tulip Blossom, by Mutineer (69169), a son of Scottish Archer (59893), grandam Tulip 4th, by Dauntless (54155). C. Hintz & Son, of Fremont, Ohio, came along and purchased the white bull, Augustus, which as his name implies, belongs to the celebrated Augusta family, and as is well known, this family had the reputation of furnishing more Smithfield winners than any other. We predict that this bull will well sustain the reputation of his ancestors. He stands on short legs of the right kind, has a beautiful head and neck, good handler, fine flesh, and well covered, is a grand smooth bull, without lacking size. He was sired by Lavender Star (imp.) (81438), as nearly a pure Cruickshank Lavender as it is possible to get. His tabulated pedigree for five generations shows 31 sires, 27 of which were bred by A. Cruickshank, 2 by Mr. Duthie, and 2 by W. S. Marr. His dam is a typical Scotch cow, Augusta of Auguston, out of Augusta 94, by Waverley (68072), and sired by Clifton (74241), a grandsire of Scottish Archer (59893). We should like very much to have anyone within a reasonable distance call and see these cattle, as we are sure their owners would be pleased to show them, as we know they are the right kind and cannot fail to do good wherever they go."

The twenty-second annual meeting of the members of the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association will be held at the Palmer House, corner of State and Monroe Streets, Chicago, Ill., on Wednesday, December 20, 1905, at 3 p. m.—Thos. McFarlane, Secretary.

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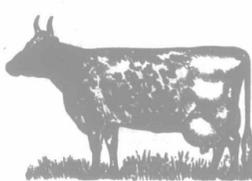
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