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HIGH - CLASS SHORTHORNS BY AUCTION.

A. G. Smillie, two miles from Hensall Station, on the G. T. R. line from London to Wingham, has sold his farm, and on Friday, Sept. 18th, will sell by auction his entire herd of twenty-nine Shorthorns. There are fourteen cows in calf, four yearling heifers, six heifer calves, four young bulls, and the stock bull, Golden Edward 90499, a roan rising two years of age of a type and quality fit to head any herd in the country, sired by Nonpareil King 79819, dam Golden Flower (a Cruickshank Brawith Bud), by Prince Gloster. A combination of the blood that courses through the veins of this bull, Nonpareil, Brawith Bud and Duchess of Gloster, is among the best known, and must necessarily show itself in reproduction. All the females of breeding age are in calf to him. The young bulls to be sold, and the younger heifers, were sired by Bandsman's Model 88661, by the Cruickshank Butterfly bull, Imp. Bandsman, dam Cranberry Lass, by the Princess Royal, bull, Imp. Greengill Victor. This. too, is right choice breeding. Preceding him in service, and the sire of many of the younger females, was Royal Brand, a Charlotte-bred son of Imp. Blood Royal. Ahead of him agaln was Scottish Signet, a Jilt-bred son of Imp. Old Lancaster, dam Scottish Queen (imp.). Still farther back was Sailor's Peer, a Mildred - bred son of Imp. Scottish Peer, dam by Imp. Royal Sailor. The breeding line of the female side of the herd is Scotch and Scotch topped. Of the latter, the majority of them trace to Young Mary (imp.) 557. They are a big, thick lot of cows, ranging in weight from 1,600 to 1,700 lbs. and over. Two of them were officially tested in R. O. P., and both qualified. Another ran three months and took sick with stomach derangement, which spoiled her test. She was doing extra well. On blood lines, the others are pure Scotch. It is seldom indeed that so choice and uniformly thick-fleshed a lot of cattle are seen in one herd. All are in the best kind of condition, and only two are over six years of age. Every one of them of breeding age is a regular breeder, and all are right in every way. The young bulls, averaging along about nine and ten months of age. are a splendidly-balanced lot, straight in their lines, and in good condition. On the whole, no one will be disappointed in the quality of these cattle, which will positively he sold on the day of sale Conveyances will need all morning trains from London on the south, and Kineardime and Winzbrum on the north Write for catalogue to Λ G. Smillie, R. R. No. 2. Kippen, ont. Capt T. F. Robson, of

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