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Millet is a very promising young town. Where but a little over one year ago there was but one house, there is now two general stores, a butcher shop, a good hotel, a blacksmith shop, two livery barns, a tinshop, a lumber yard, a real estate office and many new enterprises and buildings under construction, among them a large general store, and a machine shed. There is also a large school building, a church and two more churches about to be erected.

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GOSSIP.

DISPERSION SALE OF THE HILLHURST SHORTHORNS.

Hillhurst Farm, in the beautiful eastern townships of Quebec, the first home in America of the great prize-winning celebrities, Baron Booth of Lancaster, Rose-dale, Queen of Diamonds and others, needs no introduction to the older generation of Shorthorn breeders. Hillhurst is historic ground, but its history is not all ancient by any means, as is amply attested by the presence in its bountiful pastures at this time of a really high-class herd of typical Scotch-bred Shorthorns, more than half of which are carefully selected imported animals, the balance being mostly the produce of imported sires and dams, including representatives of many of the best families of the breed, all sharing largely in the benefits of the blood of the most noted sires of recent years, and showing it strongly in their individual conformation and quality. It may be considered a strong statement, but it is, we believe, fully justified by the fact, that no single herd of Shorthorns in America to-day can show four stock bulls equal in personal merit and character to the four imported sires in service at Hillhurst. Chief among these is the massive roan three-year-old Duthie-bred Joy of Morning.

Mr. Marr's choice of the Collynie calves at the '99 sale, sold there for \$300, and purchased after by Mr. Cochrane at £400, the highest price for a Scotch bull to come to Canada at that time. He is of the Jealousy tribe, sired by Pride of Morning, a Highland Society breed champion, by Star of Morning, and his dam by Scottish Archer, a trinity of Star sires such as is seldom seen at the top of a pedigree. Joy of Morning is a prince among his peers. Remove his head and legs and there remains a parallelogram of the best of beef, but his head and his legs are as good as the rest of him, and properly belong to him, a model head for an impressive sire, and legs squarely set under him. His back and loin are phenomenal in their depth and thickness of smoothly-laid natural flesh. His shoulders are smoothly laid, his brisket prominent, his flanks, fore and aft, low down, and his butt end is as broad as a barn door, while his progeny among the young things partake largely of his peculiar excellencies. Scottish Hero, in his five-year-old form, also bred at Collynie, a roan son of Scottish Archer, and his dam, Missie 134th, by William of Orange, represents a judicious combination in his breeding of the great Sittytton tribes, Missie, Secret and Orange Blossom, and carries in his individual make-up and princely bearing the promise of his prepotency as a sire, which is richly fulfilled in his offspring as seen in the herd. Lord Mountstephen, a red two-year-old, bred by Mr. Duthie, the second best in his 1901 sale of calves, who was got by Rosicrucian, bred by the Queen, sired by Robin Nonpareil, dam Mistletoe 11th, by Captain of the Guard, is a remarkably handsome, stylish bull, smoothly turned, straight in his lines, with a muscular crest, a first-class head and a thickly-fleshed form, a show bull in any country, and proven a potent sire of the right sort of calves. Imported Royal Champion, a lengthy, level, well-proportioned roan yearling, in use on the daughters of the older sires, was bred by Mr. Reid, of Cromleybank, sired by Morning Pride, purchased at a Collynie sale for 150 guineas, by Pride of Morning, dam the Marr-bred Roan Lady 23rd, by Minstrel Boy, and he has back of this in his pedigree the noted sires, Elocutionist, William of Orange, Athabaska and Heir of Englishman. This list does not exhaust the supply of excellent bulls in the herd, for Royal Kitchen, a red yearling, also bred at Cromleybank, sired by the Mina bull, Kitchen, and his dam, an Inverquhomery Augusta, is straight, level, smooth and of capital character; and Rose Noble, a roan yearling bred by Mr. Shepherd, of Shethin, sired by the Collynie-bred Cyprus, used with excellent results in the Shethin herd and sold at eight years old for £125, dam a Rosemary, a favorite and prolific family, is a low-set, thick, sappy bull with capital head, crops and flesh. Several excellent bull calves are also included in the herd, sons of the splendid sires above enumerated, while the list of females abounds in good things, comprising a number of heifers fit to show in first-class company anywhere, reference to some of which may be made in later issues.

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The original intention was to make a two days' sale, including the entire herd of about 75 head, but it has been deemed wiser to weed out all not up to a high standard of breeding and condition, to be disposed of locally later in the season, and to include in the Hamilton sale, on August 11th, all the best, making a uniform and attractive offering, which they certainly will be, for it is no exaggeration to say that no better offering from any single herd has been made at a public sale in Canada in recent years, there being in it material for more than one young show herd, besides the wealthy list of breeding matrons, and the best lot of bulls seen in an auction sale in Canada in many years.

The advanced age and failing health of Senator Cochrane, who has lost his sight and is desirous of closing up his business affairs, renders the necessity for the dispersion of the herd at the present time absolute, and it is with regret that the

result of so much careful selection and discriminating breeding is to be submitted for disposal under the salesman's hammer. It will, however, afford an unusually favorable opportunity for securing at the purchaser's own price first-class foundation stock of up-to-date type for the establishment of a herd or for the upbuilding and improvement of existing herds, while the cheerful prospect of a bountiful harvest and the growing feeling of confidence on the part of the people of Canada in the future of this great country should serve as an inspiration to improve the character and quality of our cattle, and so to be prepared for the great and growing demand that must surely come for breeding stock to supply the newly-opening country at home and the increasing requirements of the markets abroad. The catalogue of the Hillhurst sale is in preparation and will be sent to all applying for it as intimated in the advertisement, which appears in this issue.

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