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MR. J. C. SNELL'S SALE OF JERSEYS.

The public sale of Mr. Snell's fine herd of Jersey cattle, at Snelgrove, four miles from Brampton Station, G. T. R. and C. P. R., on Tuesday, April 13th, as advertised in this issue, will afford dairymen and others desirous of securing one or more of this popular breed of rich milk and butter cows the opportunity of gratifying their ambition. The herd has been bred and selected with a view to good constitutions and useful qualities as workers in the dairy, and a recent inspection of the cattle has left an exceedingly satisfactory impression on the mind of the writer. Uniformity is a good point in a herd when it is a case of uniform goodness, and that is evidently the prevailing idea that has been aimed at and secured, for there is not a coarse animal in the herd, and, what is especially noticeable, not an ill-shaped or defective udder in the whole lot. Well-balanced udders and good-sized teats, well placed, has been Mr. Snell's specialty, and he has succeeded in a high degree in maintaining those very desirable and useful points. No old or worn-out cows are included in the catalogue, but a very useful and promising lot of young cows, having had their first, second or third calves, and some coming in fresh this spring, besides a lot of promising heifers in calf, heifer calves, and young bulls. A glance at the pedigrees shows a rich combination of the blood of a long line of the best testing strains of blood in the Jersey world, including those of the St. Lambert and St. Helier strains, besides a good admixture of Tormentor and Combination blood, and strong outcrosses of the blood of many of the best importations from the Island of Jersey, including many notable prize winners at the leading exhibitions in Canada. Prominent among the cows included is May Verbena, a handsome six-year-old cow of fine dairy form, with a home record of 20 lbs. of butter in seven days on dry feed. She is a daughter of Mighty Dollar, champion at Toronto three times, by One Hundred Per Cent, pure St. Lambert, full brother in blood to Mary Anne of St. Lambert, 36 lbs. 12 ozs. May Verbena 2nd, a four-year-old daughter of the above-named cow, is a handsome and useful cow, by Jetsam's Dollar, a son of Mighty Dollar, and of imported Jetsam, from the Island of Jersey, and sold for $400 at 4 years old, and one of the 1st-prize herd at Toronto Exhibition. One of the most attractive numbers in the catalogue will be the young cow, Carlo's Alta, having produced her first calf in October last, and milking very satisfactorily. She is handsome and of fine dairy form and puts up a first-class show of udder, with good-sized teats well set. She was an easy winner at the Peel Co. show last fall, beating the first prize heifer at the Toronto Industrial in the same class. She is richly bred, being a daughter of the grand show bull, Carlo of Glen Duart, champion over all Canada three times, and considered by good judges the best Jersey bull ever seen in Canada. Her dam, Aiklan's Alta, by Rioter's Pride, by Stoke Pogis 3rd, bred by Mrs. E. M. Jones, is one of the best cows in Canada, and is also the dam of the first prize yearling heifer at Toronto, Ottawa, and the Provincial Dairy Show in 1895; she is of the Rioter's strain, one of the best testing families known in Jersey history, and promises to make an invincible show cow. Arabella Pogis, a beautiful three-year-old daughter of Nabob of St. Lambert, by Nell's John Bull, sweepstakes winner at Toronto, son of Nell of St. Lambert (record 45 lbs. milk per day at two years) is nearly perfect in dairy form and is richly-bred and of fine character. Madam Bubble 2nd is a business cow of five years, sired by Elmhurst Stoke Pogis by Canada's John Bull, son of Nymph of St. Lambert, 24 lbs. 14 ozs., dam Brenda of Elmhurst, 20 lbs. 8 ozs. Cana of Snelgrove is a charming three-year-old daughter of Kaiser of St. Lambert and of Cana Pogis by Canada's John Bull, out of Anna of Glencairn, a splendid combination of the St. Lambert and Bertha Morgan families. Carlo's Marguerita, a massive, deep-ribbed two-year-old heifer of fine promise for usefulness, and handsome withal, is a daughter of Carlo of Glen Duart, out of the pure St. Lambert cow, Marguerita of St. Anne's by Jolie's Hugo of St. Anne's, out of Jolie of St. Lambert 3rd, one of the best cows ever shown in Canada. Lemon squeezer is a model four-year-old cow that has beaten the first prize cow at Toronto Exhibition, and has a typical dairy conformation and milk vessel. She is a daughter of Jetsam's Dollar by Mighty Dollar, first prize and sweepstakes Toronto three times, and of imported Jetsam from the Island of Jersey, sold for $400, and was in first prize herd Toronto Exhibition; she is deep in the blood of Imp. St. Helier, sire of 27 in the list of producers of 14 to 25½ lbs. in seven days. Gronovia and Lillian of Oxford are two charming sisters, one and two years old respectively, daughters of Sumachson, out of Mayday of St. Lambert, 19½ lbs., and descended from Lorne, Lord Lisgar, and Victor Hugo. There are three other daughters of the famous old Carlo of Glen Duart, one a full sister of Carlo's Alta. And another beautiful heifer is Rizpah of Snelgrove, by Massena's Duke, son of Princess Clothilde, 17½ lbs., and grandson of Mrs. Jones' fine old Massena, that made over 900 lbs. of butter in a year; dam Elma of Snelgrove, second prize at Toronto, 1896, by Elmhurst Stoke Pogis, son of Brenda of Elmhurst, 20 lbs. 8 ozs. A charming lot of yearling heifers and heifer calves makes up the list of females. Among the bulls catalogued are the seven-year-old Albert Easter, by Albert's John Bull, by Canada's John Bull, and out of Easter Star, a daughter of imported Faith of Oaklands, perhaps the most perfect model of a dairy cow that has ever figured in Canada, having a record of 17 lbs. 4 ozs., winning first prize at Toronto several times and being in the first prize herd. Albert Easter is a typical dairy bull with neat head and horns, fine withers, long quarters, deep ribs and fine skin. Jubilee of St. Aubin, winner of second prize at the Western Fair last fall as a bull calf, is a handsome yearling of fine quality and rich breeding, sired by Judge of St. Lambert, a son of Nettie of St. Lambert, 20 lbs. 5 ozs., and a grandson of St. Helier's Chromios, and great-grandson of Pogis Tormentor, by Ida's Stoke Pogis out of Ida of St. Lambert, 30 lbs. 2½ ozs. He is a grand combination of three of the greatest producing families known. Pedro of Snelgrove, another handsome yearling bull of fine quality, winner of first prize at the Peel Co. Fair, is a son of Terry's Pedro, and grandson of Gipsey of Sprucegrove, sold by Mr. Snell to Mrs. Jones, of Brockville, and winner of the sweepstakes as best Jersey cow at the Provincial Dairy Show. His pedigree is a fine combination of St. Lambert and Rioter blood, and he fairly claims individual merit by inheritance. Mr. Snell parts with his favorites with reluctance, but, having made important changes in his business, which will necessitate his being away from home most of the time, finds he cannot give the necessary attention to his cattle and the dairy business. The sale comes at a favorable time for buyers, and we look for a good attendance and predict a good demand and fair prices. See the advertisement and send for a catalogue.

Farmers' Institutes in New York State have been a remarkable success this winter, so far as attendance goes, from 400 to 1,000 people being present at a single session since the plan of holding Institutes in the smaller towns was inaugurated. Director Dawley asserts that the attendance has been at least thirty per cent. greater than last year.

Mr. Neil Smith, Brampton, Ont., advertises in this issue three registered imported Clydesdale stallions for sale. These should attract attention at the present time, in view of the improved demand and prices for that class of stock. Mr. Smith sold a team of his own breeding, in January, for $350. That is the kind to raise.

G. W. Clemons, "Maple Hill" herd of Holstein-Friesians, St. George, Ontario, writes:—"Quite a number of inquirers for stock have referred to the cuts in the ADVOCATE, so that I think they attracted considerable notice. Sales, particularly of bulls, have been excellent; have sold all the bulls I have for sale at present, and am in a fair way to make some good sales of females. Ten bulls since January 1st is not a bad record for a herd no larger than mine."

Mr. R. G. Robinson, of the Elbow Park Ranch, Calgary, N.-W.T., who recently returned home from a stock-purchasing tour in Ontario, writes: "The more I saw of the horse-breeding industry in Canada the more convinced I am of the bright prospects ahead. Alberta breeders need have no fear of Eastern competition. In fact, with the prospects of mining development in British Columbia and railway extension into that region, I consider a good ranch just as good property as a gold mine."

Referring to the subject of size and weight in Shire horses so strongly insisted upon, the *Farming World* (Scotland) says:—"Are the Englishmen wholly wrong? We trow not. They have a great argument in the prices secured by Lord Wantage for ten geldings at his great sale. The average price of ten was within a few shillings of £100 apiece—and two of them made £120 and £121 respectively. Keep the lorry and dray in view is sound advice, whether north or south."

Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, in writing this office, says:—"We have no boom in Shorthorns, nor do we want one, but we have in sight better times for the breed than we have seen for many years. Enquiries for good young Shorthorns have never been as numerous in the history of the breed in Canada, and although we are still forced to take very moderate prices, I believe more animals have been sold in January, February and March of the present year than have been sold during any six months of the past six years. This is good, and in my opinion it is only a pretaste of the better times that are in store for the breeders of good Shorthorns. Our own herd is in capital form, especially the young things. We have still a number of fine young bulls for sale, fit for immediate service. We are also offering the whole of our yearling and two-year-old heifers, and they are as good as any we have ever bred or imported. Our show yearlings are coming on in the most satisfactory manner. It pays to advertise in the ADVOCATE if a breeder wants to do business; nothing he can do pays better."

Beef-raising farmers and Shorthorn breeders in the eastern portion of Ontario and the Province of Quebec will have a gand opportunity to add new and valuable blood to their present herds by attending the dispersion sale of Scotch-bred Shorthorns, the property of Mr. R. R. Sangster, Lancaster, Ont. (Glengarry Co.), on Wednesday, April 14th. This herd has been carefully built up from good foundation stock by the constant use of superior bulls. Among the females are two Fanny B's, descended from imported Fanny B. 26th, a prize-winner at leading shows in Scotland; one is by Gravesend's Heir (Imp.) =6372=, and the other by King of Wales =14657= by Winner =8603=, out of Princess of Wales 8th. Seven Mildreds are also included in the catalogue, got by such bulls as Gravesend's Heir (Imp.), Bramble Boy =14372=, bred by Hon. John Dryden; Rockland Stamp =15580=, bred by W. C. Edwards & Co.; and Royal Glo'ster =19998=, the present stock bull, bred by Mr. Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, and sired by Indian Chief (Imp.) (57485), and out of 34th Duchess of Glo'ster (Imp.). The remaining females are of much the same good breeding. The seven bulls are Royal Glo'ster and his six sons out of present matrons of the herd. Mr. Sangster's reason for disposing of the entire herd is that he, being situated in the midst of a country peculiarly suited to dairying, and having decided to enter that pursuit, finds his present stock, while many of them are good milkers, too valuable for dairy purposes. This herd is made up of good individuals, and are, we understand, in nice breeding condition—just the most desirable form to do purchasers good. The bulls are low-set, thick, vigorous, in good colors. Mr. Sangster writes us on March 20th: "The cows are calving now, fine strong offspring, and all red. There will be nine or ten calved before the sale." The opportunity this sale affords to secure some capital stock should be appreciated. See advertisement and send for catalogue.

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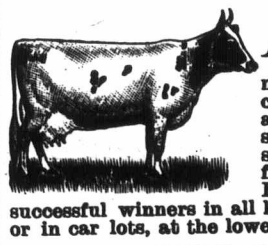

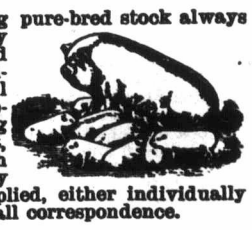

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