

GOSSIP.

The illustration, on another page, of the noted Shorthorn bull, Spicy Marquis, and three of his offspring, represents a great show bull and sire. Spicy Marquis has won first prize in his class, the senior championship at the Toronto Exhibition the last two years, and this year he and three of his daughters won the first prize there for the best Shorthorn bull and three of his progeny. Dolly Marquis, the heifer standing next to the bull, won first prize at the same show in the senior heifer calf class, and the other two, Spicy's Queen and Rosy Marquis, were also in the prize list. Spicy Marquis was born January, 1900, bred by W. S. Marr, Uppermill, Aberdeenshire, imported and exhibited by W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ontario, sired by Spicy Robin (69638), dam Maude 37th, by High Commissioner, and has been sold for \$8,000 to Sir William Van Horne, to head his herd at Selkirk, Manitoba.

On another page of this issue appears a photo of a number of Strathcona's splendid roadster and carriage horses, entitled Bay Nelson and his progeny.

At Strathcona's last fair, Bay Nelson won first in his class, and his progeny figured conspicuously in the show-ring. Bay Nelson, the property of M. E. Merrick, Strathcona, has a 2.23½ record. He was sired by Lord Nelson 4092, dam Thoroughbred. As shown by the photograph, he is the stamp of a sire that will throw good roadster or carriage stock. His progeny, as seen in the same illustration, prove his true worth in this respect. His colts are a very uniform lot, from mares varying very much in type, showing his great prepotency. His weight is 10 cwt. and 75 lbs. For the past four seasons he stood for \$10.00, insured, but now, owing to increasing patronage, \$15.00 will be charged. This is a splendid recommendation of his worth as valued by the lighter horse breeders of that neighborhood. Ralph Nelson, the two-year-old on the right-hand side in front row, is out of Swan, by Harry Chief, 2.30. This colt's half-mile record is 1.25½, with very meagre training. With a little more training he will reduce considerably his present stand is the opinion of those who know him.

C. H. Crocker & Son, breeders of A.-A. cattle, of Pine Lake P. O., live about 14 miles south-east of Red Deer, on the Edmonton branch of the C. P. R. Their bunch, although not very large, is strong in constitution and well adapted as the nucleus of a fine herd.

Their present stock bull, Center Hill Emperor 42807, bred by S. L. Shiley, Thayer, Neb., is one of the type that begets good ones. He is low, thick and well fleshed, was sired by Geno, dam Lady June of Center Hill. Blackbird Hero, a noted prizewinner of extra quality, was the sire of Geno, and he also figures on the dam's side further back. Knight of St. Patrick, a show winner of fame in the U.S., was one of this young stock bull's grandsires.

May of K., first at Nebraska State Fair as a calf, is one of the present breeding females owned by Crocker & Son. She was sired by Black Knight 3rd, dam Bess 2nd of Mount Pleasant, by Tillyfour; grandam Grapewood Bess, and traces to Breckbird and other famed animals. Pride of Harrison, another thick cow of excellent parts and a good breeder, was sired by Charley of M. W., dam Pride of C. W., by Daylight. Another of the foundation breeders is Oslin Gillmor, sire McHenry Fortune 1st, dam Oslin 10th. She is of thick, fleshy make and large size. A splendid breeder is Birdie H., sire Cityside Ingomar, dam Josy H. There are twenty-four pure-breeds in the herd, twelve of which are cows. Messrs. Crocker have recently purchased the young bull, Alfalfa Hero, sire Gardner Sampsonio, dam Alfalfa May, to head their herd. There are young bulls from this herd for sale. Look out for ad., which appears in this issue.



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