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GOSSIP

At the Port Berry combination auction sale of Shorthorns, on March 14th, the highest price obtained for bulls was \$155 for Hillvie Hero, contributed by Jno. E. Disney, Greenwood, and purchased by Hugh Gibson, Newcastle. The next highest was \$105 for King Quality, contributed by Alex. Jeffrey, Whitby, and purchased by Dennis White, Garden Hill. The highest price for a female was \$125 for Minnie Novar, contributed by J. E. Disney and purchased by Jas. Rowand, Sisera.

THE CARGILL SHORTHORNS.

Messrs. H. Cargill & Son, of Cargill, Ont., write : "We have been complimented a number of times this winter upon the excellent condition in which our herd of Shorthorns is kept, and we naturally feel somewhat pleased thereat. We like to have people come to see us, and look over the cattle, even when only on a tour of inspection, as we feel proud of them, and find it no trouble to show our goods. Have had a very steady and somewhat severe winter, though not to be compared with the previous one. Sales have been a bit quiet, though we have no reason to complain, as anything we have to offer is gaining in value every day as they grow older. We have only four bulls of an age suitable for service, two of which are right good ones, fit to go anywhere. The heifers are offering are an exceptionally we good lot; some winners among them, and they are just in nice condition to go on with and prepare for the fall campaign. We have something over fifty calves arrived since September last, and more still to come. From their appearance, we believe we have found the right bulls to nick with our cows, as the calves are an excellent lot. The bulls referred to are Golden Drop Victor (76780), Lord Mistletoe (81522), Merchantman (81686), Diamond Rex (imp. in dam). The first three, bred by Wm. Duthie, of Collynie, are of Golden Drop and Missie families, and were sired by the great bulls, Nonpareil Victor (Mr. Bothwell's sire of winners), and Lovat Champion, both of which are known throughout this continent. The latter, Diamond Rex, bred by W. S. Marr, of Uppermill, was sired by Bapton Diamond, the celebrated bull imported by Mr. Hanna, of Ohio, to head his herd. His dam was Roan Lady 37th, bred by Mr. Marr also, so that this bull combines all the blood of the family which made the highest average at Mr Marr's last annual bull sale. Judging from the increase in the number of inquiries for some time back, and the cheerful tone of letters received, we are of the opinion that Shorthorns have passed the low place, and are becoming valuable again, for which we are truly thankful, and while we do not wish to have anything approaching the boom of a few years ago, we do hope for such a season that the breeder may make such a reasonable profit that he may be encouraged to so breed good cattle that the future of the grandest cattle known to man may not be jeopardized, in this country at any rate. Breeders in Scotland are reaping a rich and well-merited reward for their years' of unceasing endeavor along this Mne; the bull sale at Perth having realized the best average in their experience, one bull selling for 600 guineas. Unless the breeder here is able to realize some profit from the produce of his herd, how will he have the courage to import such bulls at such prices, in order to perpetuate or keep up the standard at which all are aiming, viz., as nearly perfection as possible. We are issuing a new catalogue with pedigrees in tabulated form, in our humble opinion, the only form which shows the entire breeding of an animal, which we shall be glad to forward to anyone interested in Shorthorns. Our train accommodation has been much improved on this section of the Grand Trunk, and it is not necessary now to have two or three spare days at your disposal in order to pay a visit, as it was formerly, and Mr Clancy will be pleased to show anyone through at any time, whether a purchaser or otherwise. If advised, you will be met at the train, though station is on the farm, not quite half a mile from the barn."



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