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Springhurst, the home of Harry Smith's winning herd of Shorthorn cattle, and situated at Hay P. O., Ont., less than a mile from Exeter Station, on the G. T. R., has turned out a large number of the cattle which have made the breed famous in America. The herd is known to Shorthorn men in Canada and the United States as a breeding herd par excellence. At the present time it is composed of some sixty head, and all are in good breeding condition, having wintered well, and are now to be seen at pasture just right to continue the great work which the herd in the past has accomplished. A consignment from this herd will be sold at the dispersion sale of T. E. & H. C. Robson, at Ilderton, on June 25th next. Special mention will be made of these later in connection with notes on that offering. Individual note is possible with only a few, owing to limited space. Queen of Diamonds is a dark red, deep, thick, even-fleshed heifer, in calf to the excellent young bull, Blarneystone, now in service. This heifer is rising three years old, and is a Shorthorn from nose to toes. She has for sire the noted Gold Drop, and is out of Bonnie Jean. Gold Drop won first place at Toronto in a class of eighteen as a two-year-old, and four of his calves tied for first place in fifteen entries at the same exhibition, and a few years ago he sired more Canadian National winners than any other bull. Several of the heifers are of the great Vanity tribe. Of these, Vanity 18th, a red, by Ben Wyvis, the herd header which Mr. Smith considers the best breeding bull he ever owned, is one of the most attractive. She is a very typey heifer, just turned two years of age, of the low-set, deep-fleshed kind, and is in calf to Blarneystone. Vanity 16th is a very blocky two-year-old, also by Ben Wyvis. She is one of the very smooth kind, with a well-sprung rib, and shows character and breed type galore. She is in calf to Blarneystone. Village Joy is an excellent show-yard proposition, a deep, thick, very smooth roan junior yearling, which won first place as a calf at the Western Fair last fall. She is by Royal Commodore, and parties looking for show stock should not overlook her. Vanity 17th, a roan Ben Wyvis two-year-old, with a fine Shorthorn head, straight in her lines, and in calf to Blarneystone, is one of the right kind to buy. Lancaster Lily is a white show heifer, which won first in her class at Guelph last December and has gone on well. As those who saw her then will remember, she is very low-set, deep and thick, and very strong on top. She is by Mutineer, the bull which has won so much money in the Melick herd in the West, and was junior champion at Toronto in 1910. Village Rose, by Gold Drop, is one of the matrons of the herd. She is as smooth as one could wish, straight on top and underneath, and carries her width right back to her tail head. She is a great breeder, being the dam of the winning roan heifer already mentioned, and she herself won at Toronto as a calf in strong competition. She is a full sister of Village Bridegroom, the great breeding bull at the head of the Elliott herd at Guelph. She is in calf to Ben Wyvis. Golden Lancaster is a dark roan five-year-old massive cow, the dam of the white heifer which won at Guelph. She, also, is by Gold Drop, and is one of the biggest, thickest, deepest-fleshed cows in the herd. She has a heifer calf at foot by Masterpiece. Blarneystone, the young roan bull in service, is by Mutineer, and out of Butterfly 32nd (imp.), she by the Marr-bred bull, Fortune, who was sired by the great Captain of the Guard. He is a wonderfully smooth bull, full of substance, and showing masculinity and Shorthorn character in plenty. These are only a few representative of the three score in the herd, any of which are for sale. Many of the cows have calves at foot, and they prove the breeding value of their sires and dams. Enquire about these good things.