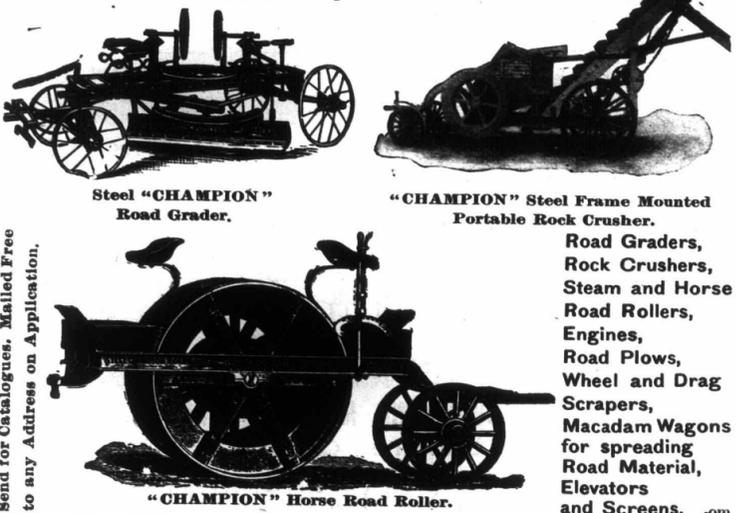




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Wm. Grainger & Son, Lonsdale, Ont., in ordering a change in their ad., write: "We have sold our last young bull to Mr. James Foster, Tilbury, Ont. Mr. Foster has in him a right good calf. We sold to Mr. Frank Wood, of Lonsdale, Ont., the heifer calf Maid of Hawthorn 2nd, Vol. XVI., and to Mr. J. C. Skully, of Auburn, Ont., the heifer calf Britannia Lass 4th, Vol. XVI. These two heifers are got by Beau Ideal - 22554 - our present stock bull. He is a bull of great substance and quality, weighing close on 2,500 lbs. in nice working condition. He was got by the great Cruickshank bull Sittytton Stamp (imp.) - 18963 - (66368), and his dam is (imp.) Bessie Lass - 24824 - of the best milking family of Shorthorns in Scotland. We are having the best lot of calves this season we ever had - big and thifty, with fine, mossy hair."

Jos. Yule & Sons, Carleton Place, Ontario, write: "Our Ayrshires, Shropshires, Berkshires, and Plymouth Rock fowls are coming through the winter in splendid condition. We had great luck for heifer calves; out of forty cows we had thirty-two heifer and eight bull calves, all sired by Jock of Burnside - 1484 - winners of first prize at Ottawa in 1888. They are the finest lot of calves we have ever had. Have made the following sales: One bull and two heifer calves to J. R. Snider, Portage la Prairie, Man.; one two-year-old heifer and one bull calf to John Aikenhead, Hartney, Man., and one bull calf to John Currie, St. Catharines, Ont. We have a few litters of very fine Berkshires. They are like every other body's pigs, the real bacon type. Our Plymouth Rocks are a grand lot. We are prepared to supply any quantity of eggs. Prospects were never better for pure stock."

Mr. W. W. Ballantyne, Neidpath Stock Farm, Stratford, Ontario, in ordering a change in his advertisement of Ayrshires, writes: "I have just sold a very fine pair of young cows to Hon. Thomas Greenway, Crystal City, Man.; one is an imported-in-dam daughter of Denty 7th of Auchenbrain (imp.), and the other is a daughter of imp. Bessie 2nd of Auchenbrain, by Beauty's Style of Auchenbrain (imp.). Earlier in the winter Jas. Callander, of North Gower, paid me a visit and took away with him Stylish Kirsty, imported in dam, a capital cow and daughter of imp. Kirsty of Auchenbrain. The demand for bulls has been excellent, and I am now sold out of all old enough for service, but have a choice lot of young ones by Craigielea (imp.). Craigielea has developed into a very fine bull, and he is siring the right kind of calves. Among recent sales of bulls are one to Dan Drummond, from imp. Kirsty; one to Jas. Pullar, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; one imported Bessie 2nd of Auchenbrain; Donald Fisher, of Burnston, Ontario, got imported Denty 7th of Auchenbrain's last bull. A very promising young calf from Stylish Kirsty went to Alex. Doig, Lachute, Que. Stylish Daisy's capital bull was secured early in the season by John McKee, of Norwich, and the Bothwell Dairy Co. got a good one from Stylish Kirsty. John Blackburn, Gillies Hill, has a promising calf in the one he got from Stylish Denty (imported in dam)."

H. J. DAVIS' SHORTHORNS, BERKSHIRES AND YORKSHIRES.

Four of the ten Shorthorns at Mr. H. J. Davis' farm, near Woodstock, Ont., are matrons, and to one, Rosebud 28155, goes the credit of producing a promising young red-roan bull, Strathallan Brave, to Roan Prince, which is a straight, good handling fellow, possessing a wealth of natural flesh, with a level, good back, and approaching his useful age. A pair of young bull calves are also included in the number, and as they are the kind so much sought at present, parties desiring such stock should lose no time in seeing them.

Among the sixty-eight head of Yorkshires on hand at the time of our visit are a lot of splendid fresh young sows, and from which Mr. Davis has greatly increased his herd this spring. We have always advocated Mr. Davis' system of managing his brood sows, and this season we think demonstrates that we were not far astray, for we never saw so many brood sows of any breed with so many uniformly large litters. Mistress B 2931, by Golden Prince 2427, and out of Mistress 4th 42 (imp. in dam), at last farrowing, some two months ago, dropped seventeen pigs, and among them we saw some splendid youngsters, possessing plenty of length and quality. Lady Minto 3280, by Sovereign 2592, and out of Oak Lodge Snowflake 2107, is a splendid young sow, and gave her owner nine fine youngsters a month ago. Her dam also farrowed eight, and so on throughout the whole row of brood sows with their variety of pedigrees, which embrace many of the leading families of note, both in and out of the showings of this Province. Among the sires most recently employed was Sovereign 2592, by King David 1689, out of Country Lass 906, who did two seasons' service in the herd, and in whose place the young boar lately imported by Mr. Brethour has stepped, the pedigree of which was not at hand at the time of our visit, but as he was bred by Mr. Gibson in England, who has a world-wide reputation as a Yorkshire breeder, we are safe in concluding that Mr. Davis is justified in his employment. In confirmation he is a strong young animal, very uniformly made, and of the strict bacon type, with a splendid head and good bone. A bunch of young Sovereign's daughters are being mated to him this spring, and as they are as good a bunch as we have seen together for some time, we may reasonably look for something choice from them.

The Berkshires are receiving equal attention with the Yorkshires, and the successful system of management here shows itself, as the litters run from eight upwards. Among the sows suckling this spring we saw Golden Duchess 5132, by Royal Duke 3611, and out of Royal Duchess 2335, and Royal Beauty 2nd 2577, by King Charmer 373, out of Royal Beauty, a pair of sows from which it would be perfectly safe to purchase young stock, their breeding and conformation being correct, while their management has been such as to bring out and transmit their desirable qualities to their progeny. The sire, Royal Lad 3044, by Royal Herbert 2102, and out of Lady 2872, was employed three seasons; while the young boar, Bandmaster, out of imp. Shapely, was recently purchased from Mr. Green, his breeder, to take his place. And to the excellence of the sires employed is due much of the satisfaction expressed by Mr. Davis' patrons upon receiving stock purchased by correspondence.

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