



HOPE FARM GALLOWAYS.

OWNED BY WILLIAM MARTIN, ST. JEAN, MANITOBA.

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Pass, and shortly afterwards Bell and Patterson, Harper and Parker, Martin and several others started in the cattle business. In '78 the Indian Department brought in some 800 head. In '81 the Walrond Ranch started their herd, and then in rapid succession came the Cochrane Ranch Co., the Oxley Ranch Co., the Circle Ranch Co., and many others too numerous to mention.

The range business was fairly on the boom, and from that time until to-day it has steadily grown—grown from a doubtful experiment to a substantial, evenly-balanced industry. Conditions have materially changed, and new and improved methods have arisen; the old happy-go-lucky, let-her-go-Gallagher style of running things has given way to careful, businesslike management, practical from the word—Go; all necessary working expenses shaved fine as silk; everything in connection calculated almost to a dot. This means that with an ordinary year—that is, with a year that is not especially prolific in bad weather—the profits of a well-managed ranch are large; so large, that I venture to state that few businesses in the Dominion of Canada, even in the British Empire, can equal the ranching business as a profitable investment. Contrast the humble origin I have attempted to portray with the really immense interests to-day, and then try to realize that only 25 years have intervened! It is a remarkable progress. Last year Southern Alberta alone, according to Government statistics, exported over 27,000 head of beef cattle, to which may be added the number used in supplying the Indian contracts and for local consumption. Twenty-five years ago the whole cattle industry of Alberta was represented by 25 head. Multiply those figures by ten thousand and you will not be much, if any, beyond the mark of the number of cattle in Southern Alberta to-day.

Prize Essay Competition.

Especially will our Home Department readers be interested in the announcement of valuable cash prizes offered for essays on the colored front cover of the present Christmas issue of the "Advocate." The offer appears on page 850, and deserves careful and prompt attention.

British Cattle Markets.

Dec. 16th.—U. S. cattle, 6½d.; Christmas sheep, 6d.; lambs, 7d.; trade firm.

As we go to press, the leading U. S. cattle markets show an advance of 10 and 15 cents per cwt.

One of the largest grain farms in the Red River Valley is the Hope Farm, situated about four miles west of St. Jean, on the C. N. R. and 12 miles from Morris, C. P. R. While grain-growing is carried on successfully on a very large scale, the proprietor, Mr. William Martin, one of Winnipeg's successful business men, early recognized the importance of maintaining the fertility and mechanical condition of the soil by introducing a grass rotation, and combining stock-raising along with grass-growing.

The Hope Farm herd of Galloways is the oldest-established and perhaps largest in Western Canada, and has done much to bring this breed of hardy blacks into prominence among the beef breeds suitable for the farm and range. The herd now consists of over 80 head, the foundation being laid deep in the blood of the best families of the breed, the Hannah, Black Beauty and Stanley families being strongly represented, topped by such sires as Black Crusader (4504), The Cob of Tarbreoch 5727, Canadian Borderer 4807, McCheyne 10276, and others. In 1900, Waterloo (7558) 16882, probably one of the best Galloways ever imported, was placed at the head of the herd, and some very choice calves by this bull are now in the sheds. Last winter a valuable importation was made from the Wavertree herd of the late Mr. E. Paul, Minnesota, among these being the Chicago and State fair winners, Mogul of Wavertree, used extensively in the herd and since re-sold to a Montana breeder; Sweeper of Wavertree, a

grand good yearling, sired by King Hensol, by Biggar's famous Crusader, and Ethel of Wavertree, the winning two-year-old in a strong class at the Winnipeg Industrial.

Determined to keep his herd up to the highest standard, Mr. Martin imported direct from Scotland, early this season, six heifers and a bull, including the four heifers from the herd of Messrs. McGill, of Boreland; and one each from the herds of Messrs. Shaw, of Lochside, and Biggar, of the famous Castlemilk herd of Dalbeattie. As it should be, however, the best of the lot is the two-year-old bull, Mackenzie of Locherbie (7383) 18782, bred by McCormick, of Locherbie, Scotland; sired by Contender 4th of Tarbreoch. This bull is a wonderful embodiment of the best Galloway type. He was second at the H. A. S. Show at Sterling in 1900 and was either a first or second prize winner at seven leading Scottish shows the same year. He was easily the first-prize two-year-old at the Winnipeg Industrial in July, and only gave way in the sweepstakes to age and maturity.

This grand young bull and some of the charming young females of the herd are portrayed on this page. The bonny shaggy-coated pair of yearlings are Lady Hamilton and May Blossom of Hope, both home-bred and winners at the Industrial. The winsome two-year-old Ethel of Wavertree will also be recognized in the engraving.

The housing of the herd is not elaborate, but comfortable and convenient. A new horse stable



ROPING AND BRANDING A STEER, SOUTHERN ALBERTA, N.-W. T.