

Stock Notes

PRIME YORKSHIRES.—My Yorkshire sow Oak Lodge White; Rose 5th recently farrowed her first litter consisting of eight boars and seven sows, thirteen of which are living and doing well. She is a grand young sow weighing 400 pounds and is of the true bacon type. She might have raised fifteen pigs, as she had fifteen well-developed teats and is a good milker. The pigs are sired by Oak Lodge Conquest 7th, owned by Mr. A. B. Vanblaricom. He is a massive lengthy boar, of bacon type, and weighed 428 pounds at eight months old. He is considered by those who have seen many good Yorkshires to be the best boar in Eastern Ontario. My young sow Summerhill Queen will not be allowed to have pigs until April and should prove an excellent breeder of fine stock; her dam is Royal Duchess (Imp.) and a winner at Birmingham in 1898. Queen has any amount of quality and has size, as she weighed 300 pounds at six and a-half months old. Parties wishing something good in the spring may expect to find it here at the Valley Farm owned by A. B. Armstrong, farmer and breeder of high-class Yorkshires, Codrington, Ont.

A GOOD RECORD.—Mr. N. Dymont, Clappison, Ont., writes: "Four young bulls from Hickory Hill Ayrshire herd, and the winners of first in the milk test, Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show, 1896-97-98, have won this year fifty-five prizes: thirty 1sts, sixteen 2nds, eight 3rds, and one 4th, among them being diplomas for bull and female any age, also two silver medals given by the manager of the Bank of Commerce, Dundas, for the best dairy cow, any age or breed, Nellie Gray being the winner. She also won first money twice, making four firsts for best dairy cow, 1899. My stock are doing well, and I expect to be on hand at the Provincial Dairy Show at London."

A BIG SALE OF COTSWOLDS.—Mr. C. T. Garbutt, Claremont, Ont., has been doing a very large business in Cotswolds the past summer, his total sales amounting to \$2,000, and he has recently about closed another deal for twenty head to go to Ohio next fall. Mr. Garbutt is also a breeder of improved English Berkshires, and always has a large stock of young animals for sale. At present he has a number of sows which are really the best he has ever had.

IMPORTANT SHORTHORN SALE.—The largest sale of Shorthorns, perhaps, that has ever been held in Canada will take place in Hamilton on December 20th next. The animals to be sold are from the celebrated Trout Creek herd, owned by W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Flatt has decided to make this sale an annual affair and has concluded to make this, the first of the series, such as will be likely to attract the attention and secure the attendance of breeders from all parts of the Dominion and many of the States. With this object in view, he is reluctantly offering the best end of his herd of 120 head, including 43 imported animals of high-class character, embracing the entire importation of 37, now in quarantine, selected by acknowledged expert judges from among the best herds in Great Britain. The majority of the animals are young or in the prime of life, and all have been bred for early maturity, and of the blocky, thick-fleshed type, many of them being from heavy milking families. A study of the pedigrees will show that the sires used in their breeding have been rich in the blood of many of the most noted herds in Scotland and England. The young bulls are considered an exceptionally good lot individually. Almost all the females of breeding age are well forward in calf or recently served by imported bulls.

As it would be impossible to give a complete list of the animals to be offered here, we will name a few of the imported ones in order that our readers may have some idea of their character: Maud 11th (imp.), [vol. 16] calved March, 1894; bred by Geo. Still, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Blossom (imp.), calved March 1896; bred by A. Innes, Aberdeenshire. Northern Empress (imp.), calved March, 1895; bred by Wm. Knight, Aberdeenshire. Flora 7th (imp.), calved Decem-

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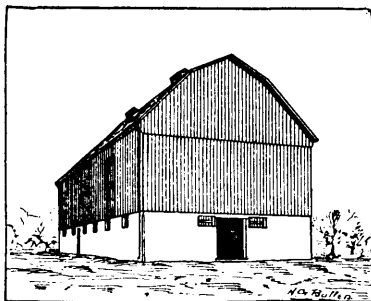


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