

The Toronto Shorthorn Sale.

The combination sale, on February 8th and 9th, at the Union Stock-yards, Toronto, of Shorthorn cattle, contributed by the estate of Sir George Drummond, Hon. W. C. Edwards, Miller Bros., W. G. Pettit & Sons, John Miller, J. A. Watt, John Miller, Jr., and Robt. Miller, brought together a very large number of breeders, bidders and buyers from a very wide territory, buyers being present from six Provinces of the Dominion, and from several States of the Union. The cattle contributed were, for the most part, of a very high order of individual merit, and were presented in fine condition, many of them being high-class show material. The sale was widely advertised and admirably managed. The catalogue was a model in its line, furnishing all necessary information in condensed space; the salesmen did splendid service, and the whole affair proved a pronounced success. True, some of the animals went at lower prices than was expected, considering their excellence, but others brought the average price up to a very creditable mark. The heifers were, as a rule, superior, and some very good young bulls were included, but, as a whole, they were not equal to the females. The contribution of Miller Bros. made the highest average, their nine head realizing the fine total of \$8,855, or an average of \$984, three of their heifers bringing four-figure prices, their splendid roan yearling heifer, Bridal Bouquet, junior champion at Toronto last year, bred by themselves, topping the sale at \$3,600, to the bid of W. H. Miner, of Heart's Delight Farm, New York State, the runner-up being R. W. Caswell, of Saskatoon, Sask., who showed splendid enterprise, and who paid \$1,325 and \$1,300, respectively, for two heifers. This sale speaks well for the character of Canadian Shorthorns, and the only cause for regret is that so many of our best are permitted to leave our country, when we have so much room for them at home. The sale list follows:

COWS AND HEIFERS.

Broadhooks Queen, 1903; Elmendorf Stock Farm, Lexington, Ky.	\$ 200
Victoria 86th, 1909; John Davidson, Ashburn, Ont.	210
Averne 14th, 1908; F. W. Harding, Waukesha, Wis.	190
Clara Countess, 1908; F. W. Harding, Emeline 14th, 1908; R. W. Caswell, Saskatoon, Sask.	410
Lady Lavender 4th, 1906; F. W. Harding Broadhooks Chief, 1910; F. W. Harding Huntlywood 7th, 1909; A. E. Trites, Salisbury, N. B.	260
Ury Star 6th, 1908; Elmendorf Stock Farm	125
Maude 21st, 1909; W. R. Elliott & Sons, Guelph, Ont.	150
Bedford Queen, 1909; F. W. Harding May Queen, 1909; F. W. Harding May Queen (imp.), 1898; J. G. Barron, Carberry, Man.	200
Clarence, 1909; Robt. McAlister, St. Augusta, Ont.	415
Lavender Lady, 1909; Elmendorf Stock Farm	165
Princess Royal 4th, 1906; Porter Bros., Appleby, Ont.	340
Lovely 50th, 1909; Fox & Gallagher, Oregon, Wisconsin	330
Queen Ideal, 1903, and h. c.; J. T. Gibson, Denfield, Ont.	255
Orange Bud, 1909; P. M. Brett, Regina, Lady Madge 10th, 1909; Robert Miller, Steffville, Ont.	725
Lily Lind, 1908; Elmendorf Stock Farm Pine Grove Ruby 14th, 1908; Peter White, Pembroke, Ont.	175
Rose Montraith 10th, 1909; R. W. Caswell	200
Czarina Stamford, 1908; Fox & Gallagher Silver Rose 3rd, 1909; Elmendorf Stock Farm	295
Charming Strathallan 4th, 1907; John Davidson	150
Emeline 12th, 1909; F. W. Harding, Strawberry 6th, 1905; John Scott, Atha, Ont.	525
Fancy 11th, 1908; R. W. Caswell Golden Wreath 15th, 1909; Elmendorf Stock Farm	380
Lady Margaret, 1909; Elmendorf Stock Farm	250
Lady Strathallan 6th, 1908; Thos. Farrar, Postoria, Mich.	205
Missie of Huntlywood 4th, 1910; Jas. Leask, Greenbank, Ont.	210
Lady Madge 9th, 1909; W. H. Miner, Chazy, N. Y.	265
Missie of Huntlywood 3rd, 1908; S. Stanton, Wheaton, Ill.	530
Butterfly Lady 3rd, 1908; F. W. Harding Augusta Queen 3rd, 1903; W. H. Miner Bell of Ivanhoe, 1909; F. W. Harding Nonpareil Beauty, 1909; Elmendorf Stock Farm	130
Superba Stamford, 1909; R. W. Caswell Maude 19th, 1908; Elmendorf Stock Farm	800

Proud Duchess 2nd, 1905; A. E. Trice, New Brunswick	\$ 200
Lucy of Pine Grove 6th, 1909; P. White, Marchioness 19th, 1908; W. H. Miner	235
Proud Duchess 3rd, 1906; F. L. Fuller, Bridal Bouquet, 1909; W. H. Miner	700
Dunrobin Lavender Rose, 1909; Elmendorf Stock Farm	160
Proud Duchess 5th, 1909; R. T. Olmis, Galt, Ont.	3,600
Lady Lancaster 14th, 1909; John Monroe, Florence, Ont.	300
Fancy C., 1909; F. W. Harding	170
Fancy Aberdeen, 1908; R. W. Caswell, Lavender 44th, 1902; Elmendorf Stock Farm	335
Lady's Maid, 1909; Tom Stanton	300
Pride 7th, 1909; Tom Stanton	425
Can. Duchess of Gloster, 1910; Elmendorf Stock Farm	155
Lavender 46th, 1908; Elmendorf Stock Farm	155
Roseleaf, 1908; W. R. Elliott	220
Crimson Lady, 1908; Elmendorf Stock Farm	490
Woodfield Lovely 3rd, 1909; R. W. Caswell Pine Grove Secret 7th, 1909; Tom Stanton Broadhooks Beauty, 1908; Geo. Amos & Son, Moffat, Ont.	105
Melba, 1908; H. L. Emmert, E. Selkirk, Man.	230
Cinderella 10th, 1909; R. W. Caswell, Blink Bonny 47th, 1908; W. H. Miner, Miss Ramsden, 1908; Elmendorf Stock Farm	1,325
Duchess of Gloster 41st, 1909; W. R. Elliott	150
Augusta Queen 6th, 1908; W. H. Miner, Proud Duchess 6th, 1909; John Wallace, Clifford, Ont.	245
Proud Duchess 7th, 1910; W. W. Dyer, Columbus, Ont.	400
Nonpareil 51st, 1909; Elmendorf Stock Farm	1,300
Donside Gem, 1909; G. J. Sayer, Mt. Henry, Ill.	375
Isobel, 1901; Wm. Keith, Listowel, Princess Maud, 1908; Thos. Farrar, Maud 20th, 1909; A. Shuttleworth, Hespeler, Ont.	240
Secret's Pride, 1909; Henry Fisher, Carlingford, Ont.	135
Lancaster Pride, 1904; S. W. Edwards, Watford, Ont.	350
Bessie Lancaster, 1908; Thos. Farrar, Pride 6th, 1908; W. J. Wallis, Clifford, Ont.	90
Pride of Gloster 6th, 1906; Tom Stanton	90
BULLS.	
Count Gloster, 1909; F. L. Fuller, Truro, N. S.	200
Nonpareil Prince, 1909; C. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S.	205
Gold Medal, 1909; Peter White, Goldie's Heir, 1909; F. W. Edwards, Watford, Ont.	160
Prince Ideal, 1908; C. A. Archibald, Gold Cup, 1903; J. Scott, Waterloo, Ont.	90
Crown Prince, 1909; J. H. Cameron, Shelburne, Ont.	145
British Victor, 1909; John Miller, Jr., Ashburn, Ont.	255
Magistrate, 1910; F. L. Fuller, Lavender Chief, 1909; John Brydone, Milverton, Ont.	190
Gay Monarch, 1910; Kerr & Davidson, Balsam, Ont.	185
Burnbrae Sultan, 1910; Prof. Day, O.A.C. Benedict, 1910; R. E. White, Perth, Ont.	105
Prince Lavender, 1910; F. W. Harding, Guardsman, 1910; H. Collicott, Tyrone, Ont.	160
Diamond Cross, 1908; John Miller, Brougham, Ont.	
Orange King, 1910; E. A. Haines, Parry Sound, Ont.	
January King, 1910; F. L. Fuller, Bridegroom, 1909; Wm. Wethercott & Son, Science Hill	
Total	\$ 30,420
Seventy-nine females averaged \$326.64; 19 bulls averaged \$243.00; 98 head averaged \$310.40.	

U. S. Secretary Wilson Replies to the Grange.

Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, has, in an open letter, replied to the National U. S. Grange resolutions against reciprocity. He contends that it is a step towards meeting the demands of the people expressed at the last election, and does not materially interfere with the American policy of protection as applied to the whole world. He argues that Canadian and American farmers occupy positions almost identical as to cost of production; that access to Canadian timber supplies will be a boon to the United States; that cottonseed oils will be valuable to Canada, and her market to

United States orchardists; that opening U. S. markets will be valuable to Canadian fish and poultry interests; and the States will value the securing from Canada of northern-grown seed and barbed fencing wire. The more general interchange of products, manufactured articles and stock will, he holds, benefit both countries, and the securing of raw materials to be converted into more finished products will be a distinct advantage to the Republic.

Canadian Holstein Breeders Enthusiastic.

A prosperous audience of one hundred and twenty-five Holstein breeders was present at the all-day annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, held in the Temple Building, Toronto, on Thursday, Feb. 9th. President H. Bollert, in his address, was able to congratulate the Association upon a large increase in registration and membership, 1910-11 having proven the best year yet. Registrations increased 784, and transfers 1,047. The total number of bulls registered in the herdbook is 10,521, and of cows, 15,452. A remarkable increase was shown in the membership, 244 applications having been received during the fiscal year, of which 28 had been accepted at the last annual meeting. The total membership is now 972.

It was decided to print 1,300 copies of the herdbook, volume 14, for 1910, and 15,000 copies of volume 15 for 1911. The salary of the secretary-treasurer was increased from \$1,500 to \$1,600. The total number of registrations during the year was 4,693.

RECORD OF MERIT.

The report of the Secretary showed that 342 tests had been accepted in the Record of Merit, of which 241 were first tests, 27 were thirty-day tests, ten were 14-day tests, and 60 were additional tests for cows already admitted. Four tests were made eight months after calving. Ten cows have produced over 20 pounds of butter-fat apiece in one week this year, the highest amount having been made by Evergreen March, owned by G. W. Clemons. This cow gave 22.17 pounds of fat in seven days; her milk yield was 684.9 pounds. In the second week of her thirty-day test, we understand, this cow is making a still better record, giving 701.8 pounds of milk, and 29.29 pounds of butter, calculated on the 80-per-cent. basis. She is also entered in the yearly test for the Record of Performance, and during the month of January averaged 90 pounds a day. Her best day's milk yield has been 104.7 pounds. Eight hundred and twenty-nine cows have now been admitted to the Record of Merit, and 53 bulls have been entered on the strength of their daughters' records. Seventeen bulls were admitted during the past year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The auditor's report, presented by J. W. Richardson, showed an encouraging state of the Association's finances. In spite of an increase in expenditure for Record-of-Merit prizes and other items, the statement of receipts and expenditures showed a good balance on hand. The receipts showed a balance carried forward from the previous year of \$4,136.58; registration and transfer fees, \$8,523.60; annual dues, \$458; members' fees, \$1,220; interest on bank account, \$91.83; interest on bonds, \$220. This, with a couple of other items, footed \$14,764. The expenditure amounted to \$13,182.09, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,581.92. Assets, consisting of balance on hand, bonds, office supplies and herdbooks, totalled \$10,704.96.

Gen. C. W. Wood, President of the American Holstein Breeders' Association, in a fraternal and hopeful address touching on the question of reciprocity, brought greetings from one hundred million Americans, a large proportion of whom were rejoicing that an imaginary tariff line was being torn down, never to be rebuilt. "We are all," he said, "children of the same father, and under obligations of a Divine law which compels us to do unto others as we would be done by." His sentiments on this subject were heartily endorsed by applause.

As indicating the extent of the business done by the American Association, he mentioned that it is issuing a certificate every two minutes. Twenty to thirty clerks are employed all the time attending to the routine duties of registration. The income last year will reach \$75,000, and \$30,000 a year is being spent in promulgating the doctrine of the value of the Holstein cow and the virtues of Holstein milk.

The Holstein cow has been attacked on many grounds. First she was assailed by the statement that there was not any fat in her milk. Now, having disproven this statement by record-making, Holstein cows having given as high as 37 pounds of butter in a week, she is assailed by the charge that she cannot produce long-term records. But yearly records have been made of 1,200 pounds of marketable butter in a single year. It is now desirable to demonstrate to the consuming public that fat is present in Holstein