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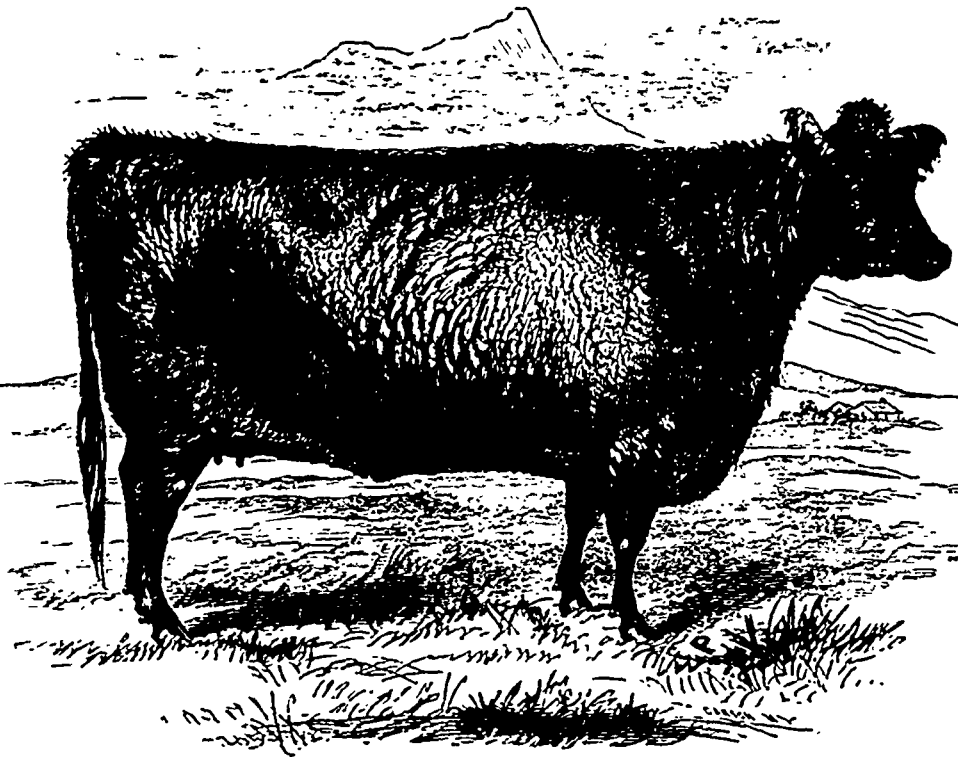
The Galloway Heifer, "Annie Laurie."

HERewith we present our readers with a portrait of Mr. John Snell's Galloway Heifer above-named. She took the first prize as a calf at the Provincial Show in Hamilton two years ago, the first prize as a yearling at the Provincial Fair in London last year, and we were under the impression that she had taken the first prize in the two-year old class at the recent Provincial Exhibition in this city, when we instructed our artist to take a sketch of her for the engraver. It appeared, however, subsequently, that she was awarded the second prize. We dislike to find fault with judicial decisions, and shall not do so in this instance, yet we frankly confess it was with some surprise we learned that this fine animal had been assigned the second place. She is certainly a very fine specimen of the Galloway breed of cattle, and we think no one who has an eye for prime stock will grudge her a place in our portrait gallery of premium animals. The following is her pedigree:

PEDIGREE OF THE GALLOWAY HEIFER, "ANNIE LAURIE"—Calved November 26th, 1863, bred by John Snell, Edmonton, Chinguacousy, got by Black Jack, Dam Empress by Jack, imported by W. R. Graham, Esq.; Grand Dam Beauty, imported by W. R. Graham, Esq.

Short-Horn Bull, "Oxford of Athelstane."

WE continue our illustrations of the prize animals at the Recent Provincial Exhibition, by presenting herewith an engraving of the Hon. D. Christie's magnificent young bull, "Oxford of Athelstane," which, though a calf but ten months' old, most justly won the Diploma as the best bull of any age on the ground. Our artist has admirably caught the leading features of this beautiful young animal, which we hope may live to fulfil all the promise of excellence



he gave at the recent show. His pedigree as given in the forthcoming Canadian Short Horn Herd Book, is as follows.

OXFORD OF ATHELSTANE [520].—Red and a little white, calved Nov. 10, 1865, bred by and the property of Hon. D. Christie, The Plains, Brantford, Co.

Brant; got by Oxford Lad [518], 5056, dam Pride of Athelstane (imp.), by Sir James the Rose (15290), g. d. Lady of Athelstane by Hymen (13058), gr. g. d. Playful by Fourth Duke of York [10167].—Place 3rd, by Fourth Duke of Northumberland (3649).—Place 2nd by Duke of Northumberland (1940).—Place 1st, by Second Earl of Darlington (1945).—Place, by Son of Second Hubback (2682).—a cow of Mr. Bates', Kirklevington.

COWS NOT IN SEASON.—In answer to an inquiry on this subject, the *Irish Farmers' Gazette* says:—The

following is in good repute for the purpose: Fast the cow over night; then, in the morning, give her a hearty feed of nettles, mixed with a little herbage; being hungry, she will eat them clean, and the following day she will almost certainly seek the bull.

RAISING STOCK.—A correspondent of the *Ulster Herald* sends the following sensible hint in regard to raising stock:—"Every breeder of mules knows that a good horse colt cannot be expected from a mare that has borne mules. The common theory of this is that the blood of the mare becomes permanently affected by that of the foetus, giving mule characteristics to her subsequent progeny. Applying this to the

cow, is it not likely that the blood of the cow is permanently tainted when she is made to bear bad blooded calves? And can farmers expect ever to raise good stock from cows to which, for the purpose of making them milkers, they have been in the habit of using any runt of a bull they could pick up?"