

training so long, believing that such a course would materially retard its muscular development. In answer to our correspondent we would say that should he breed his filly this season, there would be no doubt that the development of his trotter would be at a standstill until she were done with her colt, but otherwise we are not disposed to think, the mare would be injured.

Correspondence.

VALUABLE IMPORTATION OF SHORTHORNS.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN BREEDER.

DEAR SIR,—I had landed at quarantine, Quebec, on the 14th ult., ten head of Shorthorns, viz., seven females and three bulls. All were bred at Sheriff Hutton, except one bull bred by Mr. Bruce, of Braithwaite Hall, and are (except one) of the Sowerby family, which has won such distinction at the leading shows of England during the last sixteen years; until last year they monopolized all but one of the first prizes at the Royal Show in the bull classes. The cow Sowerby was purchased from Mr. Booth, at Warlaby, fifty years ago by my father, and these are the first females of this family that have ever been brought to this continent to my knowledge, or that were ever disposed of except to the butchers when too old to breed, or at the Sheriff Hutton sale in 1879. My father held the family in so high esteem that he would never sell a female, refusing offers as high as 300 guineas. The bulls of this family are remarkable for size and excellence, long bodies on short legs, deep, wide chests, good neck veins, deep flanks, good loins, and well-filled crops, grand masculine heads and horns, great girthers and great weighers.

I have seen it stated recently that Mr. J. J. Hill, of St. Paul's, Minn., U. S., is now the happy owner of Goldfinder, by Sir Arthur Ingram (32490) of the Sowerby family.

My purpose is to breed these heifers to Royal Booth, of the Torr-Bright family, which is the best bull I have ever seen on this side of the Atlantic for breeding purposes.

WM. LINTON.

Aurora, June 1st, 1885.

WESTERN CATTLE MARKET.

The following is a full report of the meeting of butchers and drovers regarding the removal of the Western Cattle Market, to which editorial allusion is made elsewhere :

A large, influential, and representative meeting of the cattle dealers and butchers was held Tuesday afternoon at the Bull's Head Hotel, for the purpose of discussing the proposal to remove the market from its present site to Brockton. Among those present were:—Ald. G. F. Frankland, Messrs. A. W. Aikins, C. Flanagan, T. Bonner, Sr., G. Cheeseman, S. Levack, T. Peers, W. Britton, W. Harris, W. Dennis, B. Honeysett, P. Kinnear, S. Burnett, W. J. McClelland, S. Sullivan, G. Guest, J. Wilson, A. Farr, Sydney Smith, Wm. Hamilton, R. Pugsley, P. McConney, T. Humphrey, L. Penny, E. Blong, Jos. Ingham, E. A. Bowes, L. Coffee, G. D. Morse, W. Levack, J. Lambert, Jas. Dunn, J. E. Verral, C. Zeagman, M. Booth, W. Kinnear, R. Conn, S. Hinds, J. Henderson, T. Beech, R. Wilson, R. Himber, W. D. Stoddard, J. Wilson, Sr., J. Hutchinson, W. Ritcher, and a number of others.

Ald. Frankland occupied the chair. Letters were read by the secretary from H. P. Frankland and others, regretting their inability to attend, but stating that they were entirely in favour of the cattle market remaining on its present site.

The chairman said they had met to discuss what he considered a very important question. They had to consider whether the accommodation of the market was sufficient, and what assistance the corporation was prepared to give to enlarge the market and provide sufficient accommodation for the requirements of the trade, it being agreed that there were not at present sufficient covered pens erected for that purpose. He was in sympathy with anything that would make the market profitable and secure. He wished them to understand that he represented an eastern constituency, St. Lawrence Ward—he not only represented that Ward, but also at least, 100 butchers, who felt that they had to go far enough now without having to go two miles farther away for their cattle. Personally he considered that if properly utilized and sufficient pens were erected the present market afforded every facility necessary for years to come. He believed that this meeting would have great weight with the city council, as it was the most influential gathering of cattle dealers that he had ever attended, representing at least four-fifths of the business done at this market. If slaughter-houses were required they could have them on their present site, as the city had plenty of land there now under lease. He believed if the market was removed it would cost the city at least \$100,000, and as the taxes this year would likely be 18½ mills on the dollar, he thought they would all agree with him that they had plenty to pay without further increasing their taxes.

Mr. Joseph Ingham was then called upon, and addressed the meeting in a somewhat lengthy speech in favor of the market remaining on its present site. He said they had assembled to ventilate and discuss this question, and to come to some reasonable conclusion as to what would be to the true interests of the trade. In connection with this question there were several things to be considered. They were not only there as cattle dealers but as citizens, and as our City Fathers would expect a good and truthful report, which would be a kind of guide to them in their decision of the matter, he hoped the meeting would be harmonious and decided. A very large amount of money would have to be expended in making the present location fit for the trade, and a still larger expenditure in purchasing lands and erecting new markets if it was resolved to remove them. They all knew as citizens and ratepayers it was a very serious question with them whether they ought at any time to enter into a very large expenditure of public money, more especially as the taxes are at present so high. The present markets were almost isolated from the business centre of the city, and there was ample drainage. Most of the cattle dealers had located in its immediate neighborhood, having purchased dwellings, feeling convinced that it would remain on its present site.

Mr. A. W. Aikins, the next speaker, said he had been given to understand that the Markets and Health Committee proposed to spend only \$800 this year to improve the market. He, for one could not comprehend why so many were in favor of removing the market, which would require at least \$100,000 of an outlay. He thought that with a little improvement, the present site with its many advantages could be made quite satisfactory for years to come. He dwelt at some length upon the loose manner in which the market had been attended to, and

blamed the city council for not having looked after it in a more proper manner, this being the best property owned by the corporation.

Mr. C. Flanagan said he would like to remind this meeting that when they went before the Markets and Health Committee, the previous day, they found some of the Aldermen who appeared to be altogether in favor of the removal of the market. He wished to know what object they could have in agitating for its removal. Had they come to consult those most directly interested in the trade? How many of them were present to hear the views of this large and representative meeting of the Cattle Dealers? He said, "not one, except their chairman." Surely, when four-fifths of the cattle trade, representing at least 19-20ths of the money invested in the business, desired to have the markets remain at their present location, the city council would not dare to go to the enormous expenditure which would be required to purchase new grounds and erect the necessary buildings. Even if the cattle trade had demanded it, it would be a very grave question for the council to consider the expenditure of so large a sum of money, with the taxation already 18½ mills on the dollar. Those who were agitating for the removal of the market claimed that a large majority of the retail butchers of the city were in sympathy with them, and had signed their petitions; he knew, however, for a fact, that many had been led to do so on account of the misrepresentations made to them. They did not then understand the matter; in fact two of them were present at this meeting, and stated that they were in favor of having the market remain where it is. He was much pleased at the harmony and unanimity prevailing at this meeting, and believed with the worthy chairman that it would have great influence with the city council.

Mr. Honeyset said that the promoters of the agitation for the removal of the market were doing everything in their power to assure the aldermen and retail butchers, that in its present location there was no possible chance of obtaining a public abattoir, as it was impossible to have it drained. This, he considered, a piece of gross misrepresentation, as they had one of the largest and best sewers in the city running through the very centre of the present market.

Mr. S. Burnett and Mr. S. Hinds also spoke in favour of the market remaining in its present site.

Mr. J. Cheeseman, representing the retail butchers, said that the statements made by the opposition to the present market, that the retail butchers were forced to purchase from middlemen, was all nonsense. He had dealt in the market for a great number of years, buying sometimes only one and two cattle at a time, and he had never been shut out from making his purchases as he liked, and from whom he liked, and had always been treated properly. He was of the opinion that a better location than the present could not be found within twenty miles of the city of Toronto. The ground appeared to have been naturally laid out, between two hills, the centre being well adapted for an abattoir, having a trunk sewer running through it.

The meeting was conducted throughout with the utmost harmony, all present being in favor of the existing market.

Resolutions expressing the views of the speakers were adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

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