

It runs through the rear of Mr. Barker's place, and though it once served him thus, we believe it has given him more than it ever took from him. Mr. Barker, jr., who looks after the stock so well, was not at home, so our details here are meagre. We can only say now that the herds of both pure-breds and grades are of superior quality, although neither is numerous, the Shorthorns numbering 6 head. Several of the grades are prize-winners. Mr. Barker has kept Shorthorns for some twelve years. Here we saw one of the best bull calves, sired by Mr. Chisholm's (Montrose) bull, that we have met this season.

SPRUCE PARK,

owned by Mr. James Deans, ex-Reeve of South Dumfries, is two miles west of Paris station. This two hundred acre farm is kept in good heart, as Mr. Deans feeds from fifteen to twenty head of fat cattle every winter, and as a natural consequence has no trouble in getting good crops. The place, as the name indicates, is well supplied with young spruce and balsam trees, the planting of recent years; has capacious barn, weigh scales, and carries a good herd of Shorthorns and also one of grade cattle.

The Shorthorns came from the Bates' herd of Mr. James Cowan, of Clochmor, Galt, in the year 1874, to the number of four females, two cows and two heifers. The cows were Maiden, a red, and Lady Lorne; the former from the dam Lady Grant, by Romeo, and from the sire Constance's Duke 7753. The heifer calves were Paris Queen and Empress, both by Constance's Duke [1144] 7753, a bull which came from Hillhurst and well-spiced with Airdrie blood. Empress proved a very profitable cow, the bulls especially selling well.

Her daughter, Eugenie, bred in 1878, one of the best in the herd, a strong prize winner at the local shows, was got by Elmore—1037—, bred by Messrs. Chisholm & Dickson, of Galt, whose sire was Lothair 10393. This cow has size, substance, style, good packing, breadth, roominess, and is withal a good breeder. Lady Lorne produced Celina, by Constance's Duke 7753, which has given Victoria, from Brigade Major—509—, bred by W. Douglas and got by Earl of Goodness 5th 32519. Victoria, coming four years, a roan, is a model beast in many respects.

The first bull was Beaconsfield—1040—, a red bred by W. Douglas, Caledonia, in 1878, and got by Oxford Prince—1039—, followed by Brigade Major—509—. At the present time Mr. Deans is on the lookout for a good stock bull. There are two young bulls on hand for sale, as advertised in this issue. The herd now numbers sixteen head, having been thinned by frequent sales.

MR. THOMAS M'KAY,

Richwood, four miles from Drumbo, on the B. & L. H. branch of the G. T. R., who possesses a farm of strong soil, has been keeping Shorthorns for six years. His first lot came from "Spruce Park." One of these, Red Duchess, a good Bates cow and a regular breeder, is out of Lady Lorne, and has for sire Beaconsfield—1040—. The cows Florence, bred by Mr. Daniel Lark, Tavistock, and Roan Ruby, were bought at Mr. T. C. Patteson's sale, Eastwood, in the fall of 1883. The latter was bred by Mr. Jas. Cowan, and is out of the dam Ruby by Oswald Gray—183—. Beatrice, got by Mr. Deans' Grand Duke of Oxford—1289—, is a good flesher, and suckles a calf, Lady Elgin, which takes the eye at first sight, and which will bear a close inspection. Like most of the young stock here, it was sired by noble Duke—2144—, bred by Mr. Jas. Deans, Paris Station. Some bulls are here, too, on hand for sale. There are eleven pure-breds in the herd.

Mr. McKay breeds good heavy draught horses. A two-year stallion with four crosses is in the market, a beautiful bay, which should make a serviceable stock horse.

OBSERVATIONS.

(1) In this fine country, we believe, as elsewhere, a large majority of the farmers are cropping their lands too severely. Grain fields appear on every hand, and the willing soil, like the willing horse in the hands of a careless driver, is being overdriven. There need be no two opinions as to what the result will be, as the day eventually comes when the horse refuses to go; so, too, will that time come when the soil will refuse to give. We earnestly ask of the farmers of Brantford, Burford and Dumfries, to give this matter their careful attention, and not rob their families of a heritage they are anxious to secure for them.

(2) Farmers whose farms are well stocked (which every farm should be, remote from towns) should never fail to grow some supplemental food for their herds, to be given in the months of August and September, in case of need. In many places in Ontario to-day (August 12), the stock are really much worse off for supplies than in any period of the winter, a state of matters that might be avoided by giving due attention to this one item. Let this dry season be a warning to those who have been lulled to a false sense of security by the moisture of other years, as, if the supplement is not wanted, it will repay the outlay of producing it as a green manure.

(3) In South Dumfries the by-law prohibiting the running of stock at large is strictly enforced. Mr. James Deans informs us that for two years past his entrance gate has been left open. An honest inspector has been appointed, who is paid \$2 per day for his time when on duty, and offenders are fined when found out. Why may not this advance step in the march of civilization be made universal law?

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The Royal Show at Norwich.

The Royal Agricultural Society of England, in holding their show at Norwich this year, have chosen the centre of a district possessing a distinct breed of its own; and the great interests attached to the cattle classes naturally centers in the display of that particular breed. Here the display of Shorthorns and Herefords, although established in Norfolk and Suffolk, may be above or below the average of former Royals, but we certainly expect to see the uniform red Polled breed of Norfolk and Suffolk putting forth its full strength, standing on its own grounds. We were not at all surprised, then, to find the entries of this breed reach 146 in number; nor could we help but admire the sight they presented when led around the ring—all of a color most pleasing to the American eye, and of such a general good appearance that we could readily understand why our brother breeders across the line are taking a fancy to them. We can see no reason why this race of cattle will not, in the near future, play an important part in the cattle interests of America. But we are discussing a breed of but little interest to the Canadian reader, so we turn from them to the order given in the catalogue, beginning with the

SHORTHORNS.

In the class for aged bulls there were but four exhibited. The first prize was given to Prince of Hanalby, a very neat but somewhat small bull of excellent quality, and somewhat deficient in the hindquarters. His opponent, Hiawatha, is more massive, but too bare of flesh upon his shoulders to be placed before the Prince. The latter is of Booth descent, bred

by Mr. Talbot Crosbie, and owned by Mr. Williams; Moor Park, Yorkshire. The second-prize bull was bred by Mr. Gordon, of Rosshire, and owned by Mr. Handley, of Westmoreland. The highly commended bull is Self-esteem 2nd, a bull who has had a successful career as a prize-winner up to the present year.

In the class for bulls calved in 1883, Mr. Handley not only gained first prize, but also the champion-prize with Royal Ingram. Mr. Brierley's Ruckley, who has twice beaten him in the show-yard, and we should not be at all surprised if he should do so again, was placed second in honor. For the best bull calved in 1884 Mr. Handley is again the successful competitor with Golden Treasure, a massive bull with good quality and plenty of style. Mr. Fielding, of Grimston Park, Yorkshire, gains second honors with Dryops, a bull of great merit, and Messrs. Breach & Coupland, of Warwickshire, gain the third prize with Confidence. For bulls calved in 1885 there were seventeen entries. Mr. Handley is once more fortunate in obtaining the first prize with Royal Hovingham, a bull of mixed breeding. Mr. Metcalf Gibson's Royal Arthur, also bred by Mr. Handley, takes second place, closely followed by Mr. Duncan's Milton.

For the best Shorthorn cow in calf or milk, there were seven entries, but Mr. Brierley's noted cow Snowflake, the winner of recent years, was absent, through giving birth to a calf, which undoubtedly may, in the near future, follow the successful steps of her dam. Through her absence Mr. T. Hutchinson, of Catterick, Yorkshire, has the honor of claiming both the first and second prizes with Lady Pamela and Glad Tidings; and although the judges preferred the former, we should have given our preference to the latter. The Lady is, in our opinion, too much bound up and wanting in style, while Glad Tidings has all the appearance of high breeding. The third prize cow, Mr. Thompson's Inglewood Belle, is an animal of great substance, and by the noted bull Beau Benedict, the sire of many a heroine of the show-yard. Mr. Hutchinson again takes the lead for the best cow calved in 1883 with Lady Golightly, a daughter of Ribby Star from Lady Gray by British Knight. Mr. Hosken's Sylvia 11th, a daughter of Grand Duke of Oxford 5th and Sylvia 5th, by Baron Wild Eye, is a grand, massive heifer of great merit. She was followed closely by Mr. Brierley's Rosedale Snowflake, a very pretty heifer indeed. We had some hesitation in being satisfied that Mr. Brierley's heifer should not have been placed higher than third, but not having been admitted as one of the judges, we can say no more.

For the best heifer calved in 1884 Rev. R. B. Kennard has the honor of gaining the highest award with Queen of the Isles, a very pretty level heifer, one that no one could fail to admire. She is a daughter of Montrose, a bull of the Foggathorpe tribe, from Queen of the Glebe. Mr. Hosken is again successful in gaining second prize with Alexandria 9th, a daughter of the same sire as Sylvia 5th, from Alexandria 5th by Prince of Oxford. Mr. Hutchinson is placed third in same class, but we cannot for one moment agree with the judges' decision, as certainly Mr. Thompson's very lady-like heifer ought to have been preferred before her. She is also a daughter of Beau Benedict from Fair Millicent 2nd, by Brilliant Butterfly. There were in all thirteen entries for the three prizes given in this class, and we must congratulate the exhibitors on the very creditable character of their exhibits.

In the class for heifers of 1885 there were twenty-three entries in all. The highest distinction was awarded to Mr. Pugh, of Carmarthenshire, for Zoe