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In the purchase of Craven Knight to head his herd of Shorthorns at Oakland Farm, Alberta, Charles Yale has secured one of the most outstanding Shorthorn bulls in the United States. This bull has been at the head of the herd of Leslie Smith, St. Cloud, Minn., for some years, where his great merit. Several of his calves have been sold at the thousand dollar mark, and are in strong demand in the United States. He is a son of the great Avondale, one of the most noted bulls of the breed in America. He was the senior and grand champion bull of the North Dakota State Fair in 1917, senior and grand champion of the Minnesota State Fair, first in the aged bull class at the recent Congress Show in Chicago. At this show he defeated Imperial Middleton, the first two-year-old bull at the Chicago International in December. Craven Knight is undoubtedly one of the best stock bulls in the United States. A number of fine, outstanding young bulls came with him, which should do splendid service in Western Canada. Among the females imported and which have already been mentioned in The Guide, is Lucille, a cow weighing 2,000 pounds, three years old, that was second at the 1916 International and third at the 1917 International. There are a number of other outstanding individuals, including Hampton Queen and Shephard Girl, which make up this collection of high-class Shorthorns.

### EDMONTON BULL SALE

One hundred and fifty-five pure-bred bulls are entered for the spring bull sale, which takes place April 4, the third day of the spring livestock show in Edmonton. Other years bulls have been entered for this sale from all parts of the West, but this year it was decided to give the preference to the Alberta animals, and it has been necessary

### HAYS OFFERS HOLSTEIN HEIFERS

Another special prize has been added to the girls' and boys' special prizes in connection with the Summer Exhibition at Calgary. Dr. Thos. E. Hays, of Carstairs, has offered two grade Holstein heifer calves as first and second prizes for dairy calves sired by registered Holsteins and shown in the Dairy Calf Competition at the Calgary Exhibition.

### SHORTHORN PRICES IN U.S.A.

In the Shorthorn auction sales in United States during the year 1917, 550 animals sold for \$1,000 or more per head. It is a significant fact that of this large number only 14 exceeded \$2,500 and but three passed the \$5,000 mark. How clearly it indicates the stable condition of the Shorthorn trade. Private transactions were more extensive than in any previous year in the breed's history and yet there were no spectacular prices announced.

This reveals the wholesome condition of the Shorthorn business. Of the 550 sales held during the year the average that fell below \$700 was an exception and less than half-a-dozen reached or exceeded the \$1,000 mark. The great majority ranged from \$250 to \$550 average price per head, with less than a handful in excess of \$750. It is the evidence of stable trade conditions, of a safe and sane attitude on the part of the breeders, and the reliability of the Shorthorn as a profit maker on the farms and ranches. So far this year activity in Shorthorn affairs has far surpassed the record of 1917 and the prospect is that this trade will gather momentum as it increases in volume.

### 130 CARS OF BULLS AT CALGARY

Some idea of the size of the Auction Sale of Bulls which is to be held at Calgary, March 26 to 29, may be gained from the fact that it takes 130 cars to bring the bulls to the sale and the bulls come from 31 different



Alex. H. Walker, Carnegie, Man., with his calf, Ruby Boy, an Angus Shorthorn Grade, Champion at the Brandon Boys' Fat Calf Competition. This is a calf of wonderful type, finish and quality. He sold for 46 cents per pound and his owner won \$175 with him. He was Reserve Grand Champion of the Show. Alex. Walker is just 11 years old.

for the management to turn down over 100 entries from some of the biggest cattle breeders in the Dominion. In spite of the restriction there are thirty more bulls entered than last year.

Entries have also closed for the pure-bred horse sale, with some thirty-six horses entered from all parts of the country. Eight splendid Clydesdales have already been shipped from the farm of A. G. Gormley, of Unionville, Ontario, for this show. Being the first year of the horse sale, this is considered a splendid endorsement of the scheme which was suggested by the horse breeders' organization.

There are about 70 entries in the calf-feeding competition for the boys and girls of the Province. The entries for this class as well as in the other show classes do not close till March 18, but those already received in every department make Manager Stark sure of the biggest livestock show he has ever staged. Some 15 girls have already sent in their names in the calf-feeding competition, which has become one of the most talked of events of the year in connection with the innovations in the exhibition business. Business men as well as the boys and girls competing are taking a huge interest in the scheme.



Doune Lodge Rosador, one of the two good Clydesdale Mares given by Mrs. W. H. Bryce, Arcola, to the Canadian Red Cross, and sold at the Regina Horse Sale last week.

stations in Alberta. There are no less than 246 breeders of pure-bred stock in the province contributing the 856 bulls entered for the sale. The breeds represented are as follows: 86 Aberdeen-Angus, 3 Galloways, 273 Herefords, 2 Red Polled and 493 Shorthorns.

From the enquiries which have been received for catalogues and the general interest which is being shown in this sale it is expected that the largest number of stockmen ever brought together in the province of Alberta will be present at the sale. There will also be present buyers and visitors from all parts of Western Canada as well as from Eastern Canada and the United States. The animals will be judged, commencing at 1.30, March 26, and the sale will continue mornings, afternoons and evenings for three days, commencing March 27. The auctioneers will be S. W. Paisley, of Lacombe, J. W. Durno, of Calgary, and an auctioneer from the United States. The annual meeting of the Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association will be held at the Palliser Hotel, Tuesday evening, March 26.

### JERSEY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

Taking advantage of the assembly of most of the Jersey breeders at Chilliwack on February 8 for the annual convention of the B. C. Dairymen's association, the Jersey breeders of the province called a meeting with a view to forming a B. C. Jersey Breeders' association. There was a good attendance and the proposed bylaws and constitution were read and adopted, and the following number of directors elected: Honorary President, Prof. P. A. McLean, B.C. University; president, A. H. Menzies, Pender Island; vice-president, E. H. Barton, Chilliwack; secretary-treasurer, G. S. Harris, Moresby Island; district directors, A. W. Hunter, Interior; W. M. McIntyre, Mainland; Thorold D. Smith, Vancouver Island; N. N. Grimmer, Islands.

### BULL SALE AT REGINA

Buyers at the Regina Bull Sale got a good many bargains. Some good bulls went for less money than they should and prices were rather low. The quality of most animals is said to be as good as ever at the Regina sale, though fitting was not so good. The feed shortage not only resulted in many bulls being improperly fitted but also carried some hesitancy in buying. Only a report on the Shorthorn end of the sale is available as this issue goes to press.

The highest price for a Shorthorn bull was \$600, which is \$15 under last year's top figure. R. H. Smith, of Alameda, paid that for Shensley Amine, a four-year-old dark roan, sold by John T. Clark, of Bender. Mr. Clark had six bulls at the sale and realized \$2,300. He also had the two champion bulls at the show. Shensley Amine being open champion, first in the aged bull class, and Prince Sunbeam being reserve champion, Saskatchewan champion, and first in bulls calved after August 1, 1916. Prince Sunbeam thus got the junior championship. By many of the Shorthorn breeders at the sale the statement was made that Prince Sunbeam was the cheapest bull sold yesterday when he was knocked down at \$400 to Turnbull and McLaren, of Arcola.

The ten highest priced bulls were Shensley Amine, \$600; Saskatchewan Sultan, \$550; Royal Butterfly and Baron Butterfly, \$485; King William, \$450; Pride of Hillhurst, \$450; Prince Sunbeam, \$400; Homestead Boy, \$395; Sunbeam Shensley, \$375; Lancaster Marquis, and Saskatchewan Sultan 2nd, \$350; and Red Rose Duke, \$340.

Altogether 118 bulls were sold for a grand total of \$25,630 or an average of a little over \$217.

### Show Placings

In the judging and awarding of places yesterday forenoon before the sale the judges placed the Shorthorns as follows:—

Bulls, Championship open—Shensley Amine; Reserve Champion Prince Sunbeam, John T. Clark, Bender, Owner.

Saskatchewan championship—Prince Sunbeam, John T. Clark, Bender.

Aged Bulls—1, Shensley Amine, John Clark, Bender; 2, Oak Bluff, Topeman, E. N. Hume, Manor; 3, Duke, Robert Bloomfield, Pense.

Bulls, 3 years old—1, Prince of Cass, W. P. Clark, Waldron; 2, Baron of Park Lea, R. T. Lawson, Wiggins; 3, Oaklands Gloster, M. F. Roddy, Roselawn.

Bulls, 2 years old—1, Saskatchewan Sultan, H. W. Caswell, Saskatoon; 2, King William, W. G. Wilkinson, Tuxford; 3, Redrows Duke 2nd, Hamill and Hunter, Regina.

Bulls calved after August, 1916—1, Prince Sunbeam, John T. Clark, Bender; 2, Pride of Hillhurst, John T. Clark, Bender; 3, Royal Butterfly, University of Saskatchewan.

Bulls calved after January, 1917—1, Sunbeam Shensley, John T. Clark, Bender; 2, Belmar Champion, Elias Cuming, Bender; 3, Jack Cannon, C. C. Cameron, Stoughton.

Cows, Aged—1, Golden Lily, W. G. Wilkinson, Tuxford; 2, Dutchess of Oak Bluff, H. Tembath, Balcarres; 3, Sunnyside Queen, W. F. Croome, Wolaseley.

Cows, 3 years old—1, Hillcrest Princess, A. J. Quigley, Sintaluta; 2, Rose of Rose Valley, James S. Inglis, Hokeby; 3, Lady Nora, C. A. Peterson, Qu'Appelle.

Cows, 1 year old—1, Dutchess of Maple Bluff, H. Tembath, Balcarres; 2, Red Roan, J. A. McLean, Regina.

Cows, open championship—Golden Lily, W. G. Wilkinson, Tuxford; reserve champion, Dutchess of Oak Bluff, H. Tembath, Balcarres.

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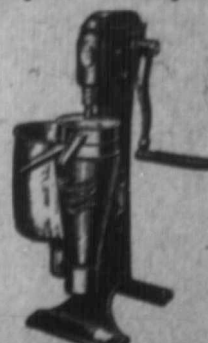
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