

GOSSIP.

The Prince of Wales 2-year-old Shorthorn bull, Pride of Collynie, a light roan of excellent parts, bred by Mr. Duthie and sired by Pride of Morning, won the male championship of the breed at the Bath and West of England show this month.

Referring to the shipment of 10 Shorthorns on May 5th, per SS. "Lakonia," by Messrs. Alfred Mansell & Co., live stock exporters, Shrewsbury, England, consigned to Mr. Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont., it consisted of several good young bulls and 2 heifers, viz.: "Rob Roy," a roan bred by Messrs. W. & J. Peterkin, by Morry Hampton 73063, from Jessica 3rd by Scottish Archer 59393; "McNaughton," a good red bull, bred by Mr. N. L. Napier, by Watchman 71828 from Cleopatra 4th by Prince of Fashion; "McIntosh," a red bull, bred by Col. Munro, by Kruger, dam Mabel by Vice Chancellor 56581; "King Robert Bruce," a fine roan, also bred by Messrs. Peterkin, got by Commodore 63286, out of Queen 6th by Lord Lollo 59337; "Hector MacDonald," a red bull, bred by Mr. J. Grainger, sire Coral Prince 74278, dam Medal Groat 2nd by Marksman 70945; "Golden Opportunity," also roan, bred by Messrs. Macdonald, by Golden Cup 73986, from Golden Thought 2nd by Cyprus 68294; and "Black Watch," a grand red, bred by Mr. J. Durmo, by Remus 73102, out of Rose of Elbe by British Leader 69417. The heifers were: "Lady Maid 3rd," bred by Mr. Napier, by Watchman 71828, from Red Lady by Better Luck 63149, and "Fancy 7th," a red heifer, bred by Mr. J. Young, sire Alan Gwynne 66909, dam Fancy 2nd by Portland of Cluny 61472. This latter heifer had a good calf at her side, bred by Mr. P. L. Mills, sired by Scottish Prince 73393. Messrs. Mansell & Co. have just received advice by cable that these cattle have arrived safely at Quebec.

A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont., writes: "We have recently sold an excellent lot of Shorthorns and Leicesters to Messrs. Ellison & Ford, from Utah, U. S. A., consisting of four grand bulls and an exceptionally good lot of Scotch and Scotch-topped heifers, mostly in calf to imported 'Knuckle Duster.' One of the bulls was by Calithness and his dam was the first prize cow at the Provincial Dairy Show at London in December last; another was the fifth prize calf at Toronto last fall. He was from same dam as Calithness, and got by Abbottsford, also a stylish two-year-old by Calithness, dam by Lavender Prince. The fourth bull was a very handsome red calf out of the 5th prize cow at Dairy Show, and got by Lord Lorie 22nd, now at the head of the Exp. Farm herd at Brampton, Man. The heifers comprised some choice things of the Cruickshank family and other Scotch sorts, some good Constances and other Scotch-topped Bales of our best milking families. To fill up the car, these gentlemen took a very choice bunch of Leicesters, which would make a good showing even in the best Canadian shows. They had not seen any Leicesters before, and were so delighted with the appearance of our stock, they could not go without a selection from them. Mr. Dissenger, of Canoga, N. Y., got a fine bull, strongly bred in milking qualities. Another good one goes to Mr. Lapany, of Easton, Maine, U. S. Mr. J. D. Clement & Son got a good young, lovely bull by Calithness, and Mr. Peter McDonald, Amherst, Ont., got a sturdy, well-shaped son of Calithness and our best milking cow.

THE GERLAUGH SHORTHORN SALE.
The sale of Shorthorns from the herd of Mr. C. L. Gerlaugh, of Osborne, Ohio, held at that place, May 23rd, was a pronounced success. A large representation of breeders attended, and the bidding was spirited and prices good. Canadian breeders were represented by W. D. Platt, Hamilton, and Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, who did some plucky bidding. Mr. Platt secured the imported cow, Meadow Beauty 6th, a roan 4-year-old, by Lord of the Meadow, at \$1,200, the second highest price in the sale. Imp. Bessie 151st, a roan 3-year-old, by Sittypoint, sold for \$1,525, the highest price, to C. M. Casey, of Missouri. Two imported bulls sold for \$800 each, the highest price for bulls. Twenty-two imported cattle made an average of \$781.35, and the thirty-eight head sold brought \$20,690, an average of \$544.77.

CLYDES AT CASTLE DOUGLAS.
Clydesdales made a good show at Castle Douglas spring meeting, April 5th. The striking feature of the show was the prominence of the get of the famous stallion, Baron's Pride. In a capital class of 2-year-old stallions, the first, second, third and fifth prizes went to sons of this great sire. The first and champion of the section, Baron's Crown, shown by Mr. H. Webster, and bred by Mr. Wm. Hood, was first here and at the Royal last year. He is up to a right size, has splendid feet and legs, and moves well. The second winner, Baron Robgill, a beautiful colt with rare quality of bone, stood second at the Highland, his dam being the noted mare, Princess Alix. Third also went to Messrs. Montgomery for Pride of Morning, a bonnie colt bred by Mr. A. McKay, Bruchag. The fourth was Mr. Wm. Crawford's brown colt by King O'Kile, and his dam by Sir Everard. In yearling colts, Messrs. Montgomery won 1st and 2nd with sons of Baron's Pride. The first was bred at Barcheskie, from a Macleekin mare. The second bred by Mr. Stephen Hunter, Whiteleys, and out of a mare by Handsome Prince. The 3rd went to Mr. Jas. Picken, Torrs, for Kit Kennedy, a good, massive colt by Cawdor Cup, from a Crusader mare.

In the brood mare class, Mr. A. B. Matthews' brown mare, Queen of Beauty, was 1st, and in the yearling class, Mr. L. Pilkington's Maid of Honor, by The Royal Standard, won 1st. Three-year-old mares were a strong class, and the 1st prize and female championship of the show went to Mr. Thos. Smith's (Blacoon Point) Jennie Deans, by Baron's Pride, and 2nd to Jubilee Fashion, shown by the same owner. She was 2nd at this show and at the Royal last year, and is by Montrose Chief; dam Belle of Fashion. Two-year-old fillies were strong in number, but not in quality. First went to Sir H. E. Maxwell for a bay filly by King of the Roses, Mr. Thos. Smith had the second, by Baron's Pride, out of Fickle Fortune's Princess, and 3rd by Prince of Peeking. Yearlings were especially interesting, as four of Baron's Pride were forward. Mr. Webster was 1st with a filly of fine quality and action, Mr. R. S. Scott's filly of rare quality coming in for second, and Mr. David Hood's filly of his own breeding, out of a Buxom Lad mare) third.

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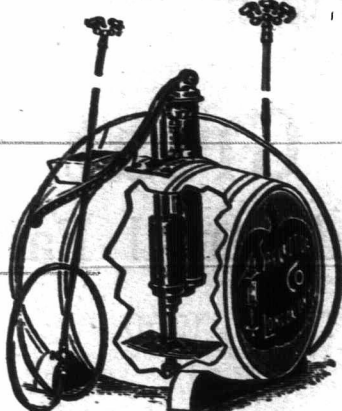
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The second of a series of combination auction sales of stock was recently held at Orillia, Ont., but a company of officials and others who attended to witness its working, report that it was not a success. "The lack of success seems to be due to lack of confidence," was ever so with such experiments in this country. What can be done to inspire confidence? Echo answers, what? Suppose we apply to the Government for a grant!

A GREAT DAIRY COW GONE.
The death of the great Holstein-Friesian cow, Rosa Bonheur 5th (11227, H. F. H. B.), occurred last month at the Michigan Agricultural College farm. She was a fine animal of 12 years old when, owing to an attack of paralysis in her limbs, she was killed. In her sixth year she is reported to have made the following remarkable record of milk production: 1 day, 106.75 lbs. milk, 3.22 lbs. fat; 1 week, 726.25 lbs. milk, 20.47 lbs. fat; 10 days, 1,035.5 lbs. milk, 28.75 lbs. fat; 30 days, 2,589.5 lbs. milk, 82.16 lbs. fat. She was an unusually large cow, her weight at the time of this test being 1,750 lbs., and at one time her weight reached 2,070 lbs. For a period of 6 weeks she averaged 97.66 lbs. milk daily, during which time, being a very large animal, her daily consumption of food was: silage, 114 lbs.; corn meal, 12 lbs.; oat meal, 9 lbs.; bran, 3 lbs.; oil meal, 9 lbs.; roots, 27 lbs.

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At a sale of Shorthorns made by J. C. Shropshire, at Montrose, Kentucky, May 25th, thirty-two females made an average of \$156.25, and the 57 head sold averaged \$122.30.

James Boden, Farm Manager for Mr. R. J. Reford, St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, advertises for sale the imported champion Ayrshire bull, Napoleon of Auchrain, winner of first prize and sweepstakes and head of 1st prize herd at Toronto, 1898; also a fine 2-year-old bull and three choice bull calves of last fall, all of which are fitted for show bulls, having been reserved for that purpose. This statement is a guarantee that they are well up to the standard of first-class, as Mr. Boden is acknowledged to be one of the best judges of Ayrshires in America. Mr. Reford's farm is close to St. Anne station, G. T. R. and C. P. R., 20 miles west of Montreal.

LARGE SALES OF HEREFORDS.

Col. Jay L. Torrey, President of the Embur Cattle Co., who organized "Torrey's Rough Riders for service in the Spanish-American war, paid two visits to Guelph, Ont., in May, and purchased 60 Herefords from Mr. Alfred Stone, 5 Douglas St., Guelph, and 17 from the F. W. Stone Stock Co., including the show bull, Picture 27th, a reserve bull, 2 cows, 2 heifers and one calf. These cattle were shipped to Wyoming on May 24th, and occupied four cars. Col. Torrey is a candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination on the Republican ticket.

OFFICIAL TESTS OF HOLSTEIN-FRIESIANS.
To THE GAZETTE.—The following tests, from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 1900, are uniformly made by representatives of agricultural colleges or experiment stations at the homes of the cows; the length of each test is seven consecutive days; the butter-fat is determined by the Babcock test, and the butter estimated—first by the 80 per cent. rule, and second by the 85.7 per cent. rule.

Summary.—Eight cows, five years old or over, average per cow, 444.6 lbs. milk containing butter-fat equivalent to 18 lbs. 7.3 ozs. butter at 80 per cent. fat to the pound, or 17 lbs. 3.7 ozs. butter at 85.7 per cent. fat to the pound.

One cow between four and five years old produces 412.1 lbs. milk containing butter-fat equivalent to 22 lbs. 5 ozs. butter at 80 per cent. fat to the pound, or 20 lbs. 13.2 ozs. butter at 85.7 per cent. fat to the pound.

Five cows between three and four years old average per cow 400.3 lbs. milk containing butter-fat equivalent to 17 lbs. 7.9 ozs. butter at 80 per cent. fat to the pound, or 16 lbs. 3.2 ozs. butter at 85.7 per cent. fat to the pound.

Ten cows under three years old average per cow 286.5 lbs. milk containing butter-fat equivalent to 12 lbs. 2.6 ozs. butter at 80 per cent. fat to the pound, or 11 lbs. 5.6 ozs. butter at 85.7 per cent. fat to the pound.

The two most remarkable are those of Beryl Wayne, a cow between seven and eight years old, with a product of 24 lbs. 3.5 ozs. butter, 80 per cent. fat, or 22 lbs. 9 ozs. butter at 85.7 per cent. fat, and of Lillith Pauline De Kol, a cow about three and one-fourth years old, with the unrecorded product of 24 lbs. 7.4 ozs. butter, 80 per cent. fat, or 22 lbs. 13.3 ozs. butter at 85.7 per cent. fat to the pound. At my request, both these cows were re-tested by Prof. C. B. Lane, of New Jersey Station, and the first tests fully confirmed. S. HOSKIE, Oneida Co., N. Y.

SOME WINNERS AT THE BATH AND WEST OF ENGLAND SHOW.

The classes of cattle, sheep, and pigs are said to have been unusually strong at the above show held at Bath, June 1-4. Following is the list of the winners in classes in which many Canadian breeders are interested:

Shorthorns—Bulls, calved in 1896 or 1897: 1, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, K.G. (Stephanos); 2, C. W. Brierly (Ben Ledi); 3, J. D. Willis (Silver Plate).

Bulls, calved in 1898: 1, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales (Pride of Collynie); 2, D. H. Green (Lavender Yet); 3, Miss Alice de Rothschild (Bashful Youth).

Bulls, calved in 1899: 1 and 3, W. J. Hosken (New Year's Gift and Royal Sovereign); 2, J. D. Willis (Baptist Sentinel).

Cows: 1, W. J. Hosken (Countess of Oxford 14th); 2, C. W. Brierly (Autumn Queen); 3, D. H. Mytton (Silene).

Cows in milk: 1, D. H. Mytton (Silene); 2, Col. Makins (Welsh Gem); 3, r and h, L. de Rothschild (Mayflower 3rd).

Heifers, in milk, calved in 1897: 1, L. de Rothschild (White Socks).

Heifers, calved in 1898: 1, R. and W. T. Garne (Aldworth Jewel); 2, H. Dudding (Lady 21st); 3, J. D. Willis (White Heather).

Heifers, calved in 1899: 1, Lord Tredegar (Lassie 3rd); 2, J. D. Willis (Victorian); 3, L. de Rothschild (Mayflower).

Shropshires—Shearling rams: 1, R. P. Cooper; 2 and 4, A. T. Tanner; 3, W. F. Inge. Ram lambs: 1, P. L. Mills; 2, R. P. Cooper; 3, D. Gibson Shearling ewes: 1, P. L. Mills; 2, A. Bradburne; 3, W. F. Inge.

Large Whites—Shearling rams: 1, 2, and 3, J. T. Hobbs; 3, W. A. Treweeke. Ram lambs: 1 and 2, R. W. Hobbs; 3, r and h, W. A. Treweeke. Shearling ewes: W. A. Treweeke.

Berkshires—Boars, farrowed in 1897, 1898, or 1899: 1, R. Swanwick (Sambo 46th); 2, J. L. Jefferson (Peel Royal); 3, Earl of Carnarvon (Flying Fox).

Boars, farrowed before 1900: 1 and 3, R. Henderson (Biscot Stumpy and Biscot Fancy); 2, J. A. Fricker (Gillingham N.C.). Sows, farrowed in 1900 (12 entries): 1, A. T. Tomkin; 2, J. A. Fricker; 3, E. Burbridge.

Large Whites—Boars, farrowed in 1897, 1898, or 1899: 1 and 2, Sanders Spencer (Holywell Royal 2nd and Holwell Barnum); 3, Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart. (Walton Regent). Boars, farrowed in 1900: 1, D. Gibson; 2 and 3, r and h, S. Spencer. Sows, farrowed before 1900: 1 and 2, W. A. Treweeke (Wrexham Venus and Wrexham Hawthorn); 3, D. Gibson (Matchley White Rose 1st); 4 and 5, r and h, S. Greenall (Walton Bella and Walton Topsy). Sows, farrowed in 1900: 1 and 2, S. Spencer; 3, r and h, D. Gibson.

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AYRSHIRES AT CASTLE DOUGLAS.

At the Castle Douglas spring show, held April 5th, the Ayrshires were judged by Messrs. W. P. Gilmour, Balmangan, Borge, and Robert Osborne, Wynholm, Lockerbie. There has never been a better show of Ayrshires at Castle Douglas. In the cow-in-milk class, Messrs. A. & W. Kerr, Old Graltney, were first with Jenny of Old Graltney, which last year was third. Mr. William Murray's second, from Borrowmoss, Beauty IV., by the Knockdon bull Scottish Prince, occupied the same place last year. Mr. Wm. Stroyan, Culcairn, Twynholm, was third with the cow which stood first a year ago; and Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Barcheskie, was fourth with a cow not before shown. For uncalved cows, Mr. Stroyan stood first with the cow that stood second a year ago, and Mr. Andrew Mitchell was second with a cow shown last year. The placing of the three-year-olds in milk gave the judges some trouble, and they handed the task over to Mr. James Howie, Hillhouse, for settlement. He placed Sir Mac J. M. T. Stewart, of Southwick, first with a good heifer showing a fine vessel, especially behind, and first-class tests. Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Barcheskie, was second with an equally good cow, bred by Mr. Harper, but excelling rather in fore vessel. Mr. Burrowmoss, Keltan Mains, was third and fourth. M'Dowall, Keltan Mains, was third and fourth. The best female Ayrshire in the show, and one of the best uncalved queys shown for many a day, was leader in the class for three-year-olds, uncalved. She was bred and is owned by Messrs. A. & W. Kerr, Old Graltney, in name. Senorita, and was got by Peter of Whitehill. She was an easy first, and won the female championship. A typical Ayrshire with a gay head and good neck, a wealthy body and a first-rate vessel, lying very level, carried well forward, and showing well-captured up behind, with promise of excellent tests, she is a heifer to be reckoned with. Mr. Murray, Burrowmoss, was second with a get of Black Prince, and Mr. Stroyan was third and fourth. In the two-year-old heifer class Messrs. R. & P. Wardrop, Garlaiff, were first with the heifer which was first here and fourth at the Highland last year, and Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Barcheskie, was second with Mary, which last year was first almost everywhere. There is little to choose between these, and possibly some judges would have reversed their positions. Mr. Andrew Slater, Hartburn, was third with a get of Jubilee Prince from a Conqueror cow. Bulls made a very good display. First prize in the older class went to Mr. Andrew Mitchell for Commander, late Marquis, the white bull which won first at the Highland, Newton-Stewart, and Dalbeattie last year. Mr. Wm. Miller, Powmillmont, Dumfries, was second, and Messrs. R. & P. Wardrop, Garlaiff, third. The class for two-year-old bulls was led by beauty, a red-and-white, from Mr. Thomas Lindsay, Carregown, Wigton. This is a remarkably level and straight bull, and invaluable on many grounds, of which his color is not the least important. Mr. Andrew Slater, Hartburn, took second and commended with bulls of good quality and good action. Mr. Alexander Y. Allan, Croftwell, had the third. In a large class of bull stirs Sir Mark J. M. T. Stewart came very near making a clean sweep of the prizes. He was first, second, and highly commended, and anyone who means to beat him will require to be up very early in the morning. Mr. Andrew Slater had the third; Mr. Wm. Lindsay, Dunjop, was very highly commended; and Mr. James Watson, Mains of Duchrae, commended. The chief interest in this section possibly lay in the competition for the Ayrshire Herd-Book championship for the best bull. The Carregown red two-year-old was a stiff opponent of Mr. Mitchell's Commander, and ran him close, but Barcheskie came out winner.—Scottish Farmer.