

GOSSIP.

Messrs. Robert Hunter & Sons, Maxville, Ont., importers and breeders of Ayrshire cattle, in ordering a change in their advertisement, write: "Sales have been better this year than ever, and we have sold a large number of Ayrshires all over Canada and the United States, and some to Japan. There is no doubt Ayrshires are coming into there own. We still have on hand one of the best lots we ever owned, and we are offering special bargains on bull and heifer calves in order to reduce stock sufficiently for winter quarters."

Mr. D. Milne, Ethel, Ont., on the Palmerston to Kincardine branch of the G. T. R., writes: "My stock of imported and home-bred Scotch Shorthorns have done fairly well this summer, although pasture has been rather short. I have a number of very choice calves of both sexes, and a lot of good yearling and two-year-old heifers, and young cows that would make good show material, the younger part got by the richly-bred Broadhooks bull, Broadhooks Prince (imp.) =55002=, the best stock bull I ever used, and that is saying a good deal. The others were got by Scotland's Fame (imp.) =45225= and Red Duke (imp.) =36084= (77585), and other bulls of equally good breeding and merit. But, as I have been breeding Shorthorns for a long time, in fact, have grown old at it, and have no help, I will offer any of the 64 head on hand at lowest prices, and on terms to suit buyers, as I am anxious to reduce herd at present, and may make a dispersion sale about November next."

SILVERTHORN JERSEYS.

A few minutes' walk from either the C.P.R. or G.T.R. stations at Toronto Junction lies Silverthorn Stock Farm, the home of Mr. Thompson Porter, one of Canada's leading breeders of Jersey cattle, whose herd now numbers some 60 odd head of Golden Fawns, belonging to the noted St. Lambert strain, at the head of which are the richly-bred stock bulls, Golden Fox of Dentonia, a son of the great champion, Arthur's Flying Fox (imp.), dam the noted show cow, Brunette (imp.), for whom Mrs. Massey has refused \$1,500, and Blue Bell's Fox of Linden Grove, by that great bull, Blue Bell's Blue Fox; his dam, Blue Bell, is said to be the greatest cow ever imported into the United States. Here are not only a grandly-bred pair of stock bulls, but they are show bulls from the ground up, and, judging from the youngsters now coming on, they bid fair to be soon among the most noted sires of this continent. The herd, taken all through, are an exceptionally large, strong-constituted lot, of approved type, carrying large, well-balanced udders, many of them now milking 40 to 45 lbs. a day. St. Lambert's Ada is milking 42 lbs. a day; that, by the Government standard, is equivalent to 19 lbs. of butter in 7 days. Others are doing still better. One, Maulin's Allie, on the morning of our visit gave 22 lbs. milk. Last month the test of cream, on the basis of which the price is fixed, showed the enormous percentage of butter-fat as 30 for the month's average, all of which goes to show that the Silverthorn herd are producers of a very high order. Among the younger ones are heifers under two years old that are making 6 lbs. of butter in 7 days; several of them have been winners at Toronto as well. One of the coming wonders is the heifer, Fern's Brilliant Fontaine, by Fontaine's Golden Fern, a son of America's greatest bull, Golden Fern's Lad (imp.); dam Dazzling Maid, a daughter of that great show cow, Brilliant. This wonderful heifer is a living image of the world's greatest Jersey cow, Owl's Sensation, T. S. Cooper's great champion. Few heifers of the breed can compare with this youngster for sweetness of mould and perfection of type. Mr. Porter reports the demand as greater than his supply, orders and inquiries come from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and of which speaks volumes for "The Farmer's Advocate" as an advertisement medium. Half a dozen young bulls are on hand, and are as yet only yearlings. Some of them could be spared to those who are in preponderance of opinion that the breed is coming without a doubt to the fore. As a result Mr. Porter reports that he has sold cows with a full milk pail, and he will let it and report.

The grand old Scotch Shorthorn cow, Beauty 24th, belonging to Mr. Manson, Kilbearn, Oldmeldrum, has just dropped her seventeenth calf, a fine dark roan bull, sire Pride of Rothes, by Pride of Avon. Beauty 24th is in her nineteenth year, and has produced many prizewinning animals, the most notable being the great champion cow, White Heather, now owned by Mr. J. Deane Willis.

Mr. James Snell, Clinton, Ont., who advertises Shorthorn cattle, Leicester sheep, and Berkshire hogs, writes: "I have sold the young boar pigs, and sold one young bull to Mr. Jas. Cumming, of Whitewood, Man., but I still have three yearling bulls left. Sold eight grand Leicester sheep to A. F. White, Hornell, N. Y., which he is going to show at six State fairs. My son, William, has gone to assist him at the fairs, starting on the 14th inst., and left Caledonia on the 16th with 49 head—11 Hampshires, 11 Cotswolds, 10 Southdowns, some Cheviots and some Lincolns, besides the Leicesters. Most of these are newly imported and prizetakers in England. I have a number of young breeding ewes to sell, and I think as good a ram as I ever had. I do not intend to show at Toronto, but expect to go to London."

SPRINGBANK OXFORDS.

One of the very best flocks of Oxford sheep in Wellington County is the Springbank flock, the property of Wm. Barnett, Living Springs P. O., near Fergus (G. T. R. and C. P. R.), fifteen miles north of Guelph. At present the flock numbers about 65. The aim has always been to keep the flock up to the highest standard by the purchase of the best imported rams obtainable. The shearlings offered are got by a Hobbs ram, which was first at the Royal, first at the Bath & West of England and several other shows in England. Besides, he was first as a shearling at Toronto and London in 1904. They are an exceptionally typical bunch, beautifully covered. This year's crop of lambs are the get of the second-prize Toronto winner in 1906. He is a well-built and well-covered ram, and is leaving an impress of covering, form and uniformity of type seldom seen. Reports from recent sales state that purchasers are well pleased with the stock, and if it be an Oxford Down that is wanted, Mr. Barnett can supply the right sort in breeding, type, quality and size.

Mr. Hudson Usher, Queenston, Ont., three miles from Niagara Falls, a noted breeder of Shorthorns, writes: "I have to report the sale, to Mr. James Gibb, Brookside, Ont., of our herd bull, Queenston Archer =48898=, a thick, massive, mossy-coated roan, sired by Derby (imp.), dam Veronica (imp.), by that noted winner and sire of winners, Brave Archer (imp.), and of the same family as the great show bull and sire, Choice Goods. Queenston Archer is one of the best individuals in use in any Canadian Shorthorn herd at the present time. His sire is one of the smoothest big bulls that has been imported, and his dam is a splendid big cow, and a grand breeder. As Mr. Gibb's herd of Scotch cattle is one of the best in the country, we expect more show stuff from it in the near future. Mr. Hugh Thomson, of St. Mary's, bought the ten-months-old bull calf, Queenston Archer 3rd, a red-roan, got by Queenston Comet =62086= (a Kinellar Bessie, by Derby (imp.)), and out of Veronica (imp.) above mentioned. This calf is bred in the purple, has good masculine head, and ample depth and spring of rib. He is well let down in the flank, and gives promise of developing into a bull of substance and quality, and should merit the attention of anyone in need of a high-class bull. Mr. Thomson also takes the young roan cow, Queenston Bessie, got by Derby (imp.), dam the grand breeding cow, Bessie's Maid, by Royal Prince (imp.), a daughter of Beatrice 2nd, by Sittytown Stamp (imp.), that proved so great a producer in the Thistle Ha' herd. Queenston Bessie is a very neat cow, with plenty of size, and the type which produces the good ones. These sales, through 'The Farmer's Advocate,' afford me some satisfaction, as both these men are careful buyers, and discerning judges, and I am sure that they must be right in their purchases. Mr. Usher has issued a circular letter containing sample photographs of the best in his herd."

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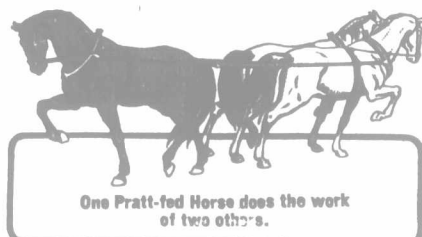
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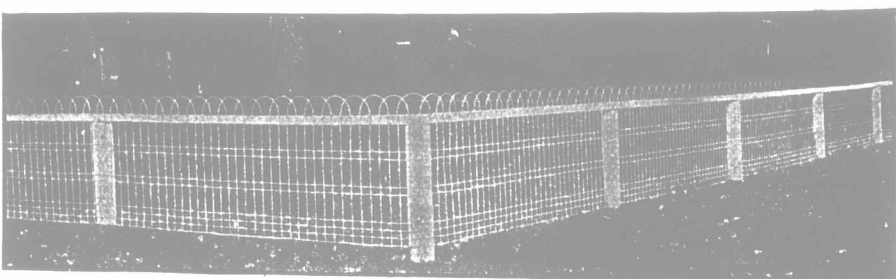
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