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GOSSIP.

IMPORTANT SALE OF HOLSTEINS IN SIGHT.

Dairymen throughout the Dominion and the United States will be interested in the announcement in our advertising columns of the dispersion sale by auction, without reserve, on March 6th, of the entire herd of 26 head of high-class Holstein-Friesian cattle belonging to Mr. William McClure, Norval, Ont., at his farm, two miles from Norval Station, G. T. R.; five miles from Brampton, G. T. R., and C. T. R., and 20 miles west of Toronto. It is rarely that so good an opportunity offers to secure at one's own price selections from so notable and useful a herd. The herd was established some 12 or 15 years ago, the foundation stock having been carefully selected from leading Canadian and American herds, and high-class bulls of the best breeding and character have been continuously used in building up and improving the cattle in dairy form and performance at the pail till there are few herds on the continent to-day more uniform in type or of higher average capacity in dairy performance. Those who watched the work of the cows in the Pan-American Model Dairy test last year could not but be favorably impressed with the excellent record of the Holsteins from start to finish, standing steadily at the top of the list in milk yield, in milk solids, and in net profit in the production of milk solids, and evidencing clearly their ability to hold out well for a lengthened term of lactation.

Mr. McClure's great cow, "Beauty of Norval" 1404, included in this sale, a model dairy cow in type, conformation and performance, made in the six-months test at the Pan-American the highest milk record of the 50 selected cows of ten different breeds in "The Model Dairy," and stood second in butter production, having yielded in the six months, under adverse conditions, 8,140 lbs. of milk and 328 lbs. of butter. She is now in the prime of life, being only seven years old. She was sired by Siepkje's Mink Mercedes Baron 31, and is out of Aagie Lady of Luraine 378, and is now in calf to the grand yearling bull, Sir Pietertje Posch, now at the head of this herd and in the sale, a son of the noted young cow, Alta Posch, who holds the world's record for a two-year-old and a three-year-old cow, having given in an official 7-days test, at 2 years 11 months and 28 days old, 21 days after calving, 586 lbs. of milk, an average of over 83 lbs. per day, containing 21.661 lbs. fat, or equal to 27 lbs. 1 oz. butter in a week, 80 per cent. fat. This young bull was sired by Worthenall 3rd's Sir Pietertje 1243, and the dam of Alta Posch is the great cow, Altje Posch 4th 65, who holds the highest record in a public test, having given in two days, at the Provincial Dairy Show in 1900, 114 lbs. milk in 48 hours, testing 4.28 per cent. butter-fat.

There are included in this sale the dam of Beauty of Norval, three of her sisters, a two-year-old daughter, and a capital one-year-old son, sired by Baron Witzde, and most of the herd are bred deeply in the same prepotent blood lines, while many of the females are in calf to this rarely, richly-bred bull, Sir Pietertje Posch. Space will not admit of individual mention of all the good things in the herd, but suffice it to say there is nothing inferior in it, and scarcely one that does not rank well above mediocrity. The sale will be entirely without reserve, as Mr. McClure has leased his farms and is retiring from farming. The prospects for the dairy business will warrant dairymen in seizing this opportunity to secure some of the best dairy stock available.

The Battle Estate, in writing regarding change of advertisement, say that from the number of orders already placed with them by the farmers from all over the Province of Ontario for their well-known "Thorold Cement," the outlook for new farm buildings for the year 1902 is a good one. Many farmers have taken a sales agency for the "Thorold Cement," and are employing their spare hours in canvassing among their neighbors and talking up cement and better buildings on the farm.

H. C. Graham, Ailsa Craig, Ont., advertises two young Shorthorn bulls, bred from good milking families, of the same strains as the young cow shown by them at the Provincial Dairy Show, Guelph, in Dec. last, and which did excellent work in that trial.

J. & W. Russell, Richmond Hill, Ont., advertise 12 young Shorthorn bulls, all under two years old, bred from their noted gold medal and sweepstakes herd at the World's Fair and the Toronto Exhibition. See the advertisement and write them for particulars.

Dalgety Bros., Dundee, Scotland, have consigned to their Mr. James Dalgety, London, Ont., the fourth shipment of high-class Clydesdale stallions direct from the Glasgow Spring Show. This is described as the largest and best shipment the firm has made. The horses will be on view at the Black Horse Hotel, Toronto, March 5th, for a week, and after that at London, as per advertisement in this issue.

Cicely, the champion Shorthorn cow at the Toronto Industrial and Pan-American Exhibitions last year in the herd of W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, and sold at his Chicago sale in November to J. G. Robbins & Sons, Horace, Ind., has produced a healthy roan heifer calf, sired by Imp. Consul, second-prize winner at the Highland Society Show in 1900, and sold by Mr. Flatt last year to go to the Argentine Republic.

At a dispersion sale on Jan. 15th, of the herd of Holstein cattle belonging to M. L. Jones, Villa Nova, Norfolk Co., Ont., good prices were obtained, considering that the sale was only locally advertised. Several of the cows and heifers bringing from \$100 to \$150 each, and one, Daisy B. DeKol 3rd 2308, brought \$200, falling to the bid of Matt Richardson & Son, Caledonia, Ont., who secured five of the best in the sale.

Mr. H. D. Smith, Compton, Que., in ordering change of advertisement, writes: "I am glad to be able to report the Ingleside Herefords all doing well this winter. The calf crop is most promising—so far nearly 30 head, all by Mark Hanna, and more to come. At demand for bulls keeps up well, and at present I have only two left for sale over 12 months old. I have a nice lot of heifers all ages. Your paper continues to keep me busy answering enquiries for stock."

Mr. William Linton, Aurora, Ont., places an advertisement in this issue of imported Shorthorn bulls and heifers from his old-established Sheriff Hutton herd, descended direct from the famous herd of his late father, whose bulls made a great record as winners of championship honors at the Royal Show of England, and from which the late Mr. Cruickshank on more than one occasion selected sires for the evolution of his noted herd. Mr. Linton's farm is readily reached from Toronto, being on the line of the Metropolitan Electric Railway, and only 24 miles north of Toronto, on Yonge street. Write him for particulars, or call on him.

B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton, Ont., write: "Mr. A. E. Aiken, of 'Woodlawn Farm,' Hagersville, Ont., has purchased one of the Jersey bulls advertised by us, and the following letter received from Mr. Aiken explains itself: 'The young bull, Royal Prince, arrived in splendid condition. He is feeding well, and is quite at home. I am perfectly satisfied with him, and believe he will make a good sire.' Four young bulls bred by us are heading herds in British Columbia. Two sons of Brampton's Monarch are heading the leading herds in Manitoba. We have also sent one to Quebec, two to Nova Scotia, three to Newfoundland, and several to the United States, besides the numerous herds in Ontario that are well headed by bulls from the Brampton herd. This growing trade is not to be wondered at when one reviews the records of this herd at the leading Canadian fairs."

I. Devitt & Son, Freeman, Ont., write: Our offering of Clydesdales includes our stock horse, Grandeur 2nd 2246. He is not only one of the largest Clydesdales in Canada, but is also a horse of fine quality, and has proved himself a getter of the right sort of draft horses, and is just the horse to get the big geldings that are now in such demand. Nickel Steel is a fine rich bay, with white face and hind feet, a low-set, thick coat, with strong, flat, clean bone, heavy muscled, and, as his name indicates, a strong constitution. He is a grand horse for breeding up, where the other horse might be too large. The two-year-olds are a good smooth lot of strong-boned colts, and will make big horses of the right kind. The mares are in nice breeding condition, of the low, thick-set type, with good feet and plenty of bone and good action. Here are a few qualities that are noticeable throughout the stud: Good sound feet; strong, clean, flat bone; strong, muscular development; deep chested; short, strong backs; broad loins; closely ribbed, and good barrels, with good temper.

PLANT TREES.—Don't wait till the last minute before ordering trees for spring planting. It will pay you to make your selection early. See advertisement of the Winona Nursery Co., Winona, Ont., and write them at once for catalogue and prices.

Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Annual Meeting.

The 16th annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association was held in Toronto on Feb. 4th. The President, Mr. Robt. Miller, presided, and in his opening address congratulated the members on the prosperous state of the industry. The heavy snowstorms of the previous few days had rendered travelling difficult, and the attendance was consequently not as large as last year, but some 200 members were present, including several from Manitoba, among whom were Messrs. Andrew Graham, Pomeroy; Jas. Bray, Longburn, and J. G. Barron, Carberry; and Alberta was represented by Mr. John A. Turner, Calgary. The Secretary's report showed that the registrations are steadily increasing, the increase in Vol. 17, issued last year, being 2,582 in excess of the record of the previous volume. More registered cattle had been sold and shipped from Eastern Canada in the last year than in any previous year, the greater number going to the U. S., but a great many to the Northwest and British Columbia.

The financial statement showed that the receipts during the year were \$12,131 and the expenditure \$12,880. The credit balance on December 31st last was \$7,471. One thousand two hundred and fifty-five yearly subscriptions were received, and 8,874 registration fees were paid, both being largely in excess of the previous year.

The report of a committee composed of President Miller, Richard Gibson, W. D. Flatt, and Arthur Johnston was adopted unanimously, as follows, after a brief discussion: We, the members of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, at our annual meeting, resolve that the tubercular test is unreliable, unnecessary, and in many cases injurious, and that we urge the discontinuance of the compulsory use of the toxine by the Dominion Government Department of Agriculture. It was resolved that we also fail to see the object now of requiring a 90-days quarantine on imported cattle, as there is no contagious disease in Great Britain requiring its enforcement to such length of time.

Upon motion of Capt. T. E. Robson, M. P. P., seconded by Mr. H. Smith, it was resolved that the matter of changing the Canadian standard of accepting pedigrees recorded up as high as Volume 30 in the English Herdbook take effect when the American Association adopt the same rule.

The Association also passed a resolution asking the directors of the World's Show at St. Louis to appoint Mr. W. E. Skinner as Live Stock Director of the Exhibition.

A motion favoring the condensing of pedigrees and the use of a smaller type in Vol. 18 of the Herdbook, and that the list of transfers be omitted, was carried, as was also a motion granting \$100 from the funds of the Association towards the salary of a man to take charge of shipments of registered stock to the West. On motion, it was resolved that new members be given the volume of Herdbook of the young animals recorded by them, and that subsequently, as each year's membership fee is paid, they be given the volumes in succession as published.

Officers elected for 1902: President, Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont.; 1st Vice-President, William Linton, Aurora, Ont.; 2nd Vice-President, W. G. Pettit, Freeman, Ont.; Vice-Presidents from Provinces: A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont.; P. G. Boyver, Georgetown, P. E. I.; W. H. Ladner, Ladner's Landing, B. C.; James A. Cochrane, Hillhurst, Que.; George A. Fawcett, Sackville, N. B.; Jno. A. Turner, Calgary, Alta.; C. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S.; W. A. Heubach, Touchwood Hills, Assa.; J. E. Smith, Brandon, Man.; Directors: James M. Gardhouse, Highfield; T. E. Robson, M. P. P., Ilderton; Edward Jeffs, Bondhead; H. Smith, Hay; Thomas Russell, Exeter; W. G. Cargill, Cargill; S. Dymont, Barrie; John Isaac, Markham; Raikes, Barrie; C. M. Simmons, Ivan; W. J. Higgins, Clinton; Walkerton; W. Salem; James Tolton; John Davidson, Ashburn; Executive and Finance Committee: Robert Miller, W. D. Flatt, H. Smith, Arthur Johnston, W. G. Pettit. Delegates: To Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association—John Isaac, Markham and T. E. Robson, M. P. P., Ilderton; Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, Hon. John Dryden and Robert Miller; Western Fair, Henry Smith, Hay, and C. M. Simmons, Ivan; Central Fair, Ottawa, R. R. Sangster, Lancaster, and D. McLaren, Dunmore; Provincial Exhibition, Nova Scotia, C. W. Holmes, Amherst, and F. C. Dickie, Fort William; Provincial Exhibition, New Brunswick, Senator Jesiah Wood and George A. Fawcett, Sackville; Provincial Exhibition, Prince Edward Island, C. C. Gardner, Charlottetown, and F. G. Boyver, Georgetown; Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, Hon. Thos. Greenway, Crystal City, Man., and W. S. Lister, Middlechurch. Secretary and Editor, Henry Wade, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

A BEAUTY—A G. Hull, of St. Catharines, Ont., the old reliable nurseryman, has this season issued the handsomest catalogue he ever sent out, and the contents are as good and helpful as the cover is bright. Drop him a post card at once for a copy. See his advertisement also.

Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Annual Meeting.

W. F. Stephen, Trout River, Que., the President, presided at the annual meeting of Ayrshire Breeders' Association in Toronto on February 5th. He considered the Ayrshire the best commercial cow, eminently fitted for the dairy. Canadian Ayrshires kept up their reputation at the Pan-American, where they won 75 per cent. of the prize money offered for this breed. He advised an early selection of animals for St. Louis.

According to the Secretary-Treasurer's report, 1,476 animals were recorded in 1901, a trifling decrease when compared with the registrations of the year before, but the membership increased from 190 to 220. \$85.50 was paid to the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association to make the members of the Ayrshire Association members of it. This was given for prizes at the Provincial Winter Fair for Ayrshires. The meeting approved of having three judges at the Toronto Industrial, two to act in each section and one as referee, alternately, and also recommended Mr. Skinner for the post of Director-General of Live Stock at the St. Louis Exposition. A good exhibit will be sent there, if the Dominion and Provincial Governments give as good transportation facilities as were given to the Pan-American. The Dominion Government was asked to accept the nomination of the judges from the Association for the St. Louis Show. It was decided to discontinue the use of ear tags. The Secretary was instructed to confer with the Live Stock Commissioner and Secretary of the Cattle Breeders' Association as to the payment of \$250 promised to the Ayrshire Association.

The list of officers for 1902 is as follows: President, F. W. Hodson; Vice-President, Senator Owens, Montreal. Vice-Presidents: For Ontario, N. Dymont, Clappison's Corners; Quebec, R. Ness, Howick; Manitoba, Geo. Steele, Glenboro; Assiniboia, C. W. Peterson, Regina; British Columbia, A. Wells, Chilliwack; Prince Edward Island, Hon. T. Rogers, Charlottetown; Nova Scotia, F. Black, Amherst; New Brunswick, M. H. Parlee, Sussex. Directors for Western District: W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford; Wm. Stewart, Menio; A. Hume, Menio; A. Kains, Byron; J. C. Smith, Hintonburg; O. G. Clark, Ottawa; F. W. Hodson, Ottawa. Executive Committee for Eastern Division: R. Hunter, Senator Owens, Napoleon LaChapelle. For Western Division: Wm. Stewart, W. W. Ballantyne, J. C. Smith. Revising Committee: F. W. Hodson, Senator Owens, J. C. Smith, R. Ness, H. Wade. Secretary, Treasurer, H. Wade. Delegates: To Toronto Industrial, W. W. Ballantyne and Wm. Stewart; London, A. Kains (Byron) and Geo. Hill (Delaware); Ottawa, F. W. Hodson and Jas. Yuill (Carleton Place); Sherbrooke, T. D. McCallum (Danville), R. Ness (Howick), Napoleon LaChapelle, and A. Drummond; Cattle Breeders' Association, W. W. Ballantyne and H. Wade. Mr. David Benning, Williamsstown, was unanimously made a life member.

The expert judges for fairs were selected as follows: Toronto Industrial—Prof. J. H. Grisdale, Ottawa; A. Kains, Byron; W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford. London—Geo. McCormack, Rockton; Thos. Bradshaw, Ottawa. Ottawa—A. Kains; T. D. McCallum, Danville, Que. Sherbrooke—Jas. Boden, Ste. Anne de Bellevue; A. Drummond, Kingston—J. H. Douglas, Warkworth. Quebec—Horace Lamarche, St. Esprit, Que.; Jno. Morin, Belle Riviere, Que.

SHORTHORNS AT AUCTION.

Mr. F. A. Gardner, Britannia, Ont., announces in our advertising columns the dispersion sale of his entire herd of 35 head of Shorthorn cattle at his farm near Streetville Junction, O. P. R., on Thursday, March 20th. The herd is composed of useful cattle of good sound Scotch and Scotch-topped families, many of the cows being excellent milkers. The imported bull, Scotland's Fame 26063, a grandson of the noted Scottish Archer, and of the favorite Kilbrian Beauty family, heads the herd, where he has been in service for three seasons, and has left his impress on the young stock, which are uniformly of the low-set, thick-fleshed sort. The cows, of which 18 are of breeding age, as well as a number of heifers, are in calf or have calves at foot. There are 7 young bulls of serviceable age, besides the imported bull in the sale. More extended reference to the offering will be given in our next issue. In the meantime, parties interested should send for the catalogue, which will be mailed to applicants as soon as ready.

DAIRY SHORTHORNS AT AUCTION.

A public dispersion sale of a herd of dairy-bred Shorthorn cattle is advertised elsewhere in this issue to take place at Berlin, Ont., on the Grand Trunk Railway, on March 5th. The herd is owned by Mr. E. B. Kolb, of that place, who has for some time been conducting a successful milk and cream supply business in the town. The herd is founded on good families of standard dual-purpose Shorthorn cattle known to have deep-milking propensities, some of the cows giving up to 50 lbs. a day, and yet such as feed rapidly when not milking. These are the farmer's general-purpose cattle. Most of the cows are young or in the prime of life, and several have calves at foot, and there are three young bulls, also a number of registered Yorkshire and Fawnhoughs, included in the sale. See the advertisement and send for the catalogue.