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Attention is again drawn to Jos. Dorrance's sale of Dual-purpose Short-horns advertised elsewhere in this issue. It is an opportunity for securing big, strong Shorthorns which have proven their value at the pail. Mature cows, heifers and males are offered at the purchaser's price. The stock was bred and raised on the farm. The sale is May 14 at the farm of Jos. Dorrance & Son, near Seaforth. Write for catalogue mentioning The Farmer's Advocate.

Holsteins at Woodstock May 14.

An event that has promise of being of special interest to Holstein breeders who are readers of these columns, is the Snyder-Griffin-Hammer sale, to be held in the city of Woodstock, Ontario, on Wednesday, May 14. The number of cattle selling is not large, there being only 40 head catalogued, but without exaggeration one may add that a larger number of choice individuals were never before catalogued for any sale of equal numbers in Canada. Mr. Snyder is the larger contributor. With three exceptions, one blemished cow and two heifer calves, the 23 head catalogued comprise his entire herd, and among them it is impossible to find one poor individual. Breeders who have attended the exhibitions at Toronto and London during the past five years will recall the splendid winnings made each year by Mr. Snyder's entries, and always were they deserving. A combination of type, depth and conformation has always been in evidence, and to strengthen their chances they have at all times been well brought out. Breeders may feel sure of finding them in this same condition on sale day, notwithstanding the fact that all those in milk are running on official test at time of writing. Their records in all probability will be too late to be included in the catalogue, but it is certain that there will be several good ones to announce on sale day. These cows are all under five years of age and include daughters of such sires: De Kol Paul Korndyke, Correct Change, King Segis, Alcartra Calamity, etc., while the younger heifers are got by Count Paul C. Posch, the great young son of Pauline Colantha Posch, 34.32 lbs.; and the present herd sire, Sir Francy Netherland Abbecker. The latter bull, it will be remembered, was junior champion bull at Toronto and London last fall, and has an average of 30.32 lbs. of butter in 7 days for his five nearest dams. He sells with the herd, and the majority of the females will be rebred to him by sale time.

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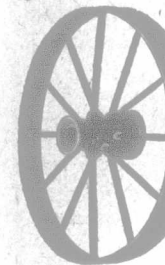
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