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In reviewing the Spring Valley herd of pure-bred Shorthorns in these columns, it is almost useless to go into details regarding the breeding females in this noted herd. Neither is it necessary to dwell at any great length on the herd sire, which has been in use during the past three years. Families, such as the Buckingham, Broadhooks, Golden Drops, English Ladies, Village Girls, etc., have been too long in the Kyle herd to need any further introduction to the readers of these columns who are interested in Scotch-bred Shorthorns. Sea Gem's Pride the herd sire is also too well known, both as a sire of prize winners and a prize winner himself, to take up further space here. In passing on to the young bulls, however, all of which are sired by Sea Gem's Pride, we might add that for the past three years at both Toronto and London, he has at all times stood well within the money, winning senior championship honors at the latter fair in 1918. Visiting the farm recently, we found almost a dozen young bulls, all sired by Sea Gem's Pride in the stables the oldest of which was the Junior yearling Ivanhoe, the premier calf of seven entries in this class at Toronto this year. There was also a beautiful roan April calf, a full brother to Ivanhoe in the stables, which was showing, if anything, still more promise. These calves belong to the English Lady family and are by no means the best things in the calf stable. There is for instance the Village Maid calf, New Year's Gift, first in a class of thirteen junior calves at Toronto, and like all the others he too, is sired by their own herd sire. We could go on and mention a red October Missie bull, probably one of the strongest calves ever bred on the farm; two September calves, one Golden Drop and one Scottish Fancy, to say nothing of several more exceptionally strong youngsters, all of which carry popular pedigrees, and on all are stamped the best of Shorthorn character. Taken individually or collectively these youngsters, as we saw them lined up at the farm recently, were not only as strong a lot got by one sire as we have ever had the pleasure of seeing but were also as strong a line-up as we have seen in one herd in years. Without doubt they make up the most important contingent Kyle Bros. have ever had the pleasure of offering.

Bulls of 30-lb. Breeding.

There are but few pure-bred Holstein herds throughout either the United States or Canada that is more widely or more favorably known than the Hamilton House herd owned by D. B. Tracy of Cobourg, Ont. Mr. Tracy's herd first came into note chiefly through developing the great show cow Lulu Keyes. This was perhaps the most perfect high-record cow ever developed in Canada, and her record of 36.05 lbs. of butter in seven days was at the time equaled by only one other cow in the Dominion. In milk for the same period she produced 785.40 lbs., and running on for thirty days made 144.39 lbs. of butter and 3,191.8 lbs. of milk. Her highest day's milk being 122.8 lbs. This is the highest record cow so far that has been developed by Mr. Tracy, but Lulu Darkness an eight-year-old cow, still in the herd, and a full sister to Lulu Keyes, has 30.33 lbs. of butter in seven days and also gave over 100 lbs. of milk in one day. Mr. Tracy at present is advertising a six-month's-bull from this cow and sired by his present herd sire, which is a son of Lulu Keyes. Another cow in the herd which also has a bull calf in the sale's list, is Lady Akkrum Hengerveld. She has a 638 lb. milk record and 27.24 lbs. of butter for the seven days and her calf, also a six month's youngster, is also got by the same sire. The only other bull calf in the herd that is nearing serviceable age, is a nine month's son of Princess Dixie DeAnnandale 2nd, a 26.09 lb. cow. In addition to these calves mentioned, there are several others younger, all of which are from tested dams and sired by the son of Lulu Keyes, referred to above. While visiting the farm recently, Mr. Tracy informed us that he could also spare a few females, among which were a number of two and three-year heifers safely bred. As there has been no official testing done on the farm for the past two years, these heifers have never been tested, although in several

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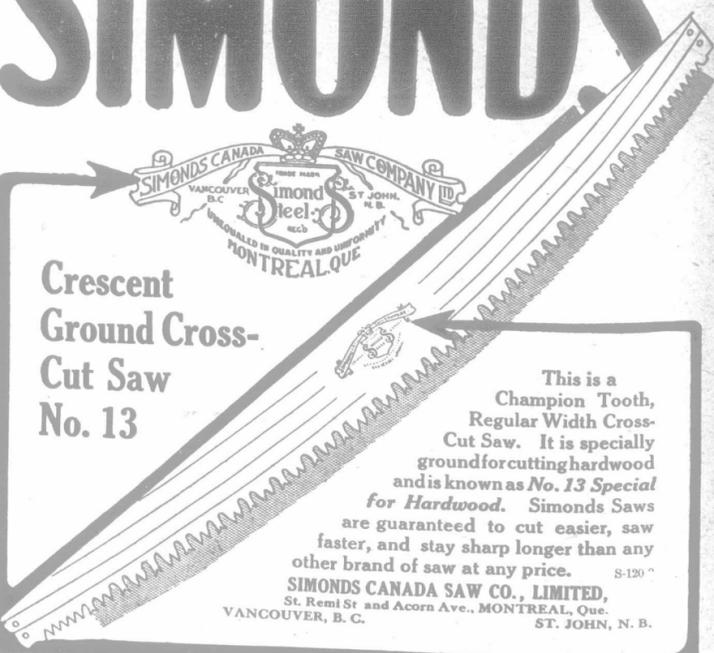
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