

Mr. Jos. Thompson, Salem, Ont., which were out of stock owned by the Messrs. J. & W. Watt. The whole herd are descended from this heifer Maggie, and in addition twenty-three head have been sold for \$2080. She was calved June 12th, 1871, was red in color, got by Martin [2566], dam Adda by Kinfans [381], g. d. Alma by Victor (12268).

Four bulls have been used in the herd previous to the introduction of the present one, and each one has been a first prize county winner. The first, Marquis of Lorne, referred to above, was sired by the Messrs. Watt's Conrad, and kept at Hill View until four years old; the second, Briton, bought of Mr. James Tolton, Walkerton, 1874, by Duke of Ashton [1224], a roan; the third, Red Prince, bred by Henry Larton, Ponsoby, was got by the Sheriff—955—, and the fourth, Charlie, a red of 1881, sired by Constance Duke—239— dam Rosa, by Marquis of Lorne—141—, a bull with a fashionable Bates pedigree, came from the Cloch mohr herd of Mr. James Cowan, Galt. The present stock bull is British Duke 3d, calved 11th December, 1884, bred by Mr. A. Armstrong, Speedside, Ont., got by Butterfly's Duke—233—, and out of the dam English Lady 2d, whose dam was imp. English Lady. His great grandsire was the famous Sittyton bull Heir of Englishman (24122). This bull, bought as a calf in 1885, carried first and diploma at Walkerton over aged bulls, and the same in 1886, and the young stock from him are fine. The herd now consists of seven cows, two one-year-old heifers and six calves, of which four are bulls. Of these the cow Lady Ann, calved 1882, is a wonderful milker. Her heifer calf of this year has all the great depth and breadth of her sire, and will puzzle rivals in the coming shows, and Blanche, one of the first individually in the herd, has been a great producer of prize-winning bull calves.

The Hill View herd have taken every herd prize yet given in Carrick for Shorthorns, also the herd prize at the Northern, held in Walkerton, 1875 and 1876, and four diplomas for bulls; and Mr. Dickison informs us that he has never hitherto met with difficulty in disposing of his surplus stock at good paying prices. A careful choice of foundation, the good bulls continually used, and the liberal but not forced feeding, are amongst the essentials that have led to Mr. Dickison's success. And while he has bred good cattle he has not overlooked the improvement of horses and sheep, having a beautiful young stallion on hand of the Clyde type, and some Oxford Down sheep and their crosses, and Berkshire pigs, the two latter of which first came from Mr. Arkell's "Summer Hill" farm.

SHORTHORN BREEDERS IN CARRICK.

This township promises soon to be a flourishing Shorthorn centre, and we regret that we had no time to visit more of the herds. Mr. James Thompson, Mildmay, has a number of cattle of this breed, indeed a good, fair, useful herd. S. Oberly, Carlsrue, has a Hill View bred bull, and F. Reinhart, Neustadt, a number of Shorthorn cows. John Bates, Molky, owns a bull and some females, also on a Hill View foundation. Gilbert Taylor, Mildmay, owns a pure bull; M. Labort, Mildmay, has a good nucleus of a herd, say a dozen head, founded on the Clochmohr herd, and J. Smith, Mildmay, has at least half a dozen. J. Johnston, Mildmay; Mr. Weaver, same place; H. Holheiser, Formosa; J. Fisher, same place; J. Wilton, Walkerton, and A. Gactz, Carlsrue, have each one or more animals, and all this in a township much given to dairying.

SPRING BANK FARM.

This prettily lying farm, which gathers all the waters that fall on it into a broad depression sloping

to the north, is owned by Mr. James Tolton, Walkerton, for eight years Reeve of Greenock, and returned during seven of these by acclamation. It consists of 300 acres in the townships of Brant and Culross, and is situated five miles w. s. west of Walkerton.

It is one of the oldest Shorthorn centers in the township, and also produces pure Oxford and Leicester sheep, and Berkshire pigs. It possesses good buildings, the white brick two storey house being doubly attractive in its design.

Mr. Tolton's Shorthorn herd rests upon the triple foundation, Maid of Ontario, Elycrysium, and Florinda 5th. Maid of Ontario, bought in 1868, a one-year, of Mr. P. Arkell's breeding, was got by Yeoman—471—, and the dam Flora 3d. Five cows and two heifers out of 17 females are descended from the Maid of Ontario, two of them by Sentinel—398—, two by Sir Andrew—688—, and the others by the Duke of Guelph—1641—, and British Duke 2d—3203—, the present stock bull.

Elycrysium was bought in 1873 from the late J. Parkinson, Eramosa, and was then carrying her second calf. She was got by Duke of Arkell—139—, dam Helena, going back to imported Lady Jane by Sir Walter (2639). Of her descendants at Spring Bank there remain a good useful four-year cow by Bredalbane—1621—, 2 three-year cows by Duke of Guelph—1641—, and Bredalbane—1621—, and a heifer calf.

Florinda 5th, a red cow, was calved September, 1873, and was bred at Bow Park, sired by Oxford Chief 15071, [1911], and out of Florinda 4th. She traces to an imported cow named Har, bred by F. Hollis, Yorkshire, England. Her progeny were numerous, but taking the market readily, many of them have been sold, but there yet remain Florinda 6th, an aged cow; Florinda 11th, by Duke of Guelph—1641—, and Florinda 12th and 13th by British Duke 2d—3203—, and a heifer calf. These 2 one-year heifers and a third, a roan, by the same sire, are worthy of a special mention. They are smooth, neat, pretty and stylish, and furnish another instance of the leveling up process that is certain to follow the introduction of a good bull into the herd.

Eight stock bulls have been used successively in the herd: (1) Duke of Ontario, bred by the late James Parkinson, Eramosa, bought 1869, was used two seasons; (2) Duke of Ashton—1080—, bred by the late Henry Reid, Glanford, was used three years; (3) Sentinel—398—, bought 1874—a Sanspariel bull got by Sheriff (29964) imported by F. W. Stone, Guelph, a bull red in color, which did much good in the herd; (4) 3d Grand Duke of York—470—, a Bates bull, also bred by Mr. F. W. Stone, sire Baron Berkeley (36158); (5) Sir Andrew—688—, bred by J. & R. Hunter, Alma, got by Knight of Warlaby (29014), dam Lady Syme of the Queen of the May family; (6) Bredalbane—1621—, bred by James Thompson, Masonville, Ont., by Duke of Moundale—533—, a very useful bull to the neighborhood; (7) Duke of Guelph—1641—, bred by R. Kirby, Guelph; and (8) the Stock bull Bristol Duke 2d, bred by J. S. Armstrong, Speedside, and elder brother to Mr. Dickison's Hill View stock bull. When this bull comes into the market, which will be ere very long, he will be found a safe investment on which to hazard a fair sum.

The whole herd numbers some 25 head, of which two are one year bulls, and some are bull calves, and Mr. Tolton has also with the others come in for a share of the prizes, including the herd prize at the Northern exhibition.

The township of Brant has a number of other good

breeders of Shorthorns, but our limited time prevented visiting them. Of these we may mention Archibald Tolton, with an increasing herd, similarly bred to those of his brother James; Thomas Turner, of Eden Grove, who has a well established herd; Mr. Craik, Walkerton, and J. C. Eckford, who has had good cattle for a number of years.

SPRINGHILL FARM,

owned by the Messrs. R. Rivers & Son, Walkerton, from which it is about 9 miles distant in a south-westerly direction, comprises about 300 acres, some in Brant and some in Carrick, and faces the Elora and Sauguen road, which angles across these townships almost in a bee line, filling them with gores so distasteful to the ploughman. The homestead lies near the base of a swaying half encircling highland, which quite breaks the force of the angry west winds of winter, and gathers filtered waters perpetual in their flow, to supply the basement stables. The elevation is so high that a double basement, as it were, is afforded, the lower one being a covered receptacle for the manure, which is undoubtedly an excellent arrangement.

Mr. Rivers located here in the year 1855, and founded his Shorthorn herd in 1871. Singularly enough the first purchase of the triple foundation was made in our own township at the sale of J. T. Nottle, Binbrook. There he bought the roan cow Jemima (vol. ii, p. 518 C. H. B.), calved April, 1866, bred by Mr. E. Harland, Guelph, got by Earl of Gloster [217], dam Jemima by Ethelbert [254], 1516, and tracing to Beauty by Snowball (2647). Of the descendants of this useful cow there are still left in the herd, 9 cows, 3 heifers and four bull calves. Of the cows, 1st Duchess of Springhill, now 12 years old, and a heavy milker, has done noble service as a breeder. Princess, her daughter by Sir Andrew—688—, a large roan, a county first prize-winner, is suckling a beautiful heifer calf named Autumn Blossom. Brilliant, 3 years old, by the Duke of Hamilton—773—, and Matchless of Springhill, same age, have both a fair share of good points, and are county prize-winners. Blanche, the roan calf of the latter, by Mr. Tolton's British Duke 2d—3203—, does credit to her breeder, her sire and her dam. Bashful, also three years, bred same as Brilliant, is suckling a fine rangy, broad-backed bull calf that will make a capital stock bull.

The second foundation cow Cherry 7th, a roan, came from the herd of Mr. F. W. Stone, Guelph, having been bought at the Moreton Lodge sale of 1881. She was got by Baron Berkeley (36158), and out of the dam Daisy by Grand Duke of Cambridge 8250. Three of her descendants are now at Springhill.

The third wing of the herd rests upon the cow Lady Strathallan 2d, bred by George Keith, Toronto, 1880, and bought for Springhill, 1883. She was got by Lord Buchan [7321], dam Lady Strathallan by Lord Strathallan [1713]—1309—. She traces to Catharine by Emperor (1974). Her red three-year-old daughter, Lady Mortimer, a pretty cow, by Duke of Hamilton—773—, has been a first prize winner at the Northern, and, like the mother, suckles a bull calf.

The pure herd numbers about 25 head, in addition to which there is a herd of lovely Shorthorn grades, which three years in succession have carried the herd prize at the Northern exhibition. The whole herd is well cared for and does credit to its owners.

We can only look for a good herd here, when we are told that the first cow brought to Springhill, a grade, has been taken as far as twenty miles for service, a standing rebuke that we must put on record to that indifference which cannot be defended, that allows good,