

Premium Earl and Minnie Mayflower 2nd.

Our illustration this month portrays two of the Shorthorns belonging to Mr. David Birrell, of Greenwood, Ont. Mr. Birrell's stud, herd and flock were fully described in our June number of this year, page 167. His Clydesdales, Shorthorns and Cotswolds are good, numerous and well bred. And his prices such as to put them within the reach of all our farmers. Their proprietor is a straightforward and honest man, and very generous in his dealings.

At the head of his herd is Premium Earl (48454), a Cruickshank bull, imported in 1883, bred by Amos Cruickshanks, Sittyton, Aberdeenshire, Scotland; he is of the celebrated Violet

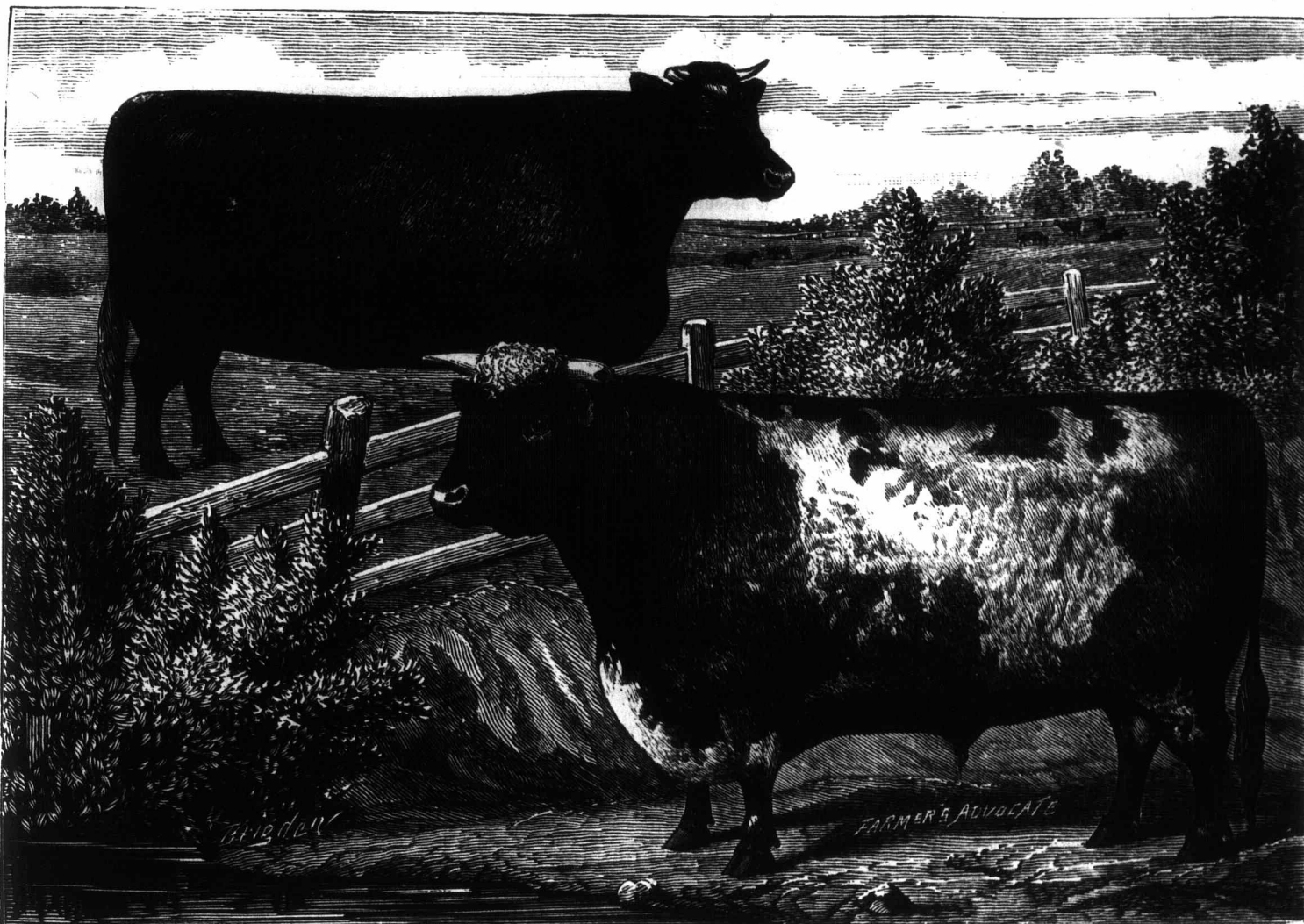
Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association.

On the evening of September 20th, about forty of the leading sheep breeders of Ontario assembled at Albion House Toronto, to consider the advisability of establishing a Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association. After a good deal of discussion the following resolution was adopted: "That in the opinion of this meeting it would tend to the furthering of the interests of the sheep breeders of this country to form a Sheep Breeders' Association for the Dominion of Canada."

The next resolution passed was:

"That a committee be appointed by this meeting representing the different lines of sheep-breeding to draw up a constitution and by-laws for this association, and to take what steps they may

of the other Provinces, by proper management and by giving it that attention which it deserves, this industry can be made very profitable indeed, but what it needs to foster and develop it is a good live Association, which will hold yearly or more frequent meetings at which good papers will be read and discussed, ways and means devised and brought forward to forward the interests of this special branch. Such an Association would do for the sheep breeders what the Fruit Growers' Association has done for the horticulturists, and what the Dairymen's Association has done for Canadian dairying. Such an Association would be entitled to a grant from the Legislature, such as the other Associations receive. Go ahead, gentlemen, the ADVOCATE is with you.



IMPORTED PREMIUM EARL AND MINNIE MAYFLOWER 2ND, THE PROPERTY OF MR. DAVID BIRRELL, GREENWOOD P. O., ONT.

tribe, a red roan in color, weighs about 2,600 lbs., and is very smooth and handsome, with short legs, neat head and horns, great depth and width of body, carrying a vast amount of flesh just in the right place to be of greatest value. He has been the valued stock bull, standing at the head of some of Canada's best herds. Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, calls this bull the best stock getter in Canada; he certainly is the sire of a lot of very fine stock. Mr. Birrell's calves of 1883 are especially good.

Minnie Mayflower 2nd is of the Minnie family which Mr. Birrell has bred for a number of years, and which he values very highly; ten of these are now in his yard. All are solid red, finely fleshed, very even, smooth and handsome, with splendid skins and hair, all bearing a strong family resemblance, like peas in a pod. It would be hard to say just which is the best.

deem prudent to complete the work of organization subject to the approval of a public meeting to be called hereafter."

The following were then placed on the committee:—John Jackson to represent Southdowns; John Campbell, jr., Shropshires; J. C. Snell, Cotswolds; W. Oliver, Lincolns; A. Whitelaw, Leicesters; R. Bailey, Merinos; G. Harcourt, Oxford, and V. E. Fuller, Dorsets.

The meeting then adjourned.

We heartily endorse the action of the sheep breeders in the steps they have taken, and hope they will vigorously support the Association they have thus brought into being. Sheep raising is one of our most valuable industries, and must yearly become of greater importance. Over large areas of this Dominion sheep raising can be more profitably followed than any other branch of agriculture. In any part of Ontario, and in most

Where are the hog breeders on this question? Would they not be benefitted by an association devoted to their interests? Look alive, gentlemen, your interests are at stake.

A GOOD FRUIT LADDER.—Take a long pole of some light wood—poplar is good for the purpose—peel it and bore the holes for the rounds. Now saw it lengthwise with a slit saw, starting a wedge as soon as you have sawed two feet; drive it till the pole begins to split, following with the saw or leading the crack with it, as it may be; this greatly diminishes the labor of sawing. Leave six feet or so at the smaller end without sawing; slide a strong iron ring or band down to the end of the saw cut; drive a thick wedge into the ring from below until the legs are wide enough apart; put in the rounds and nail them. Make it several feet longer than you need to, because your trees are taller than you think for.