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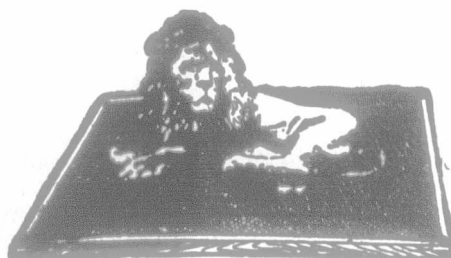
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GOSSIP

THE SHORTHORNS AT FAIRVIEW.

Approaching the time of the big Western fairs interest is reawakened as to what surprises this or that breeder will spring on his competitors in the show-rings. One of the men in the habit of furnishing the ringside critics food for thought and lingual action is John G. Barron, the whilom owner of Topsman, Topsman's Duke, Nobleman, Meteor and other Shorthorn worthies. True to his Aberdonian instinct the Fairview Shorthorn man is a believer in feed as well as breed and his cattle show it—well grown and hearty, there is no stinting of live stock for lack of nutritious feed. A newcomer to the herd is the white Mistletoe Eclipse 63987, a lengthy, deep-chested, mellow-handling bull, good in his crops and at the tail; the head of a sire, lots of scale, he will make a big bull and with more fitting one to be reckoned with in the ring. This bull was secured after an inspection of the best herds in Canada and the U. S. Other bulls that will likely be on view when the classes are called to come before Judge Gibson at the Industrial are Topman's Duke, a roan, very good through the heart and over the crops, and with a low straight underline; Meteor's Favorite; a smooth, dark roan, deep-middled and well carried out behind, one of the '07 junior yearlings; Meteor's Conqueror, another junior yearling with a great middle, wide through the crops, first last year in the junior calf class. The last two bulls and several calves and heifers show the great loss to the herd in the death of Meteor. On the sale list are four big strong year-old bulls, one light roan, two reds, and one dark roan, that we apprehend buyers will be keen after once they see them. The herd is strong, calves are crowding the boxes, all excellent, and with a pea-like resemblance to one another. One of the features of the Fairview herd is that all the stuff is home-bred save the new bull, and demonstrates what persistence will do in growing cattle of the right type on a Manitoba farm. The new bull is a two-year-old, and carries on his family tree the names of such bulls as Langford Eclipse 803848, Nonpareil Victor (Willis), Scottish Archer 50802, and William of Orange; on his dam's side he is a Missie. The females are in good fettle, but space will not allow further reference just now. See them at the shows. If you want bulls or heifers, cows with calf or calves at foot, write Barron to Carberry, or go and see him, Carberry (C. P. R.) Fairview (C. N. R.) or talk to him by phone. Cattle are going up in price, and the time to get in is when prices are moderate.

ALBERTA SHORTHORNS AT AUCTION

On July 16th, Mr. Jas. Wilson of Grand View Stock Farm, Innisfail, Alta., will hold the first of a series of dispersal sales of his Shorthorns. This is an innovation in the Shorthorn circles in Alberta and one that should result in much good to the breed. Shorthorn breeding was begun on Grand View Farm in 1899 by the purchase in Manitoba of three cows, two heifers and several young bulls. Immediately afterwards a brisk demand for Shorthorns sprung up in Alberta and Mr. Wilson went more extensively into breeding by bringing up from Ontario nine cows and four heifers in 1902. These cattle were selected not for show purposes alone, but for their individual rights as animals possessing constitution, size, handling qualities and ability to do something for the dairy if required, this being Mr. Wilson's ideal animal for the regular demand. Mated with these cattle Mr. Wilson has used the following bulls:—Klondike Boy (23871) an extra good bull of rare handling qualities, very straight and smooth. Klondike Boy sired the Territorial Sweepstakes winner at Calgary in 1905; also sired the sire of Geo. Duncan's fat steer, which won the Grand Championship on feet and dressed at Calgary the same year.

The next sire was Crimson Chief—24057—sired by President (imp.)—6412—(56301), Dam Crimson Gem—18470—by that world famous bull, Indian Chief—11108—(57485), the victor in many show-rings.

Crimson Chief was first as a two-year-old in 1898 in Winnipeg, and was used for five years and although now eleven years old is still in service, a massive bull in good condition and a good handler.

Mr. Wilson now has at the head of his herd, Trout Creek Favorite—53595—sired by Spicy Marquis (imp.)—36118—now in the herd of Sir William Van Horne. It is needless to enumerate the achievements of Spicy Marquis as they have been chronicled in many reports. Trout Creek Favorite has not been shown away from home since he was a yearling, when he was grand champion of all breeds at Edmonton.

The young bulls of his get sold at Calgary this spring were a demonstration of his value as a stock bull, Mr. Wilson's bulls being third in the average price, being beaten only by two Lacombe men whose bulls were older, and these two gentlemen knowing a good thing each procured one of these young bulls to use in their purebred herds.

The females at Grand View are also a worthy lot and compare favorably with the noted eastern herds when in high flesh, but Mr. Wilson has not been breeding for show purposes alone; in fact with him this is only a side issue. He has always aimed to keep the herd hearty and strong and in good flesh only as he believes this the most healthful and profitable manner.

In 1905 Mr. Wilson exhibited females at Edmonton, winning herd prize, aged cow, cow under four, first and second two-year-old heifer, bull and two of his get, and several others. This should be sufficient to show that he has merit in his females also. They have proven so true in breeding that now Mr. Wilson has over 90 head and consequently must reduce the number by this sale. In this herd are such noted strains as Minas, Barringtons, Butterflies, Isabellas, Blossoms, Missies, Strathallans and others. A large number of the cows will have calves at foot and are served again by Trout Creek Favorite, or else they are safe in calf. Along with these breeding females he will also offer a number of yearling heifers got by Trout Creek Favorite and several young bulls from 10 to 14 months old. Trout Creek Favorite will also be exposed for sale, subject to a low reserve bid.

Single fares will be available on the railroads by securing standard certificates. The auctioneers will be S. W. Paisley and G. E. Bryan.

Further information will be given in the catalog upon application to Mr. Wilson, mentioning this notice.

BANTING LIVE STOCK.

T. E. Banting of Banting, Man., is farming on a large scale, as well as breeding Shorthorns, Clydesdales and Tamworths. At the head of the stud is that well known horse Nick O' Time, which is proving a first class sire. The bull at the head of the herd is Knight of Park, a lengthy, deep, mellow roan, which from the stock seen sired is a valuable sire. Among the cows is Lily Red (Vol. 21) of the square, deep, meaty type. In a paddock five young bulls were seen, two of which were specially good, each being level and a good handler. The finish of the wheat seeding was being done at the time of our visit, and as evidence that the sole dependence is not placed on that cereal, is the fact that seventy-five acres are this spring planted to corn, roots and potatoes, and one hundred acres of rye grass, 120 acres being seeded to grass this spring. Manure is applied by spreaders and large quantities of gasoline were on hand to use with an Ivel motor which is to tackle the plowing on the Banting farm. Several buildings are made with cement walls, the latest being fourteen inches wide, of which four inches is allotted to the space. The imported Clydesdale mare Rosy of Rock Hall was nursing a sturdy colt foal by Nick O' Time at the time of our visit.

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