



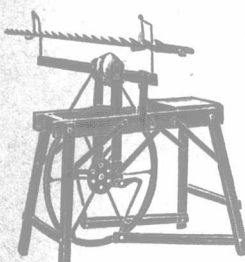
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### GOSSIP.

The famous herd of Ayrshire cattle, property of P. D. McArthur, of North Georgetown, Que., near Howick, that made such a sensational winning tour of the Western shows this year, when seen by a representative of this paper a few days ago, was found in the nicest of bloom and paying big dividends to their owner. The great champion bull all through the West, Imp. Whitehall Freetrader, is looking his best, and if he gets no setback, will surely carry off the laurels another year at our Eastern shows. In fact, this year at the Dominion Exhibition at Ottawa, he was only beaten by the famous Hobsland Masterpiece. His assistant in service is the grandly-bred Jupiter of Hickory Hill, whose dam, the great cow Flos Morton, made the sensational R. O. P. record of 14,110 lbs. milk, and 555 lbs. butter-fat. This is surely the kind of breeding that tells, and is the kind in vogue in this great herd. The Western champion female is also looking well, and is none the worse for her strenuous summer's show campaign. She is also a great producer, giving 70 lbs. a day, but did not freshen in time for the records. A niece of hers, Buttercup, also shows the great producing ability of the strain, she having produced 76 lbs. in one day; 630 lbs. in nine days; 1,894 lbs. in thirty days, and 10,864 lbs. in 266 days, her daily record being the highest ever made by a heifer of the breed and age. The young things are a particularly good lot. In junior bull calves, at the Dominion Exhibition, everything went to this herd. The unbeaten yearling heifer has recently been sold to Wm. Gallaway, of Waterloo, Iowa, but the balance of the great show string are still on hand, and for sale.

### WOODHOLM SHORTHORNS.

The increasing popularity of the Short-horns bred at Woodholm Stock Farm, owned by G. M. Forsyth, of Claremont, Ont., is only the natural result of their good-breeding and good-doing qualities. No matter where they go they do well for their purchaser, and in competition at the leading shows, championships have come the way of representatives of the herd. On blood lines, the herd is made up of such old reliable tribes as the Cruickshank Duchess of Gloster, Clementina, Matilda, Lavender, Kilblean Beauty, etc., representing the get of such well-bred bulls as the champion, Prince Gloster, Imp. Brilliant Star, Imp. Nonpareil Archer, Imp. Royal Champion, Scotch Thistle, the late stock bull, Imp. Dorothy's King, a Lady Dorothy. They are now all bred to the present stock bull, Imp. Gordon =70135=, a splendidly-fleshed, solid red son of the Golden Drop-bred bull, Golden Chief, dam Duchess of Gordon, a Brawith Bud, by the Augusta bull, Cap-a-Pie, grandam by the Mary-bred bull, Walter Scott. He is a bull of more than ordinary merit, heavy in his flesh, particularly good in his lines and flanks, and extra well covered on his back, and should prove a worthy successor to the good breeding bull that preceded him. Many right good herd-headers have left this herd that were bred there, but there was probably never so choice a pair of young bulls in the stables as the pair of red ones on hand just now. One is a solid red, eight months old, sired by the renowned Up-permill Omega (Imp.), and out of the good cow, Clementina Princess 3rd, by Scotch Thistle. This is a right good young bull, beautifully-fleshed, and masculine all over; the other is a red, six months old, sired by Superb Sultan, one of the best sons of the great Whitehall Sultan, dam Bella of Hillhurst (Imp.). His breeding is not only away up, but his type is just as high. He should make a great bull. In heifers, there is a selection for intending purchasers of about a dozen, nearly all sired by the former stock bull, Imp. Dorothy's King. Among the lot are several particularly good ones that should develop into show material. The farm is within a hundred yards of the station at Claremont, C. P. R., and is connected with long-distance phone. North Claremont is the post office.

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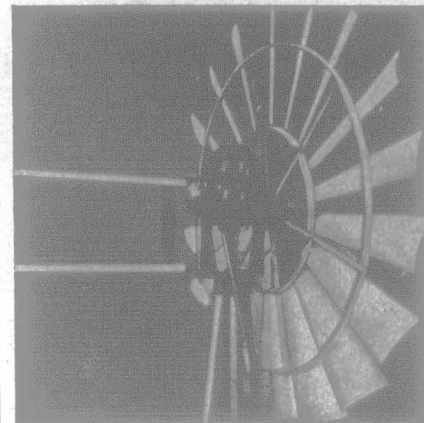
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