

breeders of the Polled Angus cattle on the American Continent. Their sales are very extensive, especially to ranchmen in the far Western States. The Polled Angus cattle have proved themselves to be extremely hardy and vigorous, and therefore most suitable for improving the scrub stock to be found on the vast ranches of the Western territories. A Polled Angus bull will stamp his likeness immediately on his offspring, no matter from what sort of cows. We have inspected a great number of young grade stock, from different classes of females; yet it was difficult to believe they were only grades. No wonder, then, that our cute cousins are alive to the advantages of employing Polled Angus cattle for improving their semi-wild herds in the far West.

Messrs. Geary are, without doubt, extensive patrons of husbandry. On Bli-Bro Farm is situated a large cheese factory, which daily uses the milk from about 800 cows. The dairy herd of the proprietors consists of about sixty cows. Mixed farming is the rule at Bli-Bro. This fine farm is situated about five miles north of the city of London, and has a very decided slope to the south. On the south-eastern corner of the property stands the residence of Mr. John Geary. Few farmers can boast of such a palatial residence. It would be notable, even among the finest dwellings to be found in our largest cities; the house is superbly fitted up, most of the interior decorations being of oak beautifully carved. It contains most of the conveniences to be found in the cities, being heated by steam, and having a supply of water. It is about to be lighted with gas; the pipes for which are laid throughout the house. The gas will be manufactured in a building a short distance from the residence. This magnificent dwelling is a lasting monument to ability and enterprise in farming.

About a quarter of a mile away is the residence of another brother, Mr. Robert Geary, a fine substantial brick mansion, two stories in height; and almost hidden away by surrounding trees of nearly every variety. The proprietor is very partial to tree growing, and cannot bear the idea of having a tree cut down. Close to this dwelling are extensive barns, in which are located the large flock of Lincoln and Shropshire sheep; the former number about 150, and the latter 100 head; they are all animals of the highest quality. After examining the sheep, we proceeded to the main barns and farm buildings, situated at the back—or what might be more properly called the top of the farm. Here a grand view can be had of the city and its surroundings. This is claimed to be the highest point in Western Ontario. The principal barn is 176 x 40 feet; at one end is a root house 60 x 16. The entire floor under the large building is used as a cow stable, the stalls are placed across, an alley way running in front of each set of stalls, the floors are block paved. In troughs before each animal there is a constant stream of water, which is forced up to a reservoir from a large creek by a hydraulic ram of great power. Messrs. Geary have thus a complete system of waterworks of their own. The food is all prepared at the end of the large stable, and conveyed by means of tram-cars all over the premises;

this is a great consideration, as there are about 200 head to feed. At one corner of the yard is situated a substantial brick building, which might be styled the mill. Here is contained the engine and apparatus for grinding the grain; for it is ground, not chopped, two sets of millstones being used. Mr. Cook, the foreman, informed us that this important part of the work has only to be done twice each week. Shafting connects the engine with machinery in the barn, where the fodder is all cut by steam power. Most of the cattle at this establishment are stores and milch cows, only a few of the Polled Angus being located here, Messrs. Geary having a large farm of 1,850 acres at Bothwell, where most of the blacks are kept. We hope to give a description of that place in a future issue. Among the Angus cattle kept at Bli-Bro are "Etta," an imported cow, and one of the highest bred of the "Erica" family, which occupies the same position with regard to Polled Angus cattle as the "Bates" does to the Durhams. "Etta" is a very fine specimen of her breed, "Princess Erica," her daughter, is a beautiful heifer; "Miss McCombie of Bli-Bro" is another splendid animal. "Maid of Culter" is a very fine creature, weighing about 1,700 pounds, and anything but fat. "Waterside Mayflower," is another heavy cow; she is very truly shaped, straight, and square. "Nightingale of Bli-Bro" is a very good youngster, and a typical Angus; although the great majority of Angus cattle are black, yet Messrs. Geary have a couple of red. A heifer, "Nightingale 18th," is a remarkably fine animal; and there is a bull calf which promises to be a wonder if he only keeps on growing as he does at present. The young stock are very choice; only two males are kept for breeding purposes, both of them are massive animals.

Shire horses are a specialty at Bli-Bro, three stallions being kept. "Lord Warwick" is just the stamp of animal required by the farmers of Canada for general purposes. The others are "Shire Lad," and "Enterprise," of Bothwell, both first-class animals. Our next move was to Delaware, west of London city, to visit

BELVOIR FARM,

so named after the seat of the Duke of Rutland, on the borders of Leicester and Lincoln, in England, Mr. Richard Gibson, the proprietor, having spent his childhood days in that locality.

Nearly every person interested in breeding cattle is familiar with the name of Richard Gibson. He is one of the most extensive importers we have on this continent, having crossed the Atlantic no less than thirty-three times. Belvoir is about fourteen miles from the city, and is most romantically situated on the banks of the River Thames, which forms a border to the estate, and nearly surrounds the entire property; the exception being a narrow portion fronting the ancient village of Delaware. The farm consists of two sets of flat lands almost level; the lower are generally covered by the floods in springtime. The soil is very rich, being an alluvial deposit, and capable of producing enormous crops. The lower flats are exceptionally rich for pasturing purposes. Mr. Gibson is famed all over the