

GOSSIP.

The printed report of the 5th International Conference of Sheep-breeders, held in London, England, June 20th, 1904, has been received at this office through the courtesy of the secretary, Mr. W. W. Chapman, F. S. S., M. I. J. The pamphlet contains, besides a list of breeders present and the announcement that the next Conference will be held in London during the week of the Royal Agricultural Society's Show in 1905, papers in full, prepared by the various speakers on subjects named in the programme, including an exhaustive address by Prof. Cave, F. R. C. V. S., on some diseases of sheep and their prevention, together with the after discussion of the subject by members and visitors present.


SMITH & RICHARDSON'S IMPORTATION.

Messrs. Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont., says the Scottish Farmer, sailed from Glasgow on August 5th with eight Clydesdale stallions and one mare for Montreal. Four of the stallions have been bought from Mr. Peter Crawford, Dargavel, Dumfries, and an equal number from Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery. The mare was bought from Mr. P. M'C. Wilson, Muirside, Holywood, and was commended at Dumfries Show last month. She was got by Crawford's big horse, Carabineer (10522). Her dam was by the Dumfries premium horse, Prince of Balmanno, a great solid cart stallion (9976), while her grandam was by the H. and A. S. first-prize horse, Goldfinder (6807). The four horses bought from Mr. Crawford are Carlisle (12081), Royal Dean (12323), Royal Flush (11906), and Baron Gartly (11601). The first prize was got by that stylish son of the famous Sir Everard, Sir Everest (10917), whose stock are turning out well in Cumberland. The second was by the Ayrshire premium horse, The Dean (10937), a son of the great champion horse, Royal Gartly (9844). The dam of Royal Dean was got by that great sire, Lord Lothian (5998), which for many years easily led in Cumberland, and his produce have also, for more than one season, gained the highest honors at the H. and A. S. Show. Royal Flush was got by the celebrated Casabianca (10523), the Glasgow premium horse twice, and winner of numerous prizes at the H. and A. S. and other shows, as well as district premiums. The dam of this Royal Flush was by the highly-bred, Flashwood's Prince (10751). Baron Gartly is also a son of Casabianca, and is a sweet, thick, blocky Clydesdale of the true Canadian type. He has been winning in very good company here, and his dam was a daughter of the champion, Royal Gartly (9844). The horses bought from Messrs. Montgomery are Glenlivet (12165), got by the H. and A. S. and Edinburgh first-prize horse, Montrave Sentinel (10094); Baron Black (12021), a son of the renowned Baron's Pride (9122), the sire of Casabianca and Carabineer; and the dam of Baron Black was that great mare, Woodbine (13222), by Flashwood (3604). She won many prizes at the Royal Dublin and other shows, and her dam was by the big Prince of Wales horse, Queen's Own (7176). The two yearling colts are by the H. and A. S. champion horse, Prince Thomas (10262), and that fine-breeding son of Baron's Pride, Baron Mitchell (10688), which travelled so successfully in Strathearn and Mid-Calder districts as premium horse. The dam of one of the colts was Mr. John Marr's fine mare Zehnetta, whose sire was the well-bred Pandora's Prince, and her dam the H. and A. S. prize mare, Zehnet, by Darnley, grandam the noted Nazi, which took first at the H. and A. S. Show when a three-year-old filly. Smith & Richardson have dipped deep into blue blood, taking the right kind of thick, blocky horse at the same time. May all good luck attend their efforts.

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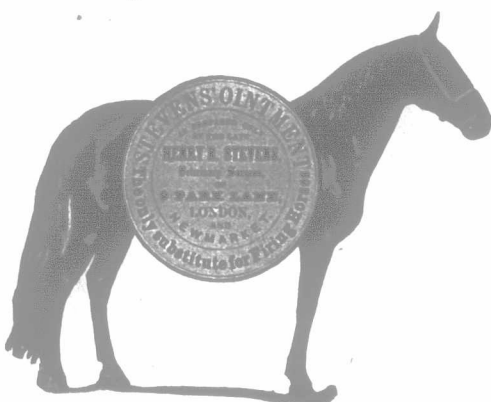
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Volume 53 of the American Shorthorn Herdbook has been received at this office, thanks to the courtesy of the editor, Mr. John W. Groves, Chicago, Ill. The volume, which is well printed and substantially bound, contains nearly 1,200 pages, and the pedigree record of bulls (5,530 bulls), numbering from 208,988 to 214,518, and nearly the same number of females, evidencing the great popularity of the breed in the United States.

To start right is, as it were, the keynote to success, and this, it can be truthfully said, Mr. W. J. Thompson, of Hollymount Stock Farm, Mitchell, Ont., did when he commenced Shorthorn breeding. Although he has only a small herd as yet, six of them are Scotch-bred animals. Rustic Chief, by Clan Alpine, a fashionably-bred roan bull, imported by Mr. Geo. Isaac, heads the herd, and is proving himself an exceptionally good stock-getter. Several of the young things in the herd are by Nonpareil Duke, and are also of excellent quality. The Clementinas, Bessies, Crimson Flowers and Velvets are the principal families represented in this herd, and they are good enough for anyone. Mitchell is a station on the G. T. R., 13 miles west of Stratford, on the Goderich branch.

Among the enterprising breeders of pure-bred Shorthorns in Western Ontario is Mr. Edward H. Wise, of Clinton, G. T. R., in Huron County, where, on his well-kept farm, he has established a very useful herd of Shorthorns, numbering 20 head. King of Claretts =50245=, a very nice two-year-old Scotch-bred bull, heads the herd. The excellent cow, Lady Stamford, bred by the Watts, and got by the prince of sires, Challenge, has the champion, Bampton Hero, is responsible for most of the good young things that are in stock. She is now in her fifteenth year, and has triplets to her credit this year, which are seen with herself in the photograph on another page in this paper. Her produce, fortunately, has been mostly heifers. Elvira, a very smooth cow is one of her daughters, by Grand Master, by Young Abbotsburn, the grand champion of the World's Fair, Chicago. She has a very nice roan heifer calf at foot, by King Kenny, he by Clan Campbell, an Indian Chief. Roan Rose, an inbred Mayfly, is a very nice heifer of the same line, and the whole herd is of uniform type and quality, as would be expected from such choice breeding. Parties looking for good Shorthorns should not fail to look up this excellent lot.

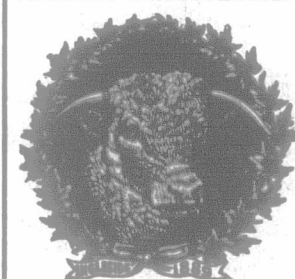
The Messrs. R. & T. Nicholson, of Sylvan P. O., Ontario, Parkhill Station, G. T. R., need no introduction to the Shorthorn breeders of America, as they have been successful breeders, importers and exhibitors at leading shows for many years, and are still in the ring with many good ones, their herd numbering 65, headed by Spicy Count (imp.), sired by Spicy King, a full brother to Spicy Clara, a sweepstakes winner at Chicago. Spicy Count is a thick, meaty bull, with his flesh well distributed, and has the appearance of having a very strong constitution, having plenty of room for his heart and lungs to perform their part, which is the first good quality required. Most of the young things are the get of their former stock bull, Chief of Stars (imp.), by Star of Morning, and they are a lot of good ones, as may be seen at Toronto Exhibition. They also have a very sweet heifer calf, by Sunbeam (imp.), first-prize two-year-old at Toronto, 1903, now heading the herd of Mr. W. D. Flatt. Several of the best Scotch families are represented in this herd, and the Messrs. Nicholson are too good judges to select for family regardless of quality and merit. The bulls that they have to sell are mostly Nonpareils and Minas, and like their dams, they are of good type and quality. Parties wanting good Shorthorns should make it a point to see what this firm has at Toronto Exhibition, where they intend to exhibit a few young things to show to the public the quality of their stock. A heifer purchased from them won the first prize in the senior yearling section at the recent Dominion Exhibition at Winnipeg over the heifer placed above her at Toronto last year.

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