

## THE RECENT SALES OF SHORT HORNS.

Several important sales of thorough bred cattle have been made the present season. The prices obtained, and the numbers who attended, notwithstanding the tightness of the times, show that the spirit of improvement is abroad, and that thorough bred stock is at last appreciated.

We have no doubt it will be interesting to our readers to know the particulars of these sales, and the names of those into whose hands the stock have gone. The sale of the Messrs. Wade came off on the 26th and 27th of August.

The day of opening was most favourable; but owing to the late season, and the unfinished state of harvest operations was not so large as was expected and consisted chiefly of farmers from the neighboring district, with very few Americans.

We consider the prices realized by no means large, but as far as could be expected in the present state of our monetary affairs. The sellers hardly, we believe, consider the realisation sufficient to indemnify them for the heavy risks and outlay they have incurred for a long series of years. After offering a few ordinary Leicesters, which sold at fair prices, the sale commenced with the perhaps most extensively known short-horns of the late Mr. Ralph Wade, jun., whose unfortunate death at the Desjardin catastrophe we lately had to deplore. We are sorry that the condition of this beautiful lot of cattle showed, in an unmistakable manner, the want of their owner's managing hand; and we have no doubt this influenced materially the prices realized.

"Princess Julia," a large, rough-framed cow, the mother of a number of younger cattle, colour dark roan and white, sold, with a calf just dropt, for \$195, to Sidney Smith, Esq., M.P.

"Dairy Maid," a splendid light roan and white cow, which took the first cow prize last year at Kingston, in two high condition, and with some little fear as to breeding, brought only \$200—going to Mr. Sheldon of New York State.

"Lady Lumbton," a beautiful dark roan cow, but in low condition, having produced twins since her owner's death, was bought by A. Alcorn, Esq., as Hamilton Township, a most spirited farmer, for \$210.

"Bob," the twin bull calf of the above, a beautiful, thick set little fellow, with a close velvety coat of the richest dark roan, just the kind of animal by which his late owner acquired his reputation, went to Mr. Elliott, of Matilda, at \$105.

"Victoria," a large framed, broad, dark, roan cow, rather thin, sold to Matthew Jonas, Esq., of Darlington, for \$190.

"Dahlia," a fine dark red roan and white cow, the flower of the flock, in prime condition, with her heifer calf, was also bought by Mr. Jonas for \$465.

"Water Lily," a white cow, of good shape, but out of condition, hardly showing to be in calf—\$116 to Mr. Sheldon.

"Water Witch," a white two-year-old heifer, went to Mr. G. Elliott, of Port Granby, Clark Township, for \$140.

"Young Clarentine," a beautiful light roan heifer, two years old, was, we understand, retained for the children.

"Clipper," a rich dark roan, one year old, very close, heavy coat, was also, we believe, retained.

"Snowberry," a pretty white heifer calf, out of "Clarentine," bought by Mr. Elliot, of Matilda, for \$85.

"Princes Royal," a very pretty roan and white yearling; we did not ascertain her destination.

A few grades of Mr. Ralph Wade's stock were next offered, but, being in low condition, their prices were not worthy of note.

The grades of Mr. John Wade were next offered, and a lot of finer animals, or in better order, we have rarely had the pleasure of seeing—not fat, but breeding order.

"Beauty," a fine light roan, sold for \$125, to G. E. Castle, Esq., Hamilton Township.

"Pansy," a rich red and white cow, went to Mr. Sinclair, of Cobourg, for \$100.

"Clara Fisher," a light roan, sold to Mr. Esson, of Keen, Otonabee Township, for \$75.

The thorough-bred bulls were next offered, but few buyers of this stock seemed to be on the ground, and the biddings were lifeless,