

Specimens of the Maple Shade Herd.

We present to our readers in this issue a very spirited cut of Shorthorns from one of the largest and best herds now in Canada. It consists of the imported bull Sussex (56625), and three of his progeny. This fine bull is now in use at Maple Shade, the home of that public-spirited farmer and breeder, Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., Brooklin, Ont.

Our artist has been fortunate in presenting the masculine character of this bull, as also his strong back, and immense, level, broad and full hind-quarters. He was bred by that world-renowned stockman of Sittyton, Aberdeenshire, Amos Cruickshank, Esq., and selected by his

Victor, of Mr. Cruickshank's Victoria tribe, to Mr. M. A. Housholder, of Columbus, Kansas. The latter gentleman, we are informed, takes another young bull, Eureka, sired by the prize-imported bull Aboyne, now owned in Missouri; also the yearling heifer Seamaid, out of imported Sultana, and the young red cow Foxglove with heifer calf at foot. A fourth young bull has been sold to James Leask, of Greenbank, Ont. Mr. Housholder takes these animals to complete his present prize-winning herd, and we expect to hear of them next season.

These are fair samples of Maple Shade production, and could easily be duplicated. The visitor will be struck with the evenness of excellence throughout the entire herd. If there

Birtleside.

This is the name of the somewhat extensive stock farm of Gen. Wilkinson, near Birtle, in this Province. The farm is situated on Birdtail Creek, about two miles below the town, and contains one thousand nine hundred and twenty acres. It is under the management of Mr. J. B. Lloyd, a nephew of the General. He is a seemingly practical man. There is a very fine barn on the farm, and several cheaper stables that are very comfortable, but which it is the intention to replace with more elaborate structures when the business has proved profitable to that extent. We must certainly commend the good sense of the Manager in this respect, as while he has access to sufficient means to erect extensive



THE STOCK BULL SUSSEX (56625), AND THREE OF HIS CALVES, THE PROPERTY OF MR. JOHN DRYDEN, M. P. P., BROOKLIN, ONT.

nephew as being the most promising breeding bull of that season. Calved in April, 1886, he is now rising three years, was sired by Baron Violet (47444), a bull used much at Sittyton until he met an untimely death. He was a great favorite, and was noted for great depth of body and extra feeding qualities. Dam of Sussex is Serenity, by Barmpton (37763), grand dam Souvenir, by Royal Duke of Gloster (29864), a half-brother of the great Canadian bull Barmpton Hero.

Sussex is not what is generally termed a show bull, and yet when critically examined has few faults. Since this cut was made, we learn that two of the young bulls presented have been sold. The upper red bull, Baron Butterfly (47192), dam Butterwort by Vensgarth, grand dam Buttercup by Vittoria (45747), to Wm. Moffat & Bro., Paw-Paw, Ill. The other bull, Red

have been culls they seem to have been weeded out. A representative of this journal visited the herd shortly before they went into winter quarters, and has been loud in his praises ever since. A friend of ours, after looking over the herd, remarked that they were all good, and he found it extremely difficult to make a selection.

The herd is founded almost exclusively upon selections repeatedly made from the great Sittyton herd, to which is added a few others of the best Scotch breeding, and is noted for thick flesh and early maturing qualities, and has during the past ten years or more furnished its fair quota of prize-winning animals at many leading shows. We have no space to notice the individual animals in the herd, but have no doubt a card addressed to the proprietor will bring a catalogue with any special information needed.

buildings at any time, he prefers to await results to a certain extent before expending a larger amount of money than is absolutely necessary. The pure-bred stock at present on the farm is eight Shorthorns, fifteen Berkshires, four Clydesdales and six Shropshire sheep. Pending the increase of pure-bred stock a large number of grades are kept, but which will be dispensed with as the room is required for the better animals. A hand separator is in use in the dairy, the first we have seen in this country, and is giving good satisfaction. Fourteen cows are milking at present, and there will be twenty next summer. There are two houses for employes, besides the Manager's residence.

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