

GOSSIP.

LAST CALL FOR THE CARGILL AND PETTIT SALE.

The report of the result of the recent Marr and Duthie sale of Shorthorns in Scotland will doubtless have the effect of confirming confidence in the future of the breed, and especially in the potency of the class bred on the lines of those great herds, and others of similar breeding in Britain and America. The undeniable fact that bulls of that breeding had been siring the winners in nearly all competitions in the breeding and fat stock classes at the leading shows in Great Britain as well as in the U. S. and Canada, well accounts for the scramble at the Uppermill sale by English breeders for the securing of a share of the bulls offered, and for the great average of \$870 each for 38 full calves. At such prices Canadian importers could not touch them, and while prices continue as high as they are in the Old Country there will be few if any imported. It is fortunate for Canada that through the enterprise of breeders such as Messrs. Cargill and Pettit and others, this country secured in the last few years a good supply of this class of breeding stock, and it is probably safe to say that no two herds in America today contain more of the blood that made the Duthie and Marr herds famous than is found in the two from which the offerings at the Hamilton sale on November 10th are drawn, consisting of 30 young bulls and 27 females, nearly all the offspring of imported sires and dams, in the breeding of which, on analysis, Cruickshank blood through a long list of high-class and prepotent sires is found, running like a ruby-red stream from that never-failing fountain of force.

If there are those who imagine that in personal appearance the young bulls that have been sold from year to year at the Duthie-Marr sales are all superior and suitable for show bulls, they are greatly mistaken, as Canadian breeders who have attended those sales affirm that there were only a few among them that they would think of importing here, even at moderate prices, with the hope of selling them at cost, including expenses. Yet English breeders, who have observed their influence in improving the type of their cattle, take them freely at good stiff prices, and are eager to secure them. Though the young bulls to be offered at Hamilton next week are not in high condition, but in nice, thrifty, growing condition, and though they are not all show bulls, it is, we believe, safe to say that as large a proportion of them are straight, smooth, well-formed, well-fleshed and true to type as is found in the offerings at sales from the leading herds of Scotland, while in regard to breeding, they are practically and substantially the same. Look again for a moment at the list of some of the sires, viz., King Victor, bred by W. S. Marr, and of his Emma tribe; Lavender Star, a pure Cruickshank Lavender, the tribe that made the highest average at the Uppermill dispersion; Prime Favorite, bred at Uppermill from the Princess Royal tribe, 23 of which averaged over \$800; Lord Mistletoe, a Marr Missie, bred by Duthie, and sired by Lovat Champion; Bapton Coronet, by Silver Plate, and of the Princess Royal tribe; Scotland's Pride, a Cruickshank Clipper, by Pride of Morning, a Highland champion; Golden Drop Victor, bred by Mr. Duthie, sired by Nonpareil Victor, and of the Kinellar Golden Drop tribe; Merchantman, bred at Collynie, and of the Marr-Missie tribe, 18 of which sold for an average of \$830 at the late sale; Baron Beaufort, of the Broadhocks family, bred by Lord Lovat, and sired by Royal Star.

These are samples of the immediate sires of the offerings. Then look at the families on the dam's side represented, viz., Cruickshank Butterfly, Princess Royal, Brawith Bud, Duchess of Gloster, Lovely, and Emily, Kinellar Claret, and Mina, Bruce Mayflower and Augusta, from which came Mr. Duthie's Royal Purple, sold at the late sale for over \$3,000 at eight months old, Marr Roan Lady, Missie, and Clara, also the Kilblean Beauty, the Crimson Flower, the Jilt, and others of similar breeding and standing. The 27 females in the offering are all young, many of them of the noted families just named, and most of them in calf or with calves at foot by these imported bulls. It is rarely indeed that such an opportunity occurs for securing cattle of this class at the buyers' own

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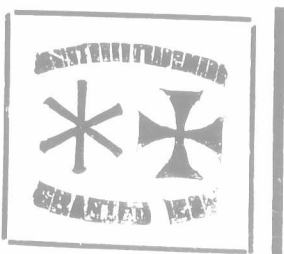
Messrs. F. Martindale & Son, York, Ont., whose auction sale of Shorthorns and Berksheires is slated for Friday, November 11th, at their farm, 16 miles from Hamilton, and near to York Station on the Buffalo and Goderich branch and Caledonia on the Port Dover and Hamilton branch of the G.T.R., write that applications for the catalogue are numerous, and the prospect for a good attendance quite promising. It will be very convenient for those attending the Cargill & Pettit sale at Hamilton on the 10th, to take in the Martindale sale the next day. Both the cattle and the pigs, we are assured, are a good, useful lot, in nice breeding condition, and will be sold without reserve to the highest bidder. The nicely-bred stock bull, Bandleer, whose portrait appeared in our last issue, is well worth looking after, and the young things in the offering sired by him are said to do credit to him as a breeder. Parties wanting good general-purpose cattle should attend this sale, as good feeders will be found in this sale, and a good class of Berksheires too.

Booker T. Washington says that a domestic long in the service of a well-known Alabama family recently gave "notice" of two weeks, explaining that she desired to get married. The mistress managed to secure an acceptable successor, but was dismayed to discover that the new servant could not report for duty until a week subsequent to the time fixed for the wedding of her predecessor. So the present incumbent was asked whether she would not agree to postpone the happy event for a week. This the domestic declined to do, from superstitious scruples, no doubt bearing in mind the old adage: "Change the date, change the fate." However, she said that she didn't in the least mind getting married and continuing the household duties till her successor could put in an appearance. The husband-elect offering no objections, this arrangement was agreed upon, and an hour or so after the marriage ceremony the domestic was performing her duties just as before. "I presume your husband has returned to his work as you have done," the mistress chanced casually to remark. "None," responded the girl, in a matter-of-fact tone. "Joe he done gone on his honeymoon."

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