

Gossip.

The Currie Shorthorn Sale.

The offering of thirty high-class Short-horns which Robert Currie & Son, of Florence, Ontario, will sell on Tuesday, October 15, is worthy of serious consideration. Breeders should look for those three granddaughters of the great Right Sort, and some of the extra good milkers in the herd will likely be purchased at a reasonable figure considering the great demand for this kind of cattle. There are twenty-five females in the offering and five young bulls, representing some of the leading Scotch families. The sale will be held four miles north of Florence, and intending purchasers will be met at Bothwell on the morning of the sale. Dinner will be served at the farm. Horses, hogs, grain and implements will also be sold. Catalogues will be mailed on request, and any further information can be obtained by writing Robert Currie & Son, Florence, Ontario.

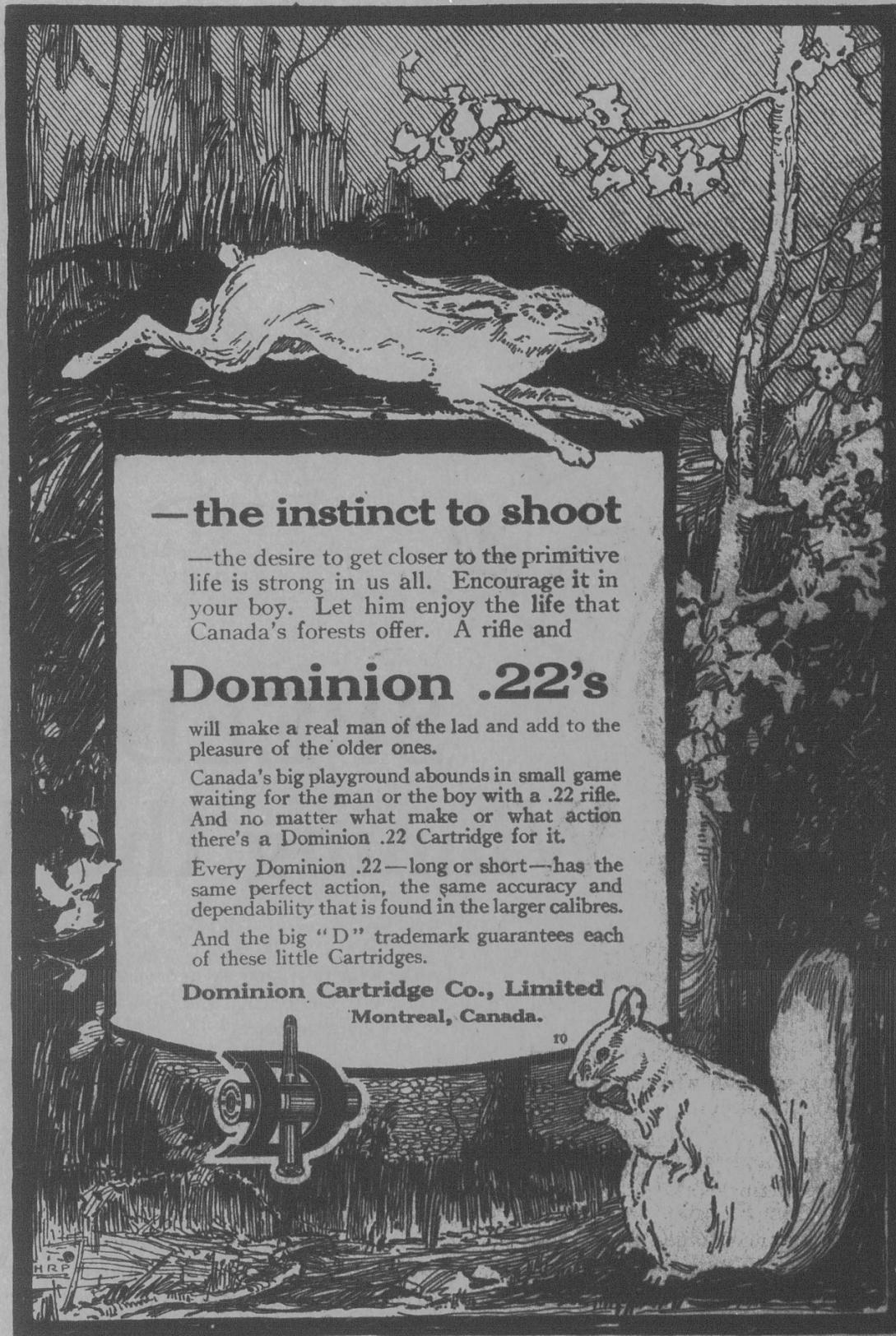
Peter Christie & Son's Shorthorns.

Of the scores of live stock breeders who use the advertising columns of "The Farmer's Advocate" annually to dispose of their surplus stock none are more widely or more favorably known than Peter Christie & Son, breeders of Shorthorn cattle, Clydesdale horses and Shropshire sheep at Manchester, Ontario. The Shorthorn herd, which is at present headed by the big, thick, well-fleshed, three-year-old Diamond-bred bull, Sittyton Hero, was founded in the early eighties and as seen recently by a representative of this paper shows the result of careful handling and intelligent mating. The herd sire, already mentioned, is unquestionably one of the strongest sires ever used in the herd. His get which includes all of the 1917-18 calves on the farm are as even and well-balanced a lot as one could wish to find in a day's travel through any district and among them are several young bulls all worthy of placing at the top of strong herds. All are from Messrs. Christie's own breeding cows and these it will be remembered are not only cows that have both size and breeding but in many instances also have exceptionally good, private and semi-official records for milk production as well. They represent such families as Wedding Gifts, Miss Ramsden's, Beautys, Mayflowers, etc., and bring in much that is both pure Scotch and Scotch-topped which should be pleasing to those who insist on having a combination of milk along with this breeding. In Clydesdales there are the usual number of good brood mares all of which are mothering a this-season's foal. The Shropshires, too, are up to their usual strength, but the present offering here is confined solely to a limited number of good shearing rams and this year's lot of ram and ewe lambs.

Getting Rid of the Slackers

The fate of 3,000,000 "slacker" hens in northern Minnesota was decided at a meeting at University Farm a few days ago. At that time representatives of the United States department of agriculture and of the agricultural extension division of the University decided upon the extermination of the non-productive hens of northern Minnesota, which means about 25 per cent. of the hen population, or a total of 3,000,000 birds. A verdict of slackerism was returned against these birds because they produce less than they consume, and the court sitting in judgment declared that it would be good business to kill the hens for human food and save the feed which they have normally consumed, thus effecting a very considerable food conservation in two days.

A novelist said at a Bar Harbor tea: "It is incredible what some women will spend to get into society. A Western millionaire's wife came to New York, took a house in Fifth Avenue and gave a ball of great magnificence. "When her husband totalled up the bills he winced and said: "My, Maria, these here bills total up to \$30,000." "It costs money, dearie," said the wife, "to get into society." "Umph," said the millionaire, "it don't seem to me that we're gettin' into society as much as soci-ty is getting into us."



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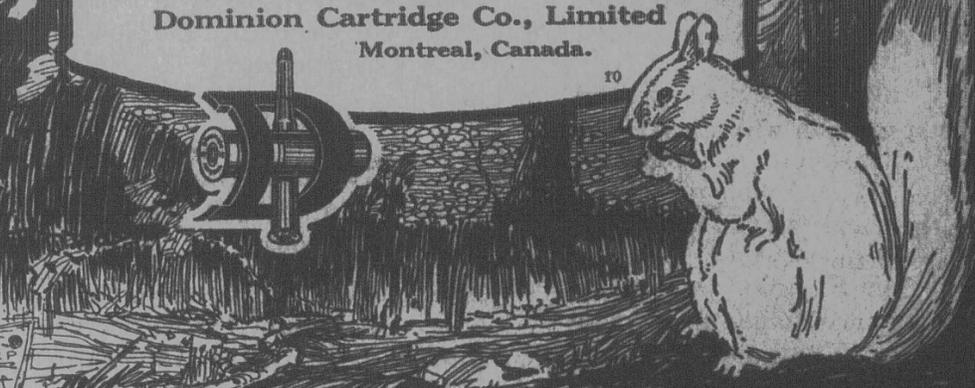
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