

The calves at Sunnyside are in goodly supply, and possess the framework in miniature of their ancestors, which gives so much room for the laying on of flesh in any desired quantities.

#### THE SHORTHORNS OF THE MESSRS. J. & W. WATT OF SALEM.

This firm, so favorably situated as to railway facilities, being only two miles or so from Elora Station, still retain a strong love for good Shorthorns. Some of the winners of other years are still in the herd and are doing well. A pretty two year Scotch heifer with calf at foot, attracted our attention, as did also a roan heifer calf. Old Barmpton Hero is still active and retains his shape well, though fully twelve years old. It is just questionable if any bull in Canada ever produced so much stock of a character so excellent. At all events he ranks high amongst the foremost, as does the old Knight of Warlaby, Crown Prince of Athelstone, and the 4th Duke of Clarence. The lives of useful sires of any kind are all too short. The calves of the Messrs. Watt are very fine. Their loose but not papery hides and velvety hair produced in so much luxuriance indicate a thrift that denotes that quality so essential to success in beef production. The one-year bull, bred by J. Miller & Son's Vice-Consul, is deep and massive, but might do with a little more style. Oxford Down sheep are becoming quite a consideration with the Messrs. Watt, whose flock is large and promising.

I noticed here a very effective way of destroying Canada thistles, which seem to have a peculiar love for the deep soils of Wellington. The ground is summer-fallowed, and this is followed by a crop of roots. This process makes thorough work but it is expensive, unless when the summer-fallow is carried on in conjunction with green manuring for the purposes of soil enrichment.

#### THE ABERDREEN ANGUS CATTLE OF THE MESSRS. HAY & PATTON.

This famous herd of doddies is not very numerous, owing to heavy sales. It numbers some forty to fifty head. Mr. Davidson, the manager, has them as usual in a very presentable condition. He finds no difficulty in making good sales to western American cattlemen, who are more appreciative of their very excellent qualities than many of our Canadians.

The stock bull, now five years old, has a conformation peculiarly his own. Not large in size, but low and deep and broad, he possesses a shortness of limb almost unequalled. I am much mistaken if the use of this bull upon the strong dams of this herd does not give results in every way satisfactory. There is but one young bull of his grade on hand, and he is a wonder of perfection. A strong bribe in the form of a high price failed to take him away to Nova Scotia.

Mr. Davidson has some good, strong cross-bred steers of much excellence. This is as it should be. Scatter over this north country cross-bred steers, thick as the charred pine stumps that are yet unuplled, and a spring harvest would be as sure to the farmers as the coming of the seasons. Go on, Mr. Davidson, and breed some fine show steers with Angus bulls as sires, and bring them out to our leading exhibitions to win. "Thou canst!"

Thq few calves on hand are very fine. Mysie 2nd, of Kinnoul Park, from the famous old Chivalry 1765, and the dam Mysie, of Verulam, is one of the best.

Shropshire Downs from the flocks of J. Dryden, Brooklin, and others, are being introduced, they now number 69 head. The soil of this farm is in some places fair, in others light sand, and in others lighter sand. Mr. Davidson feeds it by growing rye. This is sown in August  $3\frac{1}{4}$  bushels to the acre. It is

pastured in Autumn and Spring with sheep until well on in May. It is then allowed to grow on and is ploughed in. Some is cut in dry seasons, and cured for fodder, but before the ear is well shot out. It is cut with the self-binder.

#### MR. FLEMING'S HEREFORDS.

The Park herd of Herefords, owned by Mr. Fleming, of Weston numbers from 50 to 60 head. Most of the animals are running on pastures, and though in fair condition are not burdened with flesh.

The foundation of this herd consisted of imported stock, bred by such men as John Hill, Felhampton Court; John Mutlow, Torrington; Thos. Fenn, Ludlow; T. R. Griffiths, Jamesfield; A. R. Boughton, Knight; and Thomas Rogers, of Leominster, England.

There are two stock bulls in use, one of these, Lord Fenn 29030, bred by Mr. Fleming, is out of imp. Lady Fenn 29030, and by the sire Corporal (4175) The second of these, Wilton Hillhurst, was bred by the Hon. M. H. Cochrane. He is out of the dam Jessonda 11357, by Cassio 6849, and the sire Ottoman 18364. Both are fairly good bulls, but not equal in all round excellence to several of the females, which are decidedly superior. Calves of both sexes are making good all round progress.

The park and its surroundings are picturesque, and eminently fitted for the purpose to which it is devoted. It is only half a mile from Weston on the G.T.R., and but 7 miles from Toronto, the great metropolis of Ontario.

#### THE SHORTHORNS OF JAMES RUSSELL & BRO.

The Shorthorns of James Russell & Bro., Richmond Hill, are, many of them, superlatively good. The stock bull Stanley, first winner at London, is very complete. He is a fine roan in color; he is large without coarseness, deep without being chubby, broad without under prominence of shoulder, has a well arched rib without corpulency, a broad loin and yet smooth hocks, a long quarter without hollowness, a firm leg without coarseness, and admirable smoothness and style without any delicacy of frame; his quality is extraordinary. The Campbell bull, Killerby, with a strong spice of purest Booth blood, is a roan in color, and two years old.

Several of the females are equally worthy of more than a passing notice, but space forbids.

The calves in this herd are very excellent, and well deserving of the high honors which they won at the leading exhibitions. Indeed for smoothness, substance and quality, one could desire but little more.

Many of the best animals in this herd are descended from females of Kinellar breeding. It usually numbers about 50 head.

#### MR. ISAAC'S SHORTHORNS.

The strong points of the herd of Mr. John Isaac, Markham, are these: The large number of well-bred Campbell cows which it contains, the healthy breeding condition of the same, and the strength of the young bull calves in the herd.

The stock bull Baron Linton was bred at Sittyton. He is large and has good quality, but is not so smooth all over as some.

Mr. Isaac's herd is not very large, as he usually finds ready sale for all he can produce. He has found it to his advantage to be content with good rather than to seek extravagant prices, and hence it is but seldom that he is found wasting food on yearling bulls that can be as well sold when calves. It is taking some of our stock-breeders a long time to learn that one year and two year bulls have a particular faculty of eating up meal for which no other return is obtained usually,

if they are to be sold, than the worth of the manure. There are seven bull calves and three heifer calves in this herd.

Mr. Isaac has just completed a beautiful barn, with two side-drives. It is 95 x 56 feet wide, and is neatly painted. Mr. Worden had charge of the carpentering, and Mr. Pearson of the mason work. These gentlemen belong to Manchester, Ont., and each is noted in his respective line.

#### MR. DAVIDSON'S SHORTHORNS.

Mr. Davidson, of Balsam, the veteran importer and breeder of Cruikshank cattle, has not a very large supply of his favorites on hand, not more probably than twenty-five head, but enough to put him very soon in possession of an extensive herd, as he has some very pure Cruikshank females, and one of the best bred Cruikshank bulls that can well be found. This bull, Hospidar by name, is some 5 years old, a roan in color, of fine proportions, possesses excellent quality, and has proved himself a valuable sire. Hospidar is by Dunblane (47792), dam Golden Lady, by Champion of England (17526). There are three young Cruikshank bulls in this herd of fine quality. Mr. Davidson has imported 185 head, first and last from the famous Sittyton herd, without losing a single animal in the transit. But for his labors in this line the merits of the Cruikshank cattle had never been so well known in America.

A remark dropped at this genial Balsam fireside arrested my attention. I wish all our young stockmen to hear it. It was to the effect that there are only some of the many famous families at Sittyton from which Mr. A. Cruikshank would ever choose his bulls. Thus indicating very clearly that some families of pure-breds may be capable of producing good females without being able to produce sufficiently impressive sires.

#### MR. JOHNSTON'S SHORTHORNS.

Mr. A. Johnston, of Greenwood, is still strong in Scotch Shorthorns, his breed numbering some 60 to 70 head, a large proportion of the herd consists of imported animals. The work of importing has engaged the attention of Mr. Johnston for many years, although he breeds largely as well. Of the females six are Nonpareils, and a number are Minas. Several belong to the famous Victoria tribe, some are Lancasters straight through, and others are of mixed breeding, but all are strongly Scotch in their composition. This will be clearly apparent when we mention that the sires include such bulls as Gladstone (43286), Baron Lenton (49081), imp. Duke of Lavender (51135), Premier Earl (48454), and Gravesend (46461). Several of the females of this herd are excellent, and owing to the large number of families which it contains gives wide room for choice in selecting stock when purchasing. We regard Lady Wimple, a roan heifer of 1886, as amongst the best. She is out of the dam Wimple's Pride, by Baron Brawith (46385), and by the sire imp. Royal Victor (53611).

The heifer calves are very good, some of them being as neat in form and well made up in pedigree as could be desired.

The stock bull Indian Chief, a roan, is from Sittyton, of the Victoria family, and has for sire Cumberland (46144), by Pride of the Isles (35072), by Champion of England.

#### THE SHORTHORNS OF JOHN MILLER & SON.

The herd of John Miller & Son, Brougham, is in a good state. He has, as we see it, a fortune in that remarkably even and level Cruikshank stock bull Vice-Consul. He is proving himself a remarkable getter, as is evidenced by the shapely and beautiful calves so nearly resembling one another that it is not easy in some instances for a stranger to distinguish