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MR. DUDDING'S SHORTHORNS AND LINCOLNS AT RIBBY GROVE.

One of the most important annual home sales of stock which take place in England is that which Mr. Henry Dudding holds at his home farm at Ribby Grove, near Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England. Recently, a respite from close attendance at office work became necessary, and a cordial invitation from Mr. Dudding having been received, the writer journeyed to the home from whence the thousand-guinea ram was sent, and also where, a decade or so ago, the late Mr. Torr's grand herd of Shorthorns roamed and grazed. A thorough English welcome was found on arrival, as all who go to Ribby always find. Mr. Dudding's holding is upwards of 3,000 acres, and his herd of Shorthorns exceeds 300 head, with a registered flock of 1,400 ewes of Lincoln Longwool sheep. A grand holding this is, and one whereupon one can see a herd and a flock unsurpassed for purity of breeding and excellence of quality in any country. The herd is certainly not so well known as it ought to be. Very probably from the unparalleled success of the flock the herd has in a measure escaped notice, but from the fact that at its annual sale last year its 15 bulls averaged over \$500, and one of them made the highest price of any bull sold by auction in England last year, it is evident that the right sort are kept and bred here.

Canadian Shorthorn breeders are great admirers of Scotch blood, and they go to Scotland for it, and have to pay accordingly. Equally good blood as this, and Scotch as well, as will be seen from the following pedigrees, can be got at Ribby. Let your breeders go there first and the journey to Scotland will not be undertaken to buy bulls. The following are some of the principal stud bulls and other young bulls now in the herd:
Pride of Fortune 73340, bred by Duthie, by Pride of the Morning 64546, dam Flora 92nd, bred by Duthie, by that noted bull, William of Orange 50934.
Prince of Perth 73396, bred by Mr. Vickers, by Administrator, dam Bertie, by Golden King, a prizewinner at last year's shows.
Dows, by Waterloo Duke, bred by Mr. S. J. Webb, a noted winner, and out of a noted strain of blood by Lord Chesterfield.
Prompter 69255, by Prefex, born '97, dam Risington Lass by Umpire, a champion winner in 1898 and full of the best strains of Garret's old Gloucestershire blood.
Golden Robin 63718 ('97), bred by J. D. Willis, sire Roan Robin 57992, dam Golden Sunshine by Royal Junus 54972. This bull was used by Mr. E. Acroyd with most satisfactory results, and he has been equally successful at Ribby, besides securing very prominent notice in the show-yards.

Rosario is one of the grandest bulls in service, and his pedigree and ancestry is such that this should be the case. Himself a prizewinner, he is by Wiltshire Count (Deane Willis), who won 16 firsts, 10 seconds; out of that unique cow, G. Harrison's Rose Blossom, who won 35 first prizes and 19 second prizes, the aggregate for son, sire and dam being 64 prizes. It may be mentioned this bull is getting a grand lot of calves. Shanghai, a grand Scotch bull, from Wilson of Pieriesmill, by Granite City 70570, out of Sunflower 10th, whose sire, Coldstream, was one of the most noted Scotch bulls. Dairyman, a grand, dark red bull, first at Lincoln in 1899, by Shylcock 71590, out of Dairy Maid 2nd, by Lord Harry, another descendant of Garret's old blood. Royal Tattler, by Scottish Royal 68556, Golden Chief, by Golden Robin, a pair of very handsome bulls, the latter going back to Bates' Wild Eyes, a noted family. Charming Duke, by Unicorn 60735, out of Sylvan Charming 20th, by Cambridge Duke 25th. This Charming family is a noted milking strain. Victoria's Cup, bred by J. Fisher, of Pilschery, by Christmas Cup 70155, out of Fernflower, by Major 59419. Marchmount, a deep roan, bred by C. M. Cameron, by Fortune 76467, dam Marchioness 15th, by Merlin, whose full sister, Marchioness 16th, took first and champion prizes in 1895 in strong Scotch classes, and stood R. N. to the Queen's heifer, Frederica, when the latter won first and champion at Smithfield in 1898; and several other very excellent young bulls of the highest breeding quality.

A grand old Cruickshank cow, Jessie 4th, by Royal James, was easily noticed; her produce has been and are first-class winners in good and strong classes. Then, we noticed Superior Blossom, another grand heifer by Lord Douglas. Another grand heifer, Lady 21st, highest priced female at the Scotch sales, 1899, by Idol, out of Lady 7th, by Merlin, is of exceptional merit, having won first at the Black Island Show as one of a pair last autumn, her dam having bred for three successive years prizewinning bulls at the Inverness Show and sales in 1895, '96, and '97. Twin Princess 9th, by Idol 63791, dam Twin Princess 7th, by Lord Violet 56103. This cow was dam of Tip Top 68704, 1st champion at Inverness in 1896, and who was sire of Merlin, who sold for \$4,000 in the Argentine. Jilt 22nd, bred by J. McWilliams, by Spice Box 63402, out of Jilt 19th, who traces back to Gravesend 46461, a very noted Cruickshank bull. A yearling heifer, Jewel, by Pride of Fortune, out of this cow, is one of the most promising in the herd. The females are, in fact, typical and characteristic representatives of the best lines of Booth, Bates, Cruickshank, and Garne blood. A judicious combination has been made, and the young bulls and heifers, which space does not permit us to notice, are as good as can be found elsewhere, and there cannot be the slightest doubt but that all who are desirous to obtain leading specimens of the best lines of Shorthorn blood can do so at Ribby, and they can, if desired, purchase subject to passing the tuberculin test, an advantage all breeders will not allow.

There is not space to note the Lincoln flock; this must be left over for another time. Suffice, therefore, to say that it never was in better condition than at this present time. The demands upon its resources are larger than ever, new customers come and old ones remain; thus, the competition is keener than ever. All who can should attend the annual sale, where the reserved portion of the yearling rams, and a grand lot of young heifers and bulls, will be offered for sale without reserve on July 24, 1900. All are welcome, and every assistance will be rendered to all buyers.

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