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One of our far-seeing and active professional buyers and sellers lives at a place called Ilderton, Middlesex. Well-known in England and the United States—Richard Gibson has a fine eye for quality and character among all his Shorthorn transactions, and though a young man, comparatively, has done a great deal for our national status thus-wise. He is one of those who does one thing well—cattle alone, not sheep also. Judge Morgan & Sons, of Kerwood, are among the Cotswolds and Durhams also, and prize takers at your 1881 exhibition. Shorthorns appear to be in good repute with C. A. O'Malley at Wardville, where over thirty head, with other valuable stock, make up an interesting exhibit. "Mazurka Duke" [5703], 16523, is at present in use.

We make a particularly good closing for the west with the Geary Bros., of London, whose exhibit reminds us, in a measure, of that of Mr. Whitfield, Quebec. Aberdeen Polls, Herefords, Lincolns, and Shrops—in all 316 head. The Polls are from herds of well-known Scotch merit—Ballindalloch, and Gavenwood; the Herefords from C. B. Littlewood, W. Meredith, and E. Instone, of England. It must be the wish of every patriotic Canadian that the enterprise of these gentlemen be responded to on the part of our own people, and that we hear less than we have done of such valuable stock leaving the country.

We have yet some notices to overtake in the midland-south portions of the Province, and these very briefly.

C. S. Messacar, of Scotland, Brant, is not only a breeder of Herefords, as already stated, but possesses a large and important herd of Shorthorns, and flocks of Leicesters and Southdowns. Daniel Perley, of Paris, goes back to 1852 with a large flock of Southdown of English "Webb" and Stone, Guelph, pedigree. We took note of Wm. Douglass, of Onondaga, and now make his herd of Shorthorns up to seventy as begun in 1855, and a Leicester flock of six score that was started in 1846. "Earl of Goodness 5th," [8514] 32519, from Bow Park is now the stock bull. Mr. F. W. Smith, of Scotland, though recently among the Herefords has not left the Shorthorns. Thos. Shaw, of Woodburn, a gentleman otherwise of growing importance among cattlemen, holds "Prince Hopewell" [7656], among a select number of Shorthorn cows, and has besides a large flock of Leicesters. An Ayrshire herd, with services from Guy, of Oshawa, belongs to C. W. Ware, of Hamilton,—twenty head in two years is a handsome beginning. Otherwise, the county of Wentworth is strong in Ayrshire, and much could be said of the excellent herds belonging to James McCormick, of Rockton; Joseph Cline, of Hamilton, and John Carroll, of St. Catharines. St. Catharines has William Ash, old, as previously mentioned, in sheep work, and Frank Wyatt, with Durhams, Leicesters, Cotswolds, and Southdowns.

PRESENT POSITION OF ONTARIO IN REGARD TO THOROUGH-BRED CATTLE AND SHEEP.

It is not a matter of doubt, in any country, civilized or otherwise, that its live stock interest should be fifty per cent. of its agriculture. Take an average of the extremes of age, population and wealth, as existing at the present moment, in the case of Britain and Canada. Every day of her life, for the last ten years, England has been educating farmers to the fact that, even in their comparatively very small area, more attention must be paid to the production of beef and mutton than to grain. This is not by any means the natural issue of what is called their bad times, but purely a line of work recognized by their best men as indispensable to