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# GOSSIP.

Part II. of Volume 54 of the Shorthorn Herdbook of Great Britain and Ireland has been issued. Part II. contains the pedigrees of only females and their produce. It comprises 894 pages. Part I. of the same volume, containing pedigrees of bulls only, was issued several months earlier.

### GREENGILL SHORTHORNS.

A herd of Shorthorn cattle that has made a name for itself, international in character, is the Greengill herd, the property of Messrs. R. Mitchell & Sons, of Nelson, Ont., about three miles north of Burlington Junction Station, G.T.R., 30 miles west of Toronto. A few years ago when Shorthorns were booming the Messrs. Mitchell were among the leading importers of Canada, and their herd today, about 60 in number, are all imported or the progeny of imported sires and dams, representing on blood lines such well-known and fashionable Scotch strains as the Kilhlean Beauty, Cruickshank Lovely, Claret, Orange Blossom, Jilt, Village Girl and Mysie, at the head of which is the massive roan bull, Imp. Lord Roseberry, a Broadhooks. Lord Roseberry has proven his worth as a superior sire. Although now in his eighth year, he is as active, sure and safe as any bull can possibly be, and, as a sire, he is among the top of the good ones. His daughters now coming of breeding age, he is for sale; a genuine snap for a quick buyer. In young bulls there are about a dozen from 6 to 18 months of age, and as is certain in a lot of this number, and so richly and fashionably bred, there are some very choice animals that any one wanting a young bull would be wise to look after, as they are for sale at prices on a par with the times. Several of them are out of imthe dozen or more yearling heifers. Some extra good things are among them, and their breeding is gilt-edged, and the prices asked very reasonable. The farm is connected with long-distance 'phone.

PRIZE SHORTHORNS AT AUCTION. A coming event of unusual interest is the auction sale of high-class Shorthorn cattle to take place, as advertised, in the pavilion at the West Toronto Stockvards, on Wednesday, February 3rd, when from the continental-noted herds of W. G. Pettit & Sons, Freeman, Ont., and J. A. Watt, Salem, Ont., there will be sold to the highest bidder, 49 head of typical Scotch Shorthorns of the most fashionable breeding, 15 bulls and 34 females, many of which are show cattle, a number of them having won honors at Toronto. Calgary, Brandon, and Syracuse, N. Y. Among the bulls to be sold is positively right in every particular. sire and dam. From the Watt herd are be sold are nearly all one and two years old; a number of them are also winners. Everything offered will be in the pink of condition. Established over 40 years ago by the late Wm. Watt, this is the first time anything from the Watt herd has been offered at auction. Many of this lot belong to their noted Mildred and Matchless families, strains that have an international reputation for excellence, owing to the phenomenal success attained by them in the show-rings, not only in Canada, but in the United States as week. Many of the Pettit consignment belong to the favorite Roan Lady family. a family of world-wide note. In followg issues of this paper a fuller descripn of the breeding of the offering will given. Animals sold to go to the Vited States will be recorded in the Materican Herdbook free of charge. Capt. E. Robson, London, Ont., and Col. ods, of Lincoln, Nebraska, will cry the Catalogues may be had on appliion to W. G. Pettit, Freeman, Ont.

## Irrigation in Western Agriculture.

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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#### A LOGICAL CONCLUSION

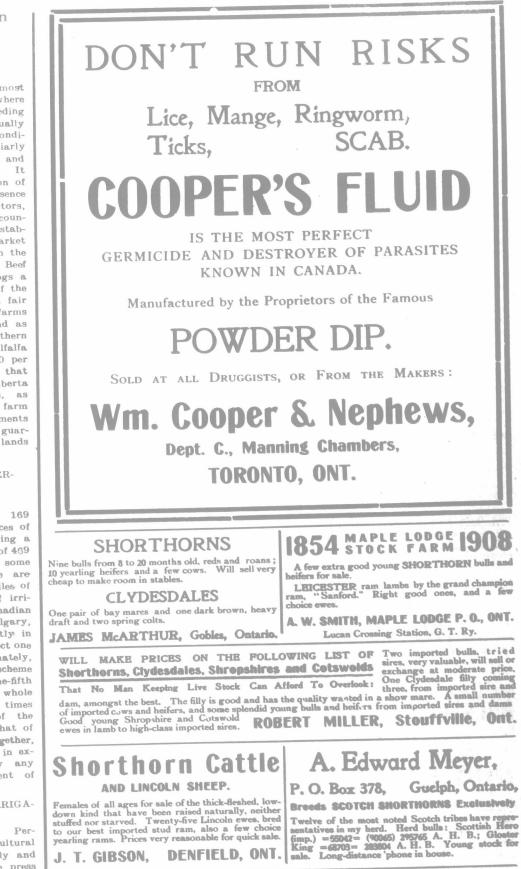
It is an accepted fact, that the most valuable crops irrigated lands anywhere can produce, are material for the feeding and finishing of live stock. It is equally certain that the climatic and soil conditions of Southern Alberta are peculiarly favorable to the production of alfalfa and other forage crops under irrigation. It will also be admitted, that by reason of a healthy, invigorating climate, absence of disease, and other favorable factors, Alberta ranks high as a live-stock coun-Her reputation is amply estabtrv. lished in that respect, and her market conditions for finished live stock, on the whole, are reasonably favorable. Beef is worth a little less, sheep and hogs a little more, in Alberta than south of the Such being the case, it is a fair line. deduction to draw that irrigated farms in Southern Alberta should command as high value as those in the Northern States of the Republic, where alfalfa lands are worth from \$100 to \$200 per No reasonable doubt exists that acre. the irrigated farms of Southern Alberta will command, within a few years, as high price per acre as the best farm lands in Eastern Canada. The elements of average high productiveness and guarantee of results, will place such lands absolutely by themselves.

#### PRINCIPAL IRRIGATION ENTER-PRISES OF THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES.

Some five years ago there were 169 irrigation ditches within the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, covering a total length of canals and ditches of 469 miles, and capable of irrigating some 614,000 acres. At present there are 272 irrigation schemes, with 923 miles of canals and ditches, and capable of irrigating 3,033,009 acres. The Canadian Pacific Railway project, east of Calgary, ported cows. The same holds good with owing to its magnitude, is distinctly in a class by itself. Under this project one and a half million acres will, ultimately, be brought under irrigation. This scheme alone covers an area exceeding one-fifth of the total irrigated area of the whole of the United States. It is five times as great as the irrigated area of the State of Utah, and greater than that of the State of California. It is, all together, a project which is not approached in extent, or in any other respect, by any similar undertaking on the continent of America.

#### MAGNITUDE OF CANADIAN IRRIGA-TION WORK.

"Familiarity breeds contempt." Perhaps no feature of Western agricultural progress has been more extensively and favorably commented upon by the press of the United States and Eastern Canada than the irrigation development of Southern Alberta. Yet, few Canadians realize the full significance of this novel Imp. Prime Favorite, winner of grand factor in our agricultural expansion. The championship at Toronto in 1907, now most striking method of impressing upon only six years old, and believed to be the mind the vast importance of the irrigation movement in Western Canada, is Others from the Pettit herd are two by the presentation of comparative statisyearling imported bulls, and the first- tics. Below will be found a table setprize junior yearling bull at Toronto in ting forth the irrigated acreage of each 1908. The others are from imported of the States of the Union where this method of farming is practiced, and also several young bulls, winners at Toronto, the acreage actually under irrigation, or Calgary and Brandon. The females to to be served by projects under construction in Alberta and Saskatchewan :



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California	1,445,872	
Colorado	1,611,271	
Idaho	602,568	
Montana	951, 154	
Nevada	504,163	
New Mexico	203,893	
Oregon	388,310	
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Washington	135,470	
Wyoming	605,878	
Total for United St	ates	7,263,273

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A glance at the above figures demonstrates that the irrigated area of Alberta



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