

## GOSSIP.

## ROBERT MILLER'S SHORTHORN SALE.

A red-letter day in Shorthorn circles in Canada will be the 5th of February, the day following the annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Association in Toronto, when Mr. Robert Miller, the honored president of that important organization, will, as advertised, offer at auction 45 head of high-class Scotch-bred Shorthorns, all imported or bred straight from the best of importations and most popular strains. The reduced railway fares to those attending the convention of breeders at Toronto on the 4th make the date most convenient and favorable for a large attendance at the sale, as Mr. Miller's farm at Stouffville is only 27 miles from Toronto, on the Midland division of the G. T. R.

The Millers were amongst the first, if not the very first, to import Shorthorns from Scotland to Canada, and for 36 years, without a break, the family, grandfather, father, and son, have maintained an honorable record as breeders and a herd second to none on the American continent in high-class breeding and individual merit, many of the principal herds in the United States and Canada having been founded on selections from this herd, including those of Messrs. Cochrane, Edwards, Platt, and Cargill, the latter of whom started with the only cow that ever beat the famous Bow Park show cows, imported Havering Nonpareil, and Lady Isabel. This cow was bred by Mr. Miller, while such noted prize-winning and breeding bulls as Vice Consul, Salamis, Duke Lavender, Lord Strathallan, Crown Prince of Strathallan, Guardsman and Strathearn were imported or bred by Mr. Miller. Such a record entitles this sale to the favorable consideration of breeders all over this continent, since Mr. Miller is prepared to risk his reputation on the statement that no more richly-bred or better lot of breeding cattle individually has ever been offered at public sale in Canada than those included in the catalogue of this dispersion. Mr. Miller is only anxious that those interested in Shorthorns shall see the cattle sold, and is willing to be rated according to the standard of the offering.

The advance sheets of the catalogue show a list of young cows, heifers and bulls of a rich variety of the favorite families in the herds of the late Mr. Cruickshank, of Sittytown, and Mr. Campbell, of Kinellar, and in the herd of Mr. W. S. Marr, Uppermill, and other leading Aberdeenshire breeders, and includes typical representatives of Cruickshank Lodelys, Lavenders, Brawith Buds, Nonpareils, Butterlys, Village Girls, Broadhooks, and Duchesses of Gloster; Marr Misses, Princess Royals, Beauty, Roan Ladies, Claras, and Floras; 8 Kinellar Claret, and Minas, and an imported Flower Girl, half-sister to one sold in the Canadian combination sale at Chicago last June for \$900, sired by the great bull, Nonpareil Squire, and in calf to the Cruickshank-Willis bull, Bapton Chancellor. No. 22 is a grand imported five-year-old Broadhook, a show cow, from one of the most valuable families in Scotland, estimated by the standard of value in the auction ring there, while they are also great prize-winners. She has a beautiful thick heifer calf by Corneliu, a full brother to the Highland Society champion, Corner Stone, and is again in calf to the Brawith Bud bull, No. 1 in catalogue, a son of Imp. Sittytown Stamp, and whose grandam was Imp. Golden Crest, bred by Amos Cruickshank. The first female in the catalogue is a three-year-old Cruickshank Flora, bred in Aberdeenshire, one of the families that have been breeding the bulls making the highest averages for Lord Lovat in the annual sales the past three years, and that produced for Mr. Duthie the calf that brought the record price of \$3,250 at his last October sale. No. 2 is a yearling heifer of the same family, sired by Corneliu, himself a prizewinner and own brother to the champion, Corner Stone. The Duchesses of Gloster descend from Imp. 12th Duchess, by the great Champion of England, and are a standard sort, highly esteemed wherever known, while the Village Blossoms, Nos. 6 and 7, are bred from the grand old Cruickshank cow of that name that has bred such a long list of prizewinners and champions. Space will not admit of reference to all, and there would be little object, since all interested may have the catalogue for the asking. The list of bulls includes the grand five-year-old Brawith Bud, Golden Crown (No. 1), one of the best of present-day sires. No. 2 is a Prince Royal, one of the great bulls of the year, recently imported, royally bred, as good as his breeding, having true form and first-class quality, and is considered one of the best that has ever been in the herd, which is saying a great deal. No. 3 is a pleasing roan Cruickshank Flora calf, pronounced by Mr. Marr the best calf he had seen in America. No. 4 is a thick red son of the grand old cow, Village Fairy, now in her 16th year. Royal Gloster is a red son of a fine Duchess of Gloster cow, No. 4 in catalogue. No. 6 is out of Imp. Lady Dorothy 42nd, and by a grand Cruickshank bull. No. 7 is a Nonpareil and as nice as is often seen.

It is now a long while since so good a lot of cattle have been offered for sale in Canada, and there is no prospect, so far as we can see, of another of the same character. Hence we confidently anticipate a grand rally of Shorthorn breeders and farmers interested in improving their stock at this sale at Burnbrae Farm on Feb. 5th.

The annual meeting of the National Lincoln Sheep Breeders' Association was held at Chicago, Dec. 3rd, 1901. The following officers were elected: President, John Geary, London, Ont.; Vice-President, Robert Knight, Marlette, Mich.; Secretary-Treasurer, Bert Smith, Charlotte, Mich. Directors—J. J. England, Caro, Mich.; Jno. T. Gibson, Denfield, Ont.; M. L. Wasson, Stockbridge, Mich.; Robt. S. Robson, Ilderton, Ont.; S. H. Warren, Ovid, Mich.; F. H. Neil, Lucan, Ont.

Mr. James Bowman, Guelph, Ont., breeder of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, calls attention to an error in the report of the cattle carcass competition at the International Live Stock Show at Chicago, in giving credit to the Michigan Agricultural College for the breeding and feeding of the Angus steer, Elm Park Lad, winner of first prize and championship in the block test there over all breeds. This steer was bred by Mr. Bowman and fed by him up to June, 1901, on his Elm Park Farm, at Guelph.

The Clydesdale and Hackney stallions and mares advertised in this issue by Mr. O. Sorby, Guelph, Ont., will be found to be of the most desirable type, combining in high degree, size, action, quality and breeding of the best. The Clydesdale stallions have proven winners in hotly-contested competition at the leading shows in Canada, and are up-to-date in all respects, while the Hackneys are of as high-class character of their breed. Parties looking for such stock should write Mr. Sorby, or better, see his horses, which will bear the closest scrutiny.

W. G. Pettit & Son, Freeman, Ont., report the following recent sales of Shorthorns and Shropshires: To James Haryett, Maynooth, Ont., one yearling ram and four yearling ewes; to W. G. Sanders, St. Thomas, Ont., the imported yearling bull, Scottish Rex, bred by Alex. Campbell, Deystone, Aberdeen, Scotland, got by Count Amaranth, of same family as the great show and breeding bull, Field Marshal; to L. G. Harris, Canning, N. S., the imported bull, Scottish Knight, bred by John Young, Telhories, Aberdeen, Scotland, got by Scottish Prince, of the popular Princess Royal family, out of Fanny 4th, of the noted Jilt family; to W. E. Alton, Nelson, Ont., the yearling imp. bull, County Duke, bred by Alex. Campbell, Aberdeen, Scotland. This young bull belongs to the noted Campbell Claret family that was very popular with the late Sylvester Campbell, of Kinellar. He was got by Count Amaranth, out of County Maid, by that great Cruickshank sire, Clan Alpine. To Andrew Robb, Newry, Ont., one home-bred cow, Fidget 3rd, a great milker and grand breeder. She is forward in calf to our imp. stock bull, Scottish Pride, a Cruickshank Clipper by the noted sire, Star of Morning. Messrs. Pettit write: "We have still on hand for sale four imported bulls, one and two years old; five imported in dam, 12 to 15 months old, and 10 home-bred bulls, from 9 to 16 months, got by imported bulls and mostly from imported cows of the most popular Scotch families. We are issuing a new catalogue, which will be ready to mail about the last week in January, giving full particulars of our young stock. We will be pleased to mail them to interested breeders."

WOVEN-WIRE FENCING.—Every farmer knows the advantages and economy of a good, heavily-galvanized steel-wire fence, but there is a surprisingly large number who do not know that improved machinery has made it possible to buy the best kind of a wire fence in a roll, already woven, ready to stretch and staple to the posts. The drawback to wire fences has been the expense and trouble of building them, and since this has been overcome, the use of steel-wire fences has increased at a wonderful rate in every part of the country. On the farms of the East and the ranches of the West. One of the most desirable and all-round useful forms of ready-woven wire fence is known as the Ellwood Steel Wire Fence. It has heavy cables, between which are diamond-shaped meshes, smaller toward the ground, larger toward the top. This form of construction holds poultry perfectly and economizes on wire in the top meshes, where strength is needed, but where a close mesh would serve no good purpose. There are dealers handling this fence in almost every town in the country, and it should not be overlooked by anyone interested in good fences at low prices.

INNES BROS., OF WOODSTOCK, ONT., have purchased from Dalgety Bros., Dundee, Scotland, and London, Ont., Clydesdale importers, the good colt, Yarbent (11234). He is rising three years and a great colt, having size, style and action, and combines the blood of the two greatest families known to Clyde breeders, viz., Darnley (222) and Prince of Wales (673), being sired by that noted sire, Prince of Brunstane (9977), the sire of the champion two-year-old stallion, Marmion, that was first and champion at the West of Scotland Union Agricultural Society's Show held at Barrhead, Oct. 17th. A yearling gelding got by him was sold the same day for £100, being the record price for a gelding of his age. We hope the Innes Bros. will get the liberal patronage they so richly deserve, as they have spared no money in selecting a good sire for Oxford County.

Twelve head of registered Shorthorns, 8 females of good milking strain and 4 bulls, are advertised in this issue to be sold at auction, on Feb. 12th, by Mr. D. Baigent, Thamesford, Ont., at his farm, two miles from Thamesford station, on the C. P. R., and 14 miles from the City of London.

Mr. James Walsham, breeder of Jersey cattle, of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, purchased from Messrs. B. H. Bull & Son, of Brampton, Ont., Brampton Gold Prince, the first-prize bull calf under six months at Toronto and Ottawa in 1901. Mr. Walsham writes: "The bull, Brampton Gold Prince, arrived O. K. I have looked him over and like him well. He is one of the finest bulls that I ever saw."

The noted imported Island-bred Jersey bull, Distinction's Golden, is advertised for sale in this issue by Mr. Robert Davies, Todmorden, Toronto. This bull has been the chief sire in Mr. Davies' herd of Jerseys at Thorncliffe farm for the last four years, and he has made his mark indelibly on his progeny, the females of which especially uniformly show superior dairy form and characteristics, his get having for three years won the first prize for the best progeny of one sire at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition in keen competition. Distinction's Golden is deeply-bred in the blood of the famous Island bull, Golden Lad, and is distinctly of the modern Island type—handsome, stylish, and fine, yet strong, rugged, vigorous, deep-ribbed, and full of spirit, yet docile and tractable. He is in the prime of life, and his offspring have improved with his years. He is a bull that should improve any herd in the country and give satisfaction in every respect.

The survival of the fittest is well exemplified in the splendid herd of Shorthorn cattle and flocks of Cotswold and Shropshire sheep owned by the estate of the late Joseph Bell, on the Cedars Stock Farm, which is situated in the County of Simcoe, about three miles west of the town of Bradford, which is the firm's P. O. and R. R. station. It is doubtful if there was a man in Canada that better understood the inborn characteristics of Shorthorns than the late Mr. Bell, and during his long experience in the breeding and care of this breed of cattle he continuously brought his good judgment into action in the selection of the sires he used on his herd and in the weeding-out of the inferior ones, and to-day his careful selection and good taste is amply demonstrated in the rare good animals that can be seen on the farm. The dams generally are a big, broad-backed, fleshy, short-legged lot, sired by the following well-known bulls: Baron of Manchester, sired by Imp. Vensgarth 47192; Brilliant 15824, by Imp. Mexico 4114; Duke of Cedardale 19666, by Imp. Hopeful 15278; Aberdeen Jock 24503, by Imp. Aberdeen 18949; Ronald 25325, by Imp. Kinellar Sort 18957. The present stock bull is Heir at Law 34563, sired by Prince Arthur 23377; dam Myra's Lily 22014. He is a beautiful roan, two years old, weighs 1,700 pounds, and is one of the low, short-legged kind, with his flesh evenly distributed, and is quality from the ground up. The young things in the stable from him are certainly a splendid lot and show that no mistake was made when he was selected to head the herd. The families principally represented among the dams are the Countess, Duchess, Stamford and Strawberry. The Stamfords are well represented in the cow, Stamford Jewel 22681, sired by Imp. Hopeful. She is a typical Shorthorn, and one of the big, broad sort that everybody is looking after. The Strawberrys are represented by the cow, Juno, by Aurora Borealis 20354. She is another slashing big, well-balanced animal. The Duchess family is represented by Zephyr Beauty, a roan that is hard to beat. The Countess family is represented by the grandly-built cow, Estella. There are a number of others that are every whit as good as those mentioned. Among the younger ones are about a dozen heifers, some with calves, others carrying their first calf, and others not bred. They are the right sort, showing a depth of body and symmetry of make-up that develops into the good ones. There are about 25 head in the herd, of both sexes and all ages, and there are no "keep" ones among them, any or all of them are for sale, the Messrs. Bell believing that the nimble sixpence is more profitable than the slow shilling. The Shropshires are of the well-known Campbell breeding, and are a rare good lot and extra well covered. The Cotswolds are imported and home-bred, a part of them being from the well-known Bostwick flock. As with the Shrops, so with the Cotswolds, they are a splendid lot, and can be bought worth the money.

## LIVE STOCK MEETINGS.

Toronto, first week in February, 1902:  
Feb. 3.—Monday—2 p. m., Hackney Horse Society, Albion Hotel; 7.30 p. m., Directors Shorthorn Association, Albion Hotel.  
Feb. 4.—Tuesday—11 a. m. and 2 p. m., Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, Richmond Hall, 27 Richmond St., West.  
Feb. 5.—Wednesday—11 a. m., Directors Ayrshire Association, and 2 p. m., Ayrshire annual meeting, Richmond Hall, 27 Richmond St., W.; 7.30 p. m., Carriage and Saddle Horse Association, Albion Hotel.  
Feb. 6.—Thursday—10.30 a. m., Shire Horse Association, Albion Hotel; 2 p. m., Horse Breeders' Association; evening, dinner, if any.

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## Something Worth Considering.

The attention of the readers of the "Farmer's Advocate" is called to what the London dailies of recent date have to say of a New Monetary Institution: "We are pleased to learn that of the many excellent and successful Monetary Institutions that have been organized in this city, the latest, 'THE EMPIRE ACCIDENT AND SURETY COMPANY,' bids fair to equal, if not excel, any of its predecessors. We also observe per Stratford and St. Thomas dailies of recent date, notice of the appointment of Nelson Monteith, Esq., M. P. P., of Stratford, and Dr. Lawrence, Esq., of St. Thomas, to positions on the Board of Directors. We must congratulate our fellow-townsmen who are on the directorate in having associated with them gentlemen of such undoubted ability and influence. It is quite evident, from the rapid strides made since its inception, that it is destined to become in the near future one of the Giants among the many Monetary Institutions of this city and of the Dominion. Its stock must prove one of the safest and most profitable and permanent investments to be found, and investors must act promptly if they wish to secure some of it."

On its list of shareholders are the names of leading agriculturists, members of Parliament, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, merchants, mechanics, and others, not from one section of the Province only, but from all sections. This is an exceptional opportunity offered our farmer friends and others having leisure time during the winter, season of earning a few hundred dollars with but little effort or expense.

Facts can be cited in almost every city and town in this Province where holders of stock of companies similar to this company have, after the lapse of a few years, sold it for three and four times its original cost, thus realizing thousands of dollars on original investment, and the prospects for this company repeating what has been done heretofore by similar companies is certainly brighter and more promising.

If you have not already done so, it will pay you to write to the Manager or Secretary of THE EMPIRE ACCIDENT AND SURETY COMPANY, Masonic Temple, London, Ontario, for prospectus and full particulars. Enterprising and energetic men are wanted to handle this stock.

## \$9,000 FOR A HEREFORD BULL.

At the dispersion sale, at Chicago, on Jan. 7th, of the herd of Hereford cattle belonging to Mr. Thos. Clark, of Beecher, Ill., the three-year-old bull, Perfection, champion at International Show, 1901, was sold to G. H. Hoxie, Thornton, Ill., for \$9,000. The highest-priced female was Polly Peacham, sold at \$900. The average for females was \$388, and the average for all Mr. Clark's herd, \$507. At the close of the sale it was announced that Mr. Clem Davis had sold his bull, Dale, the sire of Perfection, to Jesse Adams, Moweaqua, Ill., for \$10,000, which is the highest price ever paid for a Hereford bull.