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GOSSIP.

The dispersion sale of the noted herd of Shorthorns belonging to Hon. M. H. Cochrane, of Hillhurst, Quebec, to take place at Hamilton, Ont., on August 11th, should interest farmers and breeders throughout the Dominion. Confidence in the present and future of this great and growing country may well be accepted as the keynote in all legitimate business enterprizes at this time, and in none with greater prospects of success than in the improvement of the character of our beef cattle, for which there is bound to be a steady and increasing demand for breeding purposes in supplying the needs of the rapidly-opening areas of our own country and of the great corngrowing States to the South, where fresh blood from Canadian herds will always be required. Everything indicates that Canada will continue to be the principal breeding ground for high-class pure-bred stock on this continent. It is rarely that such an opportunity offers to secure the best class of cattle as will be presented in the Hillhurst dispersion. All interested should send for the catalogue and attend the sale.

On another page of this issue may be seen a photograph of a prizewinning herd of Herefords, owned by Jos. Tough, Edmonton, Alta. The herd bull is "The General" 1438, sire Valentine, and dam Constance Wilton. He is an animal of rare good quality, as may be seen by the photograph, being smooth and well-quartered, with an even coating of firm flesh. One of the noteworthy females is Maple Sugar =915=, bred by Sir D. A. Smith, sire Wilton Hillhurst, dam Phillus. Another good one is Miss Glenwood 2nd =2044=, sire Ingleside 2nd, dam Lucy May, by Senator. A two-year-old, of almost ideal Hereford conformation, is Gertrude =2039=, by Spotless of Ingleside, dam Damson of Poplar Grove. Mr. Tough had also on exhibition a beautiful ten-months-old calf, bred by himself, sired by Dunmoor Ingleside, dam Mer-Two grand cows have recently maid. been added to the herd from the Smith herd, Compton, Que. It was intended that these would have been on hand in time for the show, but unfortunately the car from the east only arrived as the exhibition was closing.

The photograph of Mr. P. Talbot and Son's cattle, to be found on another page of this issue, shows a number of one of the very best herds of Shorthorns to be found in Western Canada. At its head stands Royal Macgregor, an animal of rare good quality, and one that would stand a lot of beating in any show-ring. He was bred by Cargill & Sons, Cargill, Ont., sire Royal Member (Imp.), dam Rosa Lee. Among the females is Coulee Blossom 2nd, the first-prize cow over four years at Edmonton. She is a typical Shorthorn in general conformation, and received her honors at the Northern Show amid very strong competition. Her sire was Goldsmith and dam Coulee Blossom. The first-prize two-year-old at the same show was Coulee Blossom 4th, a full sister to the last one, and one that gives promise of developing into a cow of rare good quality. A yearling of more than ordinary merit was Pearl, by David, dam Flora, by Royal Sailor. This splendid herd from the rich grazing lands of Lacombe, Alta., was represented by seven head at Edmonton exhibition, and any one of them would be a credit to any show-ring in this country.

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