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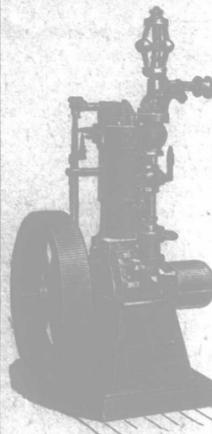
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GOSSIP.

Beaufort Stock Farm is situated in the County of Grey, 2 1/2 miles from Mount Forest station on the G. T. and C. P. Railways. It is the property of Mr. W. R. Bowman, breeder of Polled Angus cattle, Suffolk sheep, and Yorkshire hogs. The large herd of Polled Angus is headed by the bull, Elm Park Laird, sired by the great sweepstakes bull, Kyma's Feir. He is a bull of more than ordinary form and quality, and when fully developed will make nearly if not quite as good an animal as his illustrious sire. The females and young stuff in the herd are all in good condition; the breeding cows are a very even, well-formed lot, and it is hard to fault them or pick out one very much better than the others. However, we might mention the cow, Mayflower 3rd of Bli Bro 6822, by Corporal 4991, dam Materside Mayflower 1464. This cow is an exceptionally good one, and is suckling a three-months bull calf by Elm Park Prince. Another of the representative cows is Lady Bate of Metcalfe 23881, by Lord Forest 18152, dam Bate 2nd of Earnside 8108. The breeding of these two fairly well represents the breeding of the entire herd. There are a number of heifers, all a smooth, sweet lot, of different ages; also five young bulls from three to eighteen months old, good ones, with short legs, well-sprung ribs, even and smooth throughout. The Suffolk sheep are bred directly from imported stock, and show size and quality in abundance. It is from this flock that most of the winners came at the leading shows for the last two years, and this season's lambs are no exception. They are certainly a nice, even lot, and as they are growing very fast will be hard to turn down this fall. The Yorkshires are not one whit behind the other stock kept on this well-appointed farm. When Mr. Bowman decided to enter the Yorkshire breeding arena, he made a visit to the noted herds of Platt and Featherston, and carefully selected his breeding stock, and the result is that no man has a better type of Yorkshire bacon hog than Mr. Bowman breeds. His present stock boar is Plus Grove Choice 1332, by Britannia Wonder 3022, dam May Beauty 3271, by Paddy; won 2nd at Toronto last fall, an honor that places him at once in the front rank as an individual. One of the brood sows is White Duchess 3792, by Scotchman, dam Pearl, by Lord Grey. Another is Dewdrop 2657, by Imp. Grey, dam Lady Reed, by Imp. Lincoln Lad. Mr. Bowman can supply either sex, of different ages, as good as the best. He is also offering for sale a one-year-old registered Clydesdale stallion, Canadian bred, that shows abundance of substance and should when mature weigh more than twenty hundred.

Among the men who to-day bid fair to become formidable rivals of the more illustrious Canadian Shorthorn breeders a place of honor must be accorded Mr. Israel Groff, owner of Maple Leaf Stock Farm, in the County of Wellington, Ont., three miles from Alma station, on the G. T. R., and five miles from Elora, on the C. P. R. Mr. Groff, in addition to his splendid herd of Shorthorns, pays considerable attention to the breeding of Berkshire hogs. The Shorthorns are headed by that perfectly-bred and richly-bred bull, Royal Hero 34679, by imported Royal Sailor 18959, dam Mildred 4th 22241, by imported Hesperus. Royal Hero is a rich roan. He is one of the short-legged, upright sort, and is a sire of more than ordinary worth, proof of which is easily established by a look over the young stuff, especially a nine-months-old roan bull calf. It is a prizewinner in form and quality without doubt, and a living image of its sire. Mr. Groff's cows are unsurpassed for size and quality. They belong to the well-known Scotch Athelstane family, although there are a few Mayflowers, Stamfords, Marr Beautys, and Lady Fannys. An extra good cow is Duchess of Athelstane A., by Sittyton Chief. Another cow is Duchess of Athelstane 2nd, a half-sister to Gem of Athelstane, the sweepstakes heifer, bred on this farm, but owned by Mr. Greenway. Mayflower is a two-year-old roan heifer that could win in most any show-ring. May Blossom is another splendid two-year-old belonging to the Marr Beauty family; Rose of Stamford is another two-year-old, an extra good one; while still another two-year-old is Lady Sarah 5th. All these heifers are extra good animals, and among them are prizewinners. A roan heifer calf out of Athelstane 2nd is one of the sweetest things the writer has seen in many a day. In fact, Mr. Groff's cattle can only be appreciated by a visit to his splendid farm. There are a number of both sexes, especially young bulls, for sale. In Berkshire hogs the same care is exercised in the selection of breeding stock, with the result that his hogs show length and depth that is unsurpassed. They are of Snell breeding, the stock boar being Crown Prince, by Halleo, dam by Baron Lee 4th, bred by Thos. Teasdale. There are still a few choice young things left for sale of both sexes.

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