

THE EDWARDS-DRUMMOND-WHITE SALE.

Favored with ideal weather, a crowd of over 500 of the leading Shorthorn breeders of Canada and the United States gathered at the Union Stock-yards, Toronto Junction, on the occasion of the great sale of surplus stock from the famous Shorthorn herds of Senator Edwards, Sir Geo. Drummond and Peter White, K. C., on Thursday, March 5th. Seldom indeed in this country has there been so many high-class animals offered by auction at one sale, and the magnificent gathering of representative breeders, and the satisfactory average price of the whole offering, is positive proof that the great Shorthorn breed has by no means lost its well-merited popularity. The cattle were in fine breeding condition, and in nearly all cases the bidding was brisk, and occasionally quite spirited. The auctioneers, Capt. T. E. Robson, of London, and Col. Carey M. Jones, of Chicago, were in fine fettle, and kept the large crowd in good humor by an occasional partial perversion of the truth. The total for the 41 females sold was \$6,440, an average of \$157.70, the highest price, \$880, being reached for the grand, thick show heifer, Belvedere Lily 9th, two years old, by Sailor Bruce 2nd, from the noted Belmar Parc herd of Mr. White, and purchased by Mr. James Yule for the herd of Sir Wm. Van Horne, East Selkirk, Manitoba. The 17 bulls sold brought \$2,205, an average of \$129.70, the highest price, \$330, being paid for Huntleywood 4th, bred by Sir Geo. Drummond, and purchased by Mr. S. Dymont, of Barrie; an all-around average very satisfactory when it is remembered that nearly all the animals were young. Following is the price paid for all that sold for \$100 and upwards:

FEMALES.

Belmar Mayflower 2nd; Arthur Johnson, Pickering.....	\$130
Belmar Mayflower; D. Gunn & Son, Beaverton.....	200
Rosemary of the Manor; John Bright, Myrtle.....	170
Belmar Wimple; Hugh Thompson, St. Mary's.....	115
Ramsden E.; J. Dryden & Son, Brooklin.....	105
Belmar Rosewood; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston.....	205
Daisy Dalmeny; J. F. Mitchell, Burlington.....	105
Beauty's Queen; Arthur Howden, Columbus.....	100
Belvedere Lily 9th; Sir Wm. Van Horne, East Selkirk.....	380
Mina Lass 18th; A. D. Smythe, Elmira.....	180
Mina Lass 16th; Prof. Day, O. A. C.....	270
Belmar Bessie 3rd; J. Dryden & Son, Brooklin.....	150
Fame 6th; Prof. Day, O. A. C.....	175
Dora; Wm. Harkness, Brampton.....	100
Lady Baroness (imp.); John Shaw, Harrisburg, Ill.....	245
Trout Creek Vanora; John Shaw.....	200
Pine Grove Mildred 15th; John Shaw.....	115
Duchess of Gloster 38th; John Shaw.....	100
Isabel Ruth 2nd; J. A. Watt, Salem.....	150
Molly Queen 2nd; Robt. Miller, Stouffville.....	180
White Feather 6th; J. Dryden & Son.....	170
Pine Grove Lily 4th; J. F. Mitchell, Burlington.....	200
Pine Grove Secret 5th; John Miller, Brougham.....	160
Pine Grove Ruby 11th; John Miller.....	125
Pine Grove Missie 8th; J. F. Mitchell.....	305
White Feather 5th; W. D. Flatt, Hamilton.....	140
Pine Grove Nonpareil 9th; N. F. Wilson, Aylmer, Quebec.....	135
Pine Grove Lavendar; Geo. Miller, Brougham.....	350
Sunset; A. D. Smythe, Elmira.....	110
Sunbeam; J. F. Mitchell.....	220
Lady Lancaster 12th; W. D. Flatt.....	250
Princess Royal 60th; Jos. Barnett, Brooklin.....	300

BULLS.

Isabel's Pride; W. J. Abernathy, Bond Head.....	\$140
Huntleywood 4th; S. Dymont, Barrie.....	330
Proud Gwynne; John Shaw, Harrisburg, Ill.....	250
Royal Plumpton (imp.); H. Fairburn, Thedford.....	145
Clipper Hero; C. W. McGamus, Ballieboro.....	130
Reformer; I. Groff, Elmira.....	150
Royal Chief; C. S. Gardhouse, Humber.....	100
Golden Crest; I. Groff.....	180
Gloster's Fashion; H. B. Lee, Highgate.....	100
Orange Chief; Geo. Bennie, Roblin.....	150

HOW TO TRAP WEASELS.

There were inquiries in "The Farmer's Advocate" some time ago about how to trap weasels that were destroying poultry. As no person has answered it, I thought I would give you my plan:

Take two boards and set them up on their edge, and nail them together the shape of an A, then place them close around the henhouse; set a mink trap in the center; leave both ends open so they can see through; make the run no wider than the trap at the bottom. The weasel always likes to run under cover, in running through he cannot miss the trap. Make the runs about 10 or 12 feet long. Then, with the trap in the center, put the two edges on the ground, and spring them close to the trap so the weasel cannot get by the side of the trap.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

March 19th to 21st.—Vancouver Horse Show, Vancouver, B. C.
May 4th to 9th.—Canadian National Horse Show, Toronto.
June 15th to 20th.—Galt Horse Show, Galt, Ont.
June 20th to July 9th.—Dominion Exhibition, Calgary, Alta.
July 11th to 17th.—Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

THE MILLER-GUNN SALE.

Held at the Toronto Junction Stock-yards, on March 6th, the day following the great Edwards-Drummond-White sale, the attendance was large and representative of the Shorthorn breeders from particularly all over Canada and a number from the United States. Among the offering were a number of extra good animals, and, while the prices obtained were not all that could be desired in some cases, the average for both the bulls and females was a satisfactory one. One of the most pleasing features of the two days' sale was the total absence of side bidding, which certainly gave the audience confidence, and reflects credit on the consignees. The animals were all in good breeding condition, and, with one or two exceptions, all the females old enough had calves at foot, which, with one exception, went with their dams, thus very materially enhancing the value of the purchase. In all, there were twenty-seven females sold for an aggregate of \$4,295, an average of \$159.70 each, and eight bulls for \$1,275, an average of \$159.38 each. The highest-priced female was Princess Royal 25th (imp.), consigned by Mr. Robert Miller and sold to John Shaw, of Harrisburg, Ill., for \$480. The highest-priced bull was Violet's Crown (imp.), also consigned by Mr. Miller, and sold to P. T. McGuire, of Tottenham, Ont., for \$295. Below is a summary of all that sold for \$100 and over:



W. C. Renfrew, Bedford Park.

President Canadian Hackney Horse Society.

FEMALES.

Maid of Promise 24th (imp.); John Shaw, Harrisburg, Ill.....	\$265
Dunrobin Nonpareil; John Shaw.....	115
Trout Creek Missie 22nd; John Shaw.....	120
Dunrobin Missie; John Shaw.....	105
Fancy Ury; John Shaw.....	120
Royal Lily; John Shaw.....	100
Princess Royal 25th (imp.); John Shaw.....	480
Beaver Meadow Girl; W. J. Shean, Owen Sound.....	210
Roan Lady 38th (imp.); Peter White, Pembroke.....	375
Roan Lady 37th (imp.); Prof. Day, O. A. C.....	175
Rosemary of Shethin 2nd (imp.); John Gardhouse & Sons, Highfield.....	180
May Queen (imp.); F. W. Harding, Waukesha, Wis.....	255
Moss Rose 5th; W. R. Elliott & Sons, Guelph.....	150
Fancy Undine; P. M. Brett, Regina.....	130
Lady Primrose; F. McRae, Port Elgin.....	100
Celeste Ramsden 3rd; F. McRae.....	130
Mountain Maid 22nd (imp.); F. McRae.....	150
Averne (imp.); A. E. Meyer, Guelph.....	200
Rosetta 11th (imp.); H. Cargill & Son, Cargill.....	250
Ruby 2nd (imp.); W. G. Barnes, Green River.....	175

BULLS.

Violet's Crown (imp.); P. S. McGuire, Tottenham.....	\$295
Spicy King (imp.); James Riddell, Beeton.....	190
Dunrobin Lavendar; John Shaw, Harrisburg, Ill.....	150
Bracco (imp.); Greenlees Bros., Milton.....	180
Lucky Line; S. F. Johnson, Ashburn.....	175
Bull calf; John Shaw.....	170

PERCHERON REGISTRATION AT OTTAWA.

The Canadian National Records, at Ottawa, are now in a position to record Percheron pedigrees, and application blanks will be forwarded upon application. After months of unforeseen delay, the Records office have at last secured full sets of both the French and the American studbooks. The first five volumes of the American book are out of print, and were obtained through the courtesy of Secretary Stubblefield, of the American Percheron Association, who went to a great deal of trouble to procure them from different persons willing to dispose of them.

SOUTH ONTARIO NOTES.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

This has been a very severe winter, taken all through; the first part was rather mild, but the latter part was very cold with considerable snow. During most of January and first of February, the snow was fully twenty inches deep on an average over the fields, making it difficult drawing manure direct from stable to field. This plan so much recommended by your valuable paper is ever increasing in favor in this district; it saves much work, and it is done at a time of the year when help is plentiful. A few here have "jumpers" left in stable behind cattle, loaded up each day and taken out twice a week. The manure does not heat in this time. This plan might not suit in a dairy stable, nor where the farm is infested with weeds.

The low price of hogs is causing much anxiety. Grain is so high, and at this time of year they must be kept in and fed. I do not think hogs have decreased in number here. Some are putting away their sows, but others are breeding more, expecting higher prices soon. Three farmers in this district have nearly 200 pigs among them.

Very few cattle are being fattened, owing to the high price of feed, but many more than usual are being fed to be finished on grass. Owing to the high price of labor, considerable good land is seeded down and pastured.

Hay was almost an average crop last year. Two Toronto hay dealers have presses in this district, and they buy up nearly all the hay to be sold, paying a much higher price than teamsters can afford to pay for teaming to Toronto. From \$16.50 to \$17 per ton is paid for No. 1 timothy; at these figure, no more than necessary is fed.

The apple crop last fall was fair; but more were hurt by worms than usual, Greenings especially. Some orchards culled fully fifty per cent. on this account alone. One noticeable fact was where stock pastured, the apples were wonderfully free from worms. We have a farmers' association in this district called "The Oshawa Fruit-growers, Limited," with headquarters at Oshawa. Shareholders by this method get all there is in the fruit. An able man, as manager, looks after things to the satisfaction of all. This company has not only benefited members, but has made fruit buyers pay an honest price to all. There was some talk of organizing an association for handling grain, live stock, etc., but it has not been pushed much lately. Farmers are slow to take hold of such, but we do not think there is such a need for this as for the former, as prior to the formation of the latter Association, apple buyers paid just about what they pleased.

FRANK H. WESTNEY.

NIAGARA PENINSULA FRUIT-GROWERS.

A notable three-day convention of practical fruit-growers was held on March 4th, 5th and 6th; the first day at Grimsby, the second and third at St. Catharines. Recently two very influential bodies have united in one, viz., The Niagara Peninsula United and the Southern Ontario Fruit-growers' Associations; and this united body now includes the whole peach district, from Burlington to Niagara River. The section is the center of the fruit industry of the Province, and it was here that the Ontario Fruit-growers' Association had its birth about fifty years ago. The new body is known as The Niagara Peninsula Fruit-growers' Association, and has Mr. W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines, as President.

The attendance and the enthusiasm at this convention was unprecedented, several hundred intelligent growers being present at each session. A membership of over 500 is assured.

The speakers were: J. H. Hale, of South Glastonbury, Connecticut, the peach king of the United States, whose orchards are so extensive that he sometimes loads ten or twelve carloads in a single day; Mr. W. G. Farnsworth, of Waterville, Ohio, who gave a very instructive address on "Soil Moisture and How to Conserve It"; W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist, C. E. F., Ottawa, whose modest worth is everywhere appreciated, and who is a most faithful assistant to Dr. Saunders in extending the area of profitable fruit culture into the colder districts; Prof. H. L. Hutt, of the O. A. C., Guelph, whose work in the education of our coming fruit-growers deserves far more support than it has yet received; E. D. Smith, M. P., who has probably done more than any one man to develop the commercial end of the fruit industry in Ontario; and Mr. W. H. Bunting, the President, who is also ex-President of the Ontario Association, and the principal grower and shipper of fruit from the vicinity of St. Catharines.

With such a galaxy of stars, it is no wonder that the gatherings were large and attentive. Naturally, the chief subject of discussion was "Peach-growing and Marketing," and upon this, Mr. Hale dealt almost exclusively, filling in much sparkling humor amid many valuable hints drawn from personal experience. Prof. Hutt emphasized the importance of selection in plant propagation, and of seeking for quality rather than quantity in choosing varieties for planting.

Under other headings we shall give our readers some pointers of value gleaned from these addresses.

An Associated-Press despatch last week announced that Nova Scotia's exhibit of apples at the Royal Horticultural Show, in London, Eng., had been awarded the gold medal for apples shown. They were said to be in splendid condition, although picked six months ago.