

tions of a large number of families and this has been a great protection for what is commonly called today the Scotch Shorthorn, because at the present time there is more or less of a Scotch pedigree cross as there was of a Bates pedigree cross in the old days, but the advantage that a breeder now has, who wishes to keep his cattle of the purest Scotch breeding, is that he has a wide number of families from which to select his bulls, and in that way it is not necessary for him to indulge in any extent in inbreeding. Some fairly close breeding is done with very good results, but outcrosses are frequently introduced in the herds of Scotch Shorthorns at the present time. It is true that Amos Cruickshank indulged in a good deal of inbreeding in order to fix the type and character of his cattle when he finally discovered a bull that was breeding to his liking. This bull was "Champion of England" (17326). He was sired by "Lancaster Comet" (11663), which he had purchased from Mr. Wilkinson, of Lenton. This was a bull that Wilkinson had used in his herd with very great success. He was to some extent in-bred, both his sire and dam being got by the same bull "Will Honeycomb" (5669). Mr. Cruickshank was not very well pleased with the bull and he was not used much in his herd, and in fact is only known as the sire of "Champion of England." "Champion of England" not only satisfied Mr. Cruickshank as to his individuality, but his breeding was so true to the type that he had been looking for, that he began then, the use of bulls descended from him, and during the balance of his career as a Shorthorn breeder, "Champion of England" blood more or less dominated the sires that he used. Among the

prominent bulls used at Sittytton House, the farm of Mr. Cruickshank, were "Scotland's Pride," "Pride of the Isles," "Caesar Augustus," "Royal Duke of Gloucester," "Grand Duke of Gloucester," and "Roan Gauntlet." The latter Mr. Cruickshank regarded as the greatest he had used. "Roan Gauntlet" breeding is interesting as an illustration of the way in which Mr. Cruickshank fixed "Champion of England's" type in his herd. "Roan Gauntlet" (35284) was sired by "Royal Duke of Gloucester" (29864). This bull's sire was "Grand Duke of Gloucester" (26288) by "Champion of England," and his dam was "Mimosa" by "Champion of England." "Roan Gauntlet's" dam was "Princess Royal," also by "Champion of England," and he was, in Mr. Cruickshank's opinion, the most prepotent bull that he used at Sittytton.

#### Other Famous Scotch Breeders

While Mr. Cruickshank's was the most outstanding Shorthorn breeder of his day, he had a good many contemporaries in Aberdeenshire, who are entitled to no small share of the credit for building up Scotch Shorthorn cattle. William Hay, of Sheathing, was succeeded on that farm by Mr. Shepherd, and a great many good Shorthorns found their way from Sheathing to other herds. Sylvester Campbell, of Kinellar, was also a prominent and constructive breeder, and established a number of what are today the leading families of Shorthorns. We speak of the "Campbell Minors," "Uryx," "Bessies," "Char- ets," "Crimson Flowers," "Golden Drops," "Clementinas" and "Matildas."

James Bruce, of Hornside, Fochabers, was also the owner of a very choice herd which was famous during its career for the number of prize-winning bulls that were bred or used in it, and Mr. Bruce laid the foundations for some families that are the most prized among the Scotch Shorthorns today, namely, the "Rosewoods," "Augustas," "May Flowers" and "Marigolds."

W. S. Marr, of Uppermill, a neighbor of Mr. Cruickshank, was also the founder of a number of prominent families known as "Missie," "Princess Royal," "Rachel," "Bessie," "Goldie," "Clara," "Roan or Red Lady," "Alexandrina," "Stamford," "Flora," "Maud," "Spicy," "Emma," and "Madge." Mr. Marr was a "dour" sort of Scotchman with opinions of his own and a caustic tongue. When Amos Cruickshank came to the station to get "Lancaster Comet," Mr. Marr happened to be on hand as an observer. The bull was ten years old. Nothing but his head was showing over the top of the small box car in which cattle are shipped in Britain, and he had very long horns. Mr. Cruickshank was visibly disappointed when he saw this long horned bull and his feelings were not improved by Marr's remark which was, "If you had wanted a Highland bull, you might have got one nearer home."

However, a few years later, Mr. Marr became the purchaser of "Champion of England" bulls, grandsons of this "Lancaster Comet," from Mr. Cruickshank, and in fact after the advent of "Champion of England," Sittytton bulls were mostly used at the head of the Uppermill herd. W. S. Marr was succeeded on his death in 1898 by his son, W. S. Marr, Jr. He evidently possessed some of the qualities of his father in the making of pointed remarks. An interesting story was told to me some few years ago by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Marr was visiting the Hon. Senator Edwards, at Ottawa, while making a trip through Canada, and Sir Wilfrid was invited by the Senator to take lunch at his place at the time. After lunch they went out to see the cattle. Sir Wilfrid confessed that his knowledge of cattle was not very great, but the Edwards herd was an attractive one. The senator pointed out a heifer and informed Sir Wilfrid that he had paid Mr. Marr 1,000 guineas for her. He pointed out three or four more, each time explaining that they had been purchased from Mr. Marr and giving the prices which were long ones. Turning to Mr. Marr, Sir Wilfrid said, "You cattle breeders must be very wealthy to be able to pay such prices!" to which Marr's laconic reply was "I don't pay them, I get them." (Concluded in next issue.)

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