

GOSSIP.

Henry Stevens & Sons, Lacoma, N. Y., write: "They appear to be a good demand for well-bred Holsteins, and our sales of late are exceptionally good, both in U. S. and Canada. Messrs. Matt Richardson & Son, Caledonia, Ont., made a selection of five animals from our herd. Four were finely bred DeKoi yearling heifers, and a bull calf sired by KeKoi 2nd's Butter Boy 1st, and from the cow Netherland Pietertje Princess. She is a low-down, broad, level cow of a true dairy type, and as a producer is among the very best. She was officially tested one week for butter in her three-year-old form in 1891. She gave during the week 561 lbs. milk which averaged 4.02 per cent butter-fat, making 18 lbs. 1.93 ozs. butter containing 80 per cent fat. This would give her an equivalent record at full age of 23 lbs. 7.99 ozs. in one week. She stood seventh in the official butter prize contest of 1891. Netherland Pietertje Princess was sired by Milla's Pietertje Netherland. DeKoi 2nd's Butter Boy 2nd, the sire of Messrs. Richardson's bull, is a son of DeKoi 2nd. The records of this great cow and also of her daughters are familiar to most admirers of Holstein-Friesian cattle. The young bull selected by these gentlemen is beautifully formed and nicely marked, and has a combination of blood that we believe will prove very valuable in the fine herd of Messrs. Richardson, which he has gone to head. The heifers were also splendid individuals, very uniform in type. All were sired by DeKoi Artis, a bull of much individual merit, and exceptionally well bred, and their dams are very large producers, both in quality and quantity of milk, and we feel confident their purchase here will make a valuable acquisition to the herd they have recently established.

MESSRS. F. BOWENCASTLE & SONS' SHORT-HORN, OTS-WOLDS, AND BERKSHIRES.

This time we found Mr. Bowencastle at his home near Campbellford, out busily engaged with his stock as usual, which are showing the good results of the abundantly supplied pastures. Our attention was first drawn to the Shorthorn herd of some 40 animals, and we were pleased to see the young things in such good shape. The early-maturing qualities possessed by the Anchovy family respond readily to favorable conditions. The experience of the past few years' drouth and scarcity of feed is completely overcome by this year's abundance. The three-year-old red bull Rodman 21765, by imported Tofthille 11113, and out of Canadian Duchess of Gloster 23, has made marked improvement from time to time during our former visits, but at no period has he made greater advance than since our call some six months ago. He now stands an immense, level animal, with grand amount of substance, and such a quiet disposition! And from the young stock to be seen on the farm, got by him, we judge he is proving himself highly satisfactory as a sire, aided as they are by the high dairy qualities of the dams. Among the matrons we feel again a liberty to mention the old cow Anchovy 2nd, in her thirteenth year, and it is evident she has lost none of her vigor. She has a splendid roan bull calf by her side whose level, broad back would attract attention at sight. The two Anchovy cows (8th and 9th) are looking in excellent condition. Anchovy 8th has a nice red bull calf, while her sister has not yet calved at the time of our visit. Of a somewhat different strain is the six-year-old cow Sunflower by Brighton Lad 147, and out of Cecilia 5th 8983, which is regarded as one of the profitable ones, and now suckles a fine six-months red bull calf that promises to be a thick, snappy fellow, possessing much of the growthy qualities of his sire Rodman. In another pasture we visited a bunch of half a dozen useful, well-matured two-year-old heifers sired in October and November. They are good representatives of the Anchovy family, are strong in type, and extremely uniform. They were sired by Walcott Duke, by Premier Earl, and the Canadian Duchess of Gloster strain of the progeny through Rodman will add greatly to the value of the pedigree of the herd. At the time of our visit eight calves had arrived, six of which are bulls (four reds and two roans), with two other cows to hear from, which with present demand will attract a host of eager buyers when the value of their pedigrees are looked into. Last year found a good, useful bunch which all went at once, but this crop will place the firm even in stronger shape with calves fully grown in quality, and of the last lot we heard (outside) some very complimentary remarks made by highly competent judges of the useful ones.

In Ots-wold sheep some 55 head are in the flock. The present crop of lambs is by a well-formed two-year-old sheep, purchased from Mr. Garbutt, Charnock, in all there are some fifteen ram lambs, among which are some right good ones, strong and well covered.

A good stock of Berkshires were on hand at the time of our visit, with four brood sows. The stock boar Hawkwell 4567, by King Lee 4350, and out of Beat on Earth 4948, has grown into a strong, useful type of an animal, possessing much of the Enterprise quality of that worthy family. The old sow Bonnie Lass 2681, by Royal Warrior 1204, and out of Dolly Varden 2277, has proven herself a very valuable matron by high-class production on the farm. She is again due in the fall. The young sow Dolly 5263, by Bonny 3209, and out of Queen of Spades 3323, is also due in the fall. We saw a splendid bunch of young stock from which many really choice animals could be selected, and the price which we heard, considering their quality, we consider extremely modest.

SHORTHORN CHAMPION AT KELOS.

Star of Dawn, a light roan two-year-old bull owned by Mr. C. Home Graham, and bred by Mr. A. M. Gordon, won the championship of the breed at the Highland Society's Show at Kelso last month. He is a son of Star of Morning, and of Marlan, by Mario. In this contest he defeated the first-prize winner at the Royal Show, Misty Morning, bred by Mr. Duthie, and sired by Pride of Morning, who is also a son of Star of Morning. So that these two fine bulls are closely related. Star of Dawn has been sold for exportation to Buenos Ayres.



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Proceedings of the New York Farms during the season 1897-98 has recently reached us from the secretary, Mr. Thomas Sturgis, New York. Three meetings are reported, which were held in December, January and February, when the following subjects were dealt with by experts: "Hardy Flowering Shrubs and Perennials," "The American Hen," "The Adaptation of the Tobacco Plant to Certain Soils." The papers are valuable, and were followed by helpful discussions.

Mr. F. A. Gardner, Britannia, Ont., offers for sale his excellent Scotch-bred Shorthorn bull, Bold Britain - 20397 -, having used him as the chief sire in his herd for three years. This bull has headed the first prize herd at the Peel County Fair for two years, and has proved a first-class breeder, as might be expected from his high-class pedigree, being a son of imported Golden Crown - 17096 - by Sittytown Sort, and out of Mine Lenton, by the imported Cruickshank bull, Baron Lenton, grandam imported Mermaid, by the Sittytown - bred Victoria bull Vermont.

"THE BRIERS." We were unfortunate in not being able to see Dr. Sibbald (through illness) when we called at his beautiful home near Sutton, Ont., pleasantly situated on the shore of Lake Simcoe. The obliging herdman showed us over the farm and answered our various enquiries regarding the Shorthorns, which we found in the pastures, and which are an even lot, possessing high dairy qualifications, which always bring their young calves forward rapidly. The herd consists of some thirty head of different ages.

C. O. MORROW'S TAMWORTHS.

In the village of Hilton, Ontario, some four miles north of Brighton, on the gravel road, we found a very choice young herd of Tamworths on the farm of Mr. C. O. Morrow, the foundation of which was obtained from A. C. Hallman and Masters, New Dundee, Ontario. The stock boar, Spruce Grove Model 405, by Briery Banks Hugo 167, and out of Amber Sally 2nd 151, was farrowed in April, 1895, and since his arrival on the farm has been exhibited at all the fairs within a reasonable distance in four counties, easily landing the highest honors obtainable, frequently in a stiff competition. He weighs in present form about 800 pounds, and is capable of going much more, carrying even that weight well under command, and standing squarely on his feet, his weight being accounted for in his remarkable depth of body. Hilton Queen 569, by Wolverton Chief 337, and out of Birmingham Belle 219, is two past, and suckling a very uniform bunch to Spruce Grove Model, this being her fourth lot. In condition this sow will weigh over 500 pounds; in possession of a good amount of bone, with splendid length of body and her substance evenly distributed. Tilly 796, by Sir Nicholas 583, and out of Briery Banks Belle 175, is a year old past, and carrying her third litter, due in October. We also saw a pair of choice young six-months sows out of Hilton Queen that have made good use of their time, and which are true models of the breed. Morrow's Choice 712, by Hilton Hero 509, and out of Honor 703, was purchased from Mr. Bates, by whom her dam being a George-bred sow. She is also due in September. Mr. Morrow has also the nucleus of a splendid Ots-wold flock if he continues in the way he has started, and we would be surprised if some red tickets do not fall to him this fall.

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