

News of Herds and Flocks

COMING EVENTS

Saskatchewan Livestock Association Sales, Regina, March 12-14.
 Geo. Rupp's Auction Sale of Belgian Horses, Regina, March 15.
 Calgary Bull Sale, March 26-29.
 Calgary Horse Show, April 9-12.
 Edmonton Spring Horse Show and Bull Sale, April 2-6.
 Annual Sale of Friesian Bulls, Lacombe, May 29.
 Calgary Summer Exhibition, June 28 to July 6.
 Edmonton Summer Exhibition, July 8-12.

CALGARY DATES CHANGED

Owing to unprecedented growth of the combined Calgary Bull Sale and Spring Horse Show it has become absolutely necessary to hold these two events separately this spring. Consequently the Bull Sale will be left on the dates previously set, March 26 to 29 and the Horse Show will be held April 9-12, entries closing March 20.

There are 845 bulls to be sold by auction at the Calgary Sale this year. This is the largest auction sale of bulls ever held anywhere, and almost doubles last year's sale of 470, which was the largest sale that had ever been held on this continent.

This year's sale includes 90 Aberdeen Angus, 2 Galloways, 265 Herefords, 3 Red Friesians and 435 Shorthorns, and they will be sold in the order named. The reputation established by the Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association for fair dealing between purchaser and seller, and the splendid foundation stock which is being purchased by Alberta breeders, is showing concrete results in the wonderful success of this auction sale. The sale will provide an outstanding opportunity for obtaining excellent herd headers and good serviceable range bulls at prices to suit everybody. Even if a stockman does not require a bull this year, attendance at the sale will be a real livestock educational treat, as the auction sale ring probably even surpasses exhibitions in the number of practical lessons it provides.

RECORD SHORTHORN SALE

A new chapter and record was written on February 23, when 88 imported Shorthorns went under the hammer at the Dryden-Miller sale in Toronto. The whole lot of sappy, mossy-coated selection of the great breed averaged \$1060, a figure never before reached in Canada and seldom in United States. Thirty-four cows with calves at foot averaged \$1229 and 43 females without calves averaged \$985. Eleven bulls averaged \$866.

American buyers outbid Canadians, but never before were American bidders run so close at a Canadian sale as they were on this occasion. The top price, \$2,100, was paid by an American, L. J. Gridley, Bloomington, Ill., for Clipper Favorite 2nd, an imported cow. This was for a four-year-old cow, heavy in calf. \$2,600 was paid by Mr. J. J. Elliot of Guelph for Emma 6th, a heifer just past one year. The average price paid by American buyers was \$1,181, against a general average of \$1,060. The top price for bulls was \$2,700, Hanf & Son, Glendo, Wyoming, paying that figure for Red Sort (114,931), calving January 15, 1917. Sire, Better Sort. This bull was one of Dryden's own breeding. The second highest price for a female was given for a heifer of Senator Edward's breeding. Five animals of Canadian breeding averaged over \$2,000 each. Over three-quarters of the lot in the sale were imported, so this might be considered a very good showing for Canadian bred stock.

George McLaughlin & Son, Oshawa, led the Canadian buyers with ten purchases at prices ranging from \$525 to \$1,850. J. J. Elliot of Guelph got four animals at an average over \$1,700. T. A. Russell of Downview, who has also been making his mark in the show ring, in the commercial classes, bought two animals at \$1,500 each, and one at \$2,000.

Hon. Geo. Brown, from Saskatchewan, bought Eliza 30th for \$1600 and Lady Cawline 8th for \$2,200. Geo. Kennan of Saskatchewan bought Lovat Marchioness for \$900, Myrrha for \$525 and the bull Bluster for \$400. T. B. Ralphs, Calgary, got Dinorah 6th for \$850 and A. J. Walker, Carnegie, Man., bought Butterfly 52nd for \$650. The sale was a great triumph for Canadian enterprise, breeding ability and salesmanship.



Patriotic Sale at Melfort, Sask., which yielded \$7,500 for Red Cross and Patriotic Funds. The contributions included five horses, cattle, hogs, poultry, seed grain and potatoes, power washer, planola, farm machinery, lumber, rifles, two automobiles, oat sheaves, fur coats, cured meats, patriotic cushions and quilts, and a large number of other articles. The total proceeds amounted to nearly \$7,500 and are to be divided on a 50-50 basis, to the Red Cross and Patriotic Funds.

COLLIER'S NEW PURCHASE

On February 28, Frank Collier, Willow Springs Ranch, Crossfield, Alberta, completed one of the biggest deals in pure-bred cattle ever made in America, by purchasing from the Gleggery Ranch, Clearholm, 76 head of registered Herefords. These included all the stock recently bought by the Gleggery Ranch from Overton Harris & Sons, Harris, Missouri. The balance is a splendid lot of young registered stock, head at the ranch. The most outstanding individual in this selection is Gay Lad 15, purchased June 23 last, by the Gleggery Ranch at the dispersion sale of T. Harris & Sons. The sum of \$10,000 was paid by Geo. D. Moore, of New York City, for this bull to place on his ranch at Clearholm. At that time he bought 23 head, which cost him \$50,000 and half of this number were put on the Alberta place.

It is reported that Mr. Collier paid \$70,000 cash in taking this bull over. The sire of this bull was Gay Lad 6, the great show bull. He was one of the most successful bulls ever shown by this company and carried off many grand championship ribbons during the two straight years he was on the circuit. He is one of the most remarkable bulls ever owned in the Harris herd. The Gay Lads and Repeaters were the two specialties of the Harris'. The breeding of this great bull gave him the right to be a winner from his blood lines alone, as four of his great grand sires were as well known and favored as much as any Hereford cattle could be in American Hereford circles. In the third generation on both his sire and dam sides, the pedigree runs to Prime Lad, the \$10,000 Dale, the great Benjamin Wilton and the noted sire Beau Brummell. He was bred along lines of both bulls and females to give him the quality that the best breeding could give. He is one of the most remarkable bulls ever produced in America. The rest of the stock is a high-class lot and includes many choice females and some three-year-old Repeaters yearling bulls.

This places the Collier herd in a most remarkable position. Within the past year Frank Collier has purchased not only this bull but the famous Gay Lad 40 at \$12,500. Included with him were some splendid females. This makes a selection of Hereford cattle on Willow Springs Ranch, Crossfield, the like of which Canada should well be proud. Frank Collier is to be congratulated on this great acquisition to an already great herd.

SHORTHORN CONGRESS AND SALE

A great National Shorthorn Congress and Sale was recently held at Chicago, February 19-22. The object was to bring together the men and women of the breed and such an offering of cattle as had never before been gathered for one sale.

The cattle were stabled by sexes and ages after the manner of British shows, and the grouping of the animals in this way rendered a comparative study of their merits much easier. It makes more work for the caretakers carrying feed to several points, but it is argued this is really the only way that new breeders and the public can get an intelligent idea of the work of the judges.

A series of meetings and talks from outstanding men in the livestock trade and especially the Shorthorn business made an important feature of the event. A resolution was passed unanimously recommending to Congress the passing of the Sloan Bill providing for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the use of the Department of Agriculture in the eradication of tuberculosis. It was urged that Congress authorize the Bureau of Animal Industry to use a portion of this fund to partially indemnify owners of cattle reacting to the tuberculin test, conditional upon each state appropriating funds for this purpose so that the owner of cattle ordered slaughtered will not be compelled to sustain more than a fair and just proportion of the loss. The sale was a pronounced success. The great entry list was a supreme test of the breed's buying power.

The total sales of 353 cattle averaged \$741 a head. Of this number 102 were bulls, which sold for an average of \$780, and 197 were females which sold for an average of \$731. The milking Shorthorns sold as follows: 13 bulls for an average of \$335, 41 females for an average of \$519.

Buyers were present from all sections of the United States and Canada. The top bid was \$4,500 for the Grand Champion, 13 months' old Village Clipper which went to the University of South Dakota. The top female was a beautiful heifer, Viola, sold at \$2,800. A goodly number of choice stock

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