

STOCK GOSSIP.

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Dr. F. C. Grenside, V. S., well and favorably known throughout Ontario, having been for some years professor of veterinary science at the Agricultural College, Guelph, has recently appointed manager of the Belwood stud owned by Mr. S. S. Howland, New York.

Mr. James Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont., writes us under date of July 23rd: "Our stock are doing exceedingly well, considering the shortage of pasture and ravages of grasshoppers. The young stock, comprising Shorthorns, Berkshires, and Leicesters, are numerous and particularly fine. The young bulls are exceptionally good this year." We may add that if the above were not the case at Maple Lodge we would wonder why, as there are few herds and flocks as judiciously bred and cared for as those of James Smith.

The best are none too good! Therefore anyone looking for Ayrshires would do well to notice in this issue what David Morton & Sons, of Hamilton, Ont., have to sell on August 23rd. Among the herd are a number of prize winners ready to go out and capture more laurels. These are business cattle that will give a lot of rich milk till they reach a good old age, and then put on a nice covering of juicy beef at a profit to the feeder. Ayrshires are easily kept. Remember that if you have any notion of buying, just say so to the auctioneer or proprietors, and your railroad fare will cost you nothing.

Our Scottish correspondent writes:—"I formed one of the crowd which thronged the yard of the old homestead at Warlaby when Mr. John Thornton practically dispersed the Warlaby herd of Booth Shorthorns as now constituted. Patrons of the breed were present from long distances, including gentlemen from France, South America, Canada, New Zealand, and nearly all the ends of the earth. Many members of the nobility mustered, and when the day was done forty-eight Booth Shorthorns had been sold for £6,496 7s., or £135 6s. 10d. each; not a large sum when compared with the prices raging during the feverish days of the seventies, but a great advance on any average realized since the cloud of depression settled on agriculture. No doubt Shorthorns are the breed best known in Canada, but there has been a greater inclination for the Cruickshank type than for any other. Canada may almost be said to have made the Cruickshank Shorthorn; she certainly has always been its faithful patron. Personally, I am neither Booth, Bates nor Cruickshank. It is conceivable that fanciers of all three may lose their heads and make themselves ridiculous by buying for pedigree only without regard to individual merit and excellence. The safety of the Aberdeen Shorthorn in the past has been that less of the fancy element has been bred in it than in any of the other families, but when buyers become enthusiastic about an animal because it has five top crosses of Cruickshank blood, they are running the fancy notion pretty close, and by persisting in that course may come a cropper just as the Bates men have done. The Warlaby sale may be the first event in a revival of cattle breeding in this country. The stock were of a healthy, breeding-like character, combining great substance with not a little quality. The most noticeable defect in the cattle as a whole was insufficient development of the hindquarters. They were wonderfully developed in front—full of substance and carrying great wealth of flesh over the fore ribs. This, no doubt, helped to make their deficiencies behind more apparent, but when all is said it would not be easy to find so many cattle in one herd exhibiting such a limited number of faults. The quality of the Warlaby stock has undoubtedly improved greatly under Mr. W. C. Booth's management since 1878, when Mr. T. C. Booth died. In-and-in-breeding had been carried to an excess by all Shorthorn breeders except Cruickshank and his followers; and what Mr. Booth had to do was to introduce outcrosses of allied rather than alien blood. This he successfully accomplished—the Polwarth bull, Windsor Royal, and Lord Broughton and King Stephen having all been successfully mated with the matrons at Warlaby. Seven heifers by Windsor Royal made the fine average of £197 8s. apiece, and four bulls, £97 18s. 3d. apiece. Three of the produce of Lord Broughton made £201 apiece, and an equal number of the produce of King Stephen made £199 10s. each. The highest individual price made during the day was 360 gs., paid by the Frenchman, M. de Clercq, for Lady Magdalen Riby, a red-roan about ten months old, very true to character and full of quality. She was eagerly competed for by several of the best buyers in the country, including Mr. J. Collynie, but the Frenchman was a good stayer and held out to the very last. This was a daughter of Windsor Royal, and another daughter of the same sire, Lady Salina Studley, was bought by Mr. Henry Williams, Harrogate, at 230 gs. She was calved in October, 1893. For the white cow, Lady Clementine Studley, by King Stephen, and calved in 1891, Mr. Graham, of Edengrove, paid 225 gs. These figures will indicate pretty clearly the tone of this memorable sale, and the prices realized are not likely to be eclipsed for some time to come."

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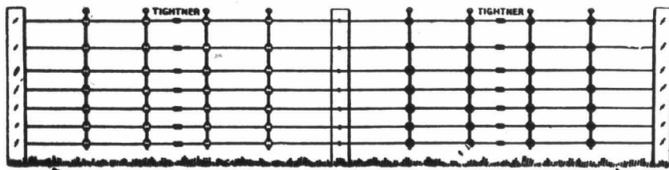
The Shorthorns comprise some twenty head, and combine the blood of Bates, Cruickshank, and Booth cattle. Mr. Pugh claims the cows to be rich milkers, and at the same time easy feeders, one cow having tested as high as 51 per cent. butter-fat. The young stock are mostly sired by Local Member, a son of the noted bull Vice-Consul. The young bull, Whitevale Vic-Consul, is at the head of the herd. He is from a Delilah cow and by Local Member, a very nice red animal, which will no doubt prove a good sire.

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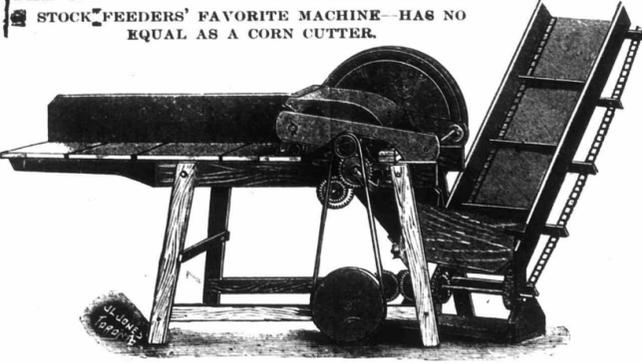
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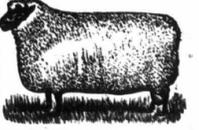
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