

Hamilton Shorthorn Sale.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 28th.—The breeders' combination sale of Shorthorn cattle here to-day in the Stockyards Pavilion was a great success, there being a large attendance of Canadian and American buyers. The auctioneers were Capt. T. E. Robson, Ilderton; George Jackson, Port Perry, and Thos. Ingram, Guelph. The American visitors bought largely, but Canadians also bid eagerly, being anxious to retain as many of the high-grade cattle as possible in the country. Fifty-four head were sold, at an average price of \$446, making a total of \$24,084. The average per head was \$26 more than the last sale. The best price paid was \$1,500, by Mr. E. A. Stevenson, of Detroit, for Diamond Prince, a nine-months calf, imported by Mr. W. D. Flatt. Mr. Flatt's Airy Duchess, imported, went at \$900. Hon. Mr. Dryden bought Dalmeny Fannie, an imported yearling heifer, paying \$785 for her. Another yearling heifer brought \$800. Mr. Flatt's Lovely Tulip, an imported two-year-old, was sold for \$1,100. Mr. William Hendrie and his daughter, Mrs. Eckford, of Alberta, N.-W. T., purchased seven fine animals. C. Heitz & Son, Ohio, bought a number of choice animals at high prices. Pettit & Son, of Burlington, bought a high-priced cow and calf, and several splendid heifers were taken to Stouffville by Mr. Robert Miller. Messrs. J. & W. Watt, Salem, Ont., purchased the imported bull, Scottish Beau, from Senator Cochrane's farm, paying therefor \$1,200.

The following is the list of sales, purchasers and prices:

Lovely Tulip (imp.) and c. c.; E. G. Stevenson, Detroit, Mich.	\$1,100
Gladys (imp.) and c. c.; E. G. Stevenson.	915
Airy Duchess 3rd (imp.); T. E. Robson, Ilderton	900
Crimson Fuchsia 13th and c. c.; W. G. Pettit & Son, Freeman	875
Pandora (imp.); J. G. Robbins & Sons, Horace, Ind.	800
Glosterina 6th (imp.); S. J. Pearson & Son, Meadowvale	800
Vanora (imp.); T. E. Robson	750
Dalmeny Fanny 6th (imp.); John Dryden, Brooklyn, for Ont. Ag. College	725
Spicy Louise (imp.); John Bright, Myrtle	710
Boyne Lady (imp.); Jas. Douglas, Caledonia	650
Fairy Queen (imp.); John Hill, Wellesley	650
British Lady and b. c.; C. Hintz & Son, Fremont, Ohio	535
Lady Banff; J. H. Miller, Peru, Ind.	530
Forest Princess (imp.); A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge	515
Banff's Arabella; I. M. Forbes & Son, Henry, Ill.	500
Dalmeny Nonpareil 6th (imp.); J. A. McGillivray, Uxbridge	500
Marchioness 23rd (imp.); Wm. Ormiston, Columbus	450
Sweet Alice; W. G. Pettit & Son	440
Bertha 3rd (imp.); D. Milne, Ethel	430
Beauty 15th (imp.); C. Hintz & Son	415
Clemency 4th (imp.); John Bright	410
Verbena's Dandy and c. c.; C. Hintz & Son	400
Heather Blossom 2nd; Mrs. Eckford, High River, Alta.	400
Hillhurst Bridesmaid 3rd; John Bright	380
Scottish Primrose (imp.); Graham Bros., Claremont	380
Julia Lynedoch (imp.); H. Cargill & Son, Jargill	350
Augusta 3rd and c. c.; W. J. Shean, Owen Sound	325
Rosemary of Hillhurst; Graham Bros.	310
Banff's Matchless; S. Dymont, Barrie	305
Welcome Hillhurst; T. Douglas & Sons, Strathroy	295
Cecilia Hillhurst; Andrew Knox, Norwood	280
Lady Gilmore; Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton	280
Queen's Diamond; D. C. Lowry, Niagara Falls	275
Rosamond; Robert Miller, Stouffville	260
Scottish Primrose 2nd (imp.); Robert Miller	250
Cecilia 10th; W. R. Elliot, Guelph	250
Mina Rosalind; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood	250
Lady Beatrice; Wm. Hendrie	220
Lady Inglewood Hillhurst; John Gardhouse, Highfield	205
Rosedale; Mrs. Eckford	200
Strathallan Hillhurst; Wm. Hendrie	200
Oxmead Belle; Wm. Ormiston	200
Judith Moore; Wm. Knox, Norwood	190
Daisy Lee; Mrs. Eckford	175
Blue Bell; W. A. Douglas, Onondaga	155
Royal Bracelet 3rd; A. Duncan & Son, Carluke	140
Vacuna of Queenston; Mrs. Eckford	140
Smithfield Lass; C. Hintz & Son	135

BULLS.

Diamond Prince (imp.); E. G. Stevenson, Detroit	1,500
Scottish Beau (imp.); J. & W. Watt, Salem	1,200
Springhurst; Joseph White, St. Mary's	370
Perfection; F. L. Fuller, Truro, N. S.	200
Nonpareil Officer; R. Miller	200
Lord Banff's Conqueror; C. D. Wager, Enterprize	200
Topsman's Champion; John Ivey, Jarvis	130

Fin de Siecle;

OR, THE DUDE'S LAMENT.

[Written for the "Farmer's Advocate."]

This life's a hollow bubble,
Don't you know?
Just a painted piece of twouble,
Don't you know?
We come to earth to cwy;
We grow olden and we sigh;
Olden still and then we die;
Don't you know?

It is all a howwid mix,
Don't you know?
Business, love and politics,
Don't you know?
Clubs and pawties, cliques and sets,
Fashions, follies, sins, wegets,
Stwuggle, stwiffe and cigawettes,
Don't you know?

And we worry through each day,
Don't you know?
In a sort of, kind of, way,
Don't you know?
But it's all so flat and dead,
Bweakfast, luncheon, dinneeh, bed;
That is life when all is said,
Don't you know?

Love? O, yes, you meet a g'll,
Don't you know?
And you get in such a wh'il,
Don't you know?
Then you get down on the floah
To adoah and to imploah
And it's weally such a boah,
Don't you know?

Business? Oh, that's simply twade,
Don't you know?
Something's lost or something's maie,
Don't you know?
And you twouble and you mope,
And you hang your highest hope
On, pewhaps, the price of soap,
Don't you know?

Politics? Oh, just a lawk,
Don't you know?
Just a highmatch in the dawk,
Don't you know?
You pespiah all day and night,
And atfeh all the fight,
Why, perhaps, the w'ong man's wight,
Don't you know?

Society? Is dwess,
Don't you know?
And a sou'ce of distwess,
Don't you know?
To determine what to weah,
When to go and likewise wheah,
And how to pawt your haih,
Don't you know?

So theah's weally nothing in it,
Don't you know?
And we live just foh the minute,
Don't you know?
Foh when you've seen and felt,
Dwank and eaten, heahd and smelt,
Why all the cawds are dealt,
Don't you know?

You've one consciousness, that's all,
Don't you know?
And one stomach, and it's small,
Don't you know?
You can only weah one tie,
One eye-glawss in each eye,
And one coffin when you die,
Don't you know?

CAPT. W. WILSON IRWIN, C. F. A.

Indian Head Grain Growers Organize.

A large representative meeting was held recently in the Town Hall, Indian Head, for the purpose of organizing a subordinate branch of the Territorial Grain Growers' Association. Forty members were enrolled and officers elected. A committee was appointed to thoroughly canvass the district, and there is no doubt that in a few days almost every farmer will be on the roll.

Record Year in Land Sales.

During 1902 more land was sold in this Western country than ever before. Besides the large land-dealing companies, numberless small ones and hosts of private individuals have speculated in this money-making business. The C. P. R., as usual, tops the list, having disposed of 2,420,440 acres at a total sum of \$8,140,245. Second comes Osler, Hammond & Nanton, with 1,445,698 acres, and the Canadian Northwest Land Company ranks third, with 516,000 acres for \$2,520,000.

Canada's Exhibit in Japan.

Since the great Colonial Exhibition in London, about thirty years ago, Canada has resorted more and more to exhibitions in various countries as a means of advertising her products and manufactures, with a view either to encourage emigration or to develop trade in her surplus products. The system is one which can be adapted to exactly suit various conditions. At Paris, Glasgow, Cork and Wolverhampton the chief aim was to forward our export industry, and the exhibits were largely of food products of all the various classes, for which there is such an unlimited demand in these countries; emigration was secondary. At Buffalo, exhibits were arranged more with the object of encouraging immigration of Americans to the Northwest and of American capital to develop Canadian resources; the United States wanted but little of our export products.

This year, the exhibition at Osaka, Japan, is to have a Canadian exhibit, and Exhibition Commissioner Hutchison is already on the ground putting the exhibit in shape for the opening on March 1st. As there is not the least desire to encourage emigration from Japan, the exhibit is largely made up of manufactured products, and the aim throughout will be the furtherance of trade between the two countries. One of the chief features will be a wheat and flour display, and a baker has been taken along to demonstrate the superiority of the Canadian product over that of the soft American coast wheats now in common use in that country. The Hon. Sydney Fisher is also on his way to Japan, where he intends staying for a couple of months to forward the cause of the Canadian agriculturist.

Full of Information.

We are always pleased when our "Farmer's Advocate" arrives, as it is sure to be full of information and topics for discussion. THOS. MURRAY BELL, Merino Ranch, Cochrane, Alta.

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We Live to Serve.

You certainly take pains to please your readers. The answers in paper were much appreciated, yet this is an added kindness in your writing to me with such kindly interest. I shan't forget it, I assure you. A guid New Year to you all of the "Advocate." You deserve one. H. TWIGG.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Alex. Galbraith & Son, which appears in this issue. This firm has always been particularly careful in the selection of their stock, and by honorable business methods have established a wide clientele both in Canada and the United States. The most recent addition to their stables consists of an importation of 85 stallions of Clydesdale, Shire, Percheron, Suffolk Punch and Hackney breeding. In this assortment, something may be found to suit the most fastidious buyer. Write for particulars, to Alex. Galbraith & Son, Janesville, Wis., or Jas. Smith, Brandon, Man.

Markets.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 22,000; strong to 15c. higher; good to prime steers, \$4.60 to \$6.10; poor to medium, \$3 to \$4.60; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$4.50.

Hogs—Receipts to-day, 40,000; steady to 5c. lower; mixed and butchers', \$6.50 to \$6.75; good to choice, heavy, \$6.80 to \$6.95; rough, heavy, \$6.50 to \$6.80; light, \$6.25 to \$6.55; bulk of sales, \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 20,000; sheep, steady to strong; good to choice wethers, \$4.40 to \$5.25; fair to choice mixed, \$3.50 to \$4.40; native lambs, \$4.40 to \$6.35.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Trade rather slow, but prices slightly higher than on Thursday's market. Prime cattle, 4½c. to 5c. per lb. Medium beasts brought from 3½c. to 4½c., and the common stock from 2½c. to 3½c. Sheep sold at from 3½c. to 3½c. per lb. Lambs at from 4½c. to 4½c. per lb. Good fat hogs sold in lots at from 6c. to 6½c. per lb., weighed off the cars.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Feb. 2.—Live cattle steady at 1½c. to 1½c. per lb. for American steers, dressed weight; Canadian steers, 1½c. to 1½c. per lb.; refrigerator beef, 9c. per lb. Sheep, 18c. to 14c., dressed weight.