

THE SUPPLY OF PURE BRED BULLS.

In discussing the question of the sources whence pure bred bulls are to be obtained, it has been remarked that, owing to the long period of quarantine to which imported stock are subjected few breeders will resort to the British markets for improved blood.

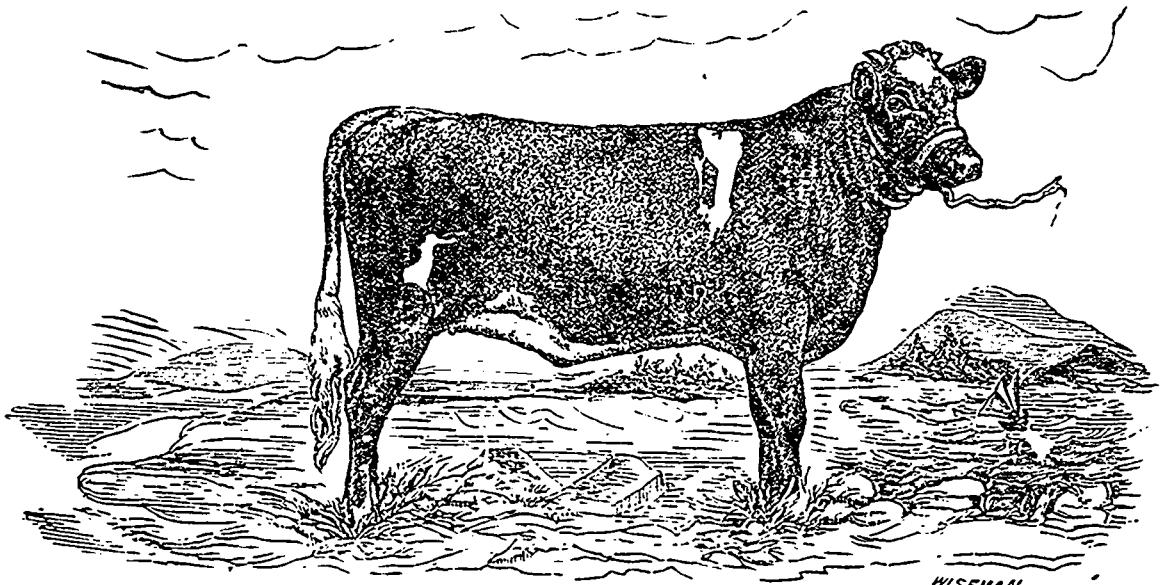
On this point we will merely remark in passing, that the regulation referred to is a very necessary and important one, and cannot be relaxed without running the risk of importing the destructive Lung Plague, which has ruined the British farmers, and will drive hundreds of agricultural families to our Provinces during the coming spring and summer. We think it is better by far to lessen materially the importation of stock, than to risk losing what we have.

Fortunately we have so far escaped, and we are, so far as stock is concerned, in an independent position. As was illustrated by the Exhibitions at Toronto, and Ottawa, during the past autumn, we have in the Dominion herds of the various breeds of cattle which compare favourably with the best in Britain.

In Short-horns, Canada occupies no mean place; Hillhurst, in Quebec, and Bowpark, in Ontario, can boast of representatives of the different families equal to any to be found elsewhere. Herefords, Polled-Angus, and Devons, can be found equal to any, at Guelph, Ontario; Messrs. Stone, McCrae, and Rudd, having imported largely, and bred with judgment.

Ayrshires can be had on the island of Montreal, equal, in form and pedigree, to any imported stock. The names of Dawes, Irving, Drummond, Sommerville, Rodden, and many others, are well known as successful breeders of the famous milking race.

The different breeds of Channel Island cattle, Jerseys, Guernseys and Alderneys, can be found in perfection, at Mr. Romeo H. Stephens' farm, St-Lamberts, Hon. J. J. Abbotts', M. P., St-Anne's, Whitfield's model stock farm, Rougemont. At the latter farm also may be found the once famous old Irish "Kerry Cow," now kept more for ornament than use. It will thus be seen that we have within our own country ample sources of supply of pure bred animals of the various breeds, from which our farmers can purchase



Lot 1 Fitzhardinge's 'Lady Wideseyes Fifteenth,' First Prize at Ki burn.

bulls of pure pedigree at moderate prices, far cheaper than they could be imported, without the risks at sea, and entirely free from all risk of contagious disease.

No prizes to be given for "Grade Bulls."

We congratulate the Council of Agriculture on the wisdom of the resolutions passed by them at a recent meeting forbidding the societies receiving government grants to give prizes for Grade Bulls.

We learn also with pleasure that the regulation has been favorably received by the societies, many of them having passed resolutions not to award prizes to any but pedigreed Bulls. This is as it ought to be, and will have a beneficial effect on the stock of the Province.

We are not of those who discard individual points of excellence in breeding animals. We are aware that many grades present individual points of excellence equal to any pure bred animal; but the transmission of individual points is very uncertain, except defects, and none but a pure bred

sire can be relied upon to transmit the characteristic peculiarities of the race. Our farmers will do well to bear this in mind in selecting breeding stock.

The necessity for such a regulation, or other means, not only in this Province but in the others as well, came forcibly before us during the past summer, while inspecting stock for exportation; the large number of mongrel bulls which were bought from farmers and shipped to England surprised us. Farmers, study your own interests, by breeding from pure-bred male animals only.

The Transportation of Animals.

The subject of the Humane Transportation of Animals has been brought before our notice by the energetic Secretary of the S. P. C. C., who submitted for our inspection a model of a car described and recommended in the February number of the S. P. C. A. Journal, published at Halifax.

As this is a subject which directly interests our readers we gladly bring it before their notice.