

estimated to weigh 200 alive or 70 in beef. There were seven good Jerseys; also seven West Highland or Kelso cattle; the latter are good sized stock, having very long hair, much longer and rougher to look at than the coat of a bear, as the hair, 5 inches long, appears to stick out or blow about all over the animals. They are of a grizzly-brown color, long horns, and look as wild as hawks; they are pretty wild, too, but we walked into the yard in which they were, and as we approached the bull the V. S. cautioned us to look out. We did, and soon left that yard. Mr. Whitfield's importation were selected by Mr. John Grant, of Strathspey, Scotland.

D. McCrae, of Guelph, Ont., has 39 good Galloways and 2 bulls; also 4 Polled Angus. One of his Galloways has a white ring round its body; we presume Mr. McCrae has bought this one to make people talk more than for any idea of improving his stock; we do not admire his choice in this particular, and consider he must be what he is very fond of calling anybody who does not think just as he does, "a little daft," or "gane gite." "Weel, puir mon, he maun hae his whims," but he has stock which show that he knows what he is about for all that.

The Cochrane Rancho Co. have 25 Polled Aberdeens, good, useful stock; one of these animals had to be removed from the rest of the herd for about two weeks after landing, but when he was returned to the herd the other bulls set on him and would have killed him, had not the men prevented them. They have tried several times since to let him run with the herd, but they will not have him, despite all attempts to pacify them.

Hon. M. H. Cochrane, of Compton, has 25 cows and heifers, and 9 bulls, for himself, independent of the Rancho Co. There will be a strong contest for honors for the prizes between Mr. Cochrane and other importers. Some say Mr. C. has paid the highest price for his prize cow, "Blackberry." Others contend that Mr. Whitfield's cow is the best animal. We will let them fight it out, and only trust that the judges will be capable to decide.

Geary Bros., of London, Ont., have 22 Polled Aberdeens and 3 good Herefords. We were pointed out a fine calf, for which, we were informed, \$300 was paid. Simon Beattie, of Annan, Scotland, has 9 head; Messrs. J. & T. Dawes, of Lachine, Q., have 5 cows, one extra good; R. Gibson, of Ilderton, has 14 Shorthorns; R. Hay, M. P., of Toronto, 5 Polled Aberdeens, the bull a very fine one; J. J. Davidson, of Balsam, Ont., and Jno. Dryden, of Brooklyn, Ont., have 20 head of really choice Shorthorn heifers, the majority of which belong to Mr. Davidson; these animals are from the Cruickshank herd. Mr. Fuller, of Hamilton, has 7 handsome Jerseys; C. C. Brydges, of Shanty Bay, Ont., has 12 Herefords, one of which is remarkably handsome and will make a mark. Mr. Stone will not carry off all the prizes at exhibitions for Herefords, as formerly. More anon.

After having been to the quarantine, we saw Mr. McEachran and had some conversation with him in regard to the quarantine. We made some suggestion which we believe he will endeavor to carry out, as he admits the quarantine is not as efficient as it should be. He considers there is no danger from the animals in quarantine at the present time, but if any danger should arise, he has the power to quarantine the whole Point. We learn that the Ayrshire bull we objected to was one of the prize animals at the Royal Highland Society Exhibition.

The Whitfield Model Stock and Dairy Farm.

Having heard of this farm, and that \$500,000 had been expended to establish it, we concluded to pay it a visit. The farm is situated at Rougemont, P. Q., about 38 miles from Montreal. It consists of 800 acres. The buildings and part of the land are located on the slope of the mountain from which the place is named. The mountain or hill is not too steep for cultivation, and orchards and fields of grain and pasture lands are on the slope.

On the summit the soil is rather stony, and a lake is to be seen there. From the slope and summit a very fine view is obtained of a large level plain of some 20 miles in extent. In the valley below here the soil is very rich, producing fine crops of hay, wheat, oats, etc. The soil is deep, rich clay loam, and is said by some to be of inexhaustible fertility. In this fine fertile plain is seen

a large portion of the Whitfield estate. The crops are excellent, and the land belonging to the estate appears to show much more cleanly, neat and better management than that of many other farms. The fences are straight and excellent, and appear well constructed, and the buildings are in good order.

Mr. Whitfield was born on this farm, but has resided many years in Bermuda, where he is extensively engaged in mercantile business. He is a plain, unassuming gentleman, very sociable and friendly, and well liked by his employees and acquaintances. He is but seldom in Canada, and had just returned home after an absence of two years when we saw him. In his youth he had noticed a marked improvement made in stock from an importation in his locality. He appears to be enraptured with his farm, and delights in having fine stock. He says that his object is to improve the stock of the country, and having herds of different breeds, he is enabled to supply just such animals as are suitable to the requirements of all localities and all purposes in Canada, whether for the barren, rocky regions, the rich portions, or for the roaming herds of the North-West. To try the results of the crosses of different breeds, and show the results from such, he has now twelve different breeds, namely, the Polled Aberdeen, Galloways, Herefords, Shorthorns, Kyloes or West Highland, Sussex, Jersey, Shetland, Kerry, and one Brahma cow, over 400 head in all. His Polled cattle have all either been imported or bred on the farm. No expense has been spared to procure the best. Mr. W. Grant, of Strathspey, Scotland, has made these selections for him. In conversation with Mr. Grant, he informed us that he experienced great difficulty in securing this stock, as there are so many Canadians and Americans looking up the best, and British breeders are constantly having the best picked out, so that at the present time the best cattle are to be found in America, as the Americans will have them if money can buy them. There are but two or three breeders who will not sell their choice animals at any price. As soon as a price is set on any first-class animal, it is pretty sure to be picked up by an American. In selecting the Jerseys, he said he had travelled over every farm on that island three times to select the best.

Mr. Whitfield commenced this enterprise five years ago, and has not offered any stock for sale to the public up to this time. Amongst the Polled Aberdeen, Mr. Grant pointed out several Ericas of Keillor, from the Ballindalloch herd, which is the premier herd of Polled Aberdeen in Scotland, and belongs to Sir George McPherson Grant, M. P. This herd in 1879 and '80 gained 42 first prizes, 4 special money prizes, 13 cups and 7 medals, besides 18 second prizes. Mr. Whitfield has been offered four times as much as he had paid for them three years ago, by parties in Scotland, thus showing the great increase in price that is caused by the American demand for them.

Mr. Whitfield says he does not intend to ask extravagant prices, but to offer such inducements as will bring buyers to his farm, rather than to take them away, to effect sales. So great is his desire to improve the stock of his native country, that he frequently allows any enterprising or careful farmers in his locality to send one or more cows to his choice bulls free of charge.

Mr. W. has also a fine dairy herd. He intends keeping 60 cows for his dairy, and says he has a market in the West Indies for all his butter at 45c. per lb. Mrs. Whitfield takes charge of this large establishment during Mr. W.'s absence, and her cheerful, happy deportment would indicate that this lady is perfectly at home in all departments requiring her attention. We are sure it was quite pleasing and somewhat surprising to find such a fine farm and fine stock in this locality. Many of you will have an opportunity of seeing some of this stock at the Exhibitions in Ontario this year. Last year they were exhibited only in Quebec, where they carried off 34 of the principal prizes in the cattle class.

Any friend desiring a copy of our Exhibition issue, or of our September No., for intending subscribers, will send name and post-office on postal card.

English Letter—No. 40.

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[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The present season is a striking example of the trials, troubles and vexations to which the British farmer is subject. We had a mild winter, and a most open and promising spring up to the 29th of April, when we had an excessive snow storm, followed by a dry, cold, and frosty May, which utterly blasted the fine promise of apples and pears, and left us with no crop at all. Still there was a magnificent crop of hay, and grain and potatoes looked well. Then, with the advent of June, came long and heavy rains, which have not yet ceased, so that farmers have been unable to get their hay in anything like satisfactory condition; potato disease has set in with great severity, and fears even are entertained for much of the grain, whilst the dreaded fluke in sheep is again anticipated. One farmer, near Liverpool, told me the other day that his grass had been cut for thirty-two days, without any chance of carrying it. Such experiences as these cannot but affect the value of agricultural land; and I heard the other day that a fine grazing farm, near London, was offered by auction the other day at a reserve of \$150 an acre, without eliciting a bid. To an English mind this is a ridiculously low figure for such a farm in such a neighborhood.

I promised in my last some account of the great Carnival of the English Agricultural year—the show of the Royal Society; which, however, in these go-ahead days has already become so much a thing of the past, that what I have to say on that head must be brief. The show was held at Reading, and notwithstanding the chronic interruptions from the wet weather, was a fair success—in fact, in the item of cattle, one of the best shows we have had for many years. It was generally admitted that never before had there been such a grand exhibition of Herefords. Jerseys were also especially strong. Polled Aberdeens, which have of late taken so deservedly high a place in the cattle breeders' estimation, could not be exhibited, as the cattle restrictions which prevent cattle entering Scotland from England would of course have prevented their return, had they gone south to the show. The display of horses was also good, and Canadians were moving round freely looking out for bargains. Prices, however, ruled excessively high, mainly in consequence of the enormous exports to the States. The first prize Shire-bred three-year-old stallion was a remarkably fine animal, and you will be glad to learn that he has been secured for the Dominion, though at what may appear a somewhat extravagant price of six hundred guineas, or over \$3,000. When your readers learn, however, that the buyer was offered another hundred guineas for his bargain before the horse left the show, they may think he was not dear at the price. Amongst the sheep the classes of Shropshire Downs and Southdowns were excellent.

Amongst the Canadian visitors I noticed Mr. Hiram Walker, of Windsor, Ont., and his son. Mr. Walker was very much struck with the Herefords, and has decided to make a selection of this breed for shipment to his property in your Province. He has also, I understand, secured a lot of very fine Jerseys for his farm at Walkerville.

The Canadian stand at the show was a great centre of attraction, and deservedly so, for the exhibit of grains, grasses, soils, &c., was an exceedingly tasteful and interesting one. The number of visitors may be gauged by the fact that upwards of 100,000 pamphlets were distributed during the week. The Prince of Wales had fully intended to visit the Canadian stand as he did at Derby last year, but his stay in the show yard was restricted