

GOSSIP.

In the footlines accompanying the illustration, in our issue of March 20th, page 161, of the Holstein cow, Belle Korndyke, a typographical error made the date of the official test in which she won first prize, as 1889, whereas it should read 1898-9.

At the London Shire Horse Show sale, the highest price, 450 guineas, was paid by Mr. Towgood for Catthorpe Brenda, Mr. H. P. Taunton's 5th-prize winner in the two-year-old class, sired by Harold. The next highest figure was 300 guineas for the three-year-old mare, Real Gem, by Stroxtor Tom. The highest price for a stallion was 230 guineas for the two-year-old Birdal Calament. The three-year-old stallion, Holker Viking, by Stalmine Premier, also sold for 230 guineas. Yearling colts sold at 20 guineas to 150 guineas. Two- and three-year-olds from 40 guineas up.

THE BIRRELL SALE OF SHORTHORNS.

The auction sale of Shorthorns at Mosboro, Ont., estate of the late Mr. John E. Birrell, March 14th, was very successful, the attendance of stockmen and farmers being very large. The cattle, as a rule, were of an excellent type, the younger things especially being well fleshed and well haired, and, with few exceptions, the animals were in excellent condition. The management of the sale on the part of those responsible for the ring display and the bringing out of the cattle was execrable, and presented an object lesson which should serve as a warning to those contemplating the holding of public sales of stock. Had it not been for the fact that judicious advertising had brought together a very large company of enterprising men eager to buy cattle, and but for the commendable tact, skill and good temper of the capable and well-qualified auctioneer, Mr. Thos. Ingram, of Guelph, what resulted in an exceptionally good sale might easily have turned out a disastrous failure. Owing to the neglect to provide a roped-off ring, not more than a quarter of those present could get a glimpse of the animals when brought out for sale, and this defect was sought to be remedied by the introduction of a heavy draft horse at intervals parading around the inside of the apology for a ring, to the peril of the life and limbs of the company, and in innumerable instances, when the auctioneer had located a bidder, the charge of the heavy horse scattered the crowd so that the salesman would need the eye of an eagle to pick out his bidders again. Then the delay in bringing out the animals in succession and the hesitancy in answering questions as to dates of service, etc., tended to dampen the ardor of buyers, but the men were there for business, and were evidently disposed to make allowances, considering all the circumstances, but while all's well that ends well, it is not wise to presume too much on the good-nature of the public. The sale was notable for the uniformity of good prices, everything selling well up to its value, without any fancy prices being paid. The highest price for a female was \$260, paid by Mr. James Cowan, of Seaforth, for Crimson Gem 4th, a red 3-year-old by Imp. Clan Campbell. Mr. Platt, of Hamilton, took the excellent roan heifer, Starlight 2nd, at \$250, and Mr. W. G. Pettit, of Freeman, the yearling Crimson Fuchsia 16th, at \$235, and the 3-year-old Aggie Ury 3rd, by War Eagle, at \$230. The roan 2-year-old bull, Prince Cruick shank, imported last year by Messrs. Cargill, a bull of fine type and excellent quality, was also taken by Mr. Pettit at \$500, and is good value for the price. Five capital yearling bulls sold at prices ranging from \$155 to \$205 each, and were cheap at the price. The 32 head sold (several calves catalogued going with their dams) averaged \$193 each, most of the buyers being farmers and small breeders. The farm of 170 acres, with first-class buildings, was sold at auction to Mr. Wm. Woodley, of Fullarton, for \$10,300, and is good value for the money, being one of the most desirable farms in the Province.

We append a list of the animals sold, with the address of the buyers:

Cows and Heifers	
Crimson Fuchsia 9th, 4 years; Edwin Bat-ty, Gore Bay	\$225
Crimson Fuchsia 14th, 2 years; C. Kearns, Port Huron	200
Crimson Fuchsia 16th, 15 months; W. G. Pettit, Freeman	235
Crimson Gem 4th, 4 years; Jas. Cowan, Seaforth	260
Crimson Gem 7th, 3 years; R. Miller, Pickering	130
Crimson Gem 8th, 1 year; Jas. Cowan	185
Crimson Gem 9th, 9 months; Geo. Johnston, Balsam	115
Crimson Fuchsia 18th, 8 months; R. E. Johnston, Pickering	160
Crimson Fuchsia 17th, 2 years; R. E. Johnston	160
Crimson Fuchsia 15th, 16 months; C. Kearns	205
Minnie Warrior 3rd, 4 years; C. Kearns	220
Minnie Warrior 6th, 3 years; M. Shantz, Breslau	140
Minnie April 2nd, 2 years; Robert Harvey, Guelph	230
Starlight 2nd, 2 years; J. I. Platt, Hamilton	250
Minnie Moss 2nd, 1 year; Edwin Bat-ty	110
Minnie Moss 3rd, 1 year; John Davidson, Ashburn	185
Minnie March 3rd, 1 year; Geo. Johnston	120
Minnie Benson, 1 year; J. I. Platt, Hamilton	170
Minnie Warrior 7th, 10 months; C. Kearns	140
Aggie Ury 3rd, 3 years; W. G. Pettit	230
Starlight 9, year; John Bradley	140
Mayflower Maid 4th, 4 years; Robt. Miller	195
Starlight 3rd, 1 year; Geo. Johnston	170
Bulls	
Prince Cruickshank 43rd, 10, 9, 1 year, 10 months; W. G. Pettit	500
Ben Mychree, 1 year; Wm. Hay, Tara	180
Montgomery, 18 months; E. R. Cook, Glen Williams	195
Buckingham, 17 months; S. McCosh, Ber-rie	160
King Kenney, 17 months; Wm. Wise & Son, Clinton	205
Royal Gloster, 15 months; E. R. Cook	195
Colbert King, 15 months; John McGowan, Wellesley	155
Clan Alpine, 13 months; John Hill, Baden	180
Manicamp, 13 months; James Cowan, Seaforth	175

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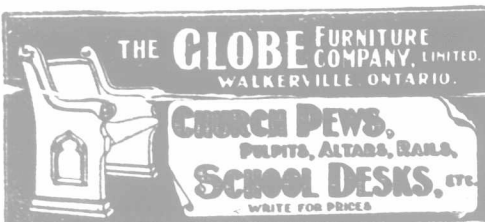
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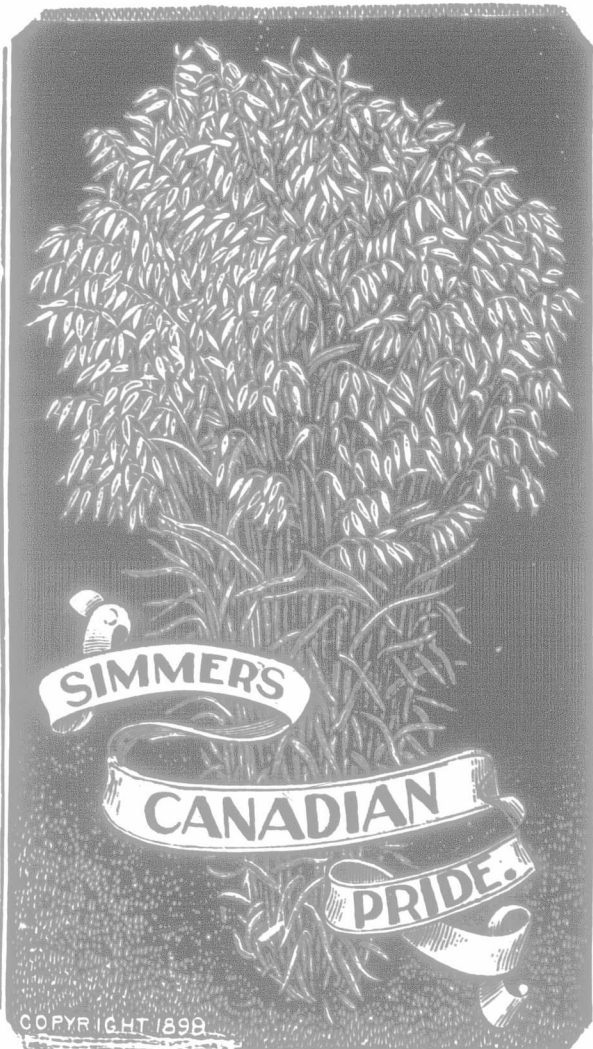
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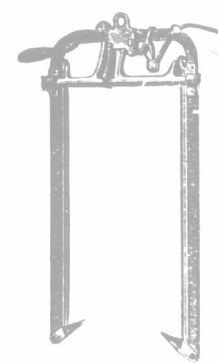
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