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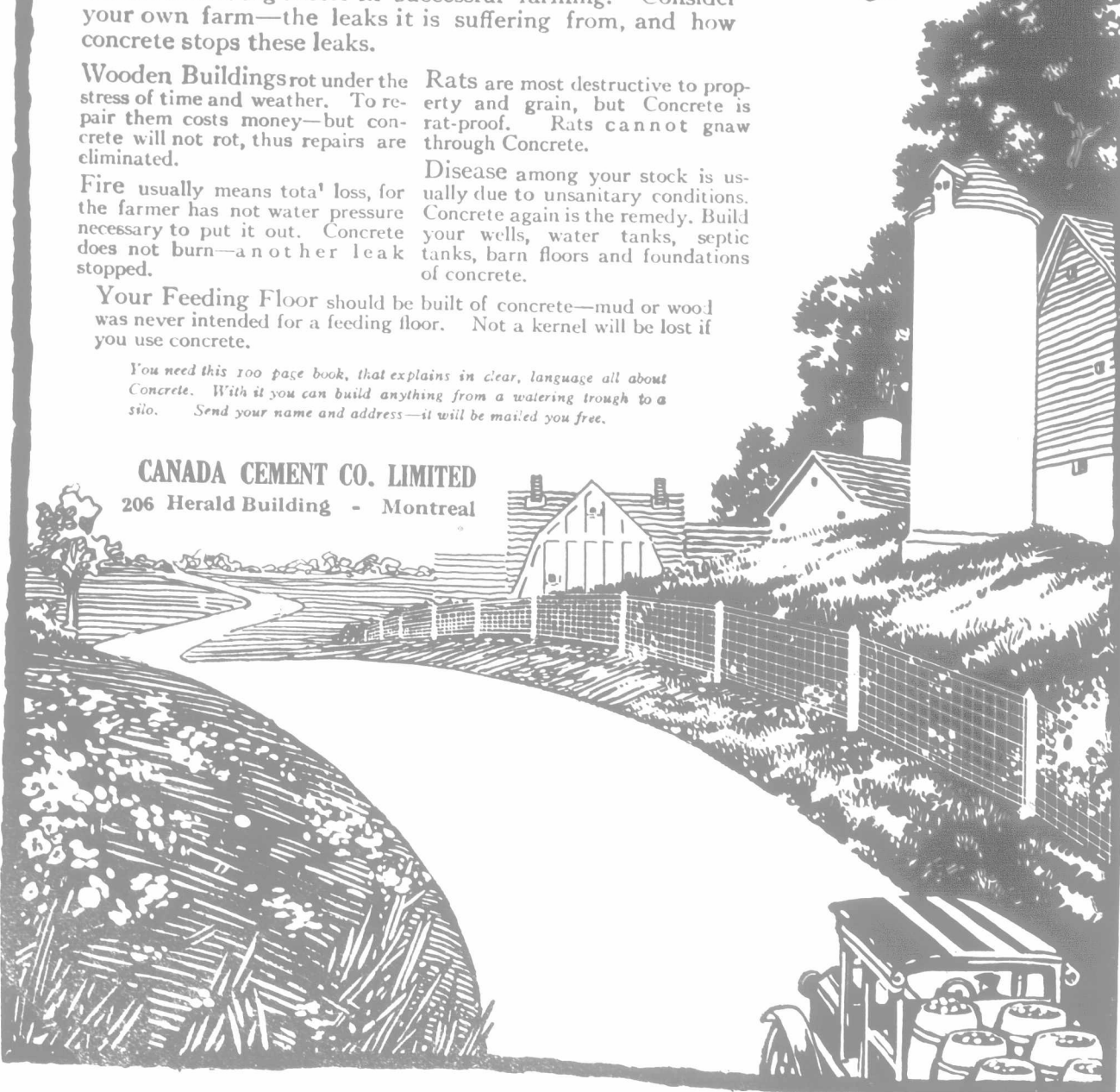
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fifteen others realized 100 guineas and above.

The summary of this notable sale is as follows: Seventy-four cows ranged from 550 guineas, and realized £8,193 3s. 0d., giving an average of £111 7s. 10d. Twenty-five cows born 1916-1917, ranged from 210 guineas and realized £2,529 0s. 0d., giving an average of £101 3s. 6d. The average of the ninety-nine females was £108 6s. 2d, and that of the 260 bulls, which ranged from 3,700 guineas, and realized £30,834 6s. 0d. was £118 11s. 10d., the general average of the sale being £115 15s. 1d. for 359 head. It will be of interest to note that at the Birmingham Annual Sale, held on March 5th and 6th, and at the Penrith Sale, held on March 7th and 8th, there were 626 Shorthorn cattle sold, which realized £74,725 6s. 0d., giving an average of £119 7s. 4d.

## Gossip.

### Hereford Bull Makes British Record Price.

Men and seasons come and go, but "records" run on forever in British pedigree live stock breeding and selling. The latest breed to enjoy a record—and not before it is needed—is the Hereford.

At the Hereford Herd Book Society's sale in the city of that name on Wednesday, March 13th, Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, was paid 1,450 guineas (a guinea means 5 dollars 11 cents), for a February, 1917, bull, only second in the class he figured in, named Reformer. Sired by Conway, and out of Lady Mona, this youngster, full of character, albeit possessing beautiful quality and an ideal color, with smart markings, goes back on his grandam's line to the Lady Byrons and the Blossoms. His immediate parents cost 360 guineas to buy, so Lord Rhondda has soon got his interest back. There were many other good priced ones, and exporters for the Argentine, South Africa, and elsewhere became quite reckless in the way they bid 400 guineas and the like for bulls they would have turned their noses up at 150 guineas before the war. J. Sidey bought the champion bull of the Show, one called Thruxton Colonel and offered by Messrs. C. & E. Ockey, who only got 400 guineas for him. To the Argentine and to Bullrick's, no doubt, is his fate. So much for Herefords!

Some stupendous figures are now knocked together to prove the merit of the British Shorthorn, as shown by the prices the breed made in its first four spring sales this year—to wit, Perth, Aberdeen, Birmingham and Penrith. At those four events some 1,367 head of Shorthorns have realized £170,414 17s. 0d., or a general average of £124 13s. 3d. apiece.

Scotland's brace of sales saw 741 head aggregate £95,689 13s., or a general average of £129 apiece. That is at Perth and Aberdeen.

England's brace of sales at Birmingham and Penrith produced an aggregate of £74,725 6s. 0d. for 626 head, or a general average per beast of £119 7s. 4d. Two more big sales are in the offing—at Crew and Preston—but I do not suspect the individual record of 3,700 guineas for the bull, paid at Penrith, will be beaten till Duthie holds his bull calf sales in October next. It will be then that the English individual record stands in danger of being broken for the Scots never rest unless they have all the records.

And still furthermore records have been made—i. e., the payment of 450 guineas for a shearing Lincoln longwool stud ram called Mere A1, a son of Mere Leadham. This event took place at the late John Pears' sale at Mere near Lincoln. The buyer was a neighbor, Lieut. Nicholson of Horkstow, Lincs. And now I think we exhausted the crop of "records" for the week ending March 16th of the Lord.

ALBION.

### Sales from "The Hawthornes."

Mention was made in the gossip columns, in the April 4 issue, of the live stock bred and offered for sale by Allan B. Mann, "The Hawthornes", Peterboro, Ont. The sheep were designated as Cotswolds by mistake. Leicesters are bred and are being offered for sale by Mr. Mann. He also reports the following sales of Shorthorns: One bull to Richard Nurse, Omecme; one choice, red bull to Thos. McIldoo, Ida; one nine-months bull to T. H. G. Crough, Peterboro, and one nineteen-months bull to Thos. Stuart, Egansville. The sale of one shearing Leicester ram to F. B. Fee, Omecme, is also reported.