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GOSSIP.

A flying visit and a short look over the banner herd of Scotch-bred Shorthorns, the property of Mr. W. G. Pettit & Sons, of Freeman, Ont., was lately enjoyed by a representative of the "Farmer's Advocate." As usual this immense herd of 100 head of imported and Canadian-bred animals were found in the pink of condition, many of them being in show-ring form. The herd is made up of thirty-one imported females, six imported males, and one female and five males imported in dam. Of this number six females and six males are bred from sire and dam both imported; the rest being Canadian-bred, but nearly all got by an imported sire. They represent many of the oldest and most fashionable Scotch families, including such noted ones as marr roan Ladys, Orange Blossoms, Ciarlets, Jills, Forams, etc. It is safe to say that there are very few men in Canada that have imported a better class of cattle, or more of them, than W. G. Pettit, and if all goes well he intends going over the big ship for another lot this fall. We were shown the ten head at Pettit intends to sell at the Hamilton sale on August 13th, and feel bound to say that if these cattle are representative of the lot that will be offered at that sale, it will give buyers an unprecedented opportunity to purchase high-class animals, both imported and Canadian-bred, at their own prices. Mr. Pettit's chief stock bull is imported Scotland's Pride 79907, got by the great sire of prizewinners, Star of Morning, he by Rising Star, Scotland's Pride's dam is Corona, by the Cruickshank Clipper bull, etc., etc. Master of the Italm. He is a roan of more than ordinary style and quality. The second in service is the roan Lady bred bull, imported Scottish Pride, by Scottish Prince, by Captain Ripley; dam Cunderelia 2nd, by Allan Gwynne, by Star of Morning. This bull has shown his superiority as a sire, hence Mr. Pettit's decision to keep him for use on his own herd. Among the many other bulls, either imported in dam or Canadian-bred, to be seen in the commodious box stalls are some extra good ones, snort-legged, deep, fleshy bodies, symmetrically built. These Mr. Pettit is offering for sale at living prices, and there are a number of them that, from their rich, fashionable breeding and perfect individuality, are fit to head any man's herd and should, therefore, not remain long at the prices asked. In females, the great bulk of the herd are choice animals, showing that short-legged, heavy, smooth-bodied form that has made the Scotch Shorthorn so famous in the world over. The great majority of them are young, vigorous animals, many of them heifers carrying or sucking their first calf, and nearly all are for sale. The Messrs. Pettit are also quite extensively engaged in the breeding of Shropshire sheep, their large flock being all bred directly from imported stock. They use nothing but the best imported rams procurable as sires. The result is an exceedingly nice flock of heavy, smooth, well-covered sheep. This season's crop of lambs are looking extra well, and growing rapidly. They are covered from the ground up. Later they will be for sale.

Among the men who to-day bid fair to become formidable rivals of the more illustrious Canadian Shorthorn breeders a place of honor must be accorded Mr. Israel Groff, owner of Maple Leaf Stock Farm, in the County of Wellington, Ont., three miles from Alana station, on the G. T. R., and five miles from Elora, on the C. P. R. Mr. Groff, in addition to his splendid herd of Shorthorns, pays considerable attention to the breeding of Berkshire hogs. The Shorthorns are headed by that perfectly-built and richly-bred bull, Royal Hero 34679, by imported Royal Sailor 18959, dam Mildred 4th 22241, by imported Hesperidar. Royal Hero is a rich roan. He is one of the short-legged, thick-fleshed sort, and is a sire of more than ordinary worth, proof of which is easily established by a look over the young stock, especially a nine-months-old roan bull calf. It is a prizewinner in form and quality without doubt, and a living image of its sire. Mr. Groff's cows are unsurpassed for size and quality. They belong to the well-known Scotch Athelstane family, although there are a few Mayflowers, Standards, Marr Beautys, and Lady Fawns. An extra good cow is Duchess of Athelstane A, by Sittyston Chief, another is Duchess of Athelstane, while a daughter of hers is Duchess of Athelstane 2nd, a half-sister to Gem of Athelstane, the sweepstake heifer, bred on this farm, but owned by Mr. Greenway. Mayflower is a two-year-old roan heifer that could win in most any show-ring. May Blossom is another splendid two-year-old heifer, bred to the Marr Beauty family. Few or standard one; while the other two yearlings, Lady Star and Lady Fawn, are extra good animals, and among them are prizewinners. A roan heifer, called out and bred to the above, is a very many a day, and is a very good one. His splendid record, and the fact of both his parents being prizewinners, are for sale. The above are the best breeding stock that I have seen in the hogs section. They are unsurpassed in the breed, and are being bred by Mr. Groff, and are for sale by the dozen, or by the pair, at a very low price. Both


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