

Three commissioners have recently been appointed by the Provincial Government, who will report on the work done, with the view of arranging a permanent settlement between the owners of the land and the Government, in cases where the former has provided the money for dyking purposes. This should and no doubt will result in a permanent settlement, and the development of the magnificent delta lands of the Fraser Valley will go on at a faster rate than previously.

Victorious Summerhill Yorkshires.

The success that has attended the operations of Messrs. D. C. Flatt & Son, of Millgrove, Ontario, in the importation, breeding and exhibiting of Large English Yorkshire swine constitutes a remarkable record and one unique in its character and scope. Starting right, only a few years ago, they imported and purchased the best that money could buy on two continents, and having in their mind's eye the model of the ideal Yorkshire hog which should combine in as high a degree as possible the distinctive characteristics of the breed with the type which produces the kind and quality of meat which the best markets

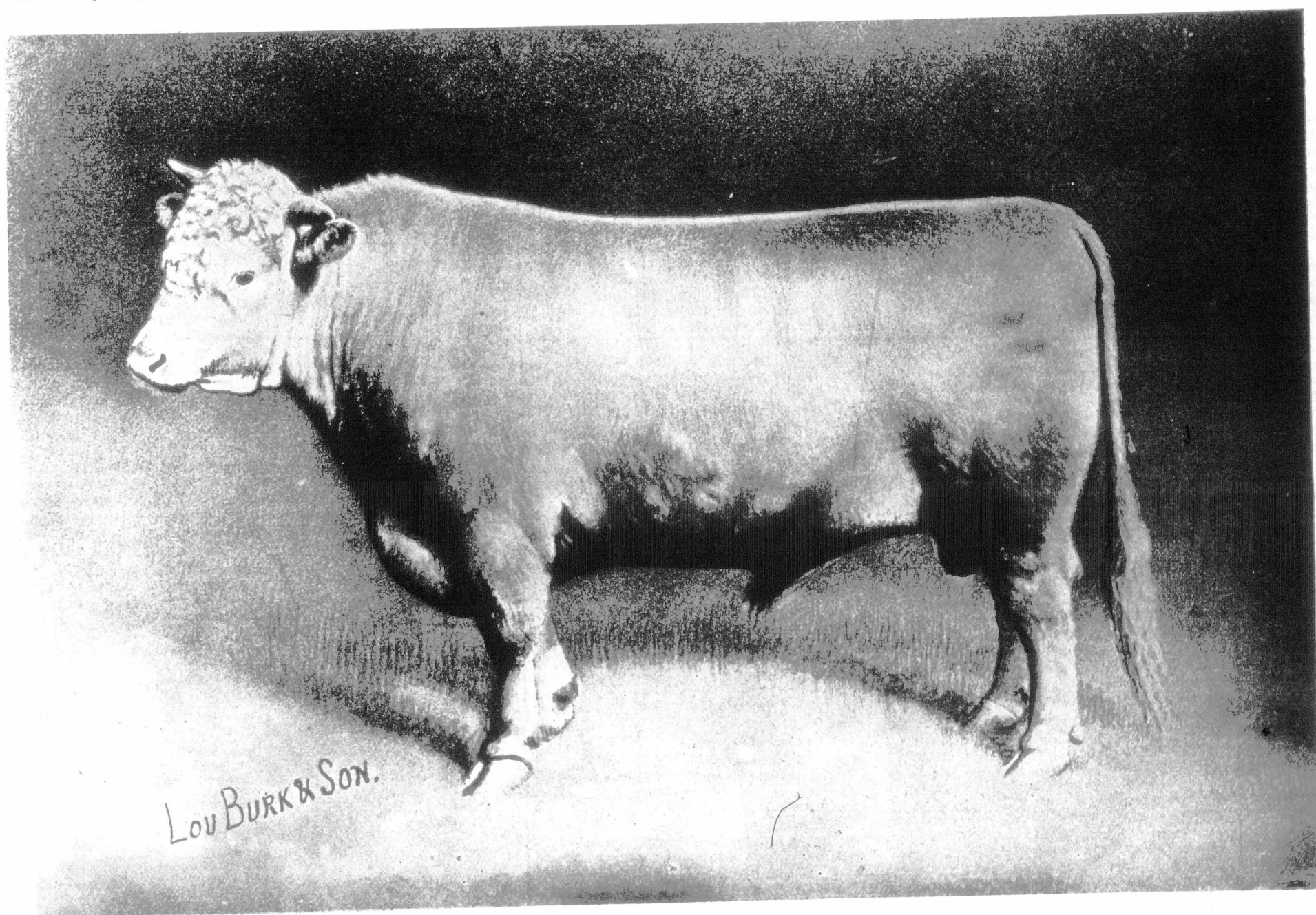
affording another evidence that the men most competent as all-round judges are the men engaged in breeding or who have had extended experience in breeding and raising high-class stock and have grown up with the business.

No breed of hogs and no class of pure-bred stock has made such rapid progress and improvement in Canada in the last decade as have the Yorkshires, and their present popularity is certainly well deserved, as the farmers have learned from experience that either as pure-bred or for crossing on other varieties they are exceedingly valuable in producing the desired type for the profitable production of the approved quality of bacon, while they bring large litters and mother them well, which is half the battle in the life of the average pig, whose term of existence in this country is seldom more than half a year.

Now that the hog-raisers in the corn belt of the United States are taking to the Yorkshires on the merits of the breed and for the purpose of overcoming the fault of extreme shortness and thickness of body and the lack of fecundity which inevitably follows a prolonged corn diet, an ex-

At the same time that their Pan-American exhibit was adjudged, the Messrs. Flatt had at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition 29 head, led by their imported boar, Bottesford Wonder, with which they were successful in winning, in strong competition, every first prize in the Yorkshire class, including the sweepstakes medals for the best boar and the best sow any age and the first prize for the best herd; also the first prize for the best four pure-bred hogs of bacon type, and the first for the best pen of four hogs, of any breed, grade or cross, most suitable for the export bacon trade. At the Western Fair at London, where the Toronto and Buffalo exhibits and many others came together in competition, the Summerhill combination carried off all the first prizes except two, and the first prizes for the best herd, for the best boar and four of his progeny, and for the best sow and four of her produce.

At the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago in the present month they were successful in winning everything they showed for, including all the first prizes in the breeding class and the first prize in the dressed-carcass competition in the bacon class of 100 hogs, competing with all



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CHAMPION SHORTHORN BULL AT PAN-AMERICAN EXHIBITION. IMPORTED AND OWNED BY W. D. FLATT, HAMILTON, ONT.

demand, and for which the highest prices are paid, they have admirably succeeded in evolving all this, together with an easy-feeding animal, quiet and contented in disposition, and one that produces largely, at a minimum of cost and with a maximum of profit.

While the Messrs. Flatt have imported largely, for new blood, of personally-selected representatives of the breed from the principal herds in Great Britain, including many of the prizewinners at the Royal and other leading shows in the Old Land, they have not been carried away with the charm of the word "imported," but have rejected many a prizewinner, that could have been bought, for the reason that the type and quality would not tend to improve what they had in their own herd, and the proudest feature of their phenomenal success in the show-ring is the fact that their best animals and those which have won the most and the highest prizes in national and international competitions have been of their own breeding. This is surely an evidence of superior judgment and of skill in breeding for a purpose and with an object, and, as is well known, it has been accomplished under the ruling and in some respects in spite of the opinions and teachings of the most critical of expert judges.

ceedingly bright future opens for the men who are engaged in breeding this variety, as may be inferred from the fact that at the late International Exposition at Chicago the Messrs. Flatt sold to a Minnesota breeder one boar for \$700, and four sows for \$1,661, while the largest packing company in the State of Iowa recently placed with them an order for 93 head for distribution among the farmers of the State for the improvement of their stock.

If evidence were needed of the superior excellence and the up-to-dateness of the Summerhill herd, a recount of the prizes won in this year of grace at the leading shows in America settles the question beyond a doubt. At the Pan-American Exhibition, competing with the best of Canadian and United States herds, they won six out of the ten first prizes, and the championship for the best boar of any age with their Summerhill Victor 6th (portrayed in the engraving, page 844), of their own breeding and acknowledged without dissent to have been the best Yorkshire boar ever shown in America. For a combination of size, style and quality of flesh and bone he stands on tiptoe as the highest type of the breed and a model for all breeds and for all breeders to emulate.

breeds. Such a record needs no comment, as "good wine needs no bush," but the mere recital of the achievement shows in bold relief the character of the herd, and it is safe to state that the character of the firm for integrity and honorable dealing will bear the utmost scrutiny and will be found worthy of the fullest confidence.

Goes Everywhere.

In all English-speaking countries around the Globe, the "Farmer's Advocate" is to be found doing its share to advance the cause of successful agriculture. Wm. Rennie, the widely-known seedsmen of Toronto, in a recent note to this office, says: "It may be interesting to you to know that we recently received an enquiry for wheat from South Africa. It was 'The Farmer's Advocate' that brought the enquiry."

In 1900 there came into Canada 12,000 settlers from the United States; in 1901, 24,000; and in 1902 it is expected the number will reach 40,000. Canada has not been as swift as some other countries, notably Uncle Sam's domain, but it is getting there just the same.