


### AUCTION SALE OF PUREBRED STOCK AT THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

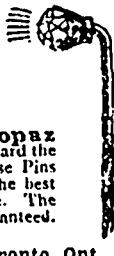
The twentieth annual sale of purebred stock at the Ontario Agricultural College, took place on Oct. 18th and was up to the average of the sales held in previous years. For some lines of stock prices were lower than last year, while other lines were sold for higher prices. The number of animals offered was about the same as last year with the exception of sheep. The quality of the animals throughout, with a few exceptions, was good, and there is every reason to feel gratified at the results of the sale.

There was a good attendance of buyers, some of them from a distance. Mr. James Taylor, of Guelph, conducted the sale. The first lot disposed of was the poultry, about 100 birds were offered, which sold at prices ranging from 50 cents to \$2.50 apiece. Though there were some fine specimens in this lot, the selections were not up to the usual quality owing to the fact that 72 of the very best birds had been disposed of at the Toronto Fair. Rocks and Lanshans sold well but the small and fancy breeds were somewhat of a drug. This was due to the fact that the buyers present were all farmers with whom the large and utility breeds are more popular. There were not many poultry fanciers at the sale, and consequently the demand for the fancy breed was not keen. Under the circumstances, the results of the sale were satisfactory.

The first offered in the cattle classes was the Shorthorn bull calf, College Scott. Calved Dec. 27th, 1897. Bred by the O.A.C. Sire, Scottish Prince 2nd; dam, College Queen. This is a fine calf, good color, active, and well formed. The bidding was lively, and the price ran up to the good figure of \$108. Mr. Burt, of St. George, was the purchaser. The second offered was also a Shorthorn calf, College Duke. Calved Feb. 14th, 1898. Bred by O.A.C. Sire, Duke of Gloster; dam, College Matchless. Is a nice calf, but small, and sold for \$86 to D. N. McIntyre, Paisley. There was only one Hereford offered, a beautiful heifer calf, College Girl. Calved Dec. 27th, 1897. Bred by O.A.C. Sire, Barnam 56370; dam, Geranium's Girl 53118. Sold to A. Stone, Guelph. The Aberdeen Angus bull calf, College Roan 29290, is a beauty, and weighed at time of sale 525 lbs. He was calved April 18th, 1898. Bred by O.A.C. Sire, Lord Aberdeen 2nd 19810; dam, Blooming Rose 8057, and sold for \$80 to J. M. McFarlane, Clinton. The next offered was the Galloway bull calf College Guardian. Calved Oct. 11th, 1897. Sire, Bosworth 12805; dam, Bessie of Drumlaurig 9689. This calf, though a little rough, had good size, and is the makings of a large animal. He sold



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for \$90 to D. McCrae, Guelph. A full brother last year brought \$105. Another bull calf of this breed, by the same sire and out of Lizzie 7th of Drumlanrig, was also purchased by Mr. McCrae for \$37. He was calved April 10th last, and though poor and thin will likely develop into something good with good care. One Devon heifer calf, College May, calved Feb. 15th, 1898; sire, Tom 1031; dam, College Cherry 1045, sold for \$49 to F. Cook, Dunnville. A Sussex heifer less than a year old sold for \$35 to R. H. Barber. Though a little high in the back is the makings of a good cow.

The dairy cattle offered, like the beef breeds, were chiefly calves. Though the bidding for these was brisk, comparatively speaking, they did not bring as good prices as the latter. As a rule purchasers got good bargains in these. The Holstein bull calf, College Brave, calved July 2nd last, sire Netherland Cornelius 682, dam Bix Pride of Meadowbrook, was the first offered, and sold for \$41 to T. Somerville, Haysville. The calf, College Brutus, calved August 13th last, same sire and out of Kate Claxton 1100, and in some respects a better calf, only brought \$12. He was bought by J. Davitt, Burlington, who really got a bargain. Another bull calf of June 20th last, with same sire, dam, Margaret 4th 720, sold for \$45 to J. H. O'Neill, Harrietsville—a very good calf, but thin. The aged Ayrshire bull, Oshawa Prince 3129, sold for \$61 to D. Mulholland, Bedford Park. This bull was bred by the late Thos. Guy, and has been the stock bull at the college for several years. He is a noted stock-getter. A fine Ayrshire bull calf, calved June 16th, 1898, sire, Oshawa Prince, dam, Dolly of Oshawa, sold for \$17 to Wm. Goldthorpe, Ravenscliffe. Another one, lighter in color, and calved July 14th last, same sire and out of Oshawa Lass 3rd, sold to Wm. Gilmour, Valens, for \$13. Prince of Crofts, calved May 5th last, same sire and out of Patience 5th of Crofts (imp.), sold at the low price of \$20 to D. V. Harkness, Irena. Only two Jerseys were offered in the catalogue. The first offered, Brock Burnett, calved Dec. 29th, 1897, a rather small-sized bull calf, sold for \$18 to A. Hales, Guelph. The second one, same sire, dam, Lisgar's Rose, and calved August 23rd last, sold to W.

Gilmour, Valens, for \$11. Two purebred calves not catalogued sold for \$22 and \$11 respectively.

Upwards of seventy pigs were offered, some selling at good prices, especially the Yorkshires and Tamworths. The Berkshires sold first. The first lot, containing one boar and two sows, farrowed January 29th last, sire, Prince Lee, a good lengthy lot, sold the boar for \$16 and the sows at \$16 and \$15 respectively. Another lot of six boars, farrowed June 17th last, brought prices ranging from \$4 to \$17. The third lot of seven boars and one sow, farrowed July 27th, sold very cheap, the boars bringing from \$2 to \$7, averaging \$4.20 each. The sow brought \$10.50. The Berkshires sold much lower than last year. Yorkshires brought good prices. The improved Yorkshire boar, Guelph Ned, bred by G. B. Hood, Guelph, a good pig, but a little short, brought \$15. There were five different lots offered. The second, consisting of two boars and three sows, farrowed October 25th, 1897, brought the highest prices. These, with one exception, were of good length and depth. The two boars sold for \$7.50 and \$15.50. The sows, which were in pig, brought \$23, \$27, and \$22 each. The third lot, four sows, farrowed October 2nd, 1897, sire, Oak Lodge Favorite, of good length, brought \$18 each. The fourth lot, three boars and six sows, farrowed March 21st last, same sire, brought prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$18 each; and the fifth lot, five sows, farrowed March 25th, by the same sire, brought from \$6.50 to \$16 each. As a rule, the Tamworths sold were a very good lot. Most of the young pigs were thin and scant-looking, but were good types of the breed, and will make good breeders. The first one offered was the aged boar, Wolverton Chief, bred by A. Dunn, Ingersoll. A good stock-getter, but a little low set and short, but, withal, a good pig. He sold for the low price of \$8.50. A young sow, farrowed August 30th, 1897, small, but with a good strong back, sold for \$11.50. Two sows, farrowed April 14th last, brought \$13 and \$9 each. A lot of three boars and six sows, farrowed March 9th, sold well. The boars were thin, but brought from \$15 to \$16 each. The sows, a nice lot, brought from \$9 to \$16.50. Among the buyers of this lot were T. B. Millar, Kincardine, and A. Elliott, Galt. The