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W. G. PETTIT & SONS' SHORTHORNS.

There is no better herd of Scotch Shorthorn cattle to-day in this country than the large well-conditioned herd of W. G. Pettit & Sons, of Freeman, Ont., about one mile from Burlington Jct. station, G.T.R. and C.P.R., consisting of upwards of one hundred head all told, among them many high-class show animals, and the whole in proper nice condition, representing the best blood of the breed, and certainly never before in the many years' history of the herd has it been graced with two such high-class herd headers as the pair now in use, namely, the wonderfully thick-fleshed, mellow Cruickshank Butterfly bull, Bullrush (imp.), which as a sire is proving the equal of any bull used in this country, and with a few years more of service, will surely have a name in the Shorthorn history of Canada excelled by none. The other is the Marr Bessie bull, Imp. Royal Winner, a son of the great Macbeith. The vast improvement this bull shows over a year ago is simply wonderful, weighing in his three-year-old form fully 2,400 pounds. With a type as near perfect as possible, he is a candidate for grand championship honors, which will probably be his in the very near future. Among the many females of show calibre we were particularly struck with the perfect contour of the red Roan-Lady bred senior yearling daughter of the Toronto grand champion, Prime Favorite (imp.); dam by the renowned Remus. She is a show heifer of a high order, and in calf to Imp. Royal Winner. Another extra choice heifer is a red roan junior yearling fillet, by Imp. Bullrush. Still another very choice one is a senior yearling roan, a Marr Roan Lady, got by Bullrush. Another is a white senior yearling Ury-bred daughter of Prime Favorite (imp.). These mentioned are only representative of a considerable number of heifers of show form and condition. The Messrs. Pettit report the past year as the best in their many years' experience in the matter of demand and sales, which have extended from one end of the country to the other, as well as a number to the other side of the lines. Every year sees a bigger and more widespread demand for herd-headers got by their great stock bulls. Only one is left of serviceable age; he is a white Roan Lady yearling, by Bullrush, and, like his sire, is as soft as a glove. Next him in the matter of age is a roan 10 months' Roan Lady, by Imp. Royal Winner. This one looks good to develop into a show bull; several others are coming on for later use. Clydesdales are also coming to the front with the Messrs. Pettit, they having now in breeding four mares, all imported, sired by such renowned sires as Baron's Pride, Acme and Baron's Hood. All are now in foal to Imp. Searchlight, and with the spirit that has characterized their phenomenal successes as breed-

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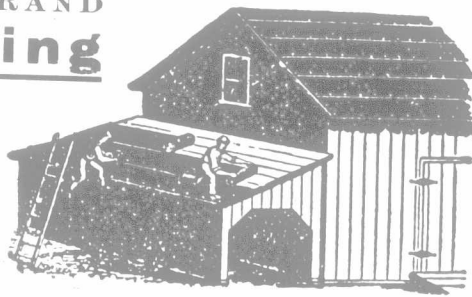
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ers of Shorthorns, great things may be expected from them as breeders of Clydesdales in the near future.

THE MAPLES HEREFORDS.

Recently a "Farmer's Advocate" representative visited the well-known stock farm, "The Maples," near Orangeville, Ont., the property of Mrs. W. H. Hunter & Son. This great farm, noted all over America as the home of one of the largest as well as the best herds of imported and home-bred Hereford cattle on the continent, is one of the best equipped stock farms in Canada, comprising 350 acres of rich, arable land, on which are erected high-class modern buildings, built and equipped for the purpose for which they are used, namely, stock-raising; surrounded by beautiful groves of evergreens and maples, a pleasure to the fortunate owners and the envy of all visitors. The high-class character of the Herefords that make up this renowned herd needs no comment, as the many years' sweeping successes at the leading shows in Canada have proven their pronounced superiority. The chief stock bull in service is the several times grand champion, Improver 1563, the 2,800-pound son of the great show bull, Young Actor 1250; dam the famous cow, Imp. Brenda 4th, by Anxiety 4th; granddam by Horace 2nd. A description of this great bull is superfluous, other than to say he was never beaten in the best company the country could put up. Second in service is Imp. Newton Lad 8306, bred by G. Butlers, Hillhouse, England; sired by Iron Duke; dam Dewdrop 3rd, by Spencer; granddam by Cheesecake. He belongs to the popular Snowdrop tribe, and as a yearling was 2nd at Toronto, London and Ottawa, and 1st at Toronto as a two-year-old. His greatest success is as a sire; his get invariably winning wherever shown, being remarkable for their levelness of lines and thick, even flesh. Prominent among the many big, thick cows is the grand show cow and many times winner, Maid of the Maples 4689, by the champion, Spartacus; dam Imp. Buttermaid. Another great cow is Victorine 4683, by Imp. Templemore. She has won her way up to championship honors, and looks like winning more. A half-sister by the same sire is the noted prizewinner, Lavina 5905. She is immensely thick and smooth. Still another of the right good ones is a half-sister to the champion, Improver, being a daughter of Imp. Brenda 4th, and sired by Imp. Newton Lad. Bernice 6793 was sired by the champion, Orion. She is a massive, thick cow that has won many honors. Several of the younger things are daughters of the famous champion, General Togo. In the herd are many of show form, being fitted for the circuit this year, when many added honors are surely theirs. The herd was never stronger in richly-bred, high-class animals. Anything is for sale, including several choice young bulls.