

### Trim Horses' Feet.

Horses that go unshod all summer should have their hoofs trimmed periodically. An overgrown hoof is necessarily an unshapen one. The overgrowth renders it so, but in nine cases out of ten it is unshapen in more respects than that of size, for when the hoof is neglected nature proceeds to correct the matter, and pieces break off, often making the horse bear on one side, or backward or forward. Such abnormal conditions will not fail in a short time to affect the hoof functionally, and not only the hoof but also the muscular development of the leg. It often takes the whole winter to correct such a condition, with frequent visits to and operations in the blacksmith shop, when judicious trimming during the summer would have obviated the whole trouble.

### Stock.

#### Sheep Dog Trials.

In a racy report of a sheep-dog trial at Peebles, Scotland, last month, a correspondent of the Scottish Farmer, after describing several performances that were but partially successful, and one good enough to secure the third award he writes:

By this time we were ripe for a change. We had laughed and pitied enough. And the change came. Thomas Gilholm, East Fortune, with Ben, soon made the onlookers draw long breaths. Away Ben went like an arrow, with a searching eye scanning the whole field. The moment he caught his lot he swept round them, shedding the grass with his nose—a display which only the word beautiful can describe. No rough "butchery" turn, no excitement, no hurry—he knew his art thoroughly. At once the sheep had confidence in him, and quickly showed signs of obedience. Between the dog and master there was evident the most absolute trust. Few words were spoken, few turns made, for at every point Ben's eye was a focus which permitted of no escape. A piece of splendid work; he completed his task without making a single false point. When James Scott, from Pinnacle, stepped forward with Cep, the word was passed round that a daring challenger had entered the lists. A whisper from his master was all that Cep needed. Very few seconds elapsed before he was in touch with the five fleecy innocents. He seemed to repeat the performance of Ben, and while it was extremely hard to note the slightest difference, there was a superior "finish" about the movements of Cep that merited the premier honor. Rightly the judges placed him first and Ben second. Had a second trial taken place two hours afterwards, the judges might—very likely would—have seen reason for changing the tickets, so near did both dogs come to the high standard of perfection. Three failures again lent variety to the proceedings. Appreciation, mixed with genuine sympathy, was evoked when "Bobby" Hardie, from Highlandshiel, made for the starting post. A round-faced, honest-looking boy of seventeen, he seemed a trifle timid, but nobly determined. His youthful backers gave him a good "heartening" cheer, which made "Bobby's" step a little more confident. Perhaps in that burst of applause he heard one sweet voice which meant more to him than all the rest. With manly gesture he commenced, and soon showed that both he and his dog were not without "steel." "Bobby" seemed to say, "We may not do it as neatly as some of them, but by jove we'll go through it, and in right rattling style, too." And he did, carrying off the fourth ticket with subdued and blushing pride. Loud and long was the applause which greeted "Bobby's" finish, and no doubt the voice that was always so sweet would be sweeter still that night, for her gay young mountaineer now stood fourth in the annals of glory.

#### Cattle Trade with Britain.

At the recent Imperial Trade Congress, in Montreal, Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M.P., moved the following resolution as to the cattle trade: "That the present restrictions on the importation of Canadian cattle into Great Britain are unjust so far as they are based on the dread of disease existing among such cattle, since any outbreak of disease is as rigidly guarded against in Canada as in the mother country, and no infectious diseases exist in Canada; and that such restrictions are also undesirable, as they result in interference with the free development of trade, decreased supply of cattle and increased cost of meat to the British consumer, and that in the opinion of this Congress the present resolution of H. M. Board of Agriculture, so far as they relate to the importation into the United Kingdom of Canadian live cattle, under reasonable precautions, should at once be reconsidered." Mr. J. Lockie Wilson seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

### Lesser Lights in Shorthorndom.

All up-to-date stockmen, especially the North American animal husbandmen, know that judicious advertising is necessary, no matter how good the animal they produce may be, in order to reap the maximum financial benefit from it. Such advertising may be by means of the agricultural press, in both reading and advertising columns, or through the show-rings, in either breeding or fat-stock sections. At the present time there are a few fortunate British breeders, such as Mr. Deane Willis, of Bapton Manor; Mr. Duthie, of

Craigie, of Pennan; Granger, of Pitcur, Cameron, of Balnakyle; McWilliam, of Stonyestown; Anderson, of Saphock; Anderson, of Fingask; John Young, of Tilbouries; Geo. Walker, of Tillygreig; Alex. Crombie, of Woodend; John Cran, of Keith; Sylvie Campbell, of Kinellar; George Campbell, of Harthill; Simmers, of Whiteside; Morrison, Phingask; Lord Roseby, represented by Geo. Sinclair; Beillie Taylor, of Pitliver; A. M. Gordon, of Newton; Lady Cathcart, of Cluny; and Lord Polwarth, of Mertoun. There are numbers of others, especially to the south of the Scotch and English border-line, but we have not

time, space nor inclination to mention them just now, which is the era of Scotch blood!

Beginning with the first listed, we have Auchronie. In Scotland a man among his neighbors and acquaintances is often spoken of by the name of the farm he occupies. In Canada the person wearing the aforementioned name is best known as the breeder of Lord Banff, who did so much in the hands of Mr. W. D. Flatt. Watson is a brother-in-law to the Campbells, so is a Shorthorn enthusiast, and bound to the calling by many ties. In his herd are to be found Maids of Promise, Craib-

stones and Brawith Buds, and it might not come amiss to mention a criticism or two of this breeder. "Brawith Buds are nearly all bare on the loin and sharp over the crops, albeit good milkers," which rather savors of what our authorities on dairy form might term a question and answer in dairy conformation. He states "Craibstone was a bull with plain horns," his progeny, as seen by the writer, certainly show his prepotency in this respect. At Auchronie just now as one of the sires is Waterloo, a son of Choice Goods, a roan bull of fair quality, and not overburdened with size. Clan Alpine was a sire here. From this herd hails Scottish Prince, a roan bull, heading the herd of John Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont.

Campbell, of Deystone, is a brother of the present occupant of Kinellar, and is a cousin of those well-known Canadian stockmen, the Isaacs. A Duthie-bred bull, Golden Fame, a mottled red, good in his head, heart, neck, crops and loin, withal a little small and lacking in flank and thighs, is lord of the harem, which contains Nonpareils, Minas, Clarets and Ythans. Bruce of Byres, near the Duke of Richmond and Gordon's place, at Lochaber, has a large herd on a farm in a bleak, exposed coast situation, and while not as well-known, perhaps, in Canada as he deserves to be, has none the less a name as a breeder whose stock has journeyed far afield. He is a cousin and son-in-law of Bruce, of Dublin, another Shorthorn stalwart and authority. This herd was started in 1835, and to the bovine enthusiast many pleasant hours can be spent in the company of this genial gentleman, who is a rich mine for delvers in Shorthorn lore. He has bred Polled Angus as well, with success, winning at the Highland in 1892 the prize on aged bulls in both Shorthorns and Angus, a record to be proud of. His store of knowledge, catalogues and other records causes him often to be drawn upon from the Shorthorn headquarters in Hanover Square, London. Mr. Bruce knew that great Yorkshireman, John Outhwaite, the breeder of Verbena, the ancestress of St. Valentine. From



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The residence of Mr. James Thomson, a noted Scottish breeder of Shorthorns

Collynie; and Wm. S. Marr, of Uppermill, who have reached such an altitude in the breeding of that cosmopolitan breed, the Shorthorn, that they are independent to some extent of the ordinary avenues of live-stock advertising. Such men may be termed the great lights of Shorthorndom! There remains, however, in Great Britain a host of breeders not as well-known by foreign breeders, yet none the less estimable, successful in varying degrees as breeders. Many of these men blaze out their own pathways, and do their own thinking and solving of knotty breeding problems. Others, recognizing the success of the sage of Collynie, follow his cult as closely as possible by buying all their herd-headers from him, not always with the best results, and there are others again who buy herd-headers and breed Shorthorns on the hit-and-miss principle, seemingly being satisfied if they ensure the coupling of two pedigreed animals of opposite sexes. A man of note as a breeder, now in the "Great Beyond," who made his reputation by utilitarian methods, namely, demonstrating that his strain of Shorthorns were winners at the fat shows, was



A STOCK BULL AND HIS PROGENY AT BALLACHRAGGAN, SCOTLAND.

Bruce, of Inverquhomery, whose Augustas are talked of, and quoted in catalogues, reports of shows and sales. It might be well to enumerate a few breeders whom we have classed as "lesser lights." In the list we find Alex. Watson, of Auchronie; Geo. Campbell, of Deystone; D. C. Bruce, of Byres; the two Bruces, father and son, of Heatherwick; Anderson, of Ballachraggan; Thomson, of Balbegno; Turner, of Cairnron; Marr, of Cairnbrogie; Peterkins, of Dunglass; Durno, of Jackston, and Durno, of Westerton;