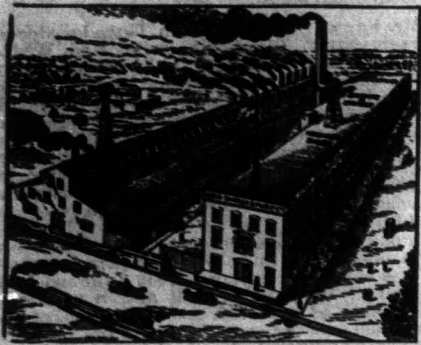


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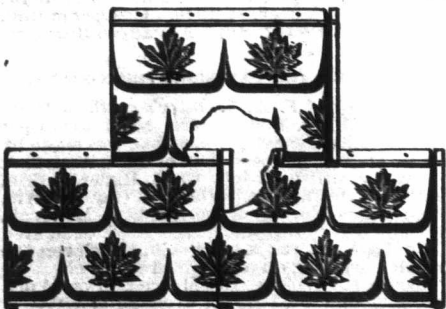
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At the Castle Douglas (Scotland) spring show Ayrshires were judged by Mr. G. Muir, Knockdon, and Mr. James Moffat, Gateside. The herd book prize for the best female was won by Mr. William Howie, with the first aged cow in milk, Gipsy 2nd of Burnhouses. Mr. Howie had also the first three-year-old cow in calf, Mr. Andrew Mitchell being first for aged cows in calf, and Mr. Stroyan first for three-year-olds in milk. The latter was one of a pair which won the Queenshill prize for the best pair of three-year-olds. There was a capital show of young queys, Mr. McKinlay being first for two-year-olds. Messrs. Wardrop were first for storks. Mr. McKinlay's celebrated old bull, Douglas Chief, easily won the herd book special for the best male.

AN IMPORTANT SHIPMENT OF SHORTHORNS.

Mr. Frank Brown, Superintendent of the Oak Hill Stock Farm of Mr. Chas. E. Ladd, at North Yamhill, Oregon, has been in Canada for a month making selections of choice Shorthorns from a number of well-known herds, and shipped from London on the 20th of April twenty head (two bulls and eighteen females), which compose one of the most valuable and uniformly good lots of cattle that has left this country in recent years. Mr. Brown has displayed excellent judgment in his selections, making individual merit the first consideration, while requiring in addition good sound pedigrees, many of the animals being of the most popular families, and all having the benefit of the blood of many high-class sires of the most approved breeding and type. Youth, beauty and robustness are combined in an eminent degree in the shipment, none being over four years old, and it required no little skill to get together so good a lot at the present time. The bull selected is the rich roan yearling Commander 139005, from the herd of Captain T. E. Robson, Ilderton, and is the best son of the famous Moneyfuffel Lad, thrice champion over all Canada, and is "a chip off the old block," full of substance, quality, symmetry and character, and should nick well with the females he goes with. His dam is Isabella 10th, by the imported Cruickshank Victoria bull Vengarth, and traces to imported Isabella, by Diphthong. From the same herd was taken the charming red yearling heifer, Louan of Browndale 5th, by Gold Dust, sire of the sweepstakes bull calf at the Omaha Exposition, and out of Louan of Browndale 2nd, winner of first prize at Toronto, London and Ottawa in 1898. From the herd of Mr. W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, was selected Missie of Neidpath 22nd, a handsome roan four-year-old cow, by Scotsman, a son of the champion Barmpton Hero, and of the Cruickshank cow Lively 22nd, dam by imported Prince Royal. This is one of the popular Missie family, bred by Mr. Marr, Upper Mill, Scotland, from which came Marengo, the champion bull at the Royal English Show in 1898. Missie 23rd, a capital roan two-year-old of the same family, and from the same dam as the last named, was taken from the herd of Mr. F. A. Gardner, Britannia. She was sired by Bold Briton, a straight Scotch-bred bull, by Golden Crown, and is one of the best in the lot.

From the herd of Mr. James Leask, Taunton, was secured the roan yearling heifer Bonnie Lind, by Northern Light 2nd, a son of imported Northern Light and Isabella's Mina, and out of imported Mary Lind 2nd, bred by Mr. James Bruce, Fochabers, and sired by Goldfinder, an English prizewinner.

From the Belvoir herd of Mr. Richard Gibson was selected the excellent red yearling heifer, Belvoir Bonanza, by Knight of Waraby 2nd 12424, a Mantaluna bull, by The Baronet, imp. in dam by John Hope for Bow Park, his dam being one of Garne's Evenlodes, a winning sort. Diana of Hillcrest, a red yearling by Scottish Prince 4th, dam by the Toronto sweepstakes winner, War Eagle, was taken from the herd of Mr. Daniel Talbot, Everton, and Deane's Heiress, a red four-year-old cow, from that of Mr. Alex. Burns, Rockwood. She is by Strathallan Lad, out of Moss Rose of Strathmore. From the herd of Messrs. Jas. I. Davidson & Son, Balsam, was taken two choice roan yearling daughters of Sittytion Hero, first prize winner at Toronto in 1898, son of Earl of March, by the champion Barmpton Hero. One of these heifers, 54th Duchess of Gloster, won first prize in the heifer calf class at Toronto last year, and is of the favorite Cruickshank Duchess of Gloster family. The other, Village Beauty 8th, out of Village Beauty 4th, by imported and exported Hospodar, is of the fine Cruickshank family which produced young Abbotsburn, the champion bull over all beef breeds at the World's Fair at Chicago.

From the herd of Messrs. T. Douglas & Sons, Strathroy, Mr. Brown selected a capital bull Gen. Dora D and Maple Bank Fashion—sired by Valkyrie, a son of Abbotsford, and Vanity, both first prize Toronto winners, the former being also of the same family as the World's Fair champion bull.

At the dispersion sale of S. J. Pearson & Son, Meadowvale, was secured the handsome roan yearling Bestie Earl, by British Comet, a son of imported British Statesman and Nonpareil 39th, dam by imported Tothills.

From the large herd of Mr. James Douglas, Caledonia, Mr. Brown selected three very useful looking heifers, namely, Woodbine 11th, Elgitha 25th and Elgitha 26th, all sired by Isabella's Heir, by Waterloo Banner, out of Isabella 3rd, by imported Ingram's Chief, a son of Mr. Linton's famous Sir Arthur Ingram, three times first at the Royal Show of England. The dam of Isabella 3rd was Lady Isabel, the great Bow Park show cow, winner of many first prizes in England, and at State and Provincial fairs. The herd of Mr. Samuel Allin, Bowmanville, furnished the two excellent heifers, Lady Aster 2nd and New Year's Lady 3rd, sired by Allan, a son of Mina Chief, made famous as being the sire of the great quartette of heifer calves that won all the four prizes in their class, and the first prize bull calf at Toronto in 1891. Mina Chief was a son of the famous Cruickshank Victoria bull Indian Chief, sire of a long list of prizewinners. The dam of Mina Chief was one of the famous Rose of Strathallan family.

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