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Before referring to the sale, there is one other point which is of importance to breeders in other countries. It is the representative character of this sale, practically 150 herds owned by as many breed-ers were represented, this shows the scope of the sale, and affords unique opportunity for comparison between one herd and an-

The record of the sale is unique, A. J. Marshall, presumably for Buenos Ayres, secured J. Robinson's champion bull. Everlasting, by the Duthie bull, Collynie Sweepstake, out of Butterfly Queen 6th, for 3,700 guineas. F. B. Wilkinson, who gave 3,100 guineas for the top-priced bull at Perth, was the runner-up. The reserve champion, bred and owned by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland was British Honor, sired by Messrs. W. T. Garne & Sons' Aldsworth Duke, that won for them second prize at Nottingham Royal Show. His dam was British Lady, whose sire, British Ensign, was sold for a high price to go to the Argentine. E. R. Casares secured him at 1,800 guineas.

The following summary of the sale includes the leading prices: At 1,600 guineas J. Shepherd secured Tongswood Roster, bred by C. E. Gunther. At 1,000 guineas F. B. Wilkinson secured Moresby Artilleryman, bred by Mrs. Burnyeat. Lord Rhybon went to H. S. Blunt, and Priapus to Mr. J. Sidey at 700 guineas, both for the Argentine. Magnus went to E. R. Casares at 500 guineas for the same country. Moresby Fusilier went to L. Smith for U. S. A. at 400 guineas, Admiral to Peter Ross for J. S. A., Velvet Glove to Meser Proud Patriot to M. Marshall, and Admiral to J. Sidey, each at 300 guineas, the latter three for U. S. A. Pipe Major went to Mr. Herrington at 280 guineas, Moresby Treasure to J. Sidey, Domino to J. Shepherd, both for Beunos Ayres; and Moresby Dragon to Mr. Kelsey Burge at 250 guineas. Proud Britisher to M. Marshall at 240 guineas. Playfellow to M. Davis at 220 guineas, Juvenal to Mr. Burton at 200 guineas. Gay Wizard to Mr. Haugh, and Gainford Rothes King to Peter Ross, U. S. A., at 180 guineas. Birdsall Illustrious Stamp 2nd went to Lady Egerton of Tattos, and Greenleaves Blend to Mr. Ritson at 170 guineas. There were forty other bulls ranging from this figure to 100 guineas.

The top-priced heifer, Vale Gem, was 210 guineas to Mr. David; Proud Daisy to Capt. Christie at 180 guineas, Barrington Duchess 25th to Olympia Co. Ltd. 160 guineas; Nonwick Valentine to F. H. Thornton and Bellina to Mr. L. Smith, U. S. A., at 150 guineas. Whitehall Music went to Mr. Williamson at 120 guineas, Lady Jane 54th to R. T. Stewart at 105 guineas and Reward 3rd to Mr. Rodes at

100 guineas. Seraphina 3rd to Mr. O. Porritt made top price, 550 guineas. Telluira went to Olympia Co. Ltd. at 350 guineas, they also took Knowefield Duchess of Geneva 7th at 300 guineas. Turnham Somerset to Mr. Taylor and Bright Blossom to Captain Christie at 260 guineas. Cressida 44th to Olympia Co. Ltd. and Mistress Mysie to Mr. Hartnett at 200 guineas. Vintage Butterfly 2nd went to Mr. Perkins at 180 guineas, Princess 7th to Mr. E. A. Mann at 175 guineas, and

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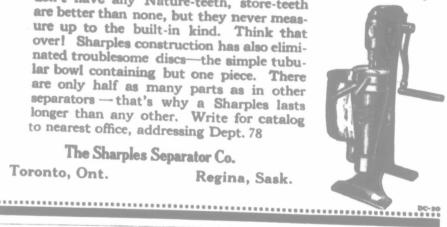
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