

price of 22 Shorthorns brought over by him in 1868 and 1869 amounted, expenses included, to nearly 200 gs. Mr. Cochrane's herd was now raised to about 80 head. At the close of 1869 he had been breeding high-bred stock of various descriptions for five years, had invested very large sums in land, buildings, and improvements, as well as in live stock; and was able to say that the receipts had paid current expenses, and a good interest on the capital. Encouraged by so gratifying a result, Mr. Cochrane determined to launch out still more boldly in his Shorthorn ventures, and in the magnitude of his investments of 1870 he far eclipsed all previous importers to the American continent. In this year he despatched to Canada no less than 40 head of high-class Shorthorns, the aggregate cost of which, including a lot of Cotswold sheep, Berkshire pigs, and a hunting mare, was nearly £15,000, the most valuable shipment of stock ever made by one individual. Yorkshire had the honor of furnishing about one half the contingent. Amongst them were Capt. Gunter's *Duchess 101st*, a red 2-year-old by 4TH DUKE OF THORNDALE, from *Duchess 8th*, and *Duchess 103rd*, a rich roan, somewhat younger, by the same sire, and from *Duchess 92nd*, both heifers in calf to the Wetherby white bull, 8TH DUKE OF YORK. The price of the two was 2500 gs. At Warlabby he possessed himself, at a cost 1500 gs., of *Lady Grateful*, the own sister of *Lady Fragrant* for which cow, then in the meridian of her fame, he fruitlessly offered 2000 gs. He also bought of Mr. Booth, *Lady Booth*, since dead, and the yearling bull ROYAL COMMANDER, by the Royal prize-winning bull COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, and from *Prudence*, of the famous "Strawberry" family, his price being 600 gs. From Mr. J. Booth, of Killerby, he purchased *Lady of the Lake* by KNIGHT ERRANT, an 8-year-old cow of the "Hecuba" tribe, for 500 gs., the two heifers of the same family, viz., *Fairy Gem* by K. C. B., and *Queen of Beauty* by KNIGHT ERRANT, for 250 gs. each, and two other heifers. Mr. Bruere's herd contributed to this shipment the young bull Booth's MARKSMAN, of the "Vesper" tribe, which was bought the morning after his arrival at Montreal by Colonel King. Two heifers, went from Mr. Barnes. Eight good heifers, "well Boothed" as they say in Canada, were bought from Mr. Hugh Aylmer; and *Rosedale 3rd*, half-sister to the famous *Rosedale*, from the R.-v. J. Storer, the price paid for her being 250 gs. Amongst the prize animals exported to Hillhurst were *Countess of Yarborough*, the second prize yearling at the Oxford Royal, the Duke of Buccleuch's Royal first prize bull SCOTSMAN, Mr. Crabbe's prize bull, OLD SAM, and Mr. Garne's *Joan of Arc*. The lot comprised two

Wild Eyes heifers. Mr. Cochrane, not caring to risk all his eggs in one basket, left four of the most valuable Shorthorns to follow in the next steamer, including *Lady Grateful*, *Lady Booth*, and ROYAL COMMANDER. The animals forming the first consignment reached their destination fearfully bruised by a severe storm encountered in mid-ocean, in which the hunter and a few pigs and sheep were killed outright. Mr. Cochrane's next English purchases were made at the Nunwick sale, where a very good cow, *Wild Eyes Duchess*, fell to his nod at 250 gs., and WATERLOO 38TH, at 300 gs. He also procured another of Mr. Booth's "Vesper" tribe for 500 gs.; *Star Queen* by the SUTLER, her dam being *Star of Windsor*, by WINDSOR, and *Lady Worcester*, of the "Wild Eyes" tribe from the herd of Mr. Harward.

In connection with Mr. Cochrane's investments in 1870 I may remark upon the extent to which his bold, spirited purchases influenced the English Shorthorn market. It was not until the memorable visits of the Canadian capitalist that the stars of Wetherby and Warlabby attained their zenith. Mr. Cochrane, in fact, inaugurated the golden era of Booth and Bates. The Isis of Wetherby and the Osiris of Warlabby were raised by the zeal of a Canadian to parallel niches in the temple of Fortune. The offerings of their votaries redoubled; and the Shorthorn world fell down to worship the golden calves which Cochrane, the king of importers, set up. Messrs. Walcott & Campbell had, it is true, before this time, gallantly led up to these extreme prices by the purchase of some Transatlantic members of the "Duchess" family at 1000 gs. each, and by giving a similar price for one of their Booth purchases at Warlabby; but this had not materially enhanced the value of these fashionable stocks in England, possibly because Jonathan is accented with a preference for paying dear for his whistle. Now, however, their current prices began to range from 1000 to 2000 gs., and the sale of a bull or heifer at 1500 gs., is at present quoted as as coolly as those at 500 were before. Mr. Cochrane was one of the first to reap the benefit of the rise in Duchess blood he had himself promoted; for in 1871, when the reputation of his herd had long been spread, by many a worthy representative of it, over Canada and the neighbouring republic, from Kentucky to California, he found himself in a position to export to England at highly remunerative prices, the offspring of his most recent purchases from the old country. Colonel Kingscote and Lord Dunmore were his first customers—the former buying the DUKE of HILLHURST, a red year-old from *Duchess 97th* and by 14TH DUKE OF THORNDALE; the latter a 3-year-old heifer of the Oxford tribe,

*11th Lady of Oxford*, the sum paid for the DUKE being 800 gs. (almost equal to the cost of his dam), and for the heifer 750 gs., the highest price that had up to this time, been obtained for one of this family. In the following month Lord Dunmore bought the offspring of Mr. Cochrane's *Duchesses 101st* and *103rd*, both heifer calves by the 8TH DUKE OF YORK, the former roan, the latter white, the purchase price of the two being 2500 gs., the same sum as had been paid for their dams. Mr. Cochrane replaced these drafts upon his herd by the purchase from Col. King of the two Oxford heifers bought by the Colonel of Mr. Sheldon (*11th Lady of Oxford* and *8th Maid of Oxford*), and the very grand bull, 6TH DUKE OF GENEVA, of the purest Duchess blood. The bull is from *4th Duchess of Geneva*, and by that distinguished sire BARON OF OXFORD, who was by DUKE OF GLOSTER from *Oxford 13th*, the cow which also produced LORD OXFORD, IMPERIAL OXFORD, LORD OXFORD THE 2ND, and 3RD LORD OXFORD, all exported to England. Colonel King, who had sold all his Bates animals for the purpose of giving his attention more particularly to Shorthorns of Booth descent, returned the compliment by buying of Mr. Cochrane his beautiful Killerby cow *Lady of the Lake*. Having at this time sold into Oregon 17 head of Shorthorns, mostly imported, Mr. Cochrane supplied their place with selections to the number of 20 head from the mother herds of England, and whilst there sold to Lord Dunmore *8th Maid of Oxford* and her calf at 800 gs., *Easterday* and her calf at 750 gs., and *Grace 2nd* at 250 gs., the lot of five to be despatched to England with the two "Duchess" heifers previously sold. *Easterday* and *Grace* were of the "Cambridge" or "Red Rose" tribe, from Mr. Kenick's branch of which, in Kentucky, Lord Dunmore has made his recent purchases. They are descended from *Rose of Sharon*, bought by the Ohio Company from Mr. Bates, who had purchased her ancestress, *Red Rose 1st*, the daughter of "American Cow," so called because she had been sent out to America early in the present century, and brought home again after ten years' residence there. Amongst Mr. Cochrane's last mentioned importations were—Mr. Kennard's *Oxford Duchess*, and Mr. C. A. Barnes' *Royal Duchess 2nd*, since sold to Illinois; two excellent yearling heifers, *Portulacca* a prize winner, bred by Mr. J. Christie, and *Belinda Oxford*, by Mr. C. Barnett, both now the property of Mr. Coffin, of Muirkirk, of whose small but exceedingly choice herd of Shorthorns Maryland may well be proud. There was also an exquisite heifer bred by Mr. Garne, *Nellie Booth* by ROYAL BENEDICT; and from that successful breeder, Mr. Meadows, of Wexford, two prize heifers, one of which