

PURE-BRED STOCK

NOTES AND NEWS FROM THE BREEDERS

These columns are set apart exclusively for the use of breeders of pure-bred stock and poultry. Any information as to importations made, the sale and purchase of stock and the condition of herds and flocks that is not in the nature of an advertisement will be welcomed. Our desire is to make this the medium for conveying information as to the transfer of pure-bred animals and the condition of live stock throughout the country. The co-operation of all breeders is earnestly solicited in making this department as useful and as interesting as possible. The editor reserves the right to eliminate any matter that he may consider better suited to our advertising columns.

The Farming World Man on the Wing

Bruce county has attained a reputation as wide as the continent for its live stock, both the kinds that go on two legs and the kinds that move on four. Go where you will and you will find there the emigrant from Bruce county, invariably taking a full hand in the game whatever it may be, and generally realizing his full share of the proceeds. In the cities and towns of Canada, on the rivers, in the woods, the mines and on the farms. It is a small matter of surprise then, that at home they should be to the full as enterprising as they prove to be abroad, and that the place itself should rank as prominently among the progressive sections of Ontario as its representative sections abroad have done elsewhere. In live stock, as in other things, the position taken by them is no doubtful one, and there are to be found there a few of the best herds and as large a number of excellent breeders in a smaller way as in any other part of Canada. The late Henry Cargill, of Cargill, Ont., stood for a long time in the foremost rank of the Shorthorn breeders of Canada, and right behind him came R. J. Doyle, of Owen Sound, Thos. Mercer, Markdale, Neil Dow, W. Hay, of Tara, James Thompson, of Midway, Thos. Weaver, of Cargill, among the others breeding the various lines of pure-bred stock, and taken altogether it is quite possible, as it is claimed to be, that the county of Bruce has within its borders more pure-bred stock than any other county in Canada.

The World Man on the Wing recently spent a day or two in the vicinity of Tara, Bruce County, and visited two or three of the Shorthorn men there, and familiar as he is with the various phases of the Shorthorn interests, it was a pleasure to see the business of breeding them so consistently carried on as it is there, giving as it does the hint once dropped regarding the draft horse industry of Scotland, that it was not always in the finest of strables that the choicest gems of the breed were always found, but often the byre of the crofter was the early home and birthplace of the individual destined to become famous through lines of meritorious progeny. Visiting some of these places, one is tempted to the reflection that it is this aspect of the case that has met with the most serious drawbacks from the late boom in Scotch-bred Canada cattle on the other side of the line, and that it would only require a little more letting alone on the part of the buyers and a little fortitude on the part of these same smaller breeders, who go so carefully and so consistently about the business, until some of these same farms would send out their representatives to our big shows, peerless in quality and mighty in beef, to head the processions there and show their imported kindred the way to glory. On the farm of W. Hay are to be seen a herd of pure-bred Shorthorns, some fifty in all, and among his horses, even his driver is eligible for registration. The dams of his herd are for the most part Scotch-topped, although there are a

number of cows of old English pedigrees who, if they do not show outstanding beef quality among the rest of the more typical animals, are at least remarkable for their great size and good milking qualities. And right here it is quite in place to remark that it is not always at the first glance of comparison that the section of long Scotch breeding shows very much outstanding quality over the product of the first judicious cross, brought forth from the loins of a big, roomy dam and generously nursed by her afterwards. Heifers of this first cross, raised plainly rather than forced, will usually make good or at least fair dual purpose cows, while the bull or steer can be easily forced along to finish into a real top-notch. At the head of Mr. Hay's herd is the fine young bull Village Ingraham, sired by Village Squire. He is a square, low-set fellow, reproduced in a cut on another page. He succeeded By Machine as head of the herd. Among the cows are a number of good ones of Stamford breeding. A fine pair of roans that would call for a remark anywhere, are by Royal Tim, full sisters of the Daisy strain. A beautiful, thick, beefy heifer of pure white color, to be seen on the farm, is Red Rose, by old Orange Duke. Another splendid cow, whose name is more than once mentioned by Mr. Hay, as one passes among the younger members of the herd, is a four-year-old by Marengo, and her dam was Missie of Neidpath. Several of the get of Mysie Sailor, a son of Royal Sailor, are also to be seen, and among the young stock is a four months' bull calf by Baron Hie. This is breeding along the right lines to assure results, and the eye of the visitor is at once struck by the superior quality of the young stock to be seen on Mr. Hay's farm.

The Valley Home Farm, a few miles from the town of Tara itself, has also a good deal to interest the visitor. The proprietor, Mr. Neil Dow, is a breeder of long experience in the business and has got around him the blood to improve the stock of the country if anyone has. At the head of his herd is Sittytown Hero 12th, sired by the famous Barmpton's Hero, and his progeny are a good looking lot. Among his cows are a number of Minns, sired by Mina Lad, all of them thick, low-set, blocky animals of genuine high-class beef type. An aged roan cow, May Queen, that will tip the scales at 1,800, is the dam of less than eight of his herd, a splendid year-old heifer from her and Sittytown Hero being one of the best to be seen on the farm. Mr. Dow has gone extensively into Scotch pedigrees of considerable length, embracing the Ury blood through Young Abbotford, and a number of good ones from Lord Cecil. The picture that we reproduce of one of Mr. Dow's heifers will give one some idea of the kind of stuff to be met with on his farm.

The Ashland Stock Farm is situated about three miles from Tara, and about thirty head of pure-bred Shorthorns are to be seen there. The owner, Mr. J. Marshall, is himself a careful student of pedigrees, and has embodied the result of his investigation in his herd to



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