

SUMMARY.

	Average.	Total.
40 Cows.....	£37 8 8.....	£1,497 6 0
11 Bulls.....	31 6 2.....	344 8 0
51.....	£36 2 3.....	£1,841 14 0

Coltsfold Ram Sales in England.

CANADIAN TRADERS SECURE THE BEST LOTS

M. John Humphries writes to the "Country Gentlemen", from Andersford, Gloucestershire under date of July 26th as follows: "The Coltsfold ram sales commenced yesterday with the sale of that justly celebrated breeder, Mr. William Lane of Broadfield, near Northleach. From the severe thunderstorm that took place immediately before the sale, the sheep did not look quite as well as they would have done had it been dry; but the Broadfield flock has so often been described, that I need only say that the sheep were fully up to the standard which the average will show. The first five sheep were let for the season, according to custom, at an average of £21 4s. 2d. each, for the use of them. The rest were sold, and the bidding was spirited. Mr. Robert Garne secured the highest priced sheep of the day at 62 guineas; Mr. Brown of Norfolk and Mr. Smith, each getting very fine animals at £50 each. Lot 4 made 41 gs. lot 17, 43 gs. These were the only lots that caused much excitement. Mr. Wm. M. Miller of Brougham, Ontario, Canada secured 15 very nice sheep to go with the prize sheaves he bought at Cardiff, at the Royal Agricultural Show. Lot 45 was knocked down at 12 gs., which was the lowest priced sheep of the day. The bidding continued spirited to the end of the sale, the average of the 54 sheep let and sold, being £25 17s. 3d. The sale being concluded, the company adjourned to the tent, and partook of the good things provided by Mrs. Lane. The principle toasts of the evening were the health of the worthy proprietor, Mr. Lane, also those of the Canadian gentlemen, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Armstrong, and the evening was finished in harmony, as is the custom of the farmers on the Coltsfold hill. In my next I will give you a few notes of Mr. Robert Garne's sale, which takes place to-day but I cannot get it in time to catch this mail.

Public Sales.

The sale of Cyrus Jones, Esq., Towanda, Ill., was very satisfactory. Col. Judy was the Auctioneer.

Forty-two females sold for \$17,565, an average of \$418.

Fourteen bulls for \$3,519, an average of \$251. The whole 56 animals averaging \$376 50.

Portulaca, calved in 1865, got by General Grant 4925, dam 4th Duchess of Oakland by Duke of Thorndale 2787. Lieut. Otley, Kewanee, Ills. \$1,150.

Miss Lucy, calved in 1870, got by Dan Rice 9723, dam Trinket by Utah 5238. Jas. Rayburn, Bloomington, Ills. \$1,025.

Duchess of Clark, calved in 1864, got by New Year's Day (13353), dam Anna Hunt by Duke of Airdrie, (12730). Wm. Stewart, Taylor, Ills. \$1,000.—Amongst the females; and among the bulls—

9th Duke of Thorndale, calved in 1864, got by 6th Duke of Thorndale 4725, dam 5th Duchess of Thorndale by Imperial Duke (18083). Nelson Jones, Towanda, Ills. \$405.

Duke of Belville, calved in 1871, got by 6th Duke of Geneva 7933, dam Faith by Weehawken 5260. G. L. Burruss, Carrolls ton, Ills. \$530.

In the sale of the "Oakhurst Herd" belonging to G. P. Brockway, Ripon, Wis., we observed the gratifying fact that high prices will be paid outside of "gilt-edged" pedigrees, for first-class animals, even when such have not the renown of direct descent in either Booth or Bates' family.—

"*Miss Lilly*" whose pedigree is *Lilly*, by 11th Duke of Airdrie 5533; Red Bud 2nd by Alfred 2nd 2488; Red Bud by King Alfred (14760); Beauty by Crowder 3792; Flora by Reform 896; Old Flora by a son of Tecumseh (5409); Pink Ann by Comet 335; and here it appears to stop, was sold for \$1000; while *Minorca*, one of her calves, 3 years old, brought \$705; and *Messina*, another of her calves, six months, brought \$300.

Mr. Brockway's sale embraced 25 females, which averaged \$738 75, and five bulls which averaged \$466. In all, 30 animals, which sold for \$20,800, an average of \$693.

The sale of the Shorthorn herd of J. Spears & Son at Jacksonville, Illinois, took place on the 23rd. A large number of prominent cattle breeders of Illinois and adjacent States were present. Sixty-one herd of cattle were sold, and the prices realized averaged \$300. The highest figure obtained for a single bull was \$1,475. The highest price for a cow was \$1,000.

The annual sale of extra stock belonging to the Duke of Buccleuch, at Drumlanrig Castle home farm, took place on 7th October. Three-year-old Galloway bullocks sold from £22 to £28; two-year-olds, £19 to £20 5s.; Ayrshire fat heifers, £18 15s.; Ayrshire queys, to calve this month, £14 10s. to £21; two-year-old queys, £10 2s. 6d. to £13 15s.; fat pigs, £4 2s. to £7; Cheviot cast ewes, 37s. 6d. to 41s. 9d. The proceeds exceeded £2,500. In consequence of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease, 110 Highland cattle were withdrawn from the auction.

ENGLISH SHORTHORN SALES [OF 1872.—1,600 pure-bred Shorthorns have passed through Messrs. Strafford and Thornton's rings this year—thirty-six sales in all, amounting to about £105,000, which would make an average of nearly £65 per head. These prices do not include any reserve

figures. The highest averages were obtained at the Earl of Dunmore's, Messrs. Harward and Downing's, Mr. Pawlett's, and Mr. Bowly's sales, and it may fairly be estimated that some of the most fashionable tribes have advanced to more than double the sums they were sold for five years ago.—*Mark Lane Express*

SHEEP SALES AND LETTINGS.—Among the Sheep sales and lettings of the season in England, we particularly notice that of Mr. Ridden's South-Downs, at Hove. The prices made were unusually high—100 ewes having been sold for £530, and 16 rams bringing £344—an average for the latter of over £21 10s., say \$107.50 each. Ten rams were also let, realizing £310 in the aggregate—the highest price made being 90 guineas! Mr. Kirkham, Biscathorpe, also sold Lincolnshires as follows:—68 shearling rams averaging over £27 each; 52 rams of other ages were offered, and the average per head on the whole 120 was £25 11s.—a very high figure or so large a number.

SPANISH MERINOES.—One of the largest and most important transactions in Spanish Merinoes has been lately effected in Vermont by Messrs. Ripley Sons of Rutland, through Mr. S. F. Kelley, a well-known breeder of fine sheep. Eight hundred bucks, selected from among the richest blooded flocks in Rutland and Addison Counties, have been purchased for shipment to Southern Colorado. Three hundred go to the Hon. Thos. O. Boggs, of Bent County, to replace the long-woolled bucks from Canada, carefully tested by him for the past two years. Having tried Coltsfold, Leicester, South-down and Spanish Merino side by side, he pronounced unqualifiedly for the Vermont Merino as the best sheep to cross upon the Mexican. Another three hundred are for Messrs. Ripley & Thomas of Bent Co., Colorado, and the remainder are for the general market. With these sheep will go several fine Short-Horns to reinforce their herd, some fine fowls, Scotch collies and blood pigs. The stock will leave Vermont about the 1st of October.

The Shorthorns were not so numerous as I expected to see; they were made up for show. Bulls of red colour seem to prevail, but I believe some of their owners sacrificed their good points to encourage colour; I contend that a breeder who will do that is an enemy to himself. Refer to the last notorious sale of the Earl of Dunmore, eleven of the highest priced females were published. Eight of them were roans, two white and red, and one red. Who has anything to say against roans after this. I have seen more inferior reds in Shorthorns than any other colour, still breeders are wedded to this foolish fashion. I have seen many pure white Shorthorns as beautifully symmetrical as flesh, blood, and bone could make them, and of the finest quality and constitution; still, a novice, with more money than brains, if he handled them at all it would be in thin kid gloves, and would then say "Oh, the colour is vulgar." Such fops, called breeders, are doing great injury to the breeding of Shorthorns.—*Michigan Farmer*.