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**GOSSIP.**

W. T. Miller, Winchester, Ind., sold on June 14th twenty-one head of Shorthorns for \$5,600, an average of \$266.66. The roan three-year-old cow Modest, by Royal Hero, was bought by S. R. Quick & Son, Brooklyn, Ind., for \$805, the highest price of the sale. Hattie of Ashburn, a roan four-year old by the same sire, brought \$580, and two bulls sold for \$310 and \$320.

OUR "GROWING TIME."

The new Canadian Government steamer, "Minto," was launched at Dundee on July 12th. Mrs. Robertson, wife of Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, performed the christening ceremony, and at the accompanying banquet the Professor, in proposing the toast, "Prosperity to the shipbuilding and shipping interests," said that Canada was greatly prospering, and would require ten new steamers yearly to carry out her increased products.

GEO. RAIKES' SHORTHORNS AND SHROPSHIRE.

Within a couple of miles of the town of Barrie, Ont., is to be found the ideal home and fertile farm of Mr. George Raikes, which overlooks Kempenfeldt Bay, reaching out from beautiful Lake Simcoe. Shorthorns and Shropshires are given much special attention and the usual activity in such circles is in no way lacking here. Shorthorns, imported and home-bred, have been selected from time to time from the leading herds most suited to Mr. Raikes' ideas. And stock from Messrs. Dryden, Johnston, Birrell, and others, make up the breeding of the present herd, to which was lately added a pair of choicely-bred young cows from the W. Stone Estate, at Onondaga, Ont., one Isabella 36th, by Telluria Duke 27698, and out of Isabella 36th, and the other Telluria 23rd, by Scottish Prince 2nd, and out of Telluria 22nd. There is also a pair of choice, well-bred young cows with calves at foot by Cedric, the stock bull at the Agricultural College farm. Another young and promising cow was added from the herd of Messrs. Fitzgerald Bros. Flower of the Mount 18818, by Marquis of Lansdowne, and out of Rosalie, which also has a nice calf at foot. The present stock bull, Almedo, by Clan Campbell (imp.), dam Crimson Fuchsia 2nd, by imported Premier Earl, was selected from his breeder, Mr. David Birrell, and he does not disgrace the worthy families which he represents, and will doubtless make a lasting impression for good in the herd of his present owner. He possesses a great wealth of natural flesh, stands splendidly on his feet, and exhibits the best of early maturing beefing qualities. At the time of our visit in May, Mr. Raikes had five young bulls on hand, one of which was ready for service, and will doubtless attract the early attention of parties requiring such. We found the Shropshires in good thrifty condition. Twenty good breeding ewes, with as many lambs, go to make up the present flock, the present sire being a strong, well-covered fellow. Little risk can be run in selecting young sires from this flock, as the females were founded upon stock obtained from importations made by Hon. John Dryden, C. C. Bridges, Lawrence, and Hamner & Sons. F. BONNYCASTLE & SONS' SHORTHORNS, COTSWOLDS AND BERKSHIRES.

The frequent rains in the vicinity of Campbellford, Ont., have had a very perceptible effect upon the pastures in that section, and at no place has it produced more marked results than on Mr. Bonnycastle's extensive acreage of rich pasture lands. The herds and flocks never in our recollection looked fresher and better. The Shorthorns, though reduced in numbers through the demands of the times, are given the same untiring attention as formerly. The usefulness of the Anchovy family (which largely predominates) is still maintained in the younger things, though sires from different noted strains have from time to time been introduced as conditions demanded, and though such sires have been selected personally and with due consideration, yet the Anchovy conformation and excellent dairying qualities are transmitted to their progeny to a noticeable extent. Members of the Cruickshank Cecelia strain are also kept, with satisfaction to their owners. Among the sires most employed, the firm look back with satisfaction to the days when they introduced Walcott Duke, by Premier Earl, and Redman, by Tothills. To the latter lies the credit for the younger females retained in the herd, and whose strength of breeding has done much towards advancing the standard of the younger matrons. The young bulls of last season's crop found ready purchasers in lots of ones, twos, and even a half-dozen going at once on different occasions. Redman's value was sufficiently appreciated as a sire to remove him to new fields, his place being taken by Prince George, the yearling son of Prince 25544, and out of Queen Ann, by Don Consul, whose pedigree traces to Miss Ramsden 6th (imp.), a family which has produced many worthy sires. In conformation he is a level, straight, smooth young bull, with lots of quality and style, an abundance of natural flesh, and a mellow, handler—one that should do much to advance not only the interests of the herd, but the breed. Five young Redman bulls were remaining at the time of our visit, but at the rate enquiries were arriving for them, it is not probable that they will remain long in the herd, as some of the choicest of the crop, though younger, were still left. A few young females were also on hand, which promise well.

The Cotswold flocks were found in excellent shape again this season, and not only a large, but a uniform lot of lambs were on hand. The flock is made up of twenty-five breeding ewes and their lambs, nine shearing ewes, and the stock ram lately selected from Mr. C. Garbutt, Claremont, Ont., being the personal choice from a large pen. Mr. Bonnycastle informed us that he is a descendant of the ram Fitzsimon, imported by the late Mr. J. G. Snell, and we found his quality in keeping with the other sires selected by the firm. A splendid, strong, well-covered and uniformly choice bunch of ram lambs are on hand, which are in prime health and growing fast, from which little mistake could be made in a selection, either personally or by correspondence, and we will be surprised if some prizewinners do not come from this bunch. The shearing and aged ewes have done well since our last visit in the winter, and showy material is also to be found amongst them.

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