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the hidden depths of his make-up. Perhaps the medical missionaries have got closest to him, but it is almost certain that they too have fallen short of



SHE THOUGHT SHE HAD FOOLED THE CAMERA MAN—THEREFORE THE SMILE.

a perfect understanding. By the joint efforts of all these observers as accurate knowledge of the Indian has been gotten as is probably possible.

And so my conclusion is that in that mask of absolutely non-committal and expressionless stolidity, there is a trait of essential Indian character. It is not alone an individual trait, but a racial. The Indian who will, for hours at a time, sit on a bench and say nothing; but look and listen dreamily, thinking no one knows what, is typical of his blood. It would be interesting to know whether his indifference and his blankness in white men's company—for history shows clearly enough the passion of the Indian in a crowd of his own kind—were the outcome of an historic distrust of his conquerors, now strangely perpetuated in the remnant of his race, or whether it is something quite else. The Indian to-day is one of Canada's mysteries, and for that very reason one of its most interesting national facts.

### GOSSIP.

#### JAS. WILSON'S PUREBRED SALE.

Jas. Wilson's first dispersal sale of purebred Shorthorns held on July 16th was fairly well attended and although the buyers from a distance were not many, still those who came were there for business.

Considering the season the prices obtained were fairly satisfactory for the females, but there was little or no demand for the bulls, so not many of these were sold and it will yet pay anyone who has not secured an animal to head his herd this year to inspect the choice young bulls left on the ranch.

In all three bulls were sold, averaging a fraction over \$71.66 each. The averages for the females were as follows: 14 cows, \$99.28; 3 three-year-olds, \$92.00; 4 two-year-olds, 75.50; 5 yearlings, 74.00; 4 calves, \$70.00.

The auctioneers were S. W. Paisley and G. E. Bryan.

Below we give a list of the animals sold, their purchasers and prices:



SOME OF JAMES WILSON'S SHORTHORNS, INNISFAIL, ALTA.

#### BULLS.

Butterfly Chief, yearling, \$80.00; Geo. Power, Innisfail. Marlborough Chief, yearling, T. Hopkins, Innisfail, \$55.00.

#### COWS.

Springbank Beauty, with bull calf at foot, W. Campbell, Bowden, \$120.00; Ella Oakes, F. E. Renaud, Gleichen, \$80.00; Minnie Oak, with bull calf at foot, James Gellatley, Innisfail, \$130.00; Isabella F., with heifer at foot, H. A. Malcolm, Innisfail, \$95.00; Ethel Strawberry, with bull calf at foot, S. E. Howard, Innisfail, \$80.00; Lady Ann, A. Dallas, Innisfail, \$70.00; Mildred, F. E. Renaud, Gleichen, \$110.00; Della Mayflower 2nd, with bull calf at foot, W. Edgar, Innisfail, \$130.00; Crimson Blossom, with bull calf at foot, A. Dallas, Innisfail, \$115.00; Crimson Isabella, with bull calf at foot, F. E. Renaud, Gleichen, \$97.00; Della Mayflower, with bull calf at foot, F. E. Renaud, \$125.00; Alberta Princess, J. A. Colvin, Sedgewick, \$87.00; Belle of Montrose, F. E. Renaud, Gleichen, \$90.00; Pride of Innisfail, H. A. Malcolm, Innisfail, \$65.00; Lady Ann 2nd, three-year-old, with heifer calf at foot, John Duncan, Innisfail, \$90.00; Crimson Blossom 2nd, three-year-old, with bull calf at foot, J. A. Colvin, Sedgewick, \$120.00; Crimson Mildred, three-year-old, H. A. Malcolm, Innisfail, \$65.00; Crimson Ella, two-year-old, S. E. Howard, Innisfail, \$60.00; Blossom of Montrose, two-year-old, F. E. Renaud, Gleichen, \$65.00; Crimson Minnie, two-year-old, J. A. Colvin, Sedgewick, \$87.00; Grand View Princess, yearling, E. G. Palmer, Edmonton, \$80.00; Mayflower Favorite, yearling, William Campbell, Bowden, \$67.00; Favorite Ella, yearling, E. G. Palmer, Edmonton, \$80.00; Favorite Blossom, yearling, John Robinson, Innisfail, \$66.00; Petted Lorne 2nd, yearling, E. G. Palmer, Edmonton, \$77.00; Crimson Mina, two-year-old, E. G. Palmer, Edmonton, \$90.00; Pride of Innisfail 2nd, 11 months, sold privately to E. G. Palmer, \$70.00; Lady Minto 2nd, ten months, sold privately to E. G. Palmer for \$70.00; Favorite Duchess, 10 months, sold privately to E. G. Palmer \$70.00.

#### THE ERMINE.

I read of the ermine to-day.  
Of the ermine who will not step  
By a feint of a step in the mire—  
The creature who will not stain  
Her garments of wild white fire.

Of the dumb, flying, soulless thing  
(So we with our souls dare say),  
The being of sense and of sod,  
That will not, that will not defile  
The nature she took from her God.

And we, with the souls that we have,  
Go cheering the hunters on  
To a prey with that pleading eye.  
She cannot go into the mud!  
She can stay like the snow and die!

The hunters come leaping on,  
She turns like a hart at bay,  
They do with her as they will.  
O thou who thinkest on this!  
Stand like a star, and be still.

Where the soil oozes under thy feet  
Better, ah, better to die  
Than to take one step in the mire!  
Oh, blessed to die or to live,  
With garments of holy fire!  
—ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

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