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GOSSIP.

In writing to advertisers, mention the "Farmer's Advocate." J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont., has purchased from Mr. W. Redmond, Millbrook, and placed at the head of his herd of Shorthorns, the Duthie-bred bull, Prime Minister, imported by D. D. Wilson, and used with good success in his herd and that of Mr. Watt, as well as in Mr. Redmond's herd.

THE SIMMONS DISPERSION.

An event of interest and importance, especially to the Shorthorn fraternity, is the dispersion by public auction, advertised elsewhere in these pages, of the widely-known herd of Mr. C. M. Simmons, at Ivan, Ont., some fifteen miles north-west from the city of London. The beginnings of Mr. Simmons' successful career as a breeder date back about twenty-seven or twenty-eight years ago, when he invested \$700 in Mara 5th and Elvira, two comely heifers got by Bell Duke of Oxford, and purchased from George Miller, of Markham, Ont. In the addition of females and the choice of sires during the many intervening years, Cruickshank blood has been the main reliance, and the reputation gained, not only in the showing, but in practical stock rearing at home, attests the fact that the herd has been developed with the skill of a practical breeder who has not been carried away with fads or fancies. But now the herd is to be scattered, and in addition to the details of pedigree in the catalogue, copies of which may be obtained from Mr. Simmons, a few jottings will interest FARMER'S ADVOCATE readers both east and west and across the lines, for the fifty odd heads of all ages and both sexes will present an unusual opportunity to buyers. The herd comprises such families as the Minas, Goldendrops, Elviras, and a predominating number of the noted Strathallans, originating in Third Red Rose of Strathallan 10513, by Ercildoune 617, and out of Red Rose of Strathallan, by The Doctor (imp.), purchased from John Miller, of Brougham. She proved herself a regular breeder, raising fourteen calves. Her oldest daughter, Daisy (Strathallan, by Victor Regalis (imp.) 1810 (a pure Booth bull), is an aged cow, and has proved herself as persistent and valuable a matron as her dam, and five of the females in the herd stand to her credit. They combine thick, low-set, evenly-distributed, beefy substance, having strong, rugged constitutions, with good udders, being large and persistent milkers, rearing vigorous and growthy calves. The next younger daughter of the old cow in the herd is Daisy of Strathallan 13th, by Bampton M. 18240, which in 1895 won a prominent place at the Montreal and Ottawashows. She bears out the solid Strathallan color and conformation in her evenly-fleshed, thick and deep body, and as she is now in milk and three years old should attract a good share of attention from breeders. The five daughters of Daisy of Strathallan are solid red, with the exception of one roan, and are from such sires as Mina Chief (sire of Simmons' celebrated calf quartette of winners at Toronto, 1894), Royal Saxon (winner of first at Toronto, 1894, in the aged bull class), Bampton M., and Blue Ribbon (imp.). 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Watts for fourteen years, probably unequalled except by his son Challenge; therefore, it may fairly be allowed that matrons carrying such breeding in their pedigrees possess qualities apart from their individual merit which make them of great value. The Minas also, although but two in number, are a pair of grand, good cows, either of which in conformation are qualified for the farm—a rich roan yearling heifer by Royal Saxon, and a true type of the Mina family, Elvira 11th, by Duke of Gilders (imp.), a pure Cruickshank bull, dam Elvira, is a dark red and roan cow of large size. Her stock have all been prize-winners in the big showings, and two representatives are in the herd. One, the two-year-old daughter by Royal Saxon, is a large, rangy cow, now suckling a calf, and the red seventeen-month-old full sister, a splendid type of the Shorthorn breed, with flesh evenly distributed and a grand constitution. Larkspur, by Abbotsford 1946, and out of Linnet 18983, by Prince Albert, with pedigree running to the grand sire Royal Bampton, was bred by H. & W. Smith, Royal and is a choice three-year-old cow worthy of attention, of fair size and sweet quality. The present stock bull, Blue Ribbon (imp.) 17095 (63706), by Royal James (54972), dam Rosalinity 298, E. H. B., was bred by S. Campbell, Kinellar, and imported by Mr. Arthur Johnston. Royal James has such noted sires in his pedigree as Champion of England 17526, Roan Gauntlet 35284, and Cumberland 46144, and his dam was one of the finest cows in Scotland. Blue Ribbon is doing service in the herd the second season, and apart from his breeding and conformation his progeny proves him to be one of the foremost sires, stamped as they are in solid colors, well and evenly built, and of a uniform type seldom met with. 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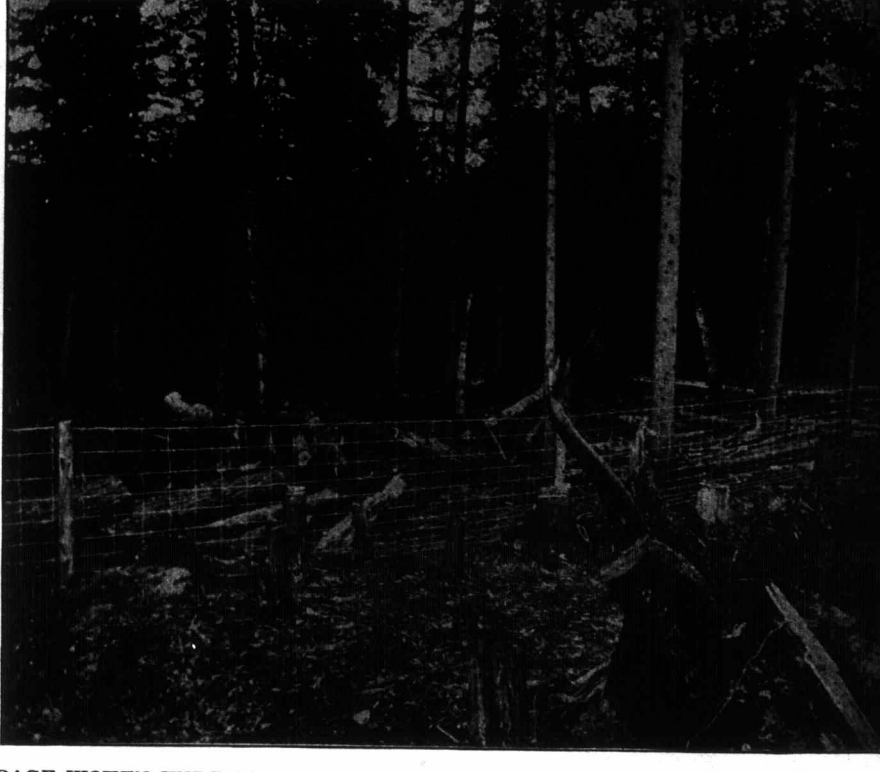
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