

STOCK.

Studs, Herds and Flocks.

DISPERSION SALE OF ROSEDALE STOCK FARM SHORTHORNS.

Many of our readers will have received the catalogue of Shorthorns (the property of Mr. James Gardhouse), which are to be closed out by auction on the 28th inst.

It was early in the seventies when this herd was founded, and a glance at the pedigrees will show that many superior females have been bought from time to time, from which it will be seen that the proprietor has aimed to obtain the best bred cows and heifers in building up his herd. There are very few herds that have had the advantage of such a succession of superior imported bulls. The most noted herds of Britain have been drawn upon for this purpose. When we remember the number of prize-winners this herd has furnished in past years, it must be admitted that through care in selections, together with good management, great success has been attained.

At the present time there are not many animals in show form, but there are a large number which both by their breeding and merit are of a sort that will be sure to prove profitable to purchasers.

The first cow on the catalogue is Verbena's Blossom, a daughter of imported Verbena, bred by that successful breeder of English show cattle, Mr. Outhwaite, Baines, Catterick, Eng. Mr. Gardhouse imported Verbena in 1876, and the goodly lot of descendants she has left behind her attests to her merit as a breeding cow. She was sired by Royal Windsor, which won first at the English Royal Show in 1872, together with many other winnings.

There are nine females of this family included in the catalogue, four of which are daughters of the imported cow.

Of the Kinnellar Clarets, there are two females, both from imported Clea. Then there are two Rosebuds, one of which was bred at Kinnellar. Of the Kinnellar Rosedales there are three representatives of choice breeding—one Crimson Flower and two of Col Kingscote's Wallflowers.

In all, there are forty cows and heifers catalogued, many of the former having calves at foot to imported Guardsman and Earl of Aberdeen 3rd. Among this large number there will be some choice picking, which only can be had at a closing-out sale.

It is a length of time since there has been such a number of really good young bulls offered at auction, all bred in one herd. Of these, there are 20 great lusty fellows, which, if we mistake not, should provoke brisk bidding. These are mostly the get of the imported Kinnellar bull Warfare, with a few by Aberdeen 3rd, bred at Bow Park, of the Upper Mill Missie family.

In so large a herd, it is impossible to give anything like an individual description; all we can say is, go and judge for yourselves. Plenty of choice is assured.

MESSRS. GEO. SMITH & SON'S JERSEYS AND WELSH PONIES.

While at Grimsby your correspondent visited the stock farms of Messrs. Geo. Smith & Son, and saw the home of the fine herd of Jersey cattle they usually show at the fairs. They have between seventy and eighty head, all look thrifty, but not fat, except a number of heifers coming two years old that are looking very well. This herd is not only a show herd, but a business one as well, as they run in connection a dairy of considerable proportions, and shipped last year, from 23 cows, \$2,075 worth of cream to confectioners; besides this, every cow produced a good healthy calf. This herd has many noted butter cows, such as Kit, 22 lbs. 11 oz.; Miss Stoke Pogis, 21 lbs. 4 oz.; Nettie of St. L., 20 lbs. 5 oz.; Hattie of St. L., 20 lbs. 3 1/2 oz.; Vic. of St. L., 18 lbs. 5 1/2 oz., and a number of others with tests from 13 lbs. 8 oz. to 16 lbs. 10 oz. This herd was at one time the home of the famous cow, Ida of St. L., the largest milker of any Jersey cow in the world; also of Ida's Rioter of St. L., the sire of Ida Marigold, the famous cow in the dairy contest at Chicago; also of Mr. Cogswell's bull, Exile, the sire of the great two-year-old in dairy test at Chicago. Nell's John Bull 21921, their present service bull, is very closely bred to these great sires, and has not only proven himself a fine show bull, but, from his heifers, would say he was a splendid sire, and his stock have been in great demand this season.

The Messrs. Smith have on their farms a fine stock of very handsome little Welsh ponies, some sixty-five in all. These ponies are just the thing for ladies and children—in fact, for any light driving. They are very stylish, speedy, and high steppers, resembling the English Hackney in carriage and action. They range from 10 1/2 to 12 hands in height, and are smart as thoroughbreds. Intending purchasers of either class could spend time profitably examining this stock.

CEDAR GROVE FARM.

This farm, the property of Messrs. A. Frank & Sons, is situated about four miles from Cheltenham station on both the C. P. R. and G. T. R., and about half a mile from The Grange P. O. The farm comprises about 450 acres, 200 of which are on the north side of the road, where one of the sons has erected a large stock barn. On a beauti-

ful rise a short distance from the road are the house and buildings of the main farm. Here Mr. Frank has built a large stone residence, which is complete in every particular, even to a cupola from which a grand view of the whole farm and the surrounding country may be obtained. An important feature of every stock farm is the water supply; in this respect Mr. Frank is very fortunate in having a living spring creek running across the farm very convenient to the barn.

The stock bred on this farm consists of thoroughbred horses, Shorthorn cattle, Suffolk swine and Southdown sheep. The main industry is the breeding of improved Suffolk swine. Mr. Frank is a veteran hog breeder, having had forty years' experience in the business. He has bred Yorkshires, Berkshires, Chester Whites and the small Yorkshires, but has discarded them all for the Suffolk, for, he says, they will give more pork for the same amount of feed. He desires it to be distinctly understood that he is breeding for the pork packer's standard, which demands more size, depth and length. His aim is to make the Suffolk a pig fit for the packers and farmers generally. This herd have been prize-winners at all the principal shows, and are descended from stock with which he won the sweepstakes, four medals and six diplomas at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. We were also shown a photograph souvenir of the sweepstakes herd, as well as the medals and diplomas.

The boar now at the head of the herd is Lord Nelson, bred by Lord Ellesmere, England; he is proving himself a good sire, is producing pigs of the right sort.

The sows are large, and show the bacon points in a high degree. One sow, Pansy, was suckling a nice litter of ten pigs at the time of our visit. She had remarkably deep, long sides and good hams.

Mr. Frank is a great upholder of the value of roots as a feed for hogs. The principal feed of his pigs consists of sugar beets, turnips and mangels; his ration is two bushels pulped roots mixed with about two and one-half gallons of ground peas and oats. He prefers the sugar-beet to all other roots. He says that roots are the best feed to keep the pigs straight on their legs, and that he has never had a case of rheumatism since he has adopted this system of feeding. We might add that all his pigs were remarkably good in this particular.

The hog-pen is a large, roomy, stone building 30 feet wide by 90 in length; in one end is found a large root cellar, and above this are the meal bins, root pulper and steamer. The upper story of this building is plastered and fitted up as a poultry house. He prefers the White Leghorn and Black Spanish for egg production, and says that his fowls will lay well from January to January again.

Mr. Frank has been trying the experiment of feeding a Yorkshire pig and three Suffolks together on the same feed. He looks upon the gain which has been made as conclusive evidence that the Suffolk is a much more profitable pig to feed than the Yorkshire, and would like to show the experiment to Yorkshire breeders, though, doubtless, they would claim that the difference in the ages, the Yorkshire being an August pig while the Suffolks are May pigs, would account for the decided difference to be seen in the condition of the animals.

In the stables we noticed a young stallion, Goldfinder, sired by the Kentucky-bred horse Gold Leaf. Goldfinder won third last year at the Industrial. In thoroughbreds he has a mare which won the Agriculture and Arts diploma at Ottawa. There are also in the stables here a number of choice young things sired by Messenger.

The Shorthorns have never been shown at any of the large exhibitions, but have swept everything at all the local shows for some years.

In addition to the above stock he has a nice flock of Southdown sheep. He says that three Southdowns can be fed on what it will take to keep two of the large breeds. The Southdowns will produce six lambs, the others one and a-half. His favorites will give a larger weight of a better quality of wool, and is, with all, a hardier sheep.

Mr. Frank then kindly drove us to EVERGREEN FARM, owned by MR. JOHN FLETCHER, of Binkham. This gentleman has been breeding Shorthorns for the past eight years. His herd is headed by Primrose Duke, a Campbell bull imported by Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood.

From Binkham we drove to MR. GEORGE THOMPSON'S farm, where he is engaged in breeding Shorthorns.

The next place at which we stopped was Norwood Farm, the property of MR. A. T. PATTULLO, Alton P. O. Here we found a change in the system of farming pursued; instead of beef cattle, we found a dairy herd of Jerseys. Mr. Pattullo has been dairying for some years, and for this purpose has used the Jersey grade, but, deciding to keep nothing but the best, he purchased a pair of registered Jerseys from Mrs. E. M. Jones, of Brockville. They are both sired by the famous bull Masseno's Son, who won all the first prizes at the principal shows of 1891.

On this farm we noticed a very handy milk-stool, and will try to give an idea how one may be made. In the first place make a long stool about sixteen inches in width, three feet in length, and of a convenient height. Then cut a hole in one end

of sufficient size to hold a large pail, and nail two leather straps loosely across so that they will catch the pail and prevent its touching the ground when a small pail is used. Such a stool is easy to make, keeps the pail out of the dirt, always holds it steady, and effectually prevents a cow putting her foot in the vessel.

Mr. Pattullo then drove us to Hillsburg, where MR. A. F. MCGILL is breeding Shorthorns and Yorkshires. He has a nice herd of Cruickshank cattle, headed by the bull, Sirius, got by Leonidas, and imported from Wm. Duthie by John Miller, of Brougham.

Prizes Offered by American Shopshire Association.

At a recent meeting of the American Shopshire Association, held in the Cadalac House, Detroit, it was decided by the directorate to offer the following Special Prizes at Fairs in 1894, as given below:

\$50.00 to be offered at the London, Ontario, Fair, divided for the best flock of Registered Shropshires, consisting of one ram, one year old or over, and four ewes of any age. First premium, \$15.00; second premium, \$10.00.

Best flock of four lambs, one ram lamb and three ewe lambs, all to be American-bred and owned by exhibitor. First premium, \$15.00; second premium, \$10.00.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Indiana State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the New York State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Michigan State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Toronto, Canada, Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Richmond, Va., Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Washington, Pa., Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the St. Louis, Mo., Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the South Dakota Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Nebraska State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Manitoba Fair, at Winnipeg, Can. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Provincial Fair, at Montreal, Can. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Wisconsin State Fair, at Madison. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Illinois State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Minnesota State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the New England Fair, at Worcester, Mass. Same premiums and classifications as above.

\$50.00 to be offered at the Ohio State Fair. Same premiums and classifications as above.

American Fat Stock Show at Chicago, 1894:—Grand sweepstakes premium, if won by a registered Shopshire sheep, \$50.00, 1894 and 1895.

Best registered Shropshire Wether, two years or over. First premium, \$15.00; second premium, \$10.00; third premium, \$5.00.

Best registered Shropshire Wether, one year old and under two. First premium, \$15.00; second premium, \$10.00; third premium, \$5.00.

Best registered Shropshire Wether, under one year. First premium, \$15.00; second premium, \$10.00; third premium, \$5.00.

Extra special premiums for best Wethers, sired by registered Shropshire rams, out of Merino ewes:—

Two years old and over—First premium, \$15.00; second premium, \$10.00. One year old and under two—First premium, \$15.00; second premium, \$10.00. Under one year old—First premium, \$15.00; second premium, \$10.00.

To be offered at the Guelph, Ontario, Fat Stock Show:—Grand sweepstakes, if won by a registered Shropshire sheep, \$50.00 in 1891 and also 1895.

And for registered Shropshire Wether, two years old or over—First premium, \$10.00; second premium, \$6.00; third premium, \$3.00. One year old and under two—First premium, \$10.00; second premium, \$6.00; third premium, \$3.00. Under one year old—First premium, \$10.00; second premium, \$6.00; third premium, \$3.00.

Extra special premiums for best Wethers, sired by registered Shropshire rams, and out of Merino ewes:—Two years old or over—First premium, \$10.00; second premium, \$6.00. One year old or under two—First premium, \$10.00; second premium, \$6.00. Under one year—First premium, \$10.00; second premium, \$6.00.

Sheep to be eligible to compete for any premiums offered by this Association must be recorded and have a number in the Record, a certificate of which must be filed with each entry certificate made. Each registered sheep must bear an ear tag, with number and initials corresponding to that given on the certificate, and must be owned by the exhibitor at least ten days before going into the ring.

Secretaries of all Fairs will observe the above requirements. The above will not apply to entries made for grade sheep.