

GOSSIP.

BALMEDIE ABERDEEN-ANGUS.

Admirers of the black Doddies wishing to see them in the best possible fit, the highest types of the breed, and bred on the most popular lines, can surely satisfy themselves on visiting the splendid Balmédie herd of T. B. Broadfoot, of Fergus, Ont., or looking up Mr. Broadfoot's exhibit at Toronto Exhibition. The bull lately in service, Elm Park Ringleader 6th, for two years winner of second place at Toronto and London in the aged class, has proven a veritable wonder as a sire, his get being practically all put up on show-ring lines, and those now on hand, including several young bulls and a number of heifers, are certainly a choice lot, and all in prime condition. The present stock bull is Proud Elmar 2nd 4529, winner of first at Nebraska State Fair, first at Denver, Col., second at Springfield, Ill., and third at Chicago, is one of the great bulls of the breed, beautifully fleshed, and very even, sired by Elmar Lad, and out of the Pride-bred cow, Proud Preston Lassie. The female end of the herd on blood lines represents the Mayflower, Corskie, Kyma, Pride and Keepsake tribes, among which are such big, thick, choice ones as the Toronto champion, Kyma 11th, which never was in better flesh and bloom, although she is now suckling a choice heifer calf. Other extra choice ones are a three-year-old Mayflower; a two-year-old Pride, and a two-year-old Corskie, a senior yearling Keepsake, and a junior yearling Mayflower, besides a trio of heifer calves. They are a lot that will surely add many honors to the already long string won by representatives of this herd in past years at Toronto and London. The young bulls are an exceptionally choice lot, big, thick-fleshed and sappy; a grand lot of coming herd-headers of quality and breeding. Mr. Broadfoot has also a small but well-selected flock of Oxford Down sheep, all in extra nice condition. A peculiar feature of this year's crop of lambs is that every one is a ewe lamb. All are for sale, as Mr. Broadfoot is going out of sheep raising.

ORCHARD BEACH HEREFORDS.

The splendid quality and show-yard type of the great herd of fifty-odd head of Hereford cattle, the property of L. O. Clifford, of Oshawa, Ont., speak volumes for the ability of their owner as a breeder and fitter of the world-famous beef breed of whitefaces. Seldom indeed has a herd of any breed been brought to such a high standard of excellence in so short a time as the Orchard Beach herd, under the management of their present owner, due to two principal causes, starting the herd on the best foundation obtainable, and then giving them proper care and proper feeding. Anyone acquainted with the breed in Canada will remember that last year at the leading shows in Ontario, this herd practically cleaned up the prize lists, and this year the herd is fully 50 per cent. stronger than ever before, being immensely strengthened by large importations from the leading herds across the line, numbering among the show string for 1911 such grandly-bred and high-class individuals as the main stock bull, Refiner, bred by James Price, Lacrosse, Wisconsin, sired by the famous Blackstone, a son of the renowned American champion, Lamplighter. On prizewinning lines, Refiner is one of the best bred bulls in America, and as an individual is a show bull from the ground up, remarkably even all around, and particularly good over the shoulder, on the back and in his lines. Second in service is the show yearling, Bonnie Brae 31st, also bred by Mr. Price, sired by the undefeated champion, Bonnie Brae 3rd, and out of Sister Perfection, a daughter of the \$10,000 bull, Perfection, and grandam Milly May, who was junior champion at the World's Fair, St. Louis. This is a model young bull, straight, thick and even. Another coming champion, and one of the best young bulls alive, is Bonnie Brae 35th, also a son of Bonnie Brae 3rd. He is a half-brother to the Chicago junior champion female of 1909, being out of the same dam. Besides these, there are several young bulls sired by the well-known several-times Canadian champion, Bourton of Ingleside, and out of

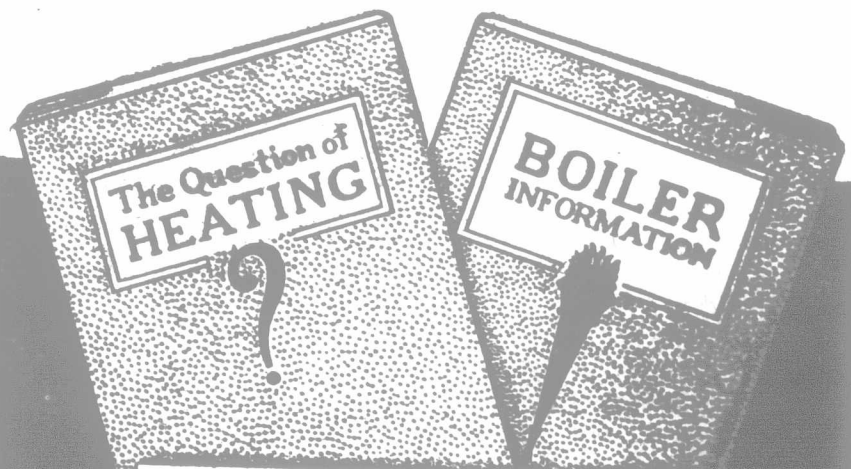
damms that have won honors at leading Canadian shows, a strictly high-class lot of young bulls. Among the females are such great ones as Amy 11th, many times champion; May Queen, bred by W. T. Vannatta, Indiana. She was first in her class last year at Toronto, London and Guelph, as a two-year-old. Rosetta, also bred by Vannatta, was junior champion last year all around, and as a calf was second at Chicago. She was sired by the renowned Prince Lad. Beau's Columbia, by Acrobat, is another model show heifer that last year was second in her class all around the circuit. She is a half-sister to the Chicago junior champion bull of 1909. We might go on recording many others of equally choice individuality and breeding did space permit. Suffice it to say, the herd is now over fifty strong, and strictly high-class, and anything is for sale. Look them up at Toronto Exhibition.

KITCHENER WHEAT.

Field Marshal Lord Kitchener, responding to a toast at the luncheon of the Suffolk Agricultural Show, referred to the introduction of the famous Chevallier barley by his grandfather, Dr. Chevallier, of Aspull, near Ipswich, and related that when in India he had procured for Boer friends in South Africa, Thibetan wheat, said to be immune from rust. Last March, when in Nairobi, East Africa, a grand country, with a magnificent climate, now entering the number of wheat-exporting countries, he was shown, he said, a plot of Kitchener wheat, possessing the satisfactory peculiarity of being unaffected by rust. This had been obtained from South Africa, 2,000 miles away, and was a product of Boer wheat, blended with that which he had sent from Thibet, and to which, without his knowledge, his name had been given. His Lordship concluded by stating that, as his grandfather's name had been handed down in connection with barley, so his was now attached to a special kind of wheat, and that if any of his 'friends there would like a sample of "Kitchener wheat" he had no doubt that it could be procured.

VENEER MANUFACTURED AND USED IN CANADA, 1910.

Statistics for the amount of veneer manufactured or used in Canada during 1910, have just been compiled by the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior. Including natural and imported veneer, 92,066,000 square feet, valued at \$768,500, were produced or used in Canada in 1910. This is an average cost of \$7.47 per thousand square feet. Of this amount, 90.9 per cent. was native wood, and consists of 14 species; the most important of these were birch and maple, which, together, form over one-half of the total native woods. These were manufactured into veneer in the hardwood belt and were used chiefly for furniture, panel work and vehicles. Elm and basswood are next in importance, and together form about one-third of the native wood. These two species of veneer are made by smaller mills in the fruit district, and are used for fruit baskets, packages, and cheese boxes. Imported woods, \$140,687, amounted to one-tenth of the total amount of veneer used. These were more expensive than native woods, costing on the average \$17.48 per thousand square feet, and were used for more extensive furnishings. Oak veneer constituted over one-third of the total importations, and was used chiefly in the manufacture of medium-priced furniture. Tulip was second in importance, forming one-fifth of the total. This species of wood is very pliable, and is used in the curved parts of vehicle bodies and automobiles. Mahogany, Spanish cedar and Circassian walnut, were used in small quantities, and imported indirectly from Africa, the West Indies, and South-east Europe, respectively, being used for high-class furniture, musical instruments and pianos. Circassian walnut is the most expensive of these—costing 63.80 per thousand square feet. The diminishing supply of beautiful finishing woods is constantly tending to make the use of veneer more general, for in this way a fine and beautiful appearance is given to an article consisting mainly of a cheap and inexpensive base. Clear boxes in Canada are nearly all made from Spanish cedar, about one one-hundredth of an inch thick on a gum or tulip base.



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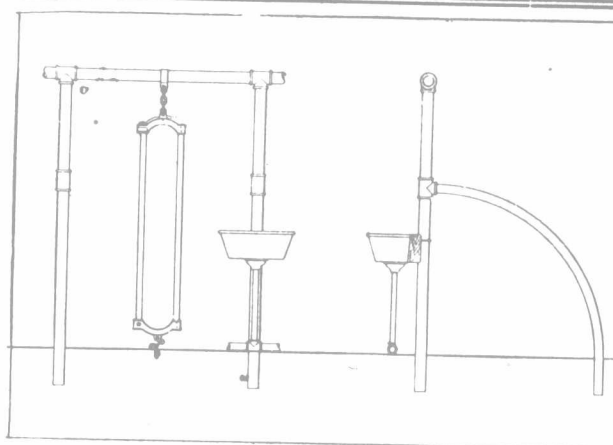
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