

Maple Shade Shorthorns.

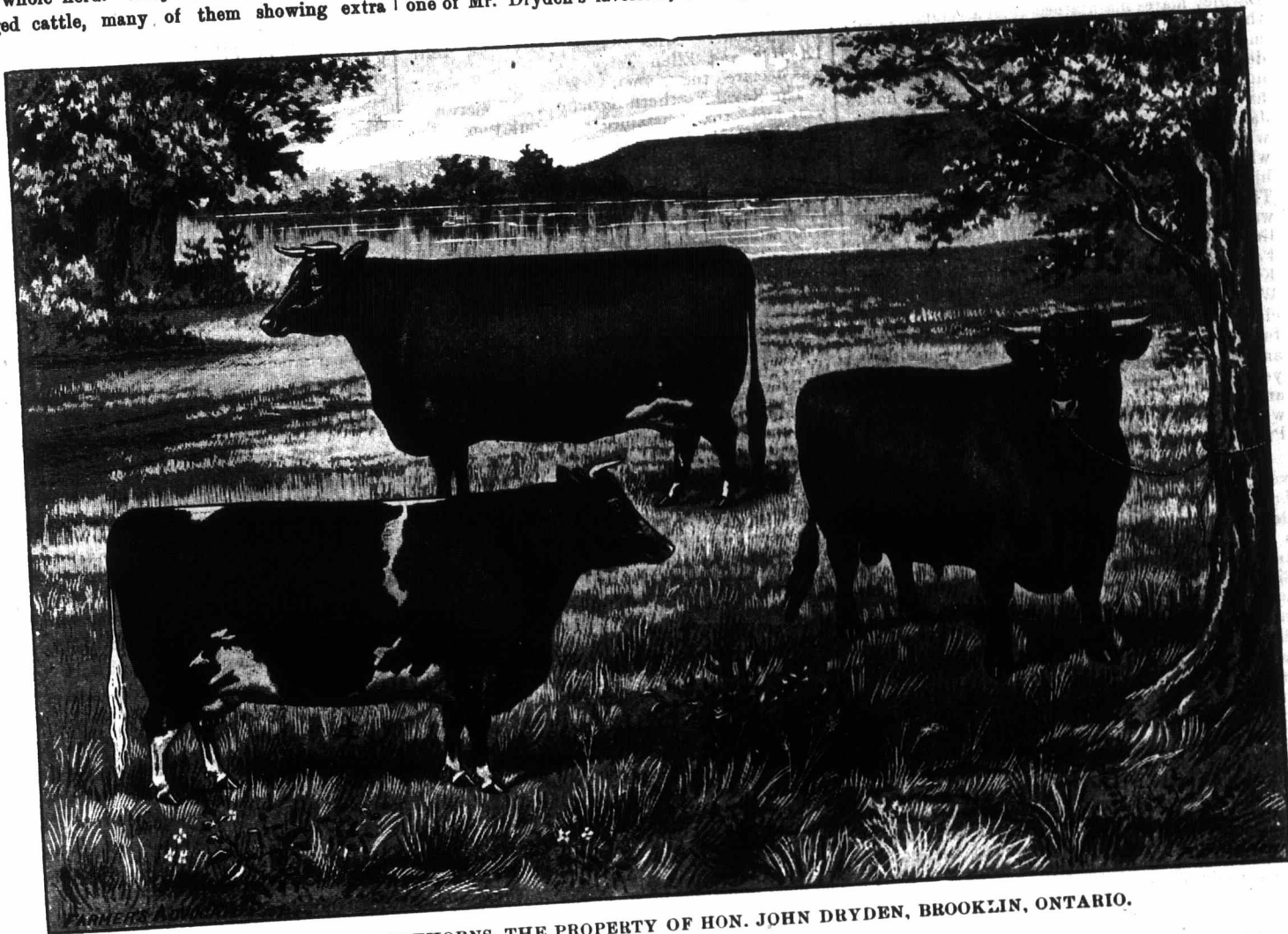
We are permitted to present with this issue three representatives of the famous Shorthorn herd at Maple Shade, the property of Hon. John Dryden, Brooklin, Ont. This herd is always in respectable dress, and fit to be inspected at any season of the year. The three represented in the cut were driven in from the field, and photographed by our artist. They have received no grain since they were turned to grass in May. Both the females are nursing calves, yet, in common with the whole herd, they are found in fine condition, proving conclusively the easy-keeping and thrifty qualities of the herd. Some difficulty was found in making a selection for our purpose, because of the general uniformity of the whole herd. They are broad, deep, short-legged cattle, many of them showing extra

Comfort was bred at Maple Shade, and is sired by the Victoria bull, Vensgarth, bred at Sittyton by Mr. Cruickshank. She belongs to Mr. Cruickshank's favorite Clipper family. The young bull sent across is a bright red, with a grand back and deep body well placed on short, straight legs. We shall watch with some interest the location of this bull in Great Britain, believing that his superior qualities will yet give him notoriety in the old land, as Barmpton Hero, also bred at Maple Shade, has achieved in this country.

The second cow represented in the cut was bred at Lethenty by Mr. E. Cruickshank, and was imported in 1857. She is a beautiful specimen, of great length and plenty of substance, showing also excellent milking qualities. She is one of Mr. Dryden's favorites, is five years old,

near the house a dozen beautiful heifer calves grazing contentedly on the abundant grass, which the frequent rains of this season have given in Central Ontario. In the stables were several young bulls of excellent merit, from seven to nine months old, every one of which showed by its fresh, cleanly appearance that the proprietor was their friend and insisted on a full ration and a clean bed.

We enquired the prices of these youngsters and were astonished to find that, while some of choice form, breeding and color combined were held at \$250 to \$300, a few white spots or some other slight defect from a showman's standpoint, rapidly reduced the price to \$150 and even \$100. No enterprising farmer need be without a choice breeding bull of the very highest quality for beef production for fear of the price being beyond his reach.



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milking qualities, as well as aptness for producing a large quantity of prime beef at the very lowest cost.

The herd is known all over the United States, as well as Canada, and individuals are annually shipped to customers hundreds of miles distant. For the first time a sale has been made this spring of a young bull to go back across the Atlantic, from whence the foundation of the herd came. Mr. Bruce, of Darlington, England, one of the best judges of stock known in Great Britain, while on a business trip to this country, called to inspect the herd, and was so taken with the twelve-months bull, Royal Canadian, that he insisted on his purchase to accompany the beautiful heifer, Rowena, purchased at Col. Harris' sale in Chicago. He is sired by the imported Cruickshank bull, Sussex, and has for dam the thick-bodied red cow, Comfort, represented in our cut.

and a regular breeder, having dropped three calves—two heifers and one bull. The latter is now owned by Mr. Pierce, of Newcastle, Ind., and is pronounced by the herdsman of the great showman, Wilhoit, to be the best bull of his age in Indiana. He will be shown this fall for the first time.

The bull represented in the cut is Conqueror, bred by Mr. Dryden, and own brother to Comfort, the first cow mentioned above. He has been used for three years with unbounded success in the herd of J. S. Smith, of Maple Lodge. Mr. Smith is loud in his praise, and declares that his calves are so nearly alike that a stranger would have difficulty in distinguishing one from another. Conqueror has been in use at Maple Shade during the latter part of the present season.

While at Maple Shade, we noticed in a field

Lack of space prevents us fully describing the excellent Shropshire sheep seen at this farm. A bunch of twenty lambs selected for early sales are certainly among the best we have ever seen. Our artist remarked that he had previously some doubts whether he had not overdrawn the woolly heads of some of his cuts, but after seeing this lot, he declared that he had never yet done them justice. Several have already been sold. A bunch of lambs and ewes has been shipped to go the rounds of the New York State fairs. Three go to Manitoba, one to Pennsylvania, one to Michigan, a bunch to Quebec, and others nearer home. Some of the younger lambs will, we judge, when grown even exceed those that are older. The same characteristics are seen in the sheep which we have noticed in the cattle. They have deep bodies, short legs and good backs, with well woolled heads and heavy fleeces, indicating robustness, strength and sturdiness, taken together certainly make them very attractive. We congratulate the Minister on the appearance of his farm, his herd and his flock.