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THE IMPORTED ABERDEEN-ANGUS COW ETAINE OF ABERLOUR (8203) AND HER CALF EXILE (8204).

*The property of Mossom Boyd & Co., Bobcaygeon, Co. Victoria, Ont.*

## **Etaine of Aberlour (8203).**

This beautiful specimen of an Aberdeen-Angus Polled cow so nicely depicted by our artist, along with her heifer calf, Exile (8204), one of the finest amongst the many good ones in the herd of the Messrs. Mossom Boyd & Co., Bobcaygeon, Co. Victoria, Ont., was calved March 5th, 1881. She was bred by Wm. Robertson, Aberlour Mains, Craig Machie, Scotland, and is of the Erica family, which has produced so many of the finest specimens of the Aberdeen-Angus Polled. The prices obtained for them have seldom been overtopped by anything claiming Angus blood. At the Cortachy sale, held by the Earl of Airlie, October 5th, 1882, four individuals of the breed averaged £388 10s., although one Miss Macpherson (1252) was 11 years old; and another, Ennissa (5091), was but six months. Her sire, Souter Johnny (1615), was bred by W. M. Skinner, Drumin, and her dam is Etta (2225), by Balliemore (741), and great granddam, Erica (843); by Cupbearer (59).

Etaine of Aberlour was shown at the Dominion Exhibition, Montreal as a one year in 1882, where she carried an easy first, and was again a prize winner at the Dominion Exhibition, Ottawa, 1884, where also her heifer calf Exile (8204), by the sire, Ermine Bearer (2082), was awarded a first. Her second calf Exemplar, dropped March 16th, 1885, is the best bull now on hand in the Big Island herd, and still another by

the same sire, but a few days old, is full of promise. The progeny of this cow furnish a fine specimen of that line breeding which is close enough to reproduce the best traits of the family, and yet not so persistent as to impair the constitution. The fourth dam of Ermine Bearer is Erica (843), by Cupbearer (59), which is also the third dam of Etaine of Aberlour, the anterior pedigree being almost identical. Subsequently the stream diverges, and is again reunited in the three calves of this cow.

## **The Dominion Shorthorn Herd Book.**

The work of compiling this Shorthorn record is going steadily on. From the shattered edifices of the former records the good stones are all being selected, each one being put in its rightful place in the wall of the new building. That its completion would be slow we expected from the first as in the work of compilation the utmost care must be exercised to avoid the mistakes of the past. The volume will appear sometime in autumn, and its appearance will doubtless do much to settle the disturbed state of the Shorthorn atmosphere in the Dominion. We shall hail with much expectation the appearance of the forthcoming volume with a standard second to none in the world, and freed from all the extraneous dross of the shortcoming of former years. Mr. F. Green, of Inverkip, has, we are told, given very great assistance to the

Secretary, and his staff, in dispelling the mists that hung about doubtful pedigrees, and for this is deserving of the sincere thanks of the Shorthorn community.

We have already warned our readers against the manifestation of fickleness in the line of breeding which they adopt. To make a decided success of any one line of stock is usually the work of years, therefore he who is constantly changing need not expect to attain highest results. The same will hold true in regard to communities as well as individuals, and in regard to grain-growing as well as stock-keeping. In the latter as in the former, a change in the market usually produces a change in the methods of most men, whereas the changes in the markets are only the swayings of the pendulum, first one way and then the other, although in the case of stock the pendulum is longer. The day was when Herefords brought handsome prices, almost a century ago. Then the demand slackened, to be revived by prairie grasses in the Western States, until in 1884 prices were realized such as had never before been attained. In choosing a breed the first essential to seek is merit. Without this no breed will remain long at the front, but possessing it, it can never go out of fashion. Life is too short to admit of experimenting with several breeds in succession. If done at all, it must be done simultaneously.