

GOSSIP.

THE SHORTHORN HERD OF J. & W. B. WATT.

In the records of the principal live-stock exhibitions in Canada in the last twenty years, it may be safely stated that for no other herd and no other breeder of Shorthorn cattle in the Dominion can be claimed a more successful or more honorable record in prize-winning than stands to the credit of J. & W. B. Watt, of Salem, Ontario. For the exercise of good judgment and skill in breeding, for judicious and successful feeding, and for clean, manly and straightforward methods of competing with their contemporaries in the showing and in the realm of business, their record stands high and unimpeached, and when it comes to a question of winning with animals bred by the exhibitor, or to a question of prize-winning by others with animals tracing in their breeding to the Watt herds, it is practically certain that they hold the record of their time. It may truly be said of them that they breed their show cattle and show their breeding cattle. The herd was founded quite 40 years ago on the excellent cow, Mayflower 2nd, by imp. Friar John =110-, and out of imp. Mayflower =337-, daughter of imp. Margaret, a cow that won first prize at the Provincial Fair, and sold at auction, as far back as 1856 for \$750. Later the herd was strengthened and enriched by the purchase of high-class cows of the Cruickshank-bred Matchless and Village Bud families, the stiff price of \$925 having been paid in 1874 for imp. Village Bud =537-, bred by Amos Cruickshank, while carrying Village Blossom, the dam of Young Abbotsburn, the World's Fair champion over bulls of all breeds, who was bred in this herd, while from the Matchless family, in the hands of the Watts, have been bred championship winners galore, among the latest being Matchless 18th, winner of sweepstakes as best female any age at Toronto and London, 1890, and Matchless 24th, sweepstakes winner at the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition in 1900. Her sire, Judge, also bred by Messrs. Watt, and now in the herd of Hon. Thomas Greenway, was a first-prize winner at Toronto, the champion at Winnipeg in 1898, and two of his sons, Royal Banner and Royal Standard, bred by the Watts, were first and second prize winners at yearlings at Toronto in 1899, and sold at auction at Chicago in August, 1900, for \$1,505 and \$625, respectively.

Among the other families added to the herd, by the purchase of high-class females at later periods, are English Lady, descended from imp. English Lady, bred by W. S. Marr, of Uppermill, and sired by Heir of Englishman, a bull that is said to have made as great improvement in that herd as did Champion of England in the Sittytown herd. Lady Aberdeens were another fine family added, tracing directly in the maternal line to the Marr Misses, now esteemed amongst the best of the breed. The Kinellar family, another excellent Scotch family, represented by the Matchless, which in this herd produced, among other good ones, Mildred 6th, sold for \$1,325 at Mr. Platt's sale at Chicago. She was more than once placed above the championship winner, Matchless 18th, by good judges. The Stamfords, another Uppermill family, have bred well in this herd, producing, among other notable animals, Dora Stamford, a second-prize winner at Toronto, sold at Platt's sale for \$825. Recently, at the dispersion sale of the herd of Mr. John Isaac, for the introduction of new blood, was purchased the young imported cow, Claret Cup 6th, of the Kinellar Claret tribe, by the Marr Missie bull, Marshfield, by William of Orange, and Martha 9th, of the Matilda family, sired by Ruler, bred by John Marr, Carmelbrogie, a son of Craibstone, by William of Orange.

But, richly-bred and well-selected as have been the females figuring in the herd, it has been to the exercise of superior judgment in the selection of sires to mate with them that the success that has crowned their work as breeders is mainly due. It was a master stroke of good judgment when Barmpton Hero =324- was placed at the head of the herd. A son of imp. Royal Barmpton and imp. Minnie, both bred by Amos Cruickshank, he proved as potent a factor in the improvement of the herd of the Messrs. Watt, and of scores of other Shorthorn herds in Canada, through his progeny, as did his illustrious grandsire in the Sittytown herd, who was acknowledged to have capped the climax in the evolution of that world-renowned herd, and the Watts showed their usual sagacity by retaining him as a sire in the herd till he was 15 years, and till his blood was well incorporated in nearly all their cattle. They knew it was a good thing to have, and they used it wisely and well, following him by the use of his splendid son, Challenge =2933-, from a Matchless dam, and he proved nearly if not quite as impressive as his sire. Those who have watched the record of the progeny of these two bulls know how persistently they have continued to come to the top in the showing year after year, for more than a decade, and can follow it yet in the winners of the present time, for in Messrs. Watt's young herd, which won the first prize at London this year, defeating the herd placed above them at Toronto, four out of the five show the blood of these bulls in their pedigrees. These five won two first prizes and a second at Toronto, and one of the heifers, unplaced there, was given first prize over her herd companions at London the following week.

Following Barmpton Hero and Challenge, a wise and judicious selection of a stock bull was made in the Marr-bred imp. Royal Sailor, a son of the Spicy bull, Sea King, bred at Sittytown, and out of a daughter of the great William of Orange. Royal Sailor, a massive, thick-fleshed bull of grand character, has proved a great breeder, his progeny winning highest honors in nearly every competition they entered, among them being the champion cow, Matchless 18th; Mildred 6th, sometimes more than a match for her half-sister, last named; Matchless 19th, first as a yearling at Toronto; Judge, the Manitoba champion; and the whole of the first-prize young herd of 1900. Among the other sires that have been used more or less in the herd may be mentioned imp. Abbotsburn, bred at Sittytown, sire of the Columbian champion, Young Abbotsburn, who owed his origin to the mating of Village Blossom and Abbotsburn in this herd. Perfection =9100-, by Barmpton Hero; imp. Lord Lansdowne =2712-, by Sea King; imp. Lord George =19536-, by Sittytown Chief =17000-, by Royal George =23419-, by Clipper King =16293-, and Judge =23419-. The bulls at present in ser-

vise are Royal Victor =34681- (illustrated on another page in this issue), a sappy red-roan son of imp. Royal Sailor, and much resembling himself, out of Mildred 4th, by Hospodar, and full brother to the champion Judge, and Royal Wonder, first-prize bull under a year at Toronto and London, 1900, a red son of imp. Royal Sailor and English Lady 11th, and considered one of the best young bulls ever shown in Canada, combining quality, substance and breed character in a very high degree.

If the Messrs. Watt have used more bulls of their own breeding than most Canadian breeders, it has been because their own have been better than any they could buy, and because they knew their own were bred right, from stock as good as any that has been imported, and qualified to breed as good, or a little better, as their showyard record has amply proven, and in this they have but followed the course adopted by the most successful breeders in Britain. The Watt herd never was stronger in high-class breeding stock than at present, and the young things now developing on the farm are uniformly of the thick-fleshed, early-maturing sort, showing strong constitution and good feeding qualities. With the addition of the new purchases, by which fresh blood will be infused, and with the benefit of the assistance of the young men of the family, whose training as feeders and judges has been on sound lines, we may reasonably look for even greater achievements than have been made in the past, and we shall hope and expect to see the herd for many years maintained at its present high standard of excellence.



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Prize List Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, 1900.

BEEF CATTLE.

SHORTHORNS.—Steer, two years and under three—J. Fried & Sons, Roseville. Steer, one year and under two—Israel Groff, Alma; 2 Peter Stewart, Everton. Cow or heifer, three years and over—1 W. J. Biggins, Clinton; 2 Dan Talbot, Everton; 3 John Campbell, Woodville. Heifer, two years and under three—J. Fried & Sons. Heifer, under two years—1 H. Smith, Hay; 2 F. Fried & Sons. Dressed carcass—1 J. Fried & Sons; 2 W. J. Biggins; 3 H. K. Fairbairn, Theford. Sweepstake for best Shorthorn steer—Israel Groff. Sweepstake for best Shorthorn cow or heifer—H. Smith.

HEREFORDS OR POLLED ANGUS.—Steer or heifer, two years and under three—1 F. W. Stone Stock Co., Guelph; 2 Jas. Bowman, Guelph. Steer or heifer, one year and under two—1 F. W. Stone Stock Co.; 2 Jas. Bowman; 3 A. McDougall, Guelph. Steer or heifer, under one year—1 Samuel Young, Birkham; 2 F. W. Stone Stock Co.; 3 Jas. Bowman. Cow or heifer, three years and over—1 and 3 Jas. Bowman; 2 F. W. Stone Stock Co. Dressed carcass—James Bowman.

GALLOWAYS OR DEVONS.—Steer or heifer, two years and under three—1 D. McCrae, Guelph; 2 and 3 W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills. Steer or heifer, one year and under two—1 and 2 D. McCrae. Steer or heifer, under one year—1 D. McCrae; 2 T. Lloyd Jones & Sons, Burford. Cow or heifer, three years and over—1 and 2 D. McCrae. Dressed carcass—1 and 3 D. McCrae; 2 W. J. Rudd.

GRADES OR CROSSES.—Steer, two years and under three—1 Jas. Leask, Greenbank; 2 J. Fried & Sons, Roseville; 3 R. J. Robinson, Ailsa Craig. Steer, one year and under two—1 Jas. Leask; 2 Andrew Richardson, Peapabun; 3 J. H. Dingle, Hamilton. Steer, under one year—1 A. Hales, Guelph; 2 Andrew Richardson; 3 James Leask. Cow or heifer, three years and over—1 Jas. Bowman; 2 Wm. Argo, Eden Mills. Heifer, two years and under three—1 and 2 Jas. Leask; 3 Jas. Scott, Aberfoyle. Heifer, under two years—1 J. Fried & Sons; 2 Jas. Leask; 3 Robt. Dawson, Guelph.

SPECIAL.—Best grade steer sired by purebred Shorthorn bull Jas. Leask, Greenbank. Best pair of animals, any age or breed—Jas. Leask. Best animal, any age or breed—James Leask, 2 year-old grade heifer, Flo.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKE.—Best dressed carcass, any breed—J. Fried & Sons, Roseville. Shorthorn steer, 2 years 9 months old.

SHEEP.

COTSWOLDS.—Ewe, under one year—1 and 2 John Park & Sons, Burgessville. Wether, one

year and under two—1, 2 and 3 John Park & Sons. Wether, under one year—1, 2 and 3 John Park & Sons. Wethers, under one year—John Park & Sons. Ewes, under one year—John Park & Sons. Dressed carcass, wether, one year and under two—1 and 2 John Park & Sons. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, under one year—John Park & Sons.

LINCOLNS.—Ewe, under one year—1, 2 and 3—J. T. Gibson, Denfield. Wether, one year and under two—1 and 2 J. T. Gibson. Wether, under one year—1 and 3 J. T. Gibson; 2 L. Parkinson, Eramosa. Wethers, under one year—1 J. T. Gibson; 2 L. Parkinson. Ewes, under one year—1 J. T. Gibson; 2 and 3 L. Parkinson. Dressed carcass, wether, one year and under two—J. T. Gibson. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, under one year—1 L. Parkinson; 2 J. T. Gibson.

LEICESTERS.—Ewe, under one year—1 and 3 A. & W. Whitelaw, Guelph; 2 John Kelly, Shakespear. Wether, one year and under two—1 and 2 Orr & Lillico, Galt. Wether, under one year, 1 Orr & Lillico; 2 and 3 John Kelly. Wethers, under one year—1 and 3 Orr & Lillico; 2 John Kelly. Ewes, under one year—1 A. & W. Whitelaw; 2 and 3 John Kelly. Dressed carcass, wether, one year and under two—Orr & Lillico. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, under one year—1 Orr & Lillico; 2 John Kelly.

OXFORDS.—Ewe, under one year—1 Kenneth Finlayson, Campbellton; 2 Smith Evans, Gourock; 3 Andrew Elliott, Pond Mills. Wether, one year and under two—1 and 2 Andrew Elliott. Wether, under one year—1, 2 and 3 Smith Evans. Wethers, under one year—1 Smith Evans; 2 Andrew Elliott. Ewes, under one year—1 Kenneth Finlayson; 2 Smith Evans; 3 J. H. Jull, Mount Vernon. Dressed carcass, wether, one year and under two—1 and 2 Andrew Elliott. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, under one year—1 and 3 Andrew Elliott; 2 Smith Evans.

SHROPSHIRE.—Ewe, under one year—1 and 2 John Campbell, Woodville; 3 D. G. & J. G. Hamner, Mt. Vernon. Wether, one year and under two—1 and 2 John Campbell; 3 D. G. & J. G. Hamner. Wether, under one year—1 and 2 R. Gibson. Wether, under one year—1 and 2 R. Gibson; 3 W. E. Wright, Glanworth. Ewes, under one year—1 John Campbell; 2 D. G. & J. G. Hamner; 3 Abram Rudell, Hespeler. Dressed carcass, wether, one year and under two—1 T. Lloyd Jones & Sons, Burford; 2 D. G. & J. G. Hamner; 3 John Campbell. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, under one year—1 R. Gibson; 2 T. Lloyd Jones & Sons; 3 W. E. Wright.

SOUTHDOWNS.—Ewe, under one year—1 and 2 John Jackson & Sons, Abingdon; 3 Robt. McEwen, Byron. Wether, one year and under two—1 W. E. Wright, Glanworth; 2 Telfer Bros, Paris; 3 Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, Beaconsfield, Que. Wether, under one year—1 T. C. Douglas, Galt; 2 and 3 John Jackson & Sons. Wethers, under one year—1 T. C. Douglas; 2 John Jackson & Sons; 3 Telfer Bros. Ewes, under one year—1 John Jackson & Sons; 3 Robt. McEwen; 3 Wm. Martin, Binbrook. Dressed carcass, wether, one year and under two—1 Telfer Bros; 2 W. E. Wright; 3 W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, under one year—1 Telfer Bros; 2 John Jackson & Sons; 3 T. C. Douglas.

DORSET HORNS AND MERINOS.—Ewe, under one year—1 and 2 R. H. Harding, Thorndale. Wether, one year and under two—1 W. E. Wright, Glanworth; 2 and 3 R. H. Harding. Wether, under one year—1, 2 and 3 R. H. Harding. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, one year and under two—1 W. E. Wright; 2 and 3 R. H. Harding. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, under one year—1 and 2 R. H. Harding.

HAMPSHIRE AND SUFFOLKS.—Ewe, under one year—1 John Kelly, Shakespear. Wether, one year and under two—1 and 3 W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills; 2 Jas. Bowman, Guelph. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, one year and under two—1 and 3 W. J. Rudd; 2 Jas. Bowman. SWEEPSTAKES.—Best animal in class: Lincolns—J. T. Gibson, Denfield. Leicesters—A. W. Whitelaw, Guelph. Oxfords—Kenneth Finlayson, Campbellton. Shropshires—R. Gibson, Glanworth. Southdowns—W. E. Wright, Dorset. Horns—R. H. Harding, Thorndale. Hampshire and Suffolk—J. Kelly, Shakespear.

GRADES AND CROSSES.—Wether, one year and under two—1 John Campbell, Woodville; 2 T. C. Douglas, Galt; 3 Jas. Scott, Aberfoyle. Wether, one year and under two—1 John Campbell; 2 W. E. Wright, Glanworth; 3 T. Lloyd Jones & Sons, Burford. Three wethers, under one year—1 John Campbell; 2 R. Gibson, Delaware; 3 J. T. Gibson, Denfield; 2 John Campbell; 3 W. E. Wright. Ewe, under one year—1 John Campbell; 2 R. H. Harding, Thorndale; 3 J. T. Gibson, Denfield. Best ewe or wether, under two years—1 W. E. Wright; 2 John Campbell. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, one year and under two—1 John Campbell; 2 Telfer Bros, Paris; 3 W. E. Wright. Dressed carcass, ewe or wether, under one year—1 R. Harding; 2 W. E. Wright; 3 John Kelly, Shakespear.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKE.—Best sheep carcass, any breed—John Campbell, Woodville, grade Shropshire. SWINE.

BERKSHIRES.—Barrow, six months and under nine—1 and 3 Geo. Green, Fairview; 2 Durham & Cavan, East Toronto Barrow, under six months—1 and 2 Geo. Green; 3 Snell & Lyons, Snelgrove. Sow, nine months and under fifteen—1 Snell & Lyons; 2 and 3 George Green. Sow, six months and under nine—1 Geo. Green; 2 and 3 Snell & Lyons. Sow, under six months—1 and 2 Snell & Lyons; 3 Jas. A. Russell, Precious Corners. Three pigs, offspring of one sow—1 Snell & Lyons; 2 Geo. Green.

YORKSHIRES.—Barrow, six months and under nine—1 and 3 Brethour & Saunders, Burford; 2 H. Dedels, Breslau. Barrow, under six months—1 and 3 Brethour & Saunders; 2 J. Featherston, Streetsville. Sow, nine months and under fifteen—1 Brethour & Saunders; 2 J. Featherston; 3 H. Dedels. Sow, six months and under nine—1 J. B. Macdonald, Muir Kirk; 2 and 3 Brethour & Saunders. Sow, under six months—1 and 3 Brethour & Saunders; 2 H. Dedels. Three pigs, offspring of one sow—1 and 2 Brethour & Saunders.

CHESTER WHITES.—Barrow, six months and under nine—1 and 2 Bennett & Pardo, Charing Cross; 3 D. DeCourcy, Bornholm. Barrow, under six months—1 and 2 D. DeCourcy; 3 Bennett & Pardo. Sow, nine months and under fifteen—1 H. George & Sons, Crampton; 2 D. DeCourcy; 3 Bennett & Pardo. Sow, six months and under nine—1 H. George & Sons; 2 D. DeCourcy; 3 John Silverthorn, Scotland. Sow, under six months—1 Bennett & Pardo; 2 H. George & Sons; 3 D. DeCourcy. Three pigs,

offspring of one sow—1 D. DeCourcy; 2 Bennett & Pardo.

POLAND-CHINAS.—Barrow, six months and under nine—1, 2 and 3 W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. Barrow, under six months—1, 2 and 3 W. M. & J. C. Smith. Sow, nine months and under fifteen—1, 2 and 3 W. M. & J. C. Smith. Sow, six months and under nine—1, 2 and 3 W. M. & J. C. Smith. Sow, under six months—1, 2 and 3 W. M. & J. C. Smith. Three pigs, offspring of one sow—1 and 2 W. M. & J. C. Smith.

ESSEX.—Barrow, six months and under nine—1 T. A. McClure, Meadowvale; 2 and 3 J. Featherston & Son, Streetsville. Barrow, under six months—1 and 2 J. Featherston & Son; 3 T. A. McClure. Sow, nine months and under fifteen—1 T. A. McClure; 2 and 3 J. Featherston & Son. Sow, six months and under nine—1 and 2 J. Featherston & Son; 3 T. A. McClure. Sow, under six months—1 T. A. McClure; 2 and 3 J. Featherston & Son.

TAMWORTHS.—Barrow, six months and under nine—1 Norman M. Blain, St. George; 2 Andrew Elliott, Pond Mills; 3 David Douglas & Sons, Mitchell. Barrow, under six months—1 A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; 2 W. R. McDonald, Ridgeway; 3 Norman M. Blain. Sow, nine months and under fifteen—1 Norman M. Blain; 2 A. Elliott & Son; 3 W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. Sow, six months and under nine—1 A. Elliott & Son; 2 A. Elliott, Pond Mills; 3 David Douglas & Sons. Sow, under six months—1 and 2 Norman M. Blain; 3 R. Newell & Sons, Crampton. Three pigs, offspring of one sow—1 David Douglas & Sons; 2 Andrew Elliott, Pond Mills; 3 Norman M. Blain.

DUROC-JERSEYS.—Barrow, six months and under nine—1, 2 and 3 W. N. Tape, Bentpath. Barrow, under six months—W. N. Tape. Sow, nine months and under fifteen—1 and 2 W. N. Tape; 3 W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. Sow, six months and under nine—1, 2 and 3 W. N. Tape. Sow, under six months—1, 2 and 3 W. N. Tape. Three pigs, offspring of one sow—1 and 2 W. N. Tape.

SWEEPSTAKES.—Best animal in class: Berkshires—Geo. Green, Fairview. Yorkshires—Brethour & Saunders, Burford. Chester Whites—H. George & Sons, Crampton. Poland-Chinas—W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. Essex—J. Featherston & Son, Streetsville. Tamworths—Norman M. Blain, St. George. Duroc-Jerseys—W. N. Tape, Bentpath.

GRADES AND CROSSES.—Barrow, six months and under nine—1 Robt. Agnew & Son, Acton. Barrow, under six months—1 Robert Agnew & Son; 2 A. Elliott & Son, Galt; 3 Norman M. Blain, St. George. Sow, six months and under nine—1 Norman M. Blain; 2 W. R. McDonald, Ridgeway; 3 A. Elliott & Son. Sow, under six months—1 Snell & Lyons, Snelgrove; 2 Robert Agnew & Son; 3 A. Elliott & Son.

EXPORT BACON HOGS.—Two Berkshires—1 Geo. Green, Fairview; 2 W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills; 3 Jas. A. Russell, Precious Corners. Two Yorkshires—1 Brethour & Saunders, Burford; 2 G. B. Hood, Guelph; 3 J. Featherston & Son, Streetsville. Two Tamworths—1 Norman M. Blain, St. George; 2 A. Elliott & Son, Galt; 3 H. George & Sons, Crampton. Two Chester Whites—1 W. E. Wright, Glanworth; 2 R. H. Harding, Thorndale; 3 D. DeCourcy, Bornholm. Two Poland-Chinas—W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. Two Duroc-Jerseys—W. N. Tape, Bentpath. Two Essex—1 and 2 J. Featherston & Son. Two grades or crosses—1 A. Elliott & Son; 2 R. Agnew & Son, Norwich; 3 Robt. Agnew & Son, Acton.

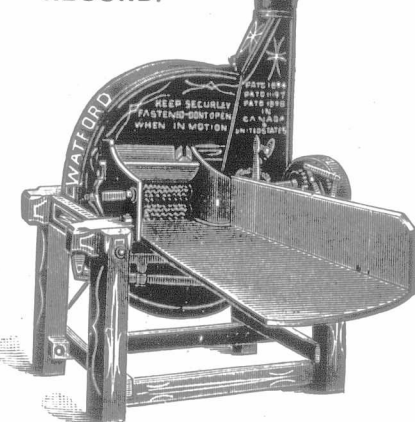
SWEEPSTAKE.—Two best export bacon hogs, any breed—1 Brethour & Saunders, Burford; 2 G. B. Hood, Guelph; 3 J. Featherston & Son, Streetsville.

DRESSED CARCASSES.—Two Berkshires—1 W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills; 2 Snell & Lyons, Snelgrove. Two Yorkshires—1 Brethour & Saunders, Burford; 2 and 3 G. B. Hood, Guelph. Two Tamworths—1 J. R. Newell & Sons, Crampton; 2 H. George & Son, Crampton; 3 A. Elliott & Son, Galt. Two grades or crosses—1 R. Agnew & Son, Norwich; 2 A. Elliott & Son; 3 H. George & Son. SWEEPSTAKE.—Two best carcasses, any breed—1 R. Agnew & Son, Norwich; 2 Brethour & Saunders, Burford; 3 J. R. Newell & Sons, Crampton.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKE.—Best pair swine carcasses, any breed—Not yet decided. Judges gave 1st to R. Agnew & Son, but they had not made entry. Brethour & Saunders are next in order.

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