

OAK HILL SALE.

The Oak Hill auction sale, at Spokane, was an unqualified success. The attendance was good, and the bidding spirited throughout. It will be seen by the report following that the stock purchased goes into widely separated districts of the Northwest.

The list of sales made follows:

Elgitha 25th, 1897, bred by James Douglas, Caledonia, Ont.; C. B. Wade, Pendleton, Or., \$1,000.

Elgitha 23d, 1897, bred by James Douglas; W. J. Townley, Union, Or., \$350.

Roan Beauty, 1899, bred by Snary & Sons, Ontario; H. W. Peel, Spokane, \$350.

English Lady, 14th, 1901, bred by Watt Bros., Salem, Ont.; Alex Chalmers, Centerville, Or., \$215.

Belvoir Bonanza, 1897, bred by R. Gibson, Delaware, Ont.; W. O. Minor, Heppner, Or., \$305.

Violet Queen, 1900, bred by C. E. Clarke, St. Cloud, Minn.; C. B. Wade, Pendleton, Or., \$405.

Princess Myrtle, 1900, bred by John Thomson, Brinsley, Ont.; B. T. Byrnes, Moscow, Idaho, \$200.

Elgitha 38th, 1901, bred by Douglas, Ontario; H. G. Stimmel, Spokane, \$145.

54th Duchess of Gloster, 1898, bred by J. I. Davidson, Bolsom, Ont.; Urquhart Bros., Krupp, Wn., \$235.

Golden Rose, 1900, bred by C. E. Ladd; C. B. Wade, Pendleton, Or., \$300.

Alexandria 15th, 1901, bred by C. E. Clark, St. Cloud, Minn.; B. T. Byrnes, \$205.

Britannia 55th, 1901, Douglas, Ont.; B. T. Byrnes, \$160.

Lady Margaret, 1900, bred by H. K. Fairbain, Thedord, Ont.; C. B. Wade, \$400.

Nellie Gray 2d, 1899, bred by W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont.; H. W. Peel, Spokane, \$450.

Fashion, of Meadow Lawn, 1900, bred by C. E. Clark; C. B. Wade, \$800.

Elgitha 34th, 1900, bred by James Douglas, B T Byrnes, \$140.

Verbena 13th, 1901, bred by Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont.; Urquhart Bros., \$200.

Melba, 1894, bred by Ladd & Reed, Amity, Ore., B. T. Byrnes, \$300.

Mysies Marguerite, bred by J. F. Logan, Crumley, Ont.; Chalmers, \$180.

Fashion's Ruby 2d, 1901; bred by R. Somerville, Elder's mills, Ont.; C. B. Wade, \$325.

Red Bud, 1901, bred by John W. Dowty, Currinsville, Or.; B. T. Byrnes, \$155.

Fairy Maid, 1900, bred by T. Douglas & Sons, Strathroy, Ont.; Robert Dunn, North Yakima, \$185.

Favonia, 1901, bred by C. E. Ladd, H. W. Peel, \$315.

Lovely Lady, 1901, bred by Ladd; C. B. Wade, \$725.

Lorna Doone, 190, bred by Ladd; C. B. Wade, \$355.

Susie Lorne, 1901, bred by T. E. Robson, Alderton, Ont.; B. T. Byrnes, \$160.

Ruby Dorn, 1900, bred by T. Douglas & Sons; M. Horan, Wenatchee, \$225.

Roan Blossom 2d, 1902, bred by A. Chalmers, Centerville, Or.; H. W. Peel, \$205.

Sunrise, 1899, bred by William Elroat, Brucefield, Ont.; Robert Dunn, \$260.

Mirth 14th, 1900, bred by James Douglas; B. T. Byrnes, \$150.

Velvet Robe, 1900, bred by T. Doug-

las & Sons; Nelson Rich, Prosser, \$260.

Nelly, 1900, bred by James Forbes, Caledonia, Ont.; J. H. McCrosky, Colfax, \$250.

Lord Derby, 157119 (Imp.), 1899, bred by John Cran, Keith, Scotland, \$925.

Royal Hope, 188284, 1900, bred by James Douglas; J. H. McCrosky, \$560.

Baron's Luck, 171115, 1900, bred by Ladd; Robert Dunn, North Yakima, \$350.

Money Maker, 188646, 1901, bred by Ladd; C. B. Wade, \$430.

Monitor, 188647, 1901, bred by Ladd; Hazlewood Company, Spokane, \$330.

Bonnie Ladd, 188644, 1901, bred by Ladd; H. G. Stimmel, \$175.

Rosy O'More, 188648, 1901; bred by Ladd, A. Page, Wardner, Idaho, \$200.

HAZELWOOD SALE.

Following is the report of Hazelwood auction sale of Poland China hogs, Spokane, October 10:

Washington Agricultural College, boar pig Perfection I know, \$65.

A. Page, Coeur d'Alene, boar pig, \$37.50.

H. J. Herman, Genesee, Idaho, 2 boars, \$62.50; 2 sows, \$45.00.

E. F. Burns, Palouse, boar, \$30.; sow, \$25.

J. Stambough, Creston, boar, \$30.

E. T. Morgan, Reno, Nev., boar, \$30; 2 sows, \$44.

J. Mason, Latah, Wn., boar, \$25.

J. Twinkle, Lamona, boar, \$20.

Frank Brown, Oak Hill Farm, North Yamhill, sow, \$35.

Robt. Gunning, Davenport, sow, \$35.

T. Hayes, Davenport, sow, \$30.

A. L. Brooks, Irby, Wash., sow, \$25.

J. H. White, Wenatchee, sow, \$24.

Herman Kruse, Rockford, sow, \$28.

A. E. Hunt, Ritzville, 3 sows, \$18.50 each.

F. S. Barrett, Spokane, sow, \$22.50.

F. D. Sharp, Prescott, Wn., sow, \$30.

Mrs. S. M. Wharton, Spokane, 2 sows, \$87.

G. S. Buck, Colville, 2 sows, \$71.

This sale is an average of \$29 per head. There was just one hog over one year old in the bunch.

NEW WESTMINSTER SALE.

While at New Westminster, B. C., during the fair I attended the auction sale of pure-bred live stock there, conducted on Friday, and as this sale offers such exceptional advantages to stockmen, I deemed it worth a letter by itself.

We will commence the day as I commenced it, and first go to the City Market on the river front, where steamers can load and unload their cargoes, while the C. P. R. tracks pass the building on the roadside. Here I met Mr. P. Nugent from Deming, Wash., who was taking mental notes.

"Just look at the difference," he says, "between our side and this country; when we have anything to sell, we have to drive world without end hunting customers or sell the stuff to some commission man at his own figures. Here one can put up one's horses in this good farmers' barn free of cost and sell the load at once or go to a stall and retail it out. The customers know where to find the producer and the deal is a direct one. This means the making of the farmer and is building up the community."

I felt the truth and poignancy of Mr. Nugent's remarks, and I hope that

the noble effort of the "Seattle Star" to get a free open market for Seattle will bear fruit, for a visit to the New Westminster market on a Friday morning is certainly an inspiring sight.

At the fair grounds the auctioneer's bell was soon heard and people began to gather near the cattle sheds, where a ring was formed. Mr. Trapp, the well-known auctioneer, said he would not do much talking, as the stock he had for sale spoke for themselves, but he first wished to outline to strangers the nature of the sale. As I understand it the British Columbia Dairyman's association induced the government of the province to send a good cattle buyer down east to purchase a carload of pure-bred breeding stock, upon the understanding that the cattle were to be auctioned off to farmers at their own price, and that no profits were to be looked for. Four members of the association guaranteed the government, who advanced the money, that they would make good any loss that might occur between the purchase and sale price of the cattle. The Canadian Pacific Railway, not only gave a special rate on the car up, but undertook to carry any animal purchased at this sale to its ultimate destination for twenty cents on the dollar of regular rates.

He could inform the farmers that the cattle would have to bring the purchase price or go back to the barn, as Hon. J. D. Prentice, minister of agriculture for British Columbia, had offered to pay that much and transportation costs for all he could get up to the limit of the consignment. Excellent stock were led out without exception almost though in one or two cases a couple of animals were purchased from a breeder in order to obtain a certain bull of very superior merit. Most of the animals were directly from stock imported from England, and would register in the American book. We were positively assured that the government agent had met with great courtesy from the eastern breeders, who really assisted him as much as possibly to bring home choice blood; but cattle are cattle, and not only are such bulls as were exposed for sale here high in price and hard to find, but fancy prices frequently obtained. Fancy prices, however, are paid for fancy points, and that they often have but slight relation to the intrinsic value of the animal depending many times upon some rich man's craze, was emphasized by Mr. Paisley, the buyer. The government purchaser had sedulously avoided these "fancy points," selecting animals for their merits as likely producers of cattle of economic qualities, having descended from the best known strains, from the best known breeders in England, Scotland and Ontario.

To illustrate: Reeve Ladner, of Ladner's Landing, bought a very beautiful white two-year-old heifer from the great bull "Indian Chief," named Snowflake. She was a typical Scotch Short-horn, and was sold here for the trifling price of \$160, because she had red ears. White itself is no longer barred by the moneyed men, but the color of the ears means a difference of many dollars in price and disqualifies her for the show ring, while as a stock breeder it has a detrimental influence equal to the price of a common housefly in summer. John Oliver, M. P. P. for Surrey riding, bought a beautiful red heifer of great quality for \$190. A very good cow of three years old and registered calf of very tender age sold for \$150.

This cow's dam had a butter record of twelve pounds a week. The first offerings were some nice young bulls, which were returned to the barn.

Mr. Pratt's remarks to the farmers for their lack of appreciation by allowing such chances to slip their fingers were pointed rather than flattering and produced much merriment.

One fine Gloucester bull calf, roan, 10 months old, sold to Mr. John Oliver for \$125. "Royal Prince," a typical all red beef bull 18 months old, sold to Thos. Ladner for \$145. After recess the animals at first returned to the barn were offered for sale a second time, because of a profit having been made on others these would be knocked down at any price till the surplus was consumed. Thus a fine red bull bred by John Gibson of Delaware, Ont., dairy type, went for \$75, and Mr. Livingston, for \$90, bought a red bull from imported sire, 13 months old, costing in Ontario \$125. "King Stanley," red, 8 months old, cost \$115; went for \$85.

I got Mr. Trapp's promise that his sale would be advertised in Washington next year as this sale is a regular feature of the provincial.

Besides this carload, a number of other fine stock were sold, several nice Ayershire cows, fully recorded, ready to calve, good individuals, sold at prices ranging from \$87.50 to \$135. One of these low priced cows was from a dam who stood first in the milk test at the noted Guelph fat stock show last fall. Mr. Vasey offered a Durham bull calf, whose dam gave 45 pounds of milk in one day, at an upset price of \$150, however, without success, only to lead him off to a private sale shortly after. Sheep and hogs sold later on at good figures, although there were some fine bargains in pedigreed brood-sows. Doubtless the action of the custom house officers, regarding the importation of Mr. Page's horses, my bull and others serves as a deterrent to our farmers from going to Canada for fine stock; but I believe a proper investigation of the rules would obviate the annoyances of these "servants" of the public from interfering with their master's business interests.

The British government may exercise considerable paternalism, by thus putting the means of obtaining wealth in the most legitimate manner, within reach of men in the humbler (?) walks of life; but I say if that is paternalism, for God's sake, boys, lets go and get our share of it. After all this "paternalism" is the result of the organized effort of the Dairyman's Association of British Columbia influencing their representatives to do thus and so in their behalf and is by no means a charitable dole from their great King Edward VII.

Yours for less common cattle and more common sense in this our favored country,

DANIEL F. BOISSEVAN.

Wheat middlings, fed with the fall pasture is a valuable ration for the breeding ewes. The ewes should be strong and thrifty at this season of the year, and wheat middlings are rich in ash and proteids, which are the food stuffs necessary.

Much wool is now imported to the United States, the home product not being sufficient to meet the demand; there is also a good and increasing demand for mutton. In England sheep are fed to profit on land worth \$400 per acre.