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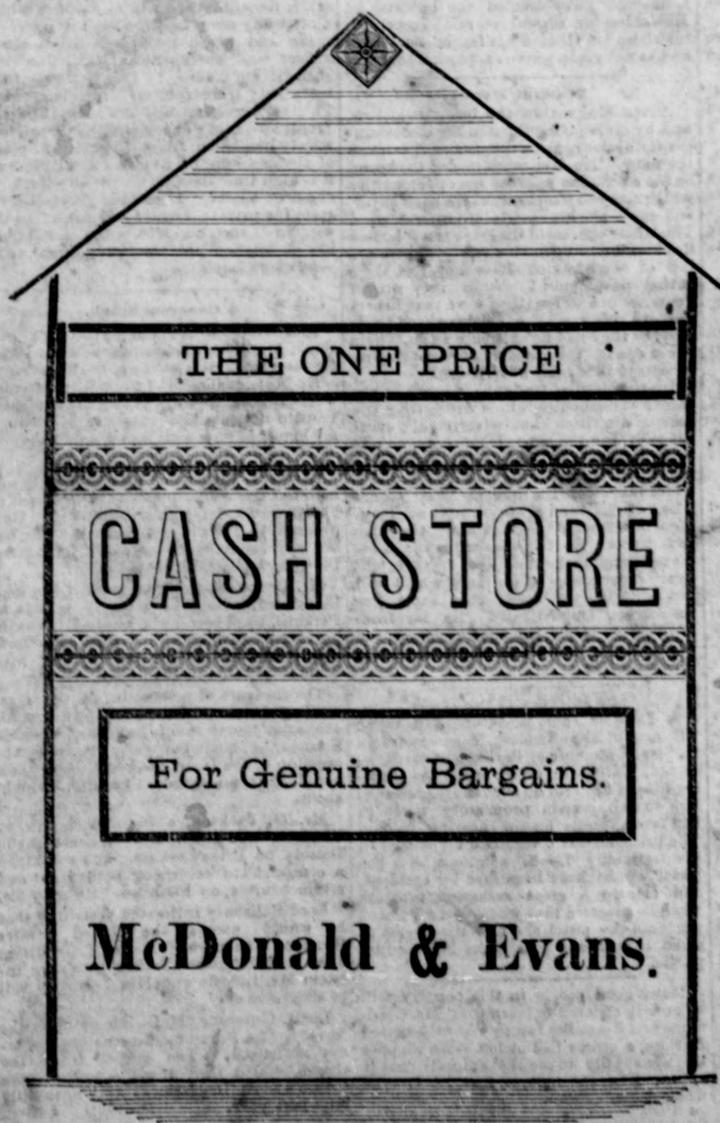
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Prize Farm Competition.

From the annual report of the Agricultural and Arts Association we glean the following information relative to the prize farm competition, conditions of which were printed in The Advance of March 7, 1889. Group 3 included the countries of Bruce, Dufferin, Wellington, Huron, Perth and Grey, for which one gold medal was offered and a silver medal for each county. The gold medal was won by Mr. Andrew Waechter, lots 1 and 2, con. 8, township of Brant, South Bruce. The silver medal for the County of Grey was won by Mr. G. B. Bristow, sr, township of Osprey, whose farm the judges comment upon as follows:

A half hour's drive took us to the next competing farm, that of Mr. Bristow, sr. It is lot 86, con. 12, Township of Osprey, East Grey. This farm is widely known, especially by the breeders of the best class of shorthorns. It takes its name of Lake Lands from the two small lakes on the property—One of six acres near the buildings and about the centre of the farm, the other, a smaller one of about half an acre, on the north-east side. Whether these lakes may be considered as adding to the value of the property will depend very much from what standpoint they are viewed. If figured out on the basis of a money value perhaps a water supply could be had at less cost, but looking at it as we saw it that night in June, with the evening sky reflected on its glassy surface and the branches of the graceful elms throwing their shadows on the green sloping banks, it appeared to us a lovely scene; no doubt more so, as we viewed it after a hard day's work and as seen under the still evening sky.

Lake Land is situated about six miles from Duntroon, a station on the H. & N.W.R.R., and eleven miles from Collingwood.

The farm entered for competition comprises one hundred acres, of which five acres of stoney land on the south-east corner is covered with timber. Mr. Bristow did not make the mistake which many men do when clearing their farms, of chopping down all before them irrespective of the consideration of whether the land will be worth anything or not when it is cleared, or whether the growing trees might not answer some useful purpose if left.

Besides that entered, an adjoining fifty acres of which twenty-five are woodland—the balance being pasture—is also owned by Mr. Bristow.

There are many strong points about the management of this farm. It is exceptionally clean. The growing crops give evidence of rich land and of having been well put in. A great deal of planting has been judiciously done; the trees are mainly sugar maple of three year's growth. The kitchen garden, so often neglected by the farmer, is here kept in splendid shape and was well supplied with all the vegetables and small fruit ordinarily found in the best managed gardens. There is nothing in any way connected with a farm that gives so large a return for labor expended as does the kitchen garden, and there is not anything else on the farm which is more generally neglected.

The orchard, like the garden, is much above the average; trees healthy looking, well pruned and comprising quite a variety of the different sorts of fruit, including apple, pear, plum and cherry trees as well as a good stock of grape vines.

Now, while we have been always careful in not placing the house and its surroundings, including lawns, garden and orchard, neat fences and all those other attractive features which have much to do in moulding the tastes of the sons and daughters growing up on the farm, and which have a tendency to develop a love for the beautiful as well as being an important factor in the direction of causing our young people to take more kindly to the homely life of the farm

and of making life more enjoyable to all who live there. We say that while we have been careful in not placing these highly desirable features of the farm before high-class farming—and what we mean by high class farming is well-drained land, first-class tillage, profitable stock management, convenient, comfortable and useful buildings, good fence, land free from weeds and the many things so noticeable on the best managed farms—yet we feel that in a farm competition, other things being equal, that the man who bestows all his best energies on his fields and herds to the utter neglect of those moulding influences enumerated above is not entitled to first honors. The influence and worth of the young people of the farm is not to be measured by their ability to do farm-work alone, but by the elevating influence they have upon their neighbors socially and morally. Once moor the young to the farm by attractive surroundings and refining influences and you have done much to stay the exodus of this most useful class of citizens from the farm where they are so much needed.

We have said that there are many strong points in Mr. Bristow's farm management, however, that in which he excels all other competitors in the section of the group in which our work lay is as a breeder of shorthorns of a high type. To those engaged in breeding the best class of shorthorns in the western part of the province it would not be necessary to speak of what Mr. Bristow has done in that direction, as he has been one of the leading men in that line for many years. He commenced as a breeder of pure bred stock in 1870, when he bought of Mr. James Gormley and E. Sanderson, of Markham, a cow of the George Simpson importation, and another of the Symes of "Red Kirk," Scotland stock. The next purchase was in 1875, when, to use Mr. Bristow's words, he says: "that he read such glowing accounts of the Cruickshank's cattle that he concluded that he would purchase some stock of that line." The same year he bought from Mr. James I. Davison "Village Girl"—538—and her B. C. for one thousand dollars, which turned out to be the most profitable investment he ever made in any purchase of stock. This cow died last spring, from over-feeding, at the age of seventeen years, she had twins twice and raised altogether seventeen calves; \$3,600 worth of stock was sold from her, and at this time there are fourteen of her descendants on the farm. In 1887, "Wimple Gem," bred by Sylvester Campbell, Kenneller, was added to the herd; since then she has had two calves. It is needless to say that the bulls used have been amongst the best that could be obtained, and that many animals of great merit have been sold from this herd. We need only mention such animals as "Grand Monarque,"—1860—got by Brown Prince, of "Athelstane 2nd"—456—and sold to Mr. Cookson, of Iowa, for a large sum, and "Sir Arthur Ingram,"—3874—which was sold to head the Bow Park show herd in 1886, and which was the champion and sweepstakes bull of his day. This bull, however, was not bred but was bought by Mr. Bristow, and was of the famous Sheriff Hatton family. The bull now in use is an exceptionally promising young animal of the Cruickshank "Duchess of Gloster" tube.

Mr. Bristow's field management is in many respects similar to that of many other good farmers. Manure is piled up in the spring and left until after harvest when it is put on the land at the rate of fifteen loads to the acre and ploughed in with a light furrow. In the spring this land is ploughed ten inches deep, harrowed well and left for two or three weeks so as to allow the seeds of any weeds to germinate, then gang ploughed deeply and worked down fine with the harrows, about 200 lbs. of salt and 100 lbs. of plaster per acre is applied broad east, the land is then drilled up and the turnip seed is sown from the 1st to the 5th of June. Before sowing about half a cupful of the spirits of turpentine and a handful of sulphur

is mixed with ten pounds of turnip seed and left for twenty four hours before sowing; and following this plan for 18 years has never required to sow a second time and always has had a good crop. Certainly his turnips, at the time we saw them, were fresher and gave evidence of more vigorous growth than we saw during the time we were out.

We would here remark, that while Mr. Bristow has always been successful in raising good crops of turnips it will be noticed that all the conditions as far as he had power to control them were favorable to bring about that end. In the first place he puts on fifteen loads of well rotted manure made from cattle fed mainly with hay, roots and grain, and it is safe to say that this would be equal as regards the elements of plant food to thirty or forty loads of half leached stuff, such as we often see drawn from farmer's barnyards where stock raising is not made a speciality.

Mr. James A. Slater, of Orillia, has been presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal for bravery in saving life from drowning.

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