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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Polled Hereford Herd Brought To Province

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THERE IS a definite trend in many of the other provinces to the polled cow and this week we visited Fulton Sanderson and Sons at North River, or York Point as we know it, to chat about the polled animals he brought into the country late in the summer.

The Sandersons bought 13 head in all from such places as the Turner Ranch in Caribou, and the Pine Valley farm in Bethel, Maine. The Pine Valley herd is one of the best Hereford outfits in the Eastern United States, Mr. Sanderson believes.

They brought in five year-old heifers, two 2-year-old heifers, three cows and three junior calves. One of the calves is a polled bull and the Sandersons are hoping he will be the first step in ridding their herd of horns. It reminds me that the most uniformly good herd of Herefords I ever saw was a polled herd from western Canada I saw at the Royal a few years ago.

OTHER BREEDS are going in for polled stock, even the Ayrshires, although many breeders regard the long horns of their cattle as an outstanding trait of the Ayrshires.

But even there, tradition is giving way to modern development. The recent Ayrshire review has cover pictures of the grand champion and reserve grand champion cows at the Canadian National Exhibition. And both are polled. They were shown by such staunch Ayrshire men as R.O.Biggs, Dundas, Ontario and Stansell Brothers, Aylmer, Ontario.

THEY STARTED breeding polled cattle at the Experimental Farm here several years ago. "We have about 30 polled animals now, out of a total of 100", superintendent R.C.Parent said yesterday. Every calf that comes is polled artificially if he is not a true polled. They use electric dehorners and do the calves when they are young. But they are breeding polled cattle too and are making rapid headway.

Mr. Sanderson thinks he is the first P.E.I. breeder to bring in polled Herefords but it is likely that others will follow. As we said, the trend is toward polled cattle, for horns are a menace.

Large Entry Headed For Royal

SEVERAL breeds of P.E.I. cattle and potato growers are going to have a large representation at the Royal Winter Fair. Ayrshire and Jersey cattle represent the milk breeds. There is a large entry of Dual Purpose Shorthorns and Royal visitors will see much smaller exhibits of Hereford, Angus and Red Poll cattle.

In addition the Island's potato entry looks like the biggest in many years with more than 100 growers sending their best samples. The spud entries include seed and

tablestock. There is also a cooking class which is an offshoot of the tablestock competition.

Small entries of sheep and swine are going and four boxes of Island poultry were shipped yesterday. Dingwell MacLeod, Vernon and Urban McQuaid, Southport are each sending two crates of special grade eviscerated capons. Mr. MacLeod has won many times in previous years. This is Mr. McQuaid's first try.

Line Bred To 'Fashion' Sire

WE REFERRED briefly last week to Fairvue Louise a 2-year-old heifer consigned to the Ayrshire Sale of Stars at the Royal Winter Fair by A. MacRae & Sons, Central Royalty. We have found since that she is linebred to Glengarry Bit O'Fashion an outstanding sire that left a fine impact on P.E.I. Ayrshire herds. Her paternal and maternal grandsires and granddams were all sired by this animal that was bred by Cummings Brothers, Lancaster, Ontario and brought to the province by Harold W. Clay, former federal livestock fieldman when he was farming near Charlottetown. That Fashion word keeps cropping up in pedigrees wherever good Ayrshire individuals are developed here. The sale of stars will be held on the evening of November 15 at the completion of the 2-day Ayrshire show.

Sharbell Geese Shipments Recalled

WE STOPPED at Portage a few days ago for a chat with Mr. & Mrs Edward Sharbell in their fine new store. Tales of the Portage Sharbells and their huge geese shipments, are among our earliest recollections. Edward tells me that his parents Khalil and Hope Sharbell came here from the old country and settled in Portage. For fifty years they bought geese from Tignish to Kensington and shipped them to the Austan goose farm at Mansfield, near Boston. They gathered as many as 4,000 together before shipping. The price ran from a low of 75 cents per bird, some 25 years ago, to a high of \$2.75 each, Mr. Sharbell recalls. The geese were bought off the grass and were fed grain 'to strengthen them for shipping'. The birds were fattened after their arrival in Mansfield. The shipments stopped some years ago when the price of dressed goose here became as good as it was in Boston, Mr. Sharbell said.

Tyne Valley Meal Recalls Fire

EATING IN the Tyne Valley restaurant a few days ago we chatted with proprietor Gertrude MacNevin about the forest fire peril earlier this year and her experiences at that time. The food was just about gone after the first all night rush of feeding hungry people. But then food started arriving from just about everywhere, she recalled. It came from as far East as Montague, it came from Charlottetown and from other places as well. And the women of the surrounding communities for miles around came with food and assistance.

It's hard to realize now as one drives through those quiet, peaceful communities that fire threatened their existence so recently. But it did threaten and they were still hauling water in one area only a couple of weeks ago.