



Shorthorn Cattle

James Glass of Worton, Shorthorn Cattle Expert

Selects Breeding Stock for New Zealand Herd

Breeders and judges of stock will experience a rich treat by paying a visit to the Asterope, now lying in this harbour, where we have seen without exception two of the finest animals (a bull and a cow) yet imported, and as far as we can ascertain, this opinion is endorsed by all competent judges.

The bull "Knight Templar" is a rich roan of immense substance, fine constitution, and first class quality; it will be seen by his pedigree which we annex, that he is full of the renowned "Bates's blood, now so fashionable both at home and abroad, and from the high prices realised by this blood generally, we have every reason to believe that his stock will be duly appreciated in the colony.

The cow "Clusterberry" is a deep red, very handsome, a splendid handler and of fine form; her pedigree we also annex. The condition of these animals reflects the greatest credit on Captain Stuart, to whose consideration the owners are greatly indebted for the care and attention bestowed on them during the voyage.

These cattle are imported by some of our oldest settlers, Mr. J. D. Canning, and Messrs Nairn Brothers, and are the commencement of a herd now forming at Pourerere in the province of Hawke's Bay. The benefits derived from the use of pure blood are too well known to require any comment. The animals in question were selected by James Glass, Esq., of Worton, near Devizes, Wiltshire for many years a short horn breeder and their appearance certainly reflects great credit on his judgement. They are from the herd of Mr Stiles Rich of Didmarton, Gloucestershire. The bull "Knight Templar", gained two prizes as a yearling, and it was only on the condition that he left England that Mr Rich consented to part with him, that gentleman having reserved him for use in his own herd. Both animals have been selected regardless of expense, and we cordially wish the spirited importers success, and trust their enterprise will prove remunerative. We should add that "Clusterberry" is believed to be in calf to the 7th Duke of York, lately purchased by Mr Rich for 500 guineas, after being hired and used for three years in Mr Rich's herd.

NB:-- The grand dam of Clusterberry being a Booth cow, we shall have an opportunity of testing in the Colony the mixture of the Booth and Bates' blood, now so fashionable in England

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