

**STOCK GOSSIP.**

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**MR. W. P. TAYLOR'S AYRSHIRES.**

Mr. Taylor's farm is located near Wellman's Corners, County of Hastings, Ont. Mr. Taylor has been breeding Ayrshires the past twenty years and at present has quite an extensive herd containing many fine, useful animals of large size, which are evidently heavy milkers. Most of the stock on hand are descended from imported Red Rose and Kilbuck, owned by Jas. Brodie, Rural Hill, N. S. The young stock comprise a number of good young heifers and bulls, among which we noticed a few particularly nice heifers from the well-known stock bull White Prince, owned by Mr. Stewart of Monie, and a few strong young bulls, fit for service; some by Earl of Percy, bred by John Douglas, of Warkworth, Ont., and some by Prince Leopold, bred by A. Tyrell, of Wooler, Ont., and from cows imported from the best stock, as already stated. We were shown a model won by this herd for best herd of dairy cows at county shows. The cows last year were bred to Mr. Stewart's White Prince, and Sir Colin, Mr. Hume's stock bull; and Earl of Percy, the best of the herd. Therefore this spring's crop of calves should contain some of the right stamp.

**ELM SHADE FARM**

is located at Howick, Que., and is owned by Mr. Wm. Wylie, of Montreal, who a couple of years ago founded a herd of Ayrshires by selecting a few very choice individuals from the best stock of this country, among which are: Blue Bell (imp.), bred by Hugh Todd, Harperland, Dundonald, Scotland; sired by Prince Charlie of Dunlop (939); dam Bell of Harperland. Blue Bell has given in seven days 353 lbs. of milk, which made 23 lbs. 3 oss. of butter. She is one of the three that won the FARMER'S ADVOCATE prize in the test at Toronto in 1894, in which they were an easy first, beating among others three herds of Jerseys, one of the herds being a selection from two different breeders. Bell of Park Hill 5569 was selected from the herd of Jas. Drummond & Sons; she was sired by Rob Roy of Park Hill, and is a typical cow. Silver Blossom 6261 was bred by Daniel Drummond, Petite Cote; she was sired by Silver King and is a daughter of Blossom 377, one of Mr. Drummond's best cows. She was shown as a three-year-old last year, winning first in her class at Huntington, and sweepstakes for best female any age. She also won fifth prize at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 as a calf. Silver Princess, a three-year-old, shown as a two-year-old, winning first at Huntington and St. Louis; she also was bred by Daniel Drummond, and had for her sire Silver King, and for her dam Snowdrop 3396. The above cows form the foundation of a future herd of which no doubt more will be heard. Heading the herd is Banker 6888, a winner of three firsts and sweepstakes, and also headed the first prize herd last year at district shows; he was shown last year as a yearling, and was also a first winner as a calf. This year's calves should be good ones, from the above cows and by Banker and Lord Sterling, a first prize yearling in keen competition last year at Montreal. The younger stock includes a beautiful yearling heifer, winner of three firsts last year in good company, and also a very choice bull calf dropped in September last out of Silver Blossom 6261, and sired by Silver King.

**SPRINGBROOK FARM**

is located in Beauharnois County, a couple of miles north of Bryson's Station, and near Allan's Corners, Que. The farm consists of one hundred and fifty acres of heavy soil. The proprietor, Mr. Thomas Drysdale, has been quietly breeding up a choice herd of Ayrshires during the past few years, until they at present number some twenty-five head. The first stock was selected from the well-known herds of David Beattie, of Williamsstown, and Robert Ness, of Howick. The herd now includes a number of really very fine individuals, and is headed by the two-year-old bull Lord Sterling, a grand specimen of the breed, and a winner of first honors in a hotly-contested ring at Montreal last year; also at Sherbrooke, and at all other fairs where shown. He was exhibited as a yearling last year, and was also a winner the year before as a calf. He was purchased from Mr. McLaughlin, Petite Cote, and is from Lady Sterling (imp.), one of his show cows. He was sired by Silver King, and is an excellent individual in every respect. A calf from Lord Sterling, shown in the under six months class, also won first place. Among the best cows are Lily of April 4781, by May Boy. She was shown and beaten in her class at the district fairs, and she was one of the first prize herd at all district fairs last season. Nancy of Beauharnois, a five-year-old, sired by Chieftain of Beauharnois 4738, is also a grand deep-milking cow; shown in same herd as above cow. Springbrook Lasso is a four-year-old, by same sire, comprised one of the show herd also, and is of a model type, while Woodside Maggie made the fourth of the winning herd at all the district fairs last season, headed by Lord Sterling. Springbrook Maggie was shown as a two-year-old last year, winning first in her class at all the district fairs. We were informed that Lily of April beat the first prize cow of Chicago as a three-year-old the next year at the district fairs. The foundation cows of the herd, and grand stock cows they have proved, are Woodside Maggie 3708, bred by Robt. Ness, of Howick, and sired by Garfield 2939, her dam being Miss Symington 2403, by Earl of Symington; and Primrose 3710, also bred by Robt. Ness, and from same sire, and the dam of Lily of April, one of the best of the herd. Most of the young stock were sired by Golden Berry 5311, bred by Robt. Robertson, of Howick, and a winner of second money at Chicago as a two-year-old. He headed the herd of Thos. Irving, which stood fourth. He was sired by the noted bull Golden Guinea 4454. A number of last year's calves, among which were some beauties, sired by the bull now in use, Lord Sterling. We were also shown a fine young bull, rising two years old, out of Golden Berry, and from Lily of Beauharnois, which would undoubtedly leave his mark at the head of some good herd. We are under the impression that the Springbrook herd will take its place among the leading winners in the near future.

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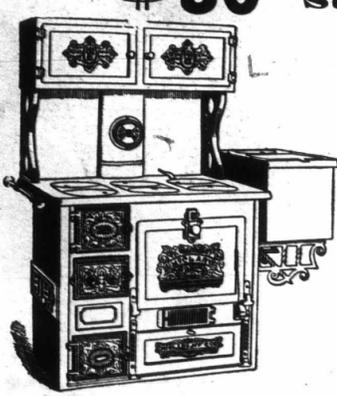
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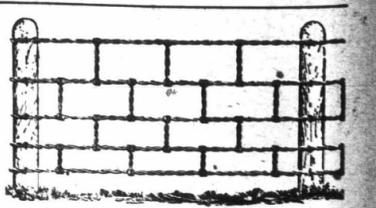
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