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A PRIZE-WINNING AYRSHIRE HERD.

Owned by Mr. James Drummond, of Petite Cote, Montreal, P.Q.

Our Illustration.

Strange would it have been indeed if our artist had failed to produce such an excellent embellishment for our front page as adorns it this month with such capital models before him as the prize-winning Ayrshire herd of Mr. Jas. Drummond, of Petite Cote, Montreal, P.Q. This herd, besides being winners individually of a vast number of prizes, have made a clean sweep of all the herd prizes this year wherever shown, winning first at Kingston, the same again at Ottawa, yet again at Toronto, and finishing the truly glorious series with first at Hamilton. It is certainly a great honor to be the winners of such high honors, not to mention the many others that they have also separately won at these same fairs.

Standing down at the left hand corner in the above group Rob Roy 3971, at present the stock bull, displays his many qualities of personal merit. He is a get of the well-known prize-winning bull Promotion 3212, that was also imported by Mr. Drummond, and used in his herd with great success before Rob Roy attained to maturity. The dam of Rob Roy, Viola 3rd, a grand milker, that is shown in the above

group just above the bull. The head of Rob Roy is masculine in appearance, full of character, clean and free from all fleshiness. His quarter, in front, is all that a dairy bull should have, while his loin and body is by far better than that ordinarily met with, even in good dairy bulls. His ribs spring out well from the back and are lengthy, giving his vital organs plenty of room to work. The rudimentary tests are well placed, and his hind quarter wide, and legs well shaped. An excellent handler, with a skin and covering of the finest quality, he would easily be taken for the grand stock getter he is by even the merest novice.

In the right hand corner opposite appears a splendid milch cow and breeder, Lily of Hardiston 3628, another importation of Mr. Drummond's from the herd of Duncan Keir, Bucklyvie, Scotland. She is just the type of a cow that would fill the eye of any dairyman. She is mostly a pleasing red in color. From even a casual view at her milk making apparatus one would at once pronounce her a cow of immense capacity. She has a nice head and lean neck, but when her barrel is reached the conclusion is at once forced that she is a cow for work, though not without many attractions as far as bovine beauty goes as well. Her

body is excellent, roomy and deep, with a strong though thin loin. Her hind-quarter is wide which, in conjunction with her cat hams, gives her prominent udder every chance to expand. Few cows, indeed, possess an udder such as hers, and fewer yet are the Ayrshire cows that have such good sized teats. Her udder runs far forward, and is not at all fatty in its nature. Taken all in all she is a cow that adds much to the honor of the Ayrshire, and must prove a source of much revenue to her owner.

Viola 3rd 3822 is placed just above Rob Roy in the above group. If this cow had done nothing more than what she has done in producing Rob Roy she would at least be worthy of appearing in the above good company. She was imported by Mr. Drummond, and was bred by Chas. Ray, Gargunnoch, Scotland. She has a beautiful head, thin neck, light fore-quarter, and voluminous barrel. She possesses a back loin and quarter that would be hard to surpass, while her udder is of the first order, with teats of a fair size. Leading away from her udder those conduits of waste blood, the milk veins, are very noticeable, being large and tortuous in their course. In appearance she lacks but little, while her value as a breeder cannot be estimated too highly.