

AYRSHIRE NEWS

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Editor, Farm and Dairy—The clipping sent under the caption, "More Ayrshires for Canada," was misleading, as I learn it referred to an importation sent to the United States. The following, taken from the "Scottish Farmer," of the issue of April 30th, refers to the Hunter importation:

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LARGE SHIPMENT OF AYRSHIRES FOR CANADA

Another large and important shipment of Ayrshire cattle has taken place. Mr. A. W. Montgomery, Lesnessock, Ochiltree, Ayrshire, consigned by the S. S. Athena, from Glasgow, 23 choicely bred animals, to the order of Messrs. Hunter & Sons, of Maxwellville, Ont. These animals have all been selected from herds of repute in various

parts of the country, and much attention has been paid to the milking qualities of the stock from which they have sprung.

From the herd of Mr. Winter, Drumcree, was secured a grand, big, dark-colored cow, five years old, with deep milking qualities. She is due to calve in August. The Netherhall stock produced three choicely bred females. One was a three year old, due to exceptional promise, and should do credit to the old country when she reaches the other side of the Atlantic. Then there are two big-sized two year olds, which should make typical milk cows, and they also come to the calving in October. Another two year old—a July calf—sired by Borrow-moss Swell, was got from the herd of Mr. R. McKinlay, Billhouse. A number of yearling bulls, possessing the best characteristics of the Ayrshire breed, and of colors most prized in Canada, are sent from the Lesnessock herd. Two of these are sired by Lesnessock Gay Scott, one by Lesnessock Killarney, and one by Lesnessock Sprightly Earl, a Drumcree-bred bull. Another yearling of large size and very like a corner, bred by Mr. Wallace at Auchinbrair, having for sire Lesnessock Crusader, was also included in the consignment. One large cow, with a beautifully shaped udder and grand big teats—a real commercial sort—was another of the Lesnessock lot. She was bred at Shevalton Mains. Five prime two year olds, due

to calve in the back end of the season, are from Mr. Montgomerie's own herd. Two of them are bred by Mr. Lindsay, Torra, Castleton, and of the famous Glencairn strain; and one at Hacklawhill, and sired by Royal Cunningham. A very promising two year old, up to a big size, and due to calve in July, was taken from the Glenshamrock stock; while a grandly made yearling bull sent the select herd of Mr. E. Reid, Toward.

The famous milk record herd of Mr. T. Clement, Netherton, contributes two finely bred yearling bulls. One of them is from a Castlemains-bred dam, and the dam of the other youngster is a Culoagrie cow. These cattle are sure to do credit to, and a pretty stamp of a heifer, due to calve in October, from the stock of Mr. James Garven, Dalnusternock. A very sweet, thick-set, little heifer, showing a grand udder and teats, was selected from the herd of Mr. James McNeill, Barleith. She should calve in June. From the Harelaw stock there was got a six months old calf of exceptional promise, and a nice, trim and stylish heifer was got from Garclaugh. Mr. Montgomerie deserves the greatest credit for getting together such a magnificent lot of animals. Stock like this will

do much to uphold the honor of the old country in the matter of producing the finest high class dairy cattle, and their success in the Dominion will, no doubt, induce Lesnessock's patrons to "come again."

CONDITIONS IN THE EAST

When in attendance at the Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst last December, a conference was held with the Maritime Ayrshire breeders. I encouraged them to enter in the Record of Performance Test. They feel the time has come when they should have representation on the Directorate of this Association. They also considered the money spent on the Official Organ could be spent to better advantage. They also requested that the Annual be opened to receive advertisements from Ayrshire breeders, and that more of the Booklets should be published.

We have received 134 new members during the year. We have now the largest membership in our history. Four hundred and fifty-six members' fees were paid in 1909, as follows: Twenty-four paid the time of making out this report there were 55 unpaid fees for 1908 and 68 for their indebtedness to the Association.—Extract from Secretary Stephen's report.

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