

STOCK GOSSIP.

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MESSRS. WM. STEWART & SON'S AYRSHIRES.

Messrs. Stewart's farm lies but a short drive north of Hord's Station, Northumberland Co., Ont. With selections from their large herd, Messrs. Stewart have won a name and a fair share of fame in all the leading rings of Canada, and also a share of the honors at the Columbian Exposition, Chicago. Among the best cows in the herd we might mention Jean Armour, a four-year-old of excellent conformation, a winner of 4th at Montreal in the dairy cow class in the very choicest company. She was also placed 3rd at Gananoque in the dairy test; and 2nd at the Guelph Dairy Show, though not in her best form at the time. She has tested four per cent. at the stables. White Lilly is a handsome cow, and a winner of 2nd at Montreal, 1st at Ottawa, and sweepstakes for best female any age; she also carried off 2nd honors at Gananoque Dairy Show, shown as a three-year-old. Ayrshire Maggie is a three-year-old of the right stamp, as will be seen by her winnings, being placed 4th in her class at Chicago, and was one of the four that won first for sire and four of his get. Scotch Lassie Jean is a beautiful heifer and a favorite winner last year as a two-year-old, her honors being 1st at Toronto and Ottawa, and all other fairs with the exception of Montreal; she was also placed 2nd at Chicago as a calf. Annie Laurie 2nd is a full sister to Scotch Lassie Jean, and also to Tam Glen, sold to W. C. Edwards, of Rockland, a winner of three lots at Chicago and never beaten but once. Annie Laurie 2nd won last year as a yearling, 1st at Kingston and Toronto, 1st at Gananoque, and 2nd at Ottawa; she is a grand heifer, and promises to mature into an exceptionally fine cow. Maggie Lawder, her stable mate, of same age, is also a very handsome heifer. She resembles very much her show mate Annie Laurie, and many times last year they were placed 1st and 2nd. A beautiful calf was seen—full sister to Annie Laurie 2nd and Scotch Lassie Jean. She and another calf out of Jean Armour and by Dundonald, a Morton bull, at present have the appearance of turning out something more than ordinary. White Prince is still at the head of the herd and has proved himself a grand sire, judging from the young stock seen. White Prince has been a very successful prize winner both at Canadian fairs and at Chicago. Douglas of Loudon Hill, shown last year as a two-year-old, is also being used in the herd. He was sired by Royal Chief (imp.) and had for his dam imported Dandy, his breeder being Mr. Morton, of Hamilton. A beautiful White Prince and from Tidy, a heavy milking cow, promises to develop into an excellent animal; his winnings as calf last year were 2nd at Toronto and Ottawa, 3rd at Montreal, and 1st at Kingston. Many others are also well worthy of mention did space permit.

SPRINGBURN HERD OF SHORTHORNS.

Springburn Farm lies a couple of miles north of Lancaster, Ont. It comprises one hundred and forty acres of the choicest farming land, and Mr. R. Sangster may be said to be a model farmer. Everything about the buildings and farm is found in the best of order. And, as it was our pleasure to visit the farm during the past summer, we were led to believe, on walking over the farm, that Mr. Sangster was a believer in the motto that the best is none too good. It was very evident that much thought and careful study is given to the cultivation of the soil and all the details of the farm. The testing and experimenting in grains is also given considerable attention. The farm, to the appreciative mind and the lover of nature, with its great resources, furnishes a pleasant and at the same time profitable subject for contemplation.

The Springburn Shorthorn herd has been established since the year 1875, and now comprises some twenty-six head. The first purchase was made from the herd of Jos. Thompson, of Whitby, comprising Golden Drop cows from the stock of Campbell, Kinellar, Scotland. Others were added to the herd, of the Mina and Bruce strains, from the herd of Joseph Redmond, Peterboro. Mayflower 10th = 2256 = (imp.) was purchased from Jos. Thompson. She was imported by John Isaacs, Markham, and was by Stalman (4539), having for her dam Dottie, full sister to Sunflower. Fanny B 30th was bred by Jos. Redmond, Peterboro. Ont. She was got by Gravesend's Heir = 6372 = (imp.), her dam being Fanny B 26th = 11022 = (imp.), who was by Goldfinder. The dam of Fanny B 30th was one of the best show cows in her day. Mildred 4th is a dark roan, five years old, also bred by Jos. Redmond, Peterboro. Mina strain. She is from the imported Campbell cow Minnie = 5175 =, and by Gravesend's Heir (imp.). Minnie Derby is another of the good ones of the herd. She was bred by Arthur Johnston, and is of a grand old Scotch family. The herd also contains a Golden Drop cow by Count of the Empire, an imp. Cruickshank bull, and representatives of other well-known families. The young stock are descended from the above families, and are of a useful type, having been bred as much for their utility at the pail as their breeding qualities. Such bulls have been used on the herd as Prince of the West = 2281 =; Starlight Duke = 2488 =, by Butterfly Duke, a Bow Park bull, and out of a Scotch cow; Count of the Empire, a Cruickshank bull; by Chancellor (his dam was Roan Gauntlett, descended from Champion of England, one of the best bulls ever owned by Mr. Cruickshank); and Lord Hillhurst = 13937 =, by Heir Apparent 51380. After him came King of Wales, a Bruce bull, bred by Jos. Redmond; then the stock bull now in use, Royal Gloster, a deep red two-year-old that is proving a splendid getter. A few choice young bulls are still on hand, three being grandsons of Mayflower 10th, one from a Bruce cow, and one from a Golden Drop; all being from Royal Gloster = 19998 =, bred by Arthur Johnston. The above young bulls are fine, straight, smooth fellows of good quality.

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