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AYRSHIRE NOTES.

Canadian breeders will be interested in the recent importation of Ayrshires made by Strathglass Farms, Port Chester, N. U.S.A., from some of the best Scottish herds. There are 'two very attractive bulls in Hobsland Perfect Piece and Wideawake, the former a son of R. R. Ness' show bull, Hobsland Masterpiece, and the latter out of Netherhall Brownie 16th, akin to our former record cow, Netherhall Brownie 9th, and dam of the senior sire at Strathglass, Netherhall True to Time. She is a thousand-gallon cow in all her three records made in Scotland, and Hugh J. Chisholm holds her get in high esteem. Perfect Piece is unbeaten in the show-yard on the other side, having beaten Howie's Holehouse Marksman and Howie's Carsegowan Commander. Shewalton Maine Queen, an upstanding, handsome six-year-old cow, and Lochfergus Snow, four, are exceptionally fine. Queen is not of the blood of the great Ryanogue cow Shewalton Mains Mainswell, but is by Raichhill Lookup, out of Slatchole Young Lessy; and Snow is by Lessnessock Golden Pippin, out of Snow 2nd of Holehouse. One with a wonderful milking inheritance is Netherton Jeanette, daughter of Culcaigre Jeanette and Brae Rising Star. The dam calved five times in three years and ten months, and gave an average of 1,155 gallons of milk. With the dairy quality of the dam and the show quality of the sire, Netherton Jeanette should have a great future. The present breed champion is represented in a heifer calf out of Auchenbrain Queen Kate. A Scot is credited with saying when shown a picture of George Washington and being told that a lie never passed his lips, "Na doot he talked through his nose, like the rest o' ye." We have a better opinion of the veracity of the Scottish breeders than 'that, so it is encouraging to hear that it was their expressed opinion that Mr. Chisholm's importation was the best that had left their shores for the United States so far. W. F. S.

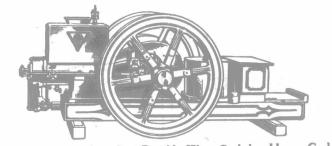
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