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THE FARMER'S ADVOCALE.

Gossip.

JAS. BEGG'S AYRSHIRES. The high standard maintained in the R. O. P. Ayrshire herd of James Begg, of St. Thomas, Ont., for many years, is the result of systematic testing on a business basis and the retention of the best in individual merit and production, and his herd of to-day is an extra nicely balanced one, and all are in the official records. One or two of them only have we space to mention. White - Legged Kirtsy is a beautiful cow of ideal type. As a three-year-old she made a record of 9,500 lbs. Lady Betty 1st, another cow of superior type and quality, gave 7,580 lbs. as a two-year-old, and is now giving from 45 to 50 lbs. a day. Lady Betty 2nd is a daughter of hers, and as a two-year-old gave 9,760 lbs., testing 4.62 per cent. Ethel Belle, at three years of age, gave 9,258 lbs.; butter-fat test, 4.15 per cent. The several others are equally as good, both in production and butter-fat test. For three years, at the head of the herd has been the great bull, Bonnie's Messenger, with fourteen daughters in the official records. His sire, Ivanhoe of Springhill, stands in bold relief as the champion Ayrshire sire of Canada. This, with both the dam and grandam of Bonnie's Messenger in the official records, make him one of the best bred bulls of the breed in Canada. He will be for sale soon. His daughters are now being bred to Senator, dam's record 6,045 lbs. in less than 10 months; grandam's record, 13,158 lbs.; sire's dam's record, 9,032 lbs. For sale are two three-months-old bulls, one out of White-Legged Kirtsy, the other out of Lady Betty 1st, and both by the stock bull; also a few heifers.

THE CARGILL SHORTHORNS AND CLYDESDALES.

The big demand for Shorthorn cattle that has existed for the last year or two, and is still increasing, is very much in evidence in the greatly depleted numbers of the various herds visited by the outside representative of this paper, and in few of them to a greater extent than in the large and strictly high-class herd of H. Cargill & Son. For many years this herd averaged along about two hundred head, but so great has been the demand for breeding stock of late months that only about seventy-five are left, and these principally the imported breeding cows and their daughters. In the matter of superior individual excellence, it is doubtful if ever before was the herd headed by so choice a pair of bulls as now. Best Hero, a roan two-year-old son of Imp. Proud Hero, is an exceptionally well-fleshed bull, out of Bessie C. 2nd, by Imp. Diamond Rev shows his great breeding, and is proving his ability to transmit his thick, fleshy type, to his offspring. The other is the white four-year-old, Diamond Boy, one of the thickest and best-balanced bulls of the day in this country, sired by Diamond Crown, a son of the \$5,000 bull, Bapton Diamond (imp.), dam Flower Girl 12th (imp.), by Mystic Archer. In young bulls there are only two left, about eight months of age each, both reds; the one a Clara and the other a Golden Hope. They are both sired by Best Hero, and both resemble him in their thick, even fleshing. Seldom have we seen two better young bulls in the herd. In heifers, for sale, there are only three left, yearlings, but cows in calf can be spared. In Clydesdales, for sale, are two young stallions, full brothers, one a yearling, the other rising a year, both out of the big, good mare, Imp. Flower, and both sired by Imp. Matchless. It is seldom, indeed, we come across a pair of colts of so high a standard of merit as these two, exceptionally large, their underpinning is as near faultless as possible. Parties wanting a young stallion for show purposes, or for service, would do well to see this pair.



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