

**Studs, Herds and Flocks.**

W. E. WRIGHT'S SHROPSHIRE.

The farm owned by the above proprietor is well situated for the fine stock trade, being within half a mile of the Glanworth station, on the London & Port Stanley branch of the Grand Trunk Railway, and just midway between the cities of London and St. Thomas. Not only is the railway accommodation first-class, but there are situated a number of other flocks in close proximity, which is a great advantage, as buyers are sure to congregate where the greatest number of breeders are to be found. Westminster, the township in which Mr. Wright lives, has long been noted as a sheep breeding centre, and perhaps has more flocks of imported sheep within a radius of the same number of miles than any other part of the country. This flock was founded very soon after Shropshire sheep began to be imported freely, the first purchases being made from the flocks of Geary Bros., London; James Glennie, then of Guelph; T. D. Hodgins, London; but as the demand for sheep of high class increased the produce of these were sold and their places again filled with imported sheep. Last winter a number of ewes were selected from Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw's winter importation that had been bred previous to their leaving England. This lot were bred by R. Bach, Onibury, near Shrewsbury, England, and are of capital Shropshire character, with good size and quality. Some exceptionally good ram lambs, imported in their dams, from the most noted English rams, being wonderfully well developed, and promise being very large by show time. In fact, all the lambs are exceptionally good, particularly the ram lambs, which are very strong, with good fleeces and well covered heads. They are all the get of imported rams and show uniformity of type in a marked degree, which is not surprising when the quality of the dams is considered. Shearling ewes and rams are also a good lot, the whole forming a remarkably useful flock.

## HILLSIDE FARM.

Messrs. John Ackrow & Son, of Hillside Farm, Highfield P. O., have been engaged in the business of breeding Shorthorns for over thirty years, and as they have always made it a rule to buy none but the best, they have now a herd that, while not only large, is made up of animals of extra good quality. At the head of the herd we found the Kinellar bull Reporter, imported by Mr. John Isaac, of Markham, a bull of the right kind, short-legged and beefy, and combining his individual good qualities, with a pedigree built on show ring triumphs, his sire being the well-known Cruickshank bull Gravesend (46461), and his dam a cow of the famous Wimple family, Wimple 13th, by Golden Prince (38363).

In a field close to the barn we were next shown the latest additions to the Hillside herd, viz., two imported cows purchased at Mr. John Isaac's sale last February. These are both from the Kinellar herd, and are both got by the noted Gravesend (46461); the one, Charlotte, the highest-priced cow sold at the sale, being out of a Cruickshank cow. Both these cows when purchased had calves at their side, by Mr. Isaac's bull, Baron Linton, known as perhaps one of the best stock getters in Ontario, and a very promising pair of youngsters they are, both bulls, the one calving in October and the other in February. Another imported Campbell cow is the old cow

Juliet; this has been a grand breeder, two of her daughters being in the same field, one a four-year-old, Jubilee, by Baron Linton, and the other Juliet's Rose, a three-year-old, by the imported Scotch bull Count of the Empire, this latter having a very sweet heifer calf by Reporter. Among the home-bred animals we were greatly taken with the red cow Rose of Kentucky 3rd, sire Sir Francis, a highly bred Booth bull, dam Rose of Kentucky, by Earl of Edgwood; this is a beautiful cow, smooth and sweet all over, with a well sprung rib, a good front and neat head; in our opinion the pick of the basket, and a credit to her breeders.

In an adjoining paddock were a few very nice heifer calves, one of them especially, a daughter of the stock bull Reporter, Rose of Kentucky the 9th, striking us as being a very smooth, sweet heifer of great promise. Messrs. Ackrow's card will be found in another column, and we can recommend their herd as worthy of inspection by intending purchasers.

## PINE FOREST FARM.

Few names are more familiar to Holstein fanciers than that of Mr. Wm. Shunk, of Sherwood, Ont. Mr. Shunk, in addition to being one of the oldest breeders in Ontario, is a director of the Holstein Breeders' Association, and was at the last meeting appointed inspector for the herd book. At the time of our visit the cattle were out at grass, and not receiving any extra feed, yet they were looking as sleek as though grain fed. The first cow shown us was the imported cow Annin, purchased from B. B. Lord & Son, Sinclairville, N. Y.; this is a grand, big cow, with a well shaped udder and large knotted milk views standing out prominently, winner of first at both the Industrial and the Provincial Fairs as a three-year-old heifer. She has made a test of 16 pounds of butter in seven days, as a five-year-old, her dam having a butter record of 18.14 pounds, and a milk record of 77½ pounds in one day, while her sire's dam had a record of no less than 87½ pounds of milk in a day.

Two very nice young cows are Sherwood Charm and Sherwood Alice, both being daughters of Annin, the first named being by Sherwood Lad, a grandson of the famous Barrington, the latter by the bull lately in use at Pine Forest, Alexander 5th. The bull at present in service is Ballie 2nd's Artis Clothilde, bred by Smith, Powell & Lamb, of Syracuse, N. Y., his sire being Clothilde 4th's Artis, the bull used at the famous Belle Mead Farm. Although a little low in flesh at the time of our visit, Ballie 2nd's Clothilde Artis struck us as being a good pattern of a dairy bull, having the milk points strongly developed, while that he is a good stock getter. We had ample proof in seeing the young things got by him, amongst them a really choice bull calf about six weeks old, out of the imported cow Annin.

## MR. LINE'S HOLSTEINS.

A short distance from Pine Forest, and also close to Sherwood, we found located another Holstein admirer in the person of Mr. John A. Line. Owing to the number of sales made this spring, Mr. Line, at the time of our visit, was not very heavily stocked, everything of saleable age having left the farm at good prices. The bull in service, Amsterdam, was bred at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, sired by Netherland Statesman's Cornelius, a grandson

of the world-famed prize-winner Netherland Prince. Amsterdam promises to make a very useful bull, his deep, yellow skin showing indications of butter, as well as milk, qualities. Of the cows, one, Breezy, was imported by Messrs. B. B. Lord & Son, of Sinclairville, N. Y., a heavy bodied, short legged cow. Breezy also shows the wedge-shape, so indicative of milking properties, and Mr. Line tells us that she does not belie her appearance, for he expects her to reach a yield of 11,000 pounds of milk in the twelve months, commencing October 12th, 1890. A daughter of Breezy, by the famous prize winning bull Neptune Jr., is Breezy 2nd, and a grand young cow she is; wide over her hips, light in the shoulder, with a nice square udder and well placed teats, she shows the word milk written in capitals all over her, and we were not very much surprised when Mr. Line told us that she had made 14 pounds of butter in 7 days, the third week after calving, besides raising her calf. While not so large as Breezy 2nd, Vernetta Moss, another daughter of Breezy, by the Barrington bull Earl Barrington, is a very smooth, sweet cow all over, with beautiful mellow skin, and having, Mr. Line tells us, the very important qualification of keeping up her supply of milk close to calving.

Although sold out of almost all his young stock, Mr. Line was able to show us a very nice pair of calves—one a bull, out of Vernetta Moss, the other a very choice heifer, out of Tillie Neptune, a cow sold last spring.

Although Mr. Line has not yet ventured into the arena of the larger shows, he has always held his own in local rings, and we feel confident that stock from his herd will be heard of later on.

## CLYDESDALE FARM.

In the East Riding of York, and close to the little village of L'Amaroux, is situated Clydesdale Farm, the property of Mr. John Bell, well-known as the owner of some of the best Clydesdale stallions Canada has ever seen, and also as the pioneer importer of Tamworth pigs in Ontario. At the time of our visit the stallions owned by Mr. Bell were The Granite City, Eastfield Chief and Ardethan Boy. Of these, the last named, a big, upstanding horse, sired by McCamon, was leased for the season, while the two first were making the season at their own stable. Of The Granite City it is unnecessary for us to say much, as he is already well known to the horse loving public through his successes in the show yard both in Scotland and in Canada. It will suffice, therefore, to say that since we saw him last he has grown into a big, massive horse, with a grand set of legs. Eastfield Chief, although also a well-known prize-winner, has not perhaps been as prominently before the public as The Granite City, still in some points he takes our eye even more than his stable companion, a very short-legged, thick horse, with a wealth of muscle. He shows draught in every line, and will, in our opinion, prove a most valuable stock horse. Sired by Prince Lawrance, a grandson of the famous Prince of Wales, and out of a mare by Lord Lyon, he is royally bred, and the people of East York are to be congratulated on having two such stallions kept for service in their county.

Besides the imported stallions, Mr. Bell has a fine stud of registered mares, and some very useful looking youngsters of both sexes. Among them is a pair of two-year-old fillies, both got by Lord