

bench show at Toronto. We have yet to see as uniform a litter of puppies as we were shown from her.

Mr. Frank Taylor's Ayrshires.

The Ayrshire cows in this herd are large in size and, we were told, heavy milkers, which we could easily believe from their milk points, while the heifers are most promising. Mr. Taylor, whose farm lies near Wellman's Corners, has this year fed several of his Ayrshire calves new milk, and their extra size and flesh show how easily Ayrshires would become a beef-making breed were they directed in that line. The practice is condemned by many breeders, but those who believe in quick development have only to point to Carmen Sylvia, the Holstein cow which won the sweepstakes milk test at Toronto and Gananoque. She, according to Mr. Thomas Davidson, her breeder's, statement, was allowed to suck for six months.

Be that as it may, Mr. Taylor believes in developing the constitution, and his yearling heifers and heifer calves, as well as cows of all ages, have much more size than is usual among Ayrshires, and yet he claims for them extra milk production.

The stock bull at present in the herd is Earl of Percy, bred by Mr. John Douglas, Warkworth, and sired by Wooler Chief, and most of this season's calves are got by him, although Messrs. Stewart & Sons' White Prince has left some extra good things among the yearlings and this season's calves. The cows trace to Red Rose (imp.) and other earlier importations, and such crosses have been placed upon these earlier sorts as have been procurable, with the success that we have mentioned above.

Mr. Taylor has a large number of bull calves this season, from among which there is plenty of choice for intending purchasers. His farm is only a short distance from Hoard's station, and, as there are a number of good herds of Ayrshires in his locality, visitors can have a varied choice.

Ayrshires at Burnbrae.

Situated in a locality in which purebred Ayrshire breeds are more numerous than in any part of Ontario with which we are acquainted, Messrs. Alex. Hume & Co., Burnbrae, have determined to gain the summit of excellence in the line in which they are breeding, and the success achieved this year at Toronto gives evidence of more than ordinary judgment. The three-year old bull Sir Colin, bred by Messrs. David Morton & Sons, Hamilton, has been in service or two years. He was sired by Monarch, a son of the noted show cow, Maggie Brown, his dam being Sprightly Third, of the family of which Messrs. Morton thought most highly.

Sir Colin is not only a good individual himself, but is leaving some beautiful calves. Among those of this season we were shown a particularly handsome lot, and all of fashionable colors.

Prince of Barcheskie, the first-prize yearling bull

that was so much admired at Toronto, was imported in his dam, Eva of Barcheskie, by Craigs of Kyle. He was sired by Norseman of Balmangan, a bull now used at Barcheskie, and this handsome yearling will be used on part of the herd this season. He is the pattern that modern Ayrshire breeders are striving to produce, having plenty of depth of rib and width underneath, yet is fine in the shoulders and chine. He has grand Ayrshire character, and is fashionable in color. It will be remembered that first prize for bull calves at Toronto also went to this herd, where Dominion Lad was declared winner, and a very superior bull calf he is, having great depth of rib, being stylish, neat, and large in size, but of superb quality. He was sired by Dominion Chief, his dam being Amy, both sire and dam being winners in the past at Toronto. Among the cows is Eva of Barcheskie (imp.), of Mr. Andrew Mitchell's breeding. She is a beautiful cow, and carries a large and finely-shaped vessel, which gives promise of business. She was imported for the herd, two years ago, and is doing her duty well, as the bull mentioned above and a handsome heifer calf of this year testify. Other good cows there are, the herd having been bred for many years with great care, with the result that they scale high in production. A number of capital bull calves by Sir Colin are also very fine, and will, doubtless, soon find their way to head other herds. Mr. Hume has, also, quite an extensive herd of improved Yorkshires. Of three boars in use two are of Mr. Jos. Featherston's breeding. These are Featherston's choice by Woolsley General, dam by Holywell Royalty, while the other is Hastings, whose breeding we did not ascertain.

Belleville Boy is by Mr. J. E. Brethour's Oak Lodge Stamina dam by Holywell Emigrant. To mate with these three excellent boars, Mr. Hume has quite a variety of breeding in his sows, and the fine quality and extraordinary size of these can hardly be described. We should strongly recommend a personal inspection, which will be amply repaid by a look over both Ayrshires and Yorkshires.

Menie Stockyards' Ayrshires.

It is a pretty well-established breeding axiom that the bull is half the herd, and, when a phenomenally successful sire such as Messrs. W. Stewart & Sons' White Prince 2nd is to be found, he is entitled to more than a half share of the credit, for a good sire means success, while an ordinary sire means failure. It is just here where the breeding problem is so hard a proposition to solve. It is just here that this herd has met with such success, for, without White Prince at its head, the herd would, in all probability, not have reached its present high standing. White Prince 2nd was bred by Mr. J. Caldwell, Dundonald, and was imported in his dam by Messrs. David Morton & Sons. He was sired by White Prince, which was a son of Derby of Bogside, afterwards imported by the late Thos. Brown, Petite Cote.