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Hardup (sardonically)—"I'd like 'to, but I sprained my foot on a collector yesterday."

Farmer (to one of his laborers, who had come home after his first training in the militia)—"Which would you rather be, a soldier or a farm hand, Paddy?"

Pat—"A soldier, of course."

Farmer—"And why so, Paddy?"

Pat—"Well, you see, you'd be a long time working for a farmer before he'd let you to stand at ease."

GOSSIP.

KELSO AYRSHIRES.

The great herd of Ayrshire cattle owned by D. A. Macfarlane, of Kelso, Que., that for many years has held so high a position among the leading herds of that famous Ayrshire center, is this year stronger than ever before, both in number and individual and producing quality. Always well up at all the leading shows in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, they this year at the Dominion Exhibition held at Ottawa, in one of the strongest exhibits of Ayrshires ever seen together in Canada, were awarded a goodly share of the honors. The stock bull, Lessnessock Scottish Thistle, imported in dam, in a remarkably strong class, was placed second, which is more than a guarantee of his superior type and quality. He is not only a great bull, but he is a great sire. Last summer, at the big show at Ormstown, Que., get of his own first on young herd and first on breeder's herd, an honor most coveted by breeders. The herd is now 45 strong, imported and Canadian-bred, among which are many prizewinners and high-class animals. Mr. Macfarlane has never done any official testing. He ships all his cream to Montreal on a test of from 32 to 35 per cent., and receives \$1.40 per gallon. This winter he intends changing the order of things, and will have all his herd officially tested as rapidly as possible. He reports a big demand for Ayrshires, and many sales. He has nothing he will not price, and some right choice things are there for the particular buyer, cows, heifers, and young herd-headers. His farm is a few miles from Huntingdon Station, or Carr's Crossing Station, where he will meet visitors on notice.

THE STONEHOUSE AYRSHIRES.

Introductory words of commendation are needless for a short review of this renowned herd. Everyone in Canada and on the other side of the line as well, who is interested in Ayrshire cattle, is perfectly familiar with the high standard maintained in this great herd, exhibited as they have been by their owner, Hector Gordon, of Howick, Que., at all the leading shows in Canada, from one end of the country to the other, and always at the top in any company, is a matter of Canadian Ayrshire history too well known to need repeating. The herd, now over ninety strong, has every year been strengthened by new blood from the best procurable in Scotland. This year again saw a new lot personally selected by Mr. Gordon, which, with the high-class character of the herd as maintained since its foundation many years ago, places the herd second to none on the continent for strictly high-class show-ring quality and official-record-producing ability, for very many of the herd are in the official records. One of the great factors in the phenomenal breeding success of the herd is found in the high-class character of the stock bulls that are always in use. At present the chief bull in service is Auchrain Good Gift (imp.), a son of the renowned Auchrain Guarantee, and on his dam's side has the backing of his five nearest dams, all being in the official records with over 10,000 lbs. in the year each. Added to his great breeding is his superior type and quality that this year, at the Dominion Exhibition at Ottawa, in a strong class, brought him to the top. Assisting him in service is the Ormstown first-prize, and the Ottawa second-prize yearling, Hillhouse White Heather (imp.). He is one of the lot imported by Mr. Gordon this summer, and much is expected from him another year when he is put in show condition. Practically all the females of the herd are now in calf to this year's Western circuit champion, Hillhouse Freetrader (imp.). Nothing in the herd is reserved, so that parties looking for show Ayrshires of any age, whose ability to produce the goods is proven, should certainly visit the herd. In the matter of herd-headers, the selection is as good both from the breeder's and producer's standpoints, as the country affords.

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