

The **Ayrshire** breed of cattle originated in the county of Ayr, Scotland. They are a very thrifty breed, especially adapted to a somewhat rough country, and for places where forage is scarce. They are of a rather high nervous temperament, requiring gentle handling, and are inclined to have short teats, which are difficult to milk. In size, they take a medium position, as the cows do not weigh much over 1,000 pounds live weight. They are very persistent milkers,



AYRSHIRE.

giving a moderate quantity of milk of average quality or percentage of fat. The fat globules are small in size, hence the milk from Ayrshire cows is not adapted for creaming by any gravity method, as there is too great a loss of fat (cream). Their milk is, however, specially well suited for cheesemaking, and in cheese factory sections this hardy breed is very popular. Henry Wade, Toronto, is Secretary of the Canadian Association and in charge of the herd books.