

GOSSIP.

Those desirous of obtaining a first-class imported Shorthorn bull would do well to see, at an early date, the young imported bull, Benachie =89954=, offered by Geo. D. Fletcher, Binkham, Ont. He is a Sittytton Butterfly, bred by A. T. Gordon, Aberdeenshire, has just turned four years old, and is from one of the best cows in one of the best herds in Scotland, as his dam, Beatrice 22nd, produced Bandmaster, a first-prize winner at the Royal Show, and sold for 600 guineas. His sire, Scottish Farmer, a grandson of the great Scottish Archer, is from the same dam as the sire of the champion bull of 1907, Linkfield Champion, which sold for 1,500 guineas. Mr. Fletcher states that he has already had much inquiry for Benachie and his young bulls, through his recent advertisement in "The Farmer's Advocate," and has already sold the last of his young bulls by Benachie (imp.).

SPRINGBANK AYRSHIRES.

As a herd of sensational record-breakers in milk-production, the Springbank herd of A. S. Turner, of Ilyckman's Corners, three miles south of Hamilton, easily ranks first among the many great Ayrshire herds of Canada. There is not a mature cow in the herd that will not give 50 lbs. a day when at her best, and several give over 60 lbs. a day, and up to 67 lbs., which great yield was given by Flora of Neidpath, and her daughter, Flower of Neidpath, gave 64½ lbs. Fourteen of them are in the Record of Performance, and ten more are now in the test. Canadian Princess, the world's champion three-year-old, has a record of 11,377 lbs. of milk, testing 4.59 per cent., and 521 lbs. butter-fat, in 335 days. This cow has a bull calf, by the stock bull, Imp. Pearlstone of Glenora, a son of the famous cow, Imp. Edith of Lessnessock, whose record at thirteen years of age is 13,000 lbs., testing 4 per cent. Another of the great Princess family, and a sister to the champion, is Scotland Princess 2nd, whose four-year-old record is 10,182 lbs. milk, and 461.2 lbs. butter-fat. Another sister, Scotland Princess 3rd, is now in the test, and in seven months gave 9,706 lbs. milk, that has never tested below 4 per cent. Jemima of Springbank has a two-year-old record of 8,899 lbs. milk, and 395.3 lbs. butter-fat, in 338 days. This, at the time it was made, was a world's record for the breed at two years of age. A daughter of hers, Jemima 2nd of Springbank, as a three-year-old, is giving 50 lbs. a day. She, too, has a bull calf by the old stock bull, as has also her dam. Here are a pair of young bulls that should make most desirable herd-heads, if persistent production breeding counts for anything. Speck of Springbank holds the world's record for a two-year-old, of 10,354 lbs., testing slightly over 4 per cent., and at the end of her year's test was gaining 25 lbs. a day, and freshened again in six weeks, bringing forth a heifer calf from which great things are expected. Briary of Springbank, as a three-year-old, has a record of 10,123 lbs. in 11 months, and her daughter, Briary of Springbank 2nd, as a two-year-old, is giving 50 lbs. a day, testing 3.08 per cent. These enumerated are representative of almost the entire herd, of which there are 68 head, whose type, appearance, and big, well-balanced udders, denote them mortgage-lifters in the fullest sense of the term. As assistant in service has been purchased the high-class young bull, Lessnessock Forest King (imp.), whose dam, Lessnessock Gem, has a four-year-old record of 9,840 lbs. milk in 9 months and 10 days. Coming herd-heads for sale are three young bulls six months of age, one out of Jemima of Springbank above-mentioned, one out of White Flos, with a record of 10,600 lbs. of 4.5-per-cent. milk in 7½ months, the other, out of Helen of Springbank, whose one-day record is 60 lbs., and in April she gave 1,535 lbs., and in May 1,496 lbs.; butter-fat test, 4.02 per cent. This cow is the dam of Snowflake of Springbank, that in January of this year, in her test, gave 1,868½ lbs. milk that tested 5 per cent. She, too, has a bull calf. Besides these three six-months-old bulls, there are half a dozen others, including the one from Snowflake, younger, but all most richly-bred.

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