

GOSSIP.

R. HUNTER & SONS' IMPORTATION OF AYRSHIRES.

The following is a short sketch of the animals and the herds from which were drawn the 45 head of Ayrshires recently imported by R. Hunter & Sons, Maxville, Ont.: From Lessnessock there go sixteen head, composed of three bulls and thirteen cows and heifers. One of the bull stirks is bred by Mr. Logan, Bargenoch, got by his great breeding bull, Durward Lely, and out of one of his famous old cows, which has a wonderful record in spite of her years. Another bred by Mr. Logan, and by the same sire, is a splendid two-year-old heifer, calving in August. A second bull stirk is out of one of Mr. Montgomerie's great Snowdrop cows, and sired by his now famous breeding bull, Marshal Oyama. This is an upstanding, stylish bull, and worthy of his breeding. The third bull stirk is by the same sire, and out of a grand old cow. A pair of splendid two-year-old heifers, calving in August, and sired by Marshal Oyama, are showing wonderful teats, and give great promise of being big, good dairy cows; while there also goes the best three-year-old quey that has left Lessnessock for Canada since 1898, when the four famous cows, Minnie, Edith, Marget, and Alice were exported. Another is a four-year-old of the Sara Macgregor strain, a heavy milker, with large teats; and two others are young things equally promising. Other four are bred by Mr. Sloan, Castlemaims, New Cumnock, a five-year-old, a four-year-old, a two-year-old, and a yearling, all out of his best strains, and they can be depended on to give a good account of themselves. Another is a grand big cow, bred by Mr. Stevenson, farmer, Thornhill. From Mr. Robert Wallace's great herd at Auchenbrain there go a splendid five-year-old cow, of the White Beauty family, and her two-year-old daughter, by Spicy Robin. Another is the great cow, Dainty X., a cow that has few equals in any breed. Mr. Watson, Barboigh, supplies a big six-year-old cow of the right stamp; and another grand, big, stylish cow, calving in August, for Canadian shows; while a third is a stylish and very well-bred bull stirk. Mr. Andrew Baird's well-known Garclaugh herd contributes seven head. One is a grand cow, very near the top in the milk records, and out of the Dainty family, without a doubt one of the best of the herd. She supplied one of the present stock bulls at Lessnessock. Another is a bull stirk, out of the great Prinosa cow that was exported a year ago, and by Flying Fox. There is a yearling quey; and two others are of the Snowdrop and Rose families; while there goes a grand big two-year-old, of the Sonsie strain, and a promising bull calf. From Messrs. R. & W. Sillars, Whiteside, Monkton, goes a bull stirk, bred at Lessnessock, got by Marshal Oyama, and out of the same dam as Royal Star, a bull that was exported in 1903, and which, in Mr. Alex. Hume's hands, won first three years in succession at the Canadian National at Toronto. Another is a three-year-old quey, full of promise, and out of the Lessnessock Royal Rose family, and calves in August. From Mr. Andrew Logan, Overton, goes a grand cow, calving for Canadian shows. She is a half-sister to the famous Not Likely; while another, from Overton, is a very promising young thing of the best of breeding. Mr. Robert M. Reid, Toward Point Farm, supplies a pair of splendid two-year-old heifers, bred by Mr. Mackay, Auchafour, and out of splendid cows. They calve in August. A third is a bull stirk, bred by himself, and got by the Auchenbrain bull, and out of the same dam as Royal Delight, a bull exported in 1903, and which in Mr. J. W. Black's (Lachute) hands made an enviable record as a breeder and show bull. The fourth is a very promising young thing. From Mr. John McAllister, Ardyne, goes a great big three-year-old quey, bred by Mr. Robert Reid. It is doubtful if as good an uncalved three-year-old quey as this ever crossed the water. Mr. Mackay, Auchafour, supplies a worthy mate for her in another grand three-year-old, calving in August. Messrs. Knox, The Lane, Drongan, sends a young thing, the dam of which is well up in the milk records; and Mr. Hugh Smith's (Whitehill) herd supplies another.

of equal promise. From Mr. James Seaton's, Shawatton Mains, Dundonald, goes still another that will yet be heard of; and, last, but by no means least, there goes a very promising heifer from Mr. David Stevenson, Changue, Cumnock. Quite a number of these animals have been prizewinners in Scotland, and all of them will give a good account of themselves at Canadian shows, should they get the chance. But the main object in view when buying these animals was to secure only those of the very heaviest-milking strains, so that when they come to be entered for dairy tests or the Record of Merit (which is now in full force in Canada), they will make their owners proud of them.—[Scottish Farmer.

FAIRVIEW SHROPSHIRE.

Once more the journeyings to and fro of "The Farmer's Advocate" road man brought us up at Fairview, the ideal farm home of Mr. John Campbell, of Woodville, Ont., one of Canada's leading importers and breeders of Shropshire sheep, and, as usual, we found his champion flock of 160 head of Shropshires in remarkably nice condition. The public, and especially the sheep-loving public, need not to be told by us of the high standard and quality of this noted and continental-famed flock. For years, at the leading shows of Canada and the United States, they have considerably more than held their own against all comers. They are well known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. To say that a Shropshire was bred by John Campbell is a guarantee of excellence, and, to use Mr. Campbell's own words, the flock was never in better shape, and never contained so many high-class sheep as at present. The past year was away the best for sales and prices in his many years' experience. Practically all the breeding stock are imported, and the stock rams are marvels of the breed for type, quality, size and covering. About 65 youngsters were to be seen gambolling around the yards, already showing that typical mould and evenness of form that develop into winners, and well they should, if the well-established law of breeding, that like begets like, is still potent. Mr. Campbell has also one of the nicest herds of Shorthorns in the country, practically all belonging to the well and favorably known Strathallan strain; better than which there is none. The active demand Mr. Campbell enjoys for his surplus stock of Shorthorns has not left one for sale, a state of affairs that must be very satisfactory to Mr. Campbell, as well as being a guarantee that the kind of Shorthorns he breeds is the kind the people want. Mr. Campbell having taken his nephew into partnership, the firm name is now J. & D. J. Campbell, as their advertisement shows.

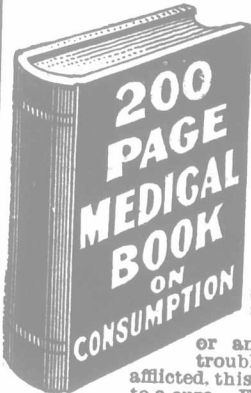
A NEW BREED OF PIGS.

Vol. 1 of the pedigree record, recently issued of a breed of English swine, the name of which will doubtless be new to most of our readers, has been received at this office. It is the herdbook of the Lincolnshire Curly-coated Pig Breeders' Association, which was incorporated in March, 1907, with a membership of 115, and a registration of 174 boars and 446 sows. They are described as a fairly-lengthy, strong-boned white pig, with straight face, drooping ears, and curly or wavy hair, hardy, early-maturing and prolific. Two specimen gilts, illustrated on the title-page of Vol. 1, winners of first and second prizes at the county show at Gainsborough, 1906, are said to have weighed, at 10 months 2 weeks and 2 days, 911 lbs. the pair, as compared with the two cross-bred pigs which won first prize and the champion cup at the Smithfield Show of the same year, which, at 11 months 2 weeks 2 days, was 867 lbs. The secretary of the Association is Mr. Chas. E. Williams, Thornhayes, Sleaford, Lincoln.

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