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## GOSSIP.

R. R. NESS' NEW IMPORTATION R. R. Ness, of Howick, Que., the wellknown importer and breeder of Ayrshire cattle, has lately landed at Quebec his first importation for 1911, consisting of 56 head, 44 females and 12 bulls. bulls are all yearlings but one, he being two years old. Forty-one of the females are two-year-old heifers, the shipment representing the best blood of the breed, and of a quality calculated to still further enhance the reputation of Mr. Ness as the premier importer of Ayrshire cattle of America. These, with 200-odd at his splendid Burnside farm at Howick, will make a selection probably unequalled in the world for intending purchasers.

The Ayrshire herd of Hector Gordon, of Howick, Quebec, whose great herd of imported Ayrshire cattle has a reputation of excellence equalled by few and excelled by none, whose brilliant show-ring record at the leading shows in Ontario and Quebec has seldom or never been duplicated, and whose records of production in the official Record of Performance of Canada show so high a standard, was never stronger in type, quality and productiveness than now, owing to the great care and skillful judgment exercised by Mr. Gordon in his selections for purchas?. He reports an ever-increasing demand ior Ayrshires that have proven their ability in official tests to make good, and everything in Mr. Gordon's herd is officially tested as soon as they freshen or are purchased. Nothing in this herd is reserved from pricing, and it is needless to say that anyone in want of high-lass females or a choice young bull, should visit the Stonehouse herd at Howick.

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## R. M. HOWDEN'S AYRSHIRES.

R. M. Howden, of St. Louis Station, Quebec, breeder of Ayrshire cattle, is continually on the lookout for choice selections of his favorite dairy breed to strengthen his already fine herd of imported and Canadian-breds. There are few breeders of Ayrshires that in so short a time have gathered together so choice a herd of mortgage-lifting milkers, big; exceptionally well-balanced and ideal in dairy type, their well-formed and rounded udders showing their capacity for heavy production. At the herd's head is the splendid bull, Imp. Hobsland Hero, who is breeding well to type and quality. An extra choice young bull for sale is a son of his, eight months old, as well as two bull calves that are right good ones, the making of a trio of herd-headers of extra quality. In the heifer-calf class at Ormstown and Ottawa last fall, first prize went to this herd on a daughter of Imp. Townhead Swell. Anything is for sale, making a choice selection for intending purchasers.

D. M. WATT'S AYRSHIRES. Louis Station, Quebec, one of the pioneer breeders of Ayrshire cattle of Chateauguay County, is still to the front with an extra nice herd of something over forty head, imported and Canadian-bred. There is certainly no breeder of Ayrshires in this country that pays more attention nor exercises greater care in the selection of their herd's head than Mr. Watt. Of late years, his chief bulls have been Imp. Monkland Hector; following him was that prince of sires, Imp. Lessnessock Macdonald, and to follow him is a right choice yearling lately landed and still at quarantine, Quebec. Also, in his selection of breeding cows, great care was exercised. He selected his ideals and paid the price, having in his herd just now such big, well-balanced cows as Imp. Holmes Snowdrop, Imp. Lessnessock Cinderella, Imp. Knockdown Perty, Imp. Barcheskie Mayflower, Imp. Southwick Kate, etc. The mean average of the whole herd in milk yield is 45 lbs. a day, which is certainly a most profitable average; besides, among them are very many prizewinners at the leading shows. Anything in the herd is for sale, including one yearling hull, sired by Imp. Monkland Hector, and out of Imp. Holmes Snowdrop, whose average milk yield is 47 lbs. a day, and two bull calves sired by Imp. Lessnessock Macdonald. Mr. Watt reports a splendid year's business, and a pronounced increased demand for Ayrshires.



Scotch Shorthorns For sale: Some choice, smooth, heavy boned, fieshy yearling bulls for the farmer or breeder. Also a large number of cows and heifers from imported stock. Some show material among these. Mitchell Bros., Burlington, Ontario.

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