

Canadian Studs, Herds and Flocks.**"THE FIRS."**

The horse loving public are fortunate who have the time and opportunity to inspect the stables at "The Firs," the residence of Mr. W. H. Millman, half a mile east of Woodstock. A few hours spent here impresses the visitor with the fact that the proprietor has more than ordinary fondness for the horse. Here are found goodly representatives from the ponderous Clyde and Shire to the diminutive Shetland, and all throughout the different breeds is to be found a uniformity of quality and good points that at once shows that a thorough judge has command of the situation, and backs up his judgment by a liberality that alone can bring together first-class specimens.

Dandy Dinmount, who, in point of breeding as an imported thoroughbred, deserves premier position, is a large horse that should be exactly the type to cross on the mares of the country to produce good saddle, road and carriage horses. He is a beautiful brown, with extra stylish makeup, and has a particularly neat way of going. He has extra large bone below the knee, the great requisite for crossing, and from his performances and royal breeding his produce from thoroughbred mares should be winners.

Walker Sprague, bred by General Bellfield Stanhope, Lexington, Ky., is a superbly bred horse, and unlike too many of our standard bred horses can back up his breeding by his own record. A horse like this, that is strong enough for labor, a grandly colored brown, perfectly sound, level-headed enough to breed to mares with the thoroughbred cross, who can show 2.30 at easy gait any day without any kind of training, should have plenty of value for breeders. Sired by Governor Sprague, dam by Captain Walker 2.27, his breeding should do.

The imported Yorkshire Coach stallion, Grove Accumulator, rising three years' old, is a colt of capital quality, with remarkably well muscled thigh and forearm, and thickness that at once dispels the theory that here lies a fault with the English Coach. This horse has particularly good action, and is that beautiful whole-colored bay that no other horse, save the English Coach or Cleveland, can approach.

The Clyde horse, Warpath, is a large and good horse, with plenty of good clean bone, a nice way of going, and altogether a useful horse; so, too, is the Shire colt, The Firs Prince, who only requires time to develop into one of the best of the sort, as he is full of promise at this age.

The cob pony, Lord Mar, sired by Earl of Mar, so celebrated in England, is as perfect a horse in miniature as ever critic looked upon, and it occasions no surprise when we hear that he has never met his equal in the show ring.

Standard bred brood mares, saddle horses, and drivers of all descriptions are kept on hand, making up in all a fully equipped breeding establishment.

MR. JAMES CRERAR,

whose farms lie one and a-half miles north of Shakespeare station, on the old line of the G. T. R., has for many years been engaged in breeding Shorthorn cattle. Commencing with the cow Duchess, the sixth of the old Roan Duchess sort, purchased over twenty years since from Mr. R. R. Bown, Oxbow Farm, now better known as Bow Park. Mr. Crerar has gone steadily along, increasing his herd until, at the present time, something over

twenty-five pure-bred Shorthorns are in the herd.

To the above he has not made any additions in females, but has, from time to time, selected such bulls as his herd required. Of Messrs R. & J. Hunter he purchased Kirklevington 3rd, and then again of the same firm he selected Sir James, by the Booth (Fame) imported Knight of Warlab. Sir James' dam being one of the Queen of the Mays, well known in the Messrs. Hunter's herd. On the foundation thus laid, Mr. Crerar for the last four years has used Laird of Kinellar, of the Campbell Buchan Lassie family, and the result he has attained through the use of this bull has been highly satisfactory, as the grand young heifers he has left behind can testify. These heifers have the form and thickness of flesh that Shorthorn beef producers are seeking, and the lot of young things are of one type easily distinguished. Among these heifers are several that could be developed into show animals of a high order. The young roan bull, Nobleman, a little over a year old, has lately been placed at the head of the herd, bred by James Russell, Richmond Hill, of his far famed Isabella Tribe. The cow winning at the Centennial being one of his progenitors.

A. C. HALLMAN & CO.

Very conveniently situated for a fine stock breeding farm is that of Mr. A. C. Hallman, of the firm of A. C. Hallman & Co., just three miles south of the Petersburg Station, on the G. T. R. The farm is comparatively new, but the fields and barns, as well as the herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle, show what can be attained by energy and judgment, and the whole of the breeding operations display a nicety of management that is evidently the outcome of much study combined with practical experience.

This firm was the first to enter into the breeding and importing of this breed of dairy cattle in this part of Ontario. Having a thorough belief in the utility of this sort, they have built up their business from a small importation in 1883, until at present the herd numbers some sixty head. The females are wonderfully uniform in appearance, and it seems to have been the study of the proprietors to match their cattle in their different quarters, thereby giving telling effect when visitors come around.

At the time of our visit, all were in nice breeding condition, the yearling heifers were an exceptionally good growthy lot, with quality and size nicely united, the cows showing the evidence of being the heavy milkers, which the champions of this dairy breed take a pride in showing. The bulls in use were Prairie Aaggie Prince, a bull of immense size and nice, even quality. This bull has been very successfully shown at the different exhibitions, viz., Toronto, London, etc., and has never been beaten, and the stock from him are also very choice; he is backed up by two other imported bulls, which are quite equal to him, being beautiful types of the breed, viz., Netherland Statesman's Cornelius, whose dam, Aaggie Cornelia 2nd, gave 14,610 lbs. of milk in one year, with 19 lbs. 6 ozs. of butter to her credit in seven days, and that without any grain being fed; another bull in use is quite up to either in appearance and breeding. This firm having a determination to excel all, are sparing neither expense nor pains in obtaining the best of blood, and by a judicious union of these good sorts thereby will doubtless breed up a herd of the best possible performers. Write them for their very descriptive catalogue.

NEIDPATH STOCK FARM.

Messrs. Thos. Ballantyne & Son, at their stock farm, Neidpath, near Stratford, began the present Shorthorn herd by importation of six cows and a bull. The latter, Methlic Hero, bred by Mr. Duthie, Collynie, Aberdeenshire, sired by the Cruickshank bull Cayhurst, is of the Missie family, well known in the north. Missie seventy-ninth, and Missie eighty-first, bred by W. Marr, Upper Mill, are of the same family. The latter is sired by the Cruickshank bull Bentick, dam by the Heir of Englishmen, which is acknowledged to have brought to notoriety the Upper Mill herd, as did Champion of England for that at Sittyton. Marchioness, by Cayhurst, was also purchased of Mr. Duthie. Monogram, bred and purchased of Mr. Scott, of Barclay, with two Waterloos, bred by Messrs. Evans, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England. The two Missies are capital types of what the Aberdeenshire Shorthorn of today is, large and heavily fleshed, with a quality and evenness that is bringing them more and more forward, so that the English breeders have now found out their merits. Built on practical lines, they are popular wherever they have been used to improve other sorts by their great substance. Methlic Hero has matched nicely with these cows, and was followed up by Prince Royal, bred by Edward Cruickshank, Lathenty, imported by John Dryden, M. P. P., also has proved himself a good getter. The present stock bull Indian Prince, bred by Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, is of the Campbell Nonpareil family, sired by the Cruickshank bull Indian Prince, and bids fair to equal either of his predecessors.

MAPLE GROVE FARM.

Messrs. H. & W. F. Bollert, Maple Grove Farm, Cassel, Ont., one of our strongest firms and greatest admirers of the Black and White's, were among the earliest to enlist in the breeding of this good dairy sort. Fully believing that the only road to success lies in purchasing the best, they have been particularly careful in the selections they have made, and, therefore, nothing but the best blood, as well as the most successful performers, have found a place in their herd. Like every other successful breeder of fine stock, they first made themselves master of the situation by reading all the literature attainable on Holstein-Friesian cattle before investing in them, which accounts for the lot of good bred ones they have got together. Their first purchases were made from the herd of B. B. Lord & Son, Sinclairville, N. Y., including several of the most famous specimens of the breed. At the head of the herd stands the silver medal winner, Barnton (3237), H. H. B., a bull of immense proportions, being very long, broad and deep, combined with much quality; his get following this characteristic in a remarkable degree. Sir Westwoud, also in use, is a bull of true Holstein type, with exceptionally good breeding. Lady Westwoud, his dam, having a record of 80½ lbs. per day; 18½ lbs. butter in seven days. Her dam, Genburine, gave 20,138½ lbs. of milk in ten consecutive months, and tested 21 lbs. of butter in seven days. Fifteen of Sir Westwoud's nearest female ancestors have an average milk record of 86 lbs. per day, and eight of them an average butter record of 19 lbs. 7½ ounces in seven days. Among the females is the matronly cow Trejntje, with wonderfully developed udder and milk veins. Although in a crippled condition, and in her eleventh year, she