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GROUP OF AYRSHIRES.

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## Ayrshires at Loudon Hill Stock Farm.

This beautifully situated farm, owned by Messrs. D. Morton & Sons, is about three miles as the crow flies from the city of Hamilton, and leading to it is one of the most magnificent drives in point of scenery that it ever has been our pleasure to behold. Leaving the city and ascending the mountain behind a handsome chestnut team, the scene gradually changes from urban to suburban, and this again to rural as we speed along the brow of the mountain that looks so benignly on the city below. To its base lie close the well-tilled fruit gardens of the thrifty gardeners, and away off, bounded by the horizon and resplendently sparkling in the rays of "day's garish eye," the waters of the bay greatly enhance the scene. The farm embraces 85 acres of fine land. New stables are being reared and old ones removed for the work in hand, and all are being made worthy of the excellent herd they harbor.

The herd at present comprises 12 head, eleven cows and one bull, and they without question do honor to the expert that selected them and to the

present owners for endorsing such selection. Four of them come from the distinguished herd of the well-known breeder, Mr. John Caldwell, of Bogside, Dundonald, Scotland, and the rest are the choice of this gentleman from the best of many other prize-winning herds. Mr. Caldwell, we are informed, with his herd last year won no less than thirty prizes.

In the group above, the stock bull Royal Chief, reputed to head this herd, appears true to life. It takes but a glance at his full form, clear eye and glowing skin, to indicate that he has a plenteous supply of spirit and vigor. His head is clean-cut and with character depicted on its every feature, while it wants nothing in respect to quality. A prominent chest, voluminous and compact body, wide quarters, and over all a skin pliant and coated with mossy hair, are among his many excellencies. He satisfies the escutcheon adherent, and is possessed of a fine switch. He was bred by Mr. Archibald Mair, Croft-head, Tarbolton, and was sired by Douglas of Croft-head (1337), and out of Marion of Croft-head (4887).

To the left of the bull in our illustration stands a

magnificent cow, Blue Belle (5506), calved 1886, sired by Prince Charlie of Dunlop (957), and out of Primrose of Harperland, and bred by Hugh Todd, Harperland, Dundonald, Scotland. She gives strong indications of copious milking powers; her form is all that could be desired, her large body giving plenty room for the working of her digestive apparatus; while a full and capacious udder shows that she uses her qualifications to good advantage. A broad, strong loin gives her width in the hindquarters for the attachment of her udder. She is an active-looking cow of such a disposition and build as to adapt her to the filling of the office of a special dairy cow. She has a grand bull calf of excellent promise, so much so that he is already destined in maturer years to head the herd.

Red Rose (5510), calved 1886, is a typical Ayrshire in many respects, and one of the best of types at that. She was bred by John Caldwell, Bogside, Dundonald, and was sired by the Lad O'Kyle (999), and out of Dandy 2nd of Bogside (3018). The above illustration is a voucher to our statement that she is