

Special Stock Reviews.

Glenhurst Ayrshires.

If one were to look up the Ayrshire records, it would probably be found that none have been connected with breeding Ayrshires for so many years as Mr. David Benning, of Williamstown, Ont., while the fact that the bull Tom Brown and the heifer White Floss, both of which were sweepstakes winners at the World's Fair, were bred at Glenhurst is, by itself, a proof that the breeding operations there have not been wanting in success. But it is by visiting herds in different localities that one realizes how much Ayrshire interests are indebted to Mr. Benning in the past, and a short inspection of the herd will satisfy any one with judgment that the Glenhurst herd will play an important part in the future.

The handsome form of the cows in the herd, their good appearance for heavy milk yields, their substance and quality, all denote careful breeding, while the thrifty and handsome youngsters, and the uniformity of type in this year's crop of calves, show that Mr. Benning is determined to keep up his reputation as a breeder of first-class cattle.

Saladin, by Silver King (imp.), dam, Docey (imp.), is a bull of the proper type to place at the head of a high-class herd, and this year's crop of calves pays a high tribute to his worth as a sire, which one would fully expect from his breeding, his dam, Docey, having been bred by Mr. David Tweedie, Castle Crawford, and she was included in the first importation of the late Mr. Thomas Brown; while his sire, Silver King, is too well known to require comment. Previous to Saladin, Mr. Benning used Duke of Parkhill, a son of Mr. Drummond's Rob Roy. This bull was by Promotion (imp.), while Duke of Parkhill's dam is the nicely-bred cow, Maggie Sands. To attempt anything like an individual description of the cows in this very large herd would occupy more space than we can afford. A few of the females, however, are particularly striking in appearance. Of these, White Floss, descended from imported Betty, is an unmistakably deep milker, and particularly handsome. She has produced some very fine heifers. Of these, we could not help noticing a three-year-old and this year's heifer calf, both of which are particularly handsome specimens.

Kilbowie Lady, a fourteen-year-old cow, has evidently been a wonderfully good one in her time, and has produced many excellent things. She was sired by Bothwell, whose sire and dam were both imported; while her dam, Kilbowie Maid, was imported by Mr. Benning. Mr. Benning's Blanche branch of the Effie family has produced some capital milkers, which possess the type which one likes to see in an Ayrshire.

Until recently, Mr. Benning has been alone in breeding purebred cattle, but the good work is infectious, and now he has two neighbors who have purchased stock from him and of other breeders, and Williamstown may now boast of being an Ayrshire centre.

Mr. John Sandilands' Ayrshires.

One of Mr. Benning's neighbors is Mr. John Sandilands, who obtained his foundation stock from cows purchased at Glenhurst, and whose herd now comprises some sixteen head, including nine cows and four heifers, among which is Beauty of Williamstown, by Bonnie Scotland, a son of Promotion (imp.), and belonging to the imported Betty family. From the same family is Glen Bessie, by Gladstone, and both are evidently deep milkers, and so are many more, by all appearances.

Mr. Sandilands is using the yearling bull Mimico, sired by Clear Grit, and whose dam is Adelia, by Bonnie Scotland.

Ayrshires at Glengarry Stockyards.

Mr. John A. Macdonald, jr., occupies what time he has to spare from his commercial pursuits in Williamstown in farming some particularly rich land, on which he has placed a herd of Ayrshire cattle of much merit.

The bull which is now in use is Sir Donald, bred by Mr. James Cunningham, of Ormstown, P.Q., and sired by Sir James of Parkhill. Mr. Macdonald is also breeding to the Silver King bull, Saladin, mentioned in connection with Mr. Benning's herd.

Among the cows is Glen Rose, a particularly handsome cow by Bothwell, whose sire and dam were both imported. She was bred by Mr. Benning, and traces to imported Lily. Dorothy Stanley, also bred by Mr. Benning, is a large, good cow by Burke, and of the Blanche branch of the Effie family.

Mr. Macdonald also purchased a fine cow at the sale of the late Mr. Thomas Brown, which formed one of his importation, and which has given him two good heifers, a yearling and a two-year-old. The herd contains some fifteen or sixteen head of select things, of which we hope to have more to say in the near future, as the calves are very fine. A bull calf by Saladin, dam, Glen Rose, would do to show in any company, and others are equally promising.

Western Fair.

(Continued from October Number.)

CARRIAGE.

Awards.—Stallion, aged—1st, D. Carrol, Ealing; 2nd, Neil & Elliott, Lucan. Stallion, three years old—1st, R. H. Smith, Ettrick; 2nd, C. Scott, White Oak. Stallion, two years old—1st, H. McCarty, Newmarket; 2nd, A. Burrill, Holbrook; 3rd, J. R. Johnson, Springfield. Stallion, yearling—1st, J. Sinclair, Coldstream. Stallion, any age—D. Carrol. Brood mare, with foal—1st, B. Kennedy, Ilderton; 2nd, J. R. Raymond, Strathroy; 3rd, T. H. Shore, Glanworth. Gelding or filly, three years old—1st, W. McClurg, Falkirk; 2nd, J. Sinclair; 3rd, D. Carrol. Gelding or filly, two years old—1st, H. G. Boag, Queensville; 2nd, T. H. Shore; 3rd, B. Kennedy. Gelding or filly, yearling—1st, T. H. Shore, 2nd, S. G. Brown, Beachville; 3rd, E. Edmonds, London. Foal of 1895—1st, T. H. Shore; 2nd, J. G. Raymond; 3rd, B. Kennedy. Pair of carriage horses, 16 hands and over—1st, A. Beck, London; 2nd, T. Kalbfleisch, Tavistock. Pair of carriage horses, 15½ hands and under 16—1st, J. Holderness, Toronto; 2nd, J. A. Hill, Strathroy; 3rd, W. Kena, Youngs-ville. Single carriage horse, 15½ hands and over—1st, L. Meredith, London; 2nd, A. Beck; 3rd, A. C. Kerr, London. Mare, any age—1st, B. Kennedy.