

noted Koinoor. She is one of the low-down, thick set sort, and is very smoothly finished. Ermine's Nannette belongs to the Nannies of Wester Fowlis, and is another of the get of Ermine Bearer, this bull having got three calves, all heifers, during his stay in the herd, all of which are exactly the same type, as alike as peas. They are beautifully finished, and bid fair to be heard from in later years. The yearling bull Favorite, is a son of Fanny of Ardgowan, and is sired by Charmer of Eastview. This is a bull of good length, with a smooth top, quarters well filled. He has good length of rib, and enough all-round quality to entitle him to a place at the head of a herd. During a visit to Scotland this season, Dr. Craik purchased the yearling Pride heifer Pride of Guichan 34th, which was first in her class at the Highland Society's Show at Stirling this season, and turned out a noted prize-taker, later on, winning Lochiel's cup valued at £50, offered for the best pure-bred animal in the cattle classes. She also led in the group of four that took the gold medal offered to all comers. Her dam is by the prize-taker Cash, never beaten in the show ring, also a celebrated bull getter.

MR ROBERTSON'S AYRSHIRES.

The province of Quebec has long been noted for choice herds of dairy cattle, to the Ayrshire may be ascribed much of the good milking stock which is to be seen, as most of the cattle are of this type. Mr. Robertson, whose farm adjoins that of his uncle Mr. Robert Ness, has for years been building up an exceedingly choice herd of Ayrshires, the excellence of which is demonstrated by the numbers of trophies hung about the rooms in his residence. At the time of our visit Mr. Robertson's cows were being got into condition for a milk test to be held at the show at Sherbrooke, and a number of very superior individuals were also intended to fight their way to the front for the prizes offered for this breed of cattle. The bull at the head of the herd is Golden Guinea, got by Guinea King. According to Mr. Robertson's statement he has won more prizes than any bull of the breed in the province. He is of very smooth and handsome build and nice quality, and has proved of great value in the herd as a sire. Mr. Robertson is in a good position to purchase cows of the best performing type, as he buys a good many for the milkmen of Montreal. He also ships his milk to that city. He last year took the medal for best managed farm in the country, and this year he entered his farm for competition in the divisions that include a number of the best farmed counties in the province.

SPRINGFIELD FARM.

A few miles out of Paris, and beautifully situated on the bank of the Grand River, is the farm of Messrs. A. Telfer & Son, whose specialty for many years has been sheep-breeding, their fancy being for Southdowns; and that they have made an unqualified success of their business is fully proved by their successes in the past few years in the show yard.

At the time of our visit the flock had been considerably reduced by some heavy drafts on it by American buyers, yet we were able to spend a couple of hours very pleasantly in looking over the sheep that are this year to do battle in the show yard.

Among them was the last importation, which

consisted of a shearling ram, a fine, strong, even sheep; and a pair of very neat ewe lambs, all from the flock of Edwin Elis, Esq., Summersbury Hall, Surrey, England, while among the other imported ewes were a pair purchased last year from Mr. John Jackson, who imported them from the Jonas flocks; these ewes last year won 1st in Toronto and 1st in Detroit in the classes for ewe lambs, and if we are not mistaken will this year take a lot of beating as shearlings.

But while Messrs. Telfer have shown themselves willing to go down in their pockets to buy good sheep, they have also proved their ability to breed good sheep, for in an adjoining shed to the imported ewes, we found a three-shear ram and a pair of ewes, all home-bred, and a beautiful trio they were, all three sired by a son of the famous Beau Brummel, the ram being out of Telfer's No 1, also by Beau Brummel, and we were told the most profitable ewe on the farm, having produced thirteen lambs in five years, this ram being one of triplets, while the dam of the two ewes was bred by the veteran Southdown breeder, the late Mr. D. Perley, of Paris. These ewes last year won a number of prizes, including 1st at London, the ram having also won 1st at the same show, and 2nd at Toronto in competition with imported rams. Messrs. Telfer have been breeding Southdowns now for over thirty years, and we would advise intending purchasers to read their card in our columns and pay them a visit.

WOODBINE FARM,

the property of Mr. Alex. Kennedy, is situated about four miles from Ayr and eight from Paris. Here Mr. Kennedy has been breeding Holstein cattle for some years, having made his first selections from the herd of A. C. Hallman & Co.; his present stock bull, Woodbine Prince (6712), winner of first prize in Toronto last year, being from the Springbrook Herd. Woodbine Prince is a very large bull, combining with his size a smoothness and evenness such as one does not often see in so massive a bull; his hile is beautifully mellow, and he shows the milk points of his family very strongly developed. His mother, Flora Jane (10447), imported by Geo. Brown, Aurora, Ill., won 1st at the Central Fair, Hamilton, last year. She has tested 4,266 lbs. of milk in sixty days since coming into Mr. Kennedy's hands. Her bull calf, dropped last fall to Woodbine Prince, is very promising, and should prove a great milk and butter bull. A grand cow, perhaps one of the best Holsteins we have seen in Canada, is Mavourney (9200), purchased at a very long figure from Mr. John Pringle, of Ayr, who purchased her in his turn in York State, where she was imported by Holman & Collamer, of North Parma, N. Y. She has tested 95 lbs. of milk in a day, and last year she won second at Toronto in a class of nineteen. Her yearling bull, sired by Ira's King (61), won third last year in Toronto. He promises to make a very useful bull, and is worth being looked up by intending purchasers. Mr. Kennedy gave very strong testimony to the value of Holsteins as dairy cattle, and as he is a thoroughly practical man, who works his farm for profit, not amusement, his opinion is worth quoting. Besides his Holsteins, Mr. Kennedy showed us a pair of pedigreed Improved Large Yorkshire sows, bred from stock imported from F. Walker-Jones, and in a paddock near the house were running a bunch of trotting-bred colts, among them a likely-looking pair of Little Billy's, both out of a Morgan mare, and also a very promising yearling, by Norval, a grandson of Belmont, and out of a Clear Grit mare. Although a comparatively new man in the business, Mr. Kennedy proved himself last year entitled to a front place in Holstein ranks, and we would recommend our readers to look up his advertisement when needing stock.

MAPLE LAWN FARM.

Leaving Mr. Kennedy's, a drive of about four miles took us to the home of another admirer of the black and whites. Mr. John Pringle,

although one of Auld Scotia's sons, has so far forgotten the traditions and principles of his native land, as to become a warm champion of Percheron horses and Holstein cattle, and having so far forgotten himself, he has, like most Scotchmen, put his money into good specimens of his favorite breeds and then taken good care of them. At the time of our visit Mr. Pringle was sold out of Percherons, all but a young, high grade stallion, but his Holsteins numbered some fifteen head of cows, heifers and young stock, the bull last used being Ira's King (12029), bred by Dudley Miller, Oswego, N. Y. As Mr. Pringle had just parted with Ira's King, we had not an opportunity of seeing him, but a glance at his pedigree showed him to be rich in the best strains of blood, his granddam, Meadow Queen, having a record of 93 lbs. in one day. Among the females we quickly picked out three heifers, Patti Trifle (15706), Roozie's Pet (18864) and Maid O'Parma (15810). Of these the first is a daughter of Mr. Kennedy's grand cow Mavourney, and in our opinion she bids fair to rival her mother in a couple more years, while Roozie's Pet, her half-sister, is a magnificent two-year-old, showing a wonderfully developed udder and immense milk veins. The last, maid of Parma, is a good deal smaller than the other two, but she shows milk points very strongly developed, and we were not surprised to hear Mr. Pringle say that she had given 47 lbs. of milk in a day as a 3 year-old on grass alone. Another extra choice heifer is the yearling Maid of Maple Lawn (22404), a daughter of Patti Trifle, and sired by Ira's King, while the yearling bull Ira's King 2nd, out of the imported cow Annie (9197), is a big, smooth, growthy youngster, with a nice hide and well marked. Altogether, Mr. Pringle's herd is worthy of inspection, and we can guarantee visitors a hearty welcome, and a sight of some good cattle kept in natural condition.

ELM PARK FARM.

Four miles north-east from the Markham Station, on the Midland branch of the G. T. R., and a like distance from Locust Hill Station on the C. P. R., is situated the stock farm of Mr. W. D. Reesor, who has for a number of years been engaged in breeding Jersey cattle, the herd of which consists of twenty cows and heifers, most of which are Cattle Club animals. Mr. Reesor has been a number of years shipping the product of the herd to Toronto in the shape of cream, which is not only exceedingly profitable when Jerseys are the sort kept, but also has the advantage in leaving the skim-milk on the farm to bring up the calves, or feed in any way that may prove to the best advantage. Mr. Reesor is a staunch believer in St. Lambert blood, and bulls of this breeding have always been in use in the herd, such as Brier Pogis, son of Sweet Brier of St. Lambert, 22 lbs. in seven days, Comely's Stoke Pogis, son of Comely of St. Lambert, a daughter of Stoke Pogis 3rd, and sister to the famed Mary Ann of St. Lambert's. Last season, One Hundred Per Cent., the only full brother in blood to Stoke Pogis 3rd living, was used. Among the cows that have found a place in this breed are Brier, record 22 lbs. of butter in seven days; Diana of St. Lambert's 80, of Canada's John Bull, 16 lbs. in seven days, and this at eight months after calving; Cognition of Glen Rouge, 16 lbs.; Minnette of St. Lambert's, 18 lbs. These were all officially tested cows, and shows the highest breeding and best performers have been the aim of the proprietor. Nine beautiful heifers, which are at present for sale, are an exceedingly promising lot.

Clydes have been included in the breeding operations—the imported mare Scotland's Queen and her yearling filly, the former of which is both a useful mare and regular breeder.

The present flock of sheep are Shropshires, and consists of 70, of which 25 are imported ewes selected from three different importations; there are also 10 shearling ewes and 30 lambs which are of good size and quality. A splendid imported ram has lately been purchased by Hon. John Dryden to mate with the above.

Mr. Reesor is now stocked beyond the capacity of his farm and, therefore, is desirous of selling a number of both his cattle and sheep, which are worthy of the attention of those on the lookout for anything in these lines.