

word or two about the condition of his farm. I was taken up with the division of his fields, which were laid out in fields of from 9 to 10 acres each, which I think for a small farm is useful and economical, for it should be every man's aim, who breeds thoroughbred cattle of any description, to have a sufficient number of fields well fenced to allow of his separating his young heifers from his in-calf heifers, and his older cattle should be separated also. I was pleased to note the manner in which Mr. McRae had divided his fields and his stock in them, the clean cultivation in which I could see the fields were kept; but, as he said, it was trying work when every farmer did not take the same interest in cleaning his land, and the consequence was that his land was not so free from weeds, thistles, &c., as he desired.

We first visited the field where he kept his yearling heifers, five in number, and going with them was a very superior yearling bull. Two of the heifers I was told were prize winners last year at Toronto and Ottawa, and from their present appearance will be formidable competitors this season. Next we visited the in-calf heifers, 7 altogether, and good ones they certainly were. From amongst them no doubt Mr. McRae will be able to select two or three good enough for exhibition. In the same field there was a 6-year-old cow, a grand cow indeed, but she has never been exhibited. I could not help remarking to Mr. McRae the depth of her sides, short legs, and wonderfully spring ribs. She is due to calve in October. Beside her stood her 2-year-old daughter, a first prize taker at Toronto and Ottawa; she also was far advanced in calf. I thought she would make a better cow than her dam, Mr. McRae thought she would be a larger cow. Perhaps he did not see much room for improvement in the dam.

In the next and last bunch were the breeding cows, and a few calves suckling their dams. Mr. McRae told me that all his cattle would bring up their first calf. There were 8 cows in all, good even cows, and among them the best on the farm, so I thought, a 6-year-old cow, a winner of first honors at Kingston, Guelph, and Ottawa; she had a very superior calf at foot. But I think the most conspicuous animal in the field was the sire of the young calves and yearling heifers, viz.: McLeod of Drumlanerig, bred by the Duke of Buccleugh. He is a bull of good size, remarkably long, good level top and splendid buttocks, with good flesh and fine quality, the last of which was a noticeable feature in the whole herd. McLeod of Drumlanerig was never beaten in a show ring. In April last Mr. McRae sold 17 cows and bulls, and in July 19 cows and bulls, the cows selling for from three to six hundred dollars apiece, and bulls from two to three hundred each. A number of the cows had calves and a number of them without. There were also five imported Clydesdale mares, good useful horses, and Mr. McRae makes them useful, for they have no lazy time of it, but have to work on the farm and do their share. There was a yearling filly of great bone and substance, and a three-year-old stallion, Blue Bonnet, got by Coarswall from Kathleen, bred by T. Biggar & Son, Chippleton, Dalbeattie. He is a fine horse, with good back, quarters, and rib, and great, strong, bony legs, with abundance of hair.

If I have not already trespassed too much, I would like to say that I commend Mr. McRae on the economical manner in which he fits his cattle for show, and at the close of the season I feel sure that he will be a great deal more in pocket, directly, than others who have had their cattle in the stables

all the year round, and indirectly his gains will be greater still, as there is no risk of "stuffed up" animals proving barren, and not the great danger found in reducing them to a medium condition, which has often to be resorted to before they can be made to breed.

HON. D. REESOR'S JERSEY FARM, ELM PARK, MARKHAM, ONTARIO, CANADA.

On my visit to Mr. Reesor's farm I was fortunate enough to meet the owner. It is a fine farm, well cultivated, good soil and thoroughly drained, and considering the state in which the present proprietor found the place some five or six years ago, there is a great improvement, and instead of the land growing nothing but thistles, you can scarcely see one on the farm. The crops of wheat, oats, roots, &c., were looking very well, and the pastures also. I was a little surprised when Mr. Reesor told me that none of the growing crops we passed on our way to the pasture had received any manure. Arriving, at last, at the pasture, I was much struck by the animals before me. Truly they were a beautiful lot, and do the proprietor much credit. I will give a brief description of each individual. The first one, a very good cow, Lady Ernest, four years of age, of that dark grey color which is so much admired, and possessing a good udder and full of quality, her dam being Lily of Glen Rouge, bred by Mr. Rolph, of Glen Rouge Farm, Markham, sired by Prince Ernest, who traces to Welcome, and to whom Princess 2nd owes her valuable qualities, the noted Jersey with the record of 46 lbs. 12 oz. of butter in seven days, and it is believed she owes this great productive quality to the sire Welcome.

The next one a smart yearling heifer, possessing a fine head and appearance, and is indeed a promising one. She is called Lady Belle, a daughter of St. Lambert.

We come next to a lighter colored one, but nevertheless a good one, bought from Mr. Rolph, and called Belle Lucrative, having a capital udder, fine neck, head, and quality, and if tested would make a good record. The next one is Princess Minnette, a good milker, giving very rich milk, about 25 per cent. of cream. She was sired by Prince Boulebot, also tracing to Welcome, the one above all others producing cows of great merit of the Coomassie family. Her dam was Minnette of St. Lambert. Next is a daughter of Kitty of St. Lambert, possessing 95 per cent. of the blood of Mary Anne of St. Lambert, and she is certainly a beauty, about seven months old, and if lucky will do somebody good. Satinbird is the next that takes my attention; she is a two-year-old heifer bred by Valancy E. Fuller, Esq., her dam was imported direct from the Island of Jersey. She possesses a very good udder, and it is hard to say what record she could make if tested properly. Mr. Reesor sold her month old calf recently for \$300. We next come to Coquette of Glen Rouge, bred by Mr. Rolph, and purchased by Mr. Reesor at two years old. She is a cow of large size for a Jersey, as well as having other excellent points, and has recently dropped a b. c., and has a record of 16 lbs. 4 oz. of butter in seven days at three years old. Coquette was sired by Lorne of St. Lambert, who is now heading the herd of Mr. Cooper, Pennsylvania, one of the largest importers of Jerseys on the continent; her dam is Sweet Briar, with a record of 23 lbs. 12 oz. of butter in seven days, and was sold by Mr. Reesor to Mr. Jeffry, of Eglinton, for \$2,000. Mr. Reesor at one time refused the magnificent offer of \$4,000, made

by Mrs. E. M. Jones, Brockville, Ont., for Sweet Briar and her heifer calf.

We will take the young bulls next, before we go to see the calves, and truly they are a fine lot. One is a two-year-old, Briar Pogis, a very good animal, but is kept in thin condition by his service. He is a son of Sweet Briar, previously mentioned. His sire was Diana's Rieter, who is a Stoke Pogis Victor Hugo bull, and therefore Briar Pogis combines the pure St. Lambert's blood. The other bull is a yearling of very great merit, and would be preferred by many to the two-year-old one. He is called Stoke Pogis Prince; his size is good, color and form excellent, and is a son of the first mentioned beautiful cow, Lady Ernest, who is so closely bred to Welcome, the bull who figures so prominently in the pedigree of the celebrated Princess 2nd, whose record on 7 days was 46 lbs. 12 oz. Stoke Pogis Prince's sire is Diana's Rieter, one of the best Stoke Pogis-Victor Hugo bulls, and is therefore strongly marked with the St. Lambert's blood as well as that of Welcome. The next is a Victor Hugo bull called Prince Hugo. He is a very good animal and a good color, nearly solid grey, full of quality, and has every appearance of being a good and impressive sire; his sire was Middlefield Boy, the sire of Prince Pogis, his dam was Moss Rose, a full sister to the dam of Mary Anne of St. Lambert, the celebrated cow that made 36 lbs. 10 oz. of butter in 7 days. He has therefore 50 per cent. of the blood of Mary Anne of St. Lambert, and has 75 per cent. of the blood of Mary Anne's only son Prince Pogis, who was recently sold by Mr. Fuller for the sum of \$10,000. The last, but not least, is a yearling son of Belle Lucrative, purchased from Mr. Rolph, sired by Diana's Rieter; he is a bull of immense quality, and the richest color, with a splendid head and well-formed body. All the cattle are entered on the A. J. C. C. Record except the last named yearling and the four calves which we are about to visit, but all are eligible for registry.

The calves deserve special notice, as they are a splendid lot. The first is a bull calf from Princess Minnette, sired by Briar Pogis; so far it is a calf possessing all that could be desired. The next two are in a small pasture by themselves. One is a six months old daughter of Kitty of St. Lambert, with 95 per cent. of the blood of Mary Anne of St. Lambert. She is a calf of very great beauty; the color is good, being of the richest grey hair, and skin like velvet. Her length is remarkable, with a wonderful depth of body, and such a head. She should be called Duchess of the Jerseys. Such a calf is not often seen, possessing an udder like a cow already. She, also, is sired by Briar Pogis. The other calf is a lengthy calf and very promising, and is sired by Diana's Rieter from Beauty of Ley Farm, both sire and dam of the pure St. Lambert stock. Mr. Reesor sold Beauty of Ley Farm recently for \$700, reserving the calf. The last is a young calf about two days old sired by Briar Pogis; it is a highly bred one, of good color, and ought to be a source of profit to her owner. Its dam is Coquette of Glen Rouge, with a record of 16 lbs. 4 oz. in seven days when three years of age without excessive feeding. But if I am not mistaken we shall hear of something greater from her.

A brief account of a few of Mr. Reesor's last sales of stock may not be found out of place. A year ago Mr. Reesor sold Diana of St. Lambert, to Mrs. Jones of Brockville, Ont., for the nice figure of \$2,500, she being a Stoke Pogis-Victor Hugo cow, and a year ago Mrs. Jones sold her B. C. to a gentleman in