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W. F. TAYLOR'S AYRSHIRES.

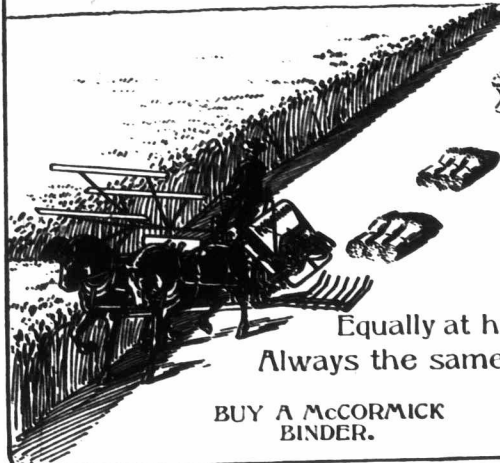
Upon our visit at Mr. W. F. Taylor's farm near Wellman's Corners, Ont., we found Mr. Taylor displaying his usual enthusiasm in the breeding and care of his Ayrshires, and the herd were in their usual form, if not rather better. In a roomy, well-lighted, well-ventilated and convenient stable we were invited to inspect a splendid row of young cows, carrying their first, second or third calves, as well as the older matrons in full bloom, with their splendid milk vessels and roomy bodies, indicating vigorous constitutions. In all fifteen cows are approaching the parturient season, and as each year's crop has developed, not only satisfactory, but sensational individuals are being produced. The present season's offspring is looked forward to with interest, as the stock bull, Douglas of Loudoun, has arrived at the prime age as a sire, and each crop has excelled the former, showing more vigor, if possible. The dam of Douglas (Daisy, imp.) is considered one of the very best Ayrshire cows that ever crossed the ocean, while his sire, Royal Chief (imp.), was classed among the best of sires, and as the descendants of the noted Red Rose predominate, little need be apprehended as to the dairying qualities of the offspring from such mating. Of the Red Rose family Mr. Taylor informed us that in Prince Edward county, where they were formerly owned, they were regarded as the very best dairy strain in the country, with uniform udders of great capacity, which were furnished with large, well-formed teats, particularly well set apart—qualities which are quickly recognized in the present herd under consideration. While Mr. Taylor has not bred to suit any whimsical fancy in color, fineness, etc., the up-to-date markings, with the qualities necessary to make them desirable, are unquestionably on the advance, due no doubt to the fact of his having access to many of the leading sires of the day, and in answer to our enquiries we were informed that such animals as White Prince, Prince Leopold, Earl of Percy, Glencairn of Burnside, etc., had been employed. Forming part of the herd and closely approaching a serviceable age, we were shown half a dozen splendid young bulls, two of which were out of daughters of White Prince (White Princess and Princess Louise), a pair of splendid young cows of a high order of usefulness and possessing fine dairying conformation. In looking over the bunch it occurred to us that a sire could be selected to suit the most fastidious, and that any of them should be qualified to head a pure-bred herd where breeding, conformation and constitution are regarded as essentials. Watch Mr. Taylor's advertisement.

W. F. STEPHEN'S AYRSHIRES.

Mr. W. F. Stephen's farm at Trout River, Quebec, was found again, on a recent visit, the scene of very active dairying operations, and the stock in fine producing form. As Mr. Stephen carries a large cream contract with a Montreal house, productiveness becomes of the first consideration with him. He has been breeding his cattle with this in view for many generations, and to this end much attention has been given to the selection of the sires, none but the best individuals with good milk records behind them having been employed. This course, with equal good care in the management, has built up a splendid herd of cows and young things of which any breeder might well be proud. The present herd taxes the capacity of the extensive accommodations already provided, and we think we overheard Mr. Stephen express himself in such a way that we may reasonably look for larger and finer farm buildings in the near future. Among the sires most recently employed we might mention the royally bred Uncle Sam of Trout River 6974, by Baron Renfrew of Manschurries, and out of the famous Nellie Osborne, receiving his name from the country in which he was born. (World's Fair, Chicago). Uncle Sam left some exceedingly promising young stuff on the farm, the eldest of which are now coming into milk. Many of his young sons are finding their way to the head of pure-bred herds, and all giving the highest satisfaction. After doing good service in Mr. Stephen's herd, Uncle Sam found so strong an admirer in Mr. Robert McFarland as to be placed at the head of his young and rising herd at Howick. Following in his tracks the beautifully formed young bull Klondyke 8479, by Victor of Star Hill 7788, and out of Sibyl 3rd 4657, was purchased to head the herd, and of him Mr. Boden speaks in the highest terms as likely to prove a sire of high-class stock. A great many pedigrees of females were gone over and the animals inspected, and we could not but admire their extreme uniformity in size and quality, all possessing vessels which stamp them as producers of the highest order. Many fine daughters of Allan Gordon 5211 are now in their prime. Among them may be mentioned such cows as Minnie of Brook Hill 7465, a five-year-old, deep-bodied, strongly constructed red and white cow with a splendid udder. Queen Bess of Brook Hill 7469 is another exceptionally smooth, yet rugged, business-looking cow, and in calf to Uncle Sam. Trey of Brook Hill 7473 has just passed her fifth year, and lately dropped a beautiful straight heifer calf to Uncle Sam. Jean of Brook Hill 7475 and Leslie of Brook Hill are a pair of splendid young cows. The former cow's style should attract attention in any company, while the latter has distinguished herself by winning many good prizes in hot competition. The young things of 3 years and under are credited to Uncle Sam, and they are a splendid lot, being very uniform in size, color and conformation. The first one to come into milk possesses good size and carries a well-formed udder, with other strong dairy points. Other Uncle Sam females are equally deserving of notice, but the list is too long to dwell on their individual merits. The daughters of Queen Bess and Minnie are 1 and 2 years old, are grand specimens of the breed, and go to show what can be accomplished by persistently pursuing one's course with care and good judgment. Mr. Stephen's success in the cream business, is compared to the productiveness of the great dairymen of the world, and this is not all, as he has been successful in the sale as well as quantity, as of the best of the breed, and has been breeding with one object in view, and one may find at Trout River a herd of uniform Ayrshires, having a fine constitution, and without a single weak point, the best of udders, with large and well-set teats.

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