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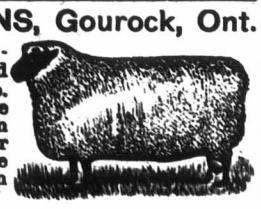

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The Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm has issued a handsomely illustrated pamphlet descriptive of the work pursued at that institution. Copies may be had on application to the President at Guelph.

A. C. Hallman, New Dundee, Ont., writes:—"My herd of Holsteins are in fine shape and good working order. The stock from my old bull, Flora's Sir Jacob, of gilt-edge butter breeding, are true models of the dairy type, strong, well formed, and of good quality. My Tamworths never were in better shape, and a very select lot they are. My old imported boar Nimrod is doing grand service, and his stock, like himself, are of the true bacon type, lots of length, good bone, deep side, and shows lots of vigor. Parties interested in the above breeds will always find a welcome at Spring Brook, whether they buy or not."

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A Cotswold flock of some 30 animals was next visited, and we found 11 strong, well-covered breeding ewes raising lambs, as well as half a dozen good shearlings. The foundation was obtained from Mr. Thompson, Uxbridge, and E. Rawlings, Forest. At present in the flock are a pair of very good, well-covered rams, a shearling and a two shear. Stock rams have been obtained from Mr. Garbut, Claremont. This crop of lambs is a good, strong, well-covered lot, five of which are rams and are held for sale, and some good individuals are among them, and all registered.

At the head of the Yorkshire herd is the stock boar Blucher 2630, by Jock 2064 and out of Lady Nora 2676. He is a strong, smoothly made yearling that is proving himself a satisfactory sire. Among the females we saw the three-year-old sow Blenheim 2188, by Holywell Hastings 571 and out of Lady Percy 918, with her seventh litter at foot. She has been, and is to-day, a good animal of the deep-sided bacon type, with her flesh well distributed. Rose 2691, by Bismarck 2162 and out of Blenheim, is a year old and due in July, raising a litter of twelve in the spring, only one of which (a young boar) is left. Two other sows due the latter part of the summer, also a very choice six-months sow qualified for the showring, having good length and depth, with her substance evenly distributed, were seen. Mr. Honey reports the demand good for Yorkshires; and many enquiries were received which were effectual in disposing of all the surplus stock. He will also be in good shape again this fall to meet the big demand which at present exists for this class of stock.

F. W. TAYLOR'S AYRSHIRES.

A short run over Mr. Taylor's farm, near Wellman's Corners, brought us to view the Ayrshire herd, in as fine form as we ever saw them and at present containing some finely-bred, strongly-constituted young female and bull calves. The stock bull, Douglas of Loudon 1384, by Royal Chief (imp.) 75 and out of Dandy 1st (imp.), is now in his sixth year, and each crop of calves from him raises him a notch in the estimation of his owner. He is himself kept in good, strong, serviceable form, though not loaded with flesh. Among the matrons we saw some grand forms and udders. Rosalie 1888, by Sir Colon 301 and out of Beauty 1338, with pedigree running to imp. Red Rose 66, is credited with some good individuals, any of which that were exposed for sale finding ready buyers. Flora 1884, by Sam Jones 1197 and out of Lady Jane 1883, is also regarded as one of the founders of the herd; and some good females possessing the highest dairy qualities trace their origin to her, her four-year-old daughter White Rose, and Primrose, the two-year-old, being worthy of special notice. Helen Maud 2265, by Thomas H. and out of Rosalie, is a grand young cow, just in her prime, smoothly made on strict dairy principles, and a grand producer. Her two-year-old daughter, Annie Laurie, promises well, being supplied with a nicely-made udder of sufficient size to stamp her as a producer of high order; now in her first milking. In fact, we saw many good ones. One remarkable feature of this herd is their remarkable evenness in quality, and, apparently, their productiveness is the first consideration with Mr. Taylor. The young stock are fully up to the mark, and this season's demands has reduced the young females lower than this portion of the herd has been for some time. We were shown five bull calves by Douglas, which are a good, thrifty, smooth lot, having straight backs and deep bodies, with plenty of length, and all of a beautiful light color with characteristic red markings.

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