

Special Stock Reviews.

Ayrshires at Wooler.

Mr. A. Terrill, Wooler, is among the earlier breeders of Ayrshire cattle, and from his herd have been sold bulls that have been placed at the head of a number of the best herds in the two or three adjoining counties. The present stock bull in use is Norman of Robertland, sired by Mr. D. McLachlan's Silver King, his dam being Brownie of Barcheskie (imp.), and he is evidently doing good service, as his calves are very promising. The last bull at service was Prince of Byron, the silver medal bull of 1891. He was bred by Messrs. Kains Bros., Byron, and sired by their imported bull, Stonecalsey.

Among the cows was pointed out to us Wooler Lass, by Satellite, who was also a silver medal bull at Toronto; so it will be seen that Mr. Terrill has been especially careful in selecting his sires, with the result that he has a herd of very good cattle. This season's calves are very good, the bulls being particularly fine. Mr. Terrill also has a fine flock of Oxford down sheep, while one will have to travel many a mile before he can find such a herd of Berkshires as that at Wooler. At the head of these is the boar, Knowlton, sired by Enterprise, dam Hilderse (imp.), of the same breeding as Messrs. Snell's wonderful barrows shown at last year's Fat Stock Show at Guelph. Among a nice collection of brood sows are Wooler Belle, by Perry Lad (imp.), his dam tracing to the noted Moultsford family, and Ella Rose, by Enterprise, dam Countess of Cricklade (imp.).

Berkshires at Chesterfield.

Mr. C. R. Decker, Chesterfield, has been a successful breeder of Berkshire swine, judging by the large number of exceedingly good specimens of his breeding that are to be found in other herds. He has studied to breed a type which will develop heavyweights at an early age, and by so doing has bred up a herd from which specimens are in good demand by those who seek easy-feeding pigs.

Major General, a three-year-old boar, sired by "This is Him," dam imported Shapely Queen, is a heavy pig with the length and depth of rib required. He has a good head, stands well on his feet and legs, and is doing good service in the herd, as is the yearling boar "Star," sired by "Blazing Star," his dam being a descendant of the noted Sally family. He is a lengthy, good pig, of neat form and smooth finish. Lord Chesterfield has just turned his year. He is by Enterprise (imp.), his dam being by Perry Lad (imp.), and out of Hilderse (imp.), a breeding that has frequently produced good ones, such as he.

Good sows are quite numerous in Mr. Decker's pens, and their breeding is all that could be desired. Cabatt's Belle, by Victor 2nd, her dam being of the Dorset Queen family, is a large and good one. Model, by Lord Hayter, dam Shapely (imp.), is a

particularly smooth sow of good quality, and so is Queen of Maplewood, by Robin Hood, and Daisy Queen, by "Why Not," two exceedingly good yearling sows. There were other good breeding sows running about, while there was plenty of choice in young boars and sows for breeding; and as blood lines are kept apart, there is no difficulty in choosing stock from the breeding boars and large number of brood sows, while the long strings of prizes won at local shows testify to the high order of the stock kept.

Jottings.

Scottish Clydesdale Studbook.—A copy of Vol. 18 of the studbook of the Clydesdale Horse Society of Great Britain and Ireland has been received from the secretary. It is about the same size as the previous volumes issued, and contains the pedigrees of 1,154 animals. The book has been carefully edited, and is a very creditable production.

Canadian Horse Show.—This show will be held in the new Armories, Toronto, from April 15th to 18th, under the auspices of the Horse Breeders' Association and the Toronto Country and Hunt Club, as last year. The joint secretaries are Messrs. Henry Wade and Stewart Houston, Toronto. Mr. Wade will receive entries.

The Wooden Hen.—Mr. George H. Stahl, Quincy, Ill., is the manufacturer of the wooden hen incubator. It is 10 x 15 x 8 inches, and weighs fifteen pounds. Its capacity is twenty-eight eggs, and the price \$5. Mr. Stahl guarantees the wooden hen to be constructed of the best material, and to be under control at all times.

The Fanciers' Almanack.—We have been favored with a copy of "The Fanciers' Almanack," compiled by Mr. L. C. Verrey. It is published by *The Fanciers' Gazette*, Limited, 54-57 Imperial Buildings, Ludgate Circus, London, England. It contains excellent suggestions in regard to poultry, pigeons, rabbits, covies, and canaries. Price, three-pence.

Holstein-Friesian Herdbook.—We are in receipt of Vol. 2 of the herdbook of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. The book contains a large number of entries, as well as several illustrations, among the latter being a colored frontispiece of a prize yearling herd of cattle. It shows careful work in preparation. Price, to members, 75 cents; to non-members, \$1.50.

North American Review.—Edward Atkinson contributes to the February *North American Review* an able paper on "The Increased Production of Gold," asserting that the United States will lead the world in the production of gold the coming year, and that if no ill-timed or unforeseen congressional pro-