



Madame Posch.

Holstein cow; first in aged class, and reserve grand champion, Toronto, 1912. Purchased by Colony Farm, from A. E. Hulet, Norwich, Ont.

swarmed along the natural history section, which included many fine living specimens.

In opening, the show had an orthodox baptism of water, but succeeding days last week were fairly fine and the attendance steadily gained on the corresponding dates of 1911, greatly to the satisfaction of the indefatigable Dr. J. O. Orr, Manager, President Kent and J. K. Munro, the genial presiding genius of the Press Bureau and Publicity. Up to Saturday night the attendance had aggregated about 400,000, or an increase for the first week of 19,000 over last year. It was hoped that the million mark would be reached. Some of the departments are reviewed in detail in this issue, others will appear in next week's Farmer's Advocate.

### Cattle.

#### DAIRY BREEDS.

Dairying is one of the most staple branches of Canada's agriculture, and a branch well-suited to specialization, giving ample scope for the breeder. Last year saw the largest entry list in the specialized milk-producing breeds ever seen at Toronto, and the quality of the individuals had never before been equalled. The latter statement was equally true of this year's exhibit, but some of the breeds were not out in as large numbers as last year. The very keen competition experienced in 1911 may have induced some of the breeders from sections where other large shows are being held to remain away and put all their energies into winning more money nearer home at less expense. However, the officiating judges had no easy task, as competition was keen in nearly every class, and the animals individually and collectively were a credit to the various breeds which they represented, and the dairy cattle exhibit of 1912 at Toronto will pass into history as a "quality" show par excellence.

**Ayrshires**—This great Scotch dairy breed numerically was far below last year, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in quality. Last year some 250 entries were forward, while this year less than one-third that number were in the stalls. This was one breed upon which last year's keen competition may have had some effect this year, as when so many are out the money is so divided as to leave little for any one breeder. Thos. Ballantyne, of Stratford, and Alf. Kains, of Byron, Ont., placed the awards. Exhibitors—Alex. Hume & Co., Menie, Ont.; Wm. Stewart & Son, Menie, Ont.; R. R. Ness, Howick, Que.; C. D. Hilliker, Burgessville, Ont.

Only three aged bulls answered the call, and while there were no sensational individuals in the company each showed good dairy and breed type. Ness' Whitehall Sunrise (imp.), a large bull of great substance and with a little smoother shoulder, won over Hume's Auchinbrain Hercules, a somewhat smaller bull, but a typey individual. Springhill Cashier was third, brim-full of quality but small for his age. Two-year-olds had a single entry, Hobsland Masterpiece, but it is safe to say he would have won in any company in this country. He is deemed by many the best bull that ever crossed to Canada, and as a model of Ayrshire symmetry his equal has never been seen by the writer. Level and smooth, straight on top and underneath, with an ideal head and

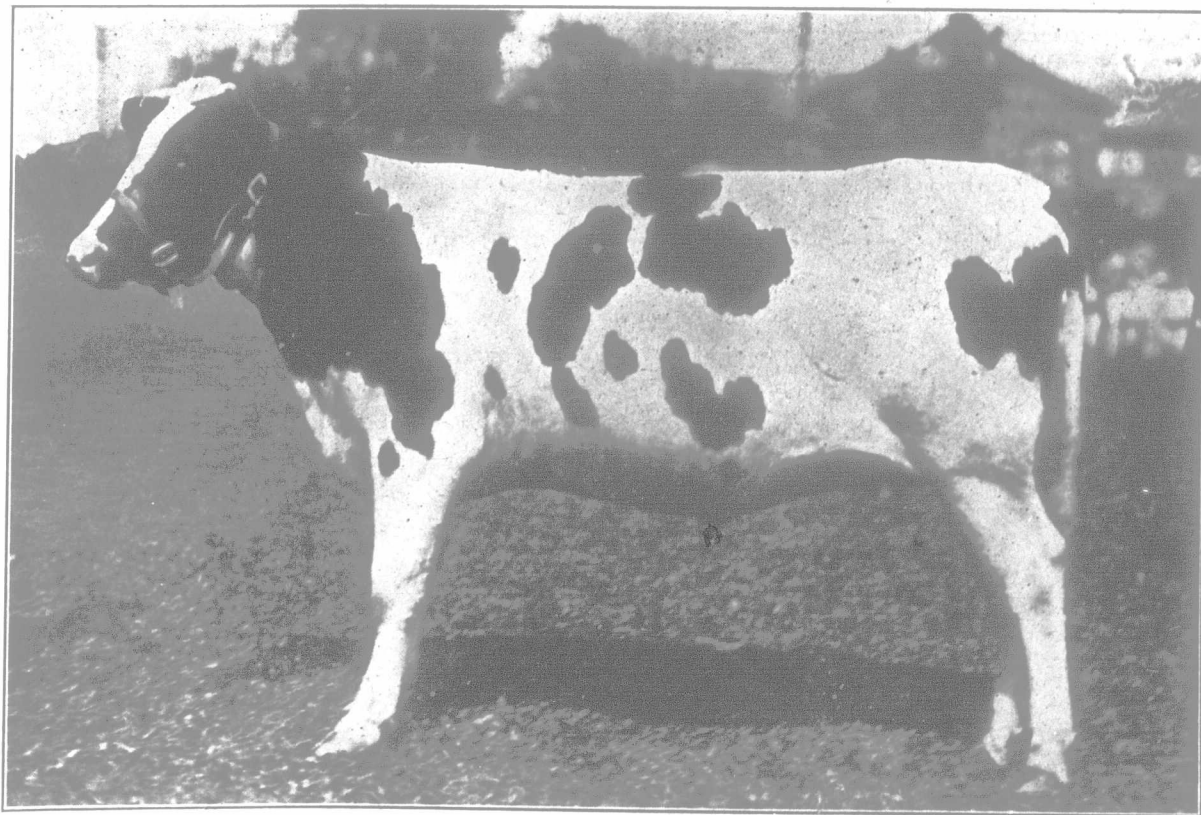
plenty of substance, he is about as near faultless as one could wish. The yearling and calf classes in males brought out some good individuals. While Ness won most of the firsts, the other exhibitors gave him a hard fight, and they may well be proud of their showing. Stewart got first on a very sweet junior calf which would be hard to beat in any company. The female classes were even stronger than the male, numerically and individually. Ten aged cows lined up a uniform class of breeding matrons, and the red settled on the great cow, Auchinbrain Fancy 9th, due to calve and a grand cow in every respect. Hume's Bellsland Nan 4th was a good second. All the classes were strong, but the ten yearling heifers made one of the best shows of the breed. Spicy Lass, the winner, is a model heifer with just a little more substance than the Ness second prize heifer. These two are a team which is an honor to the breed. The female classes in young stuff all put up a keen competition. The junior champion was found in Hume's Spicy Lass, a remarkably smooth, high-quality, large, breed-looking yearling, while the senior and grand championship was carried away by the great four-year-old cow, Auchinbrain Fancy 9th.

**Awards**—Bull, 3 years old and over—1, Ness, on Whitehall Sunrise; 2, Hume, on Auchinbrain Hercules; 3, Stewart, on Springhill Cashier. Bull, 2 years old—1, Ness, on Hobsland Master-

piece. Bull, yearling—1, Ness, on Auchinbrain Sea Foam; 2, E. D. Hilliker, on Jimmie of Menie; 3, Hume, on Sprightly's Spicy Sam; 4, Stewart, on Peter Pan of Menie. Bull, senior calf—1, Ness, on Burnside Nellies Sensier; 2, Stewart, on Lochiel of Menie; 3, Hume, on Humshaugh Hercules. Bull, junior calf—1 and 2, Stewart, on Crowbay Boy of Menie and Mormon Hill of Menie; 3, Hume, Humshaugh Jock. Senior and grand champion—Ness, on Hobsland Masterpiece. Junior champion—Ness, on Auchinbrain Sea Foam. Cow, 4 years and over—1 and 4, Ness, on Auchinbrain Fancy 9th and Burnside Orange Blossom 4th; 2, Hume, on Bellsland Nan 4th; 3, Stewart, on Maggie Mitchell of Menie. Cow, 3 years old—1, Ness, on Beuchen Spottie 4th; 2, Hilliker, on Fairfield's Rose; 3, Hume, on June Morning; 4, Stewart, on Blue Bell of Menie. Dairy cow, in calf—1 and 2, Ness, on Nellie Burns 5th of Burnside and Barcheskie White Beauty; 3, Hume, on Annie of Warkworth; 4, Stewart, on Jean Armour 3rd. Heifer, two years old—1 and 2, Ness, on Lochfergus Clip and Burnside Dorothy 2nd; 3, Hilliker, on Bets Brown; 4 and 5, Hume, on Kate of Menie and Lady Helen of Menie. Heifers, yearling—1, Hume, on Spicy Lass; 2, 3 and 4, Ness, on Burnside Maggie Finlayston 3rd, Burnside Diana and Burnside Dorothy 3rd. Senior calf—1, Hume, on Humshaugh Kate; 2 and 4, Ness, on Burnside Adalia and Burnside Orange Blossom 4th; 3, Stewart, on Ayrshire Beauty of Menie. Junior calf—1, Stewart, on Lady Menie 2nd; 2, Ness, on Lochfergus Susie 2nd; 3, Stewart, on Heather Bell 2nd of Menie. Senior and grand champion—Ness, on Auchinbrain Fancy 9th. Junior champion—Hume, on Spicy Lass. Graded herd—1, Ness; 2, Hume; 3, Hilliker; 4, Stewart. Junior herd—1, Ness; 2, Hume; 3, Stewart. Four get of sire—1, Ness; 2, Hume; 3, Stewart. Two progeny of one cow—1, Hume; 2, Stewart; 3, Ness.

**Holsteins**—Nearly as strong as last year in numbers, when 200 were forward, the 1912 Holstein exhibit surpassed in quality and individual excellence any former show at Toronto. From far British Columbia to the eastern boundaries of Ontario came the best of the black and whites, and it was a battle from the drop of the hat. R. S. Stevenson, the well-known dairy cattle expert, of Ancaster, Ontario, made the awards. Several strong herds were out. Haley Bros. and A. F. Hulet won many prizes, notwithstanding the fact that they have recently disposed of some of the best show stock. Exhibitors—Haley Bros., Springford, Ont.; A. E. Hulet, Norwich, Ont.; G. S. Gooderham, Bedford Park, Ont.; A. C. Hardy, Brockville, Ont.; Colony Farm, Coquitlam, B.C.; Jno. Clarkson, Summerville, Ont.; Elias Snyder, Burgessville, Ont.; J. McKenzie, Willowdale, Ont.; K. R. Marshall, Toronto.

Seven aged bulls lined up and it is safe to say that never before were there so many massive high-quality aged Holstein bulls seen in a ring at the Canadian National. Mercena Yale fresh from his unbroken record of winnings in the West and looking in the pink of condition had his work cut out for him in winning over the 2,500-pound bull Prince Hengerveld Pietje from the Hardy



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Grand champion Holstein female, Toronto, 1912, age one year ten months. Owners, Haley Bros., Springford, Ontario.