

A VISIT TO THE HOME OF A NOTED BREEDER OF JERSEY CATTLE

A Herd Bred for Economical Production for over 33 Years—Fancy Points, have not been Neglected as is Proven by an Envious Show Yard Record.

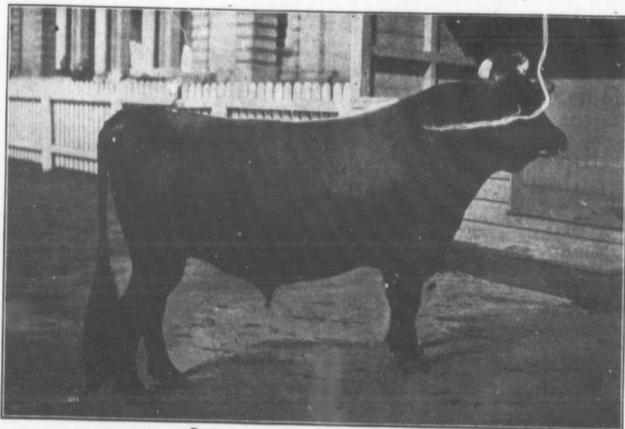
THE success that has attended David Duncan, of the Don, in all of the 33 years that he has been breeding Jersey cattle, is founded on the bedrock of "Utility." When Mr. Duncan, as a young man, purchased his first two pure bred heifers, he believed that the Jersey would produce milk and butter more economically than it could be produced by animals of any other breed. Mr. Duncan is now an old man, but he is still of the same opinion, and has the experience of over 30 years to back his contention. His herd has sometimes numbered as high as 100 head and it has always been self-supporting, irrespective of the extra receipts from the sale of pure bred stock.

Although working for utility points, Mr. Duncan has also combined showyard type to a wonderful degree. At Toronto Exhibition where is the strongest competition of any fair in Canada, Mr. Duncan has to his credit more prizes won on home bred animals than any other Canadian breeder. Were conditions right, Mr. Duncan believes that his Jerseys could do him credit in public dairy tests. "I only wish," said Mr. Duncan to an editor of Farm and Dairy, who visited his farm and herd recently, "that they would establish a class in the Dairy Tests at our Winter Fairs for economical production. I know that our Jerseys would shine there." **AN IDEAL DAIRY FARM**

Moatfield Farm, as Mr. Duncan's home has always been known, is composed of some 250 acres within six miles of Toronto, two miles from the C. P. R. station at Donlands, and is right adjoining Duncan Station on the C. N. R. The farm is ideal for dairying. In summer the

Don Jerseys have the run of a large area of natural pasture, through which runs the Don River. The soil is fertile and excellently adapted to the growth of corn, clover, and alfalfa, which form the basis of the ration received by these Jersey cows.

The stables, if old-fashioned, are comfortable



A Well Proven Sire and a Worthy Heir of a Great Jersey Herd

David Duncan, of the Don, can testify to the influence that a single well bred propent sire may have on a herd. Fontaine's Boy, one of the most richly bred Jersey bulls in America, the animal here illustrated, has been used by Mr. Duncan with remarkably good results and is still giving good service in the herd. Notice the splendid dairy and breed type of this great breeding and show bull. Would you like to have stock from a bull such as this?

and convenient, and from the standpoint of ventilation and cleanliness, among the best that we have ever been in. Air is admitted into the stable through the windows that are hinged at the bottom and stale air is carried off through shafts running to the roof. The stables throughout are whitewashed and periodically they are thoroughly disinfected with zenoleum. These sanitary precautions Mr. Duncan lays great stress on as being important in the maintaining of a healthy, vigorous herd.

Those who claim that the Jersey cannot econ-

omically consume rough fodder should visit Mr. Duncan's herd and learn better. Notice the daily ration: Silage and cut straw, with a little grain mixed in, is fed first thing in the morning. Mangles come in the middle of the morning, and hay at noon. Before milking at night, ensilage is fed followed by meal, mostly ground oats. "Ground oats has given us better results than shorts," remarked Mr. Gordon Duncan, "and they are cheaper as well." Mr. Duncan has now on hand 70 head of pure bred Jersey cattle, of which over 30 are milk cows. Cream is sold in Toronto, and the cows freshen to provide a uniform supply the year round.

NO TUBERCULOSIS HERE

"The precautions we have taken to safeguard the health of our herd have been most successful," said Mr. Duncan to our editor. "In recent years we have had all of our cattle tuberculin tested and have had only one react. At present there is not a single reactor in our herd."

Mr. Duncan has been fortunate in always securing first-class sires to head his herd. Fontaine's Boy, now well up in years, affords us an example of the kind of sires Mr. Duncan has used. He is out of Golden Fern's Lad, a richly bred and high-priced bull. His dam sold for \$1,035 in 1903. He is one of the most richly bred bulls in America to-day. Mr. Duncan has had him for over six years and he is still in the herd because of the high class stock that he is getting.

The younger bull in this herd, Eminence Royal Fern, will be a worthy successor to old Fontaine's Boy. He is sired by Sensational Fern, a bull that sold for \$10,300 when eight months old, and his dam is Eminence Evasion, with a record of 55 lbs. of milk a day and 24 lbs. of butter in a week.

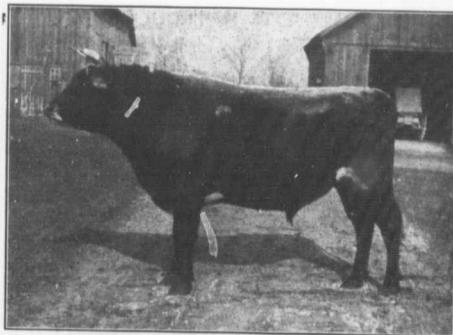
The matrons of the herd are producers worth (Concluded on page 20)



Jersey Matrons That Combine Producing Ability and Show Type

The three cows here illustrated show us more clearly than words can tell, the success that has attended Mr. Duncan, of the Don, Ont., in his effort to breed Jerseys that are both economical producers and good show animals. The second cow in this illustration, Mantinella of the Don, is a famous show cow, being female champion at Toronto as a junior yearling, and a frequent winner since. She freshened last December, and between June 1st and August 1st, made 2,411 lbs. of milk in the same period, freshening in February. The cow to the left, Gladie Sweet Vernal, Mr. Duncan considers to be the most economical producer in his herd, she being one of the largest milkers and a comparatively small eater. It is cows such as this that have made the Jersey one of the most popular and most numerous of dairy breeds.

—Photos by an editor of Farm and Dairy.



A Worthy Successor of Fontaine's Boy

Eminence Royal Fern, the young bull now in use in the Don herd of Jerseys, is strong in both individuality and breeding. Read more of this young sire in the article adjoining.