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CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY

Gossip.

The Riverside Herd.

While visiting a few of the stock farms in Haldimand County recently a representative of this paper had the pleasure of inspecting the splendid Riverside herd of pure-bred Holsteins owned by J. W. Richardson of Caledonia, and while many similar visits have been made to "Riverside" in the past we never remember a time when the prospects here were brighter. The herd as a whole may have in other years appeared in a little better fit but as we saw them the young stock were quite equal to the best we have ever seen on the farm and were far more numerous than at any time since the foundation of the herd. The latter is also particularly true when referring to the young bulls Mr. Richardson now has in the stables; some half dozen young nine-months bulls, any one of which is strong enough in either individuality or breeding to be worthy of a place at the top of most herds. There is, for instance, bulls from such females as Jenima Johanna Wayne, a 32.32-lb. cow with over 100 lbs. of milk for one day, Toitilla Echo De Kol 7th, a 29.14-lb. cow, Toitilla Sarcastic Rue, a 28.88-lb. daughter of Johanna Rue's 4th Lad, etc., while others are out of tested daughters of the noted sire, King Johanna Pontiac Korndyke, whose daughters are fast coming to the fore in the Record of Performance test reports. Each of these youngsters are well worth the remembrance of prospective purchasers. Among others, Mr. Richardson reports recent sales of five females to M. E. Leaky of Peterboro; two more to F. Henderson, Listowel, and one young bull to Geo. E. Wood of Cainsville. The latter was a son of Aaggie Toitilla another 30.49 lb. "Riverside" matron.

Oxford County Holsteins.

While visiting the Oxford County District a few days ago we were fortunate in calling at the farm of T. W. McQueen of Tillsonburg, just after he had purchased for his coming herd sire a half interest in a young 34.32 lb. bred son of May Echo Sylvia's son Avondale Pontiac Echo. So far as the sire of the calf is concerned there is very little more that need be said. All who are at all conversant with the breed know that his dam holds the world's milk record from one to one hundred days and that she is also the dam of the great \$106,000 calf that sold at Milwaukee in June. On his dam's side, however, he also has many advantages as she is not only a 34.32-lb. cow but is a wonderful individual as well. Her highest day's milk was 102.6 lbs., while her total for the 7 days was 693 lbs. The calf was bred by A. E. Hulet of Norwich who retains a half interest in him. He will be used jointly in the two herds. In females Mr. McQueen is getting down practically to the descendants of the two sires, Lewis Prilly Rouble Hartog and Baron Colantha Fayne. The former has an international reputation as one of the breed's greatest sires, while the latter during his service in the herd proved himself well worthy of being a son of old Queen Butter Baroness, Canada's first 33-lb. cow. There are eleven daughters of the Hartog sire among the mature breeding cows, and, while none have sensational records the average is good with nineteen and twenty pound two-year-olds being several in number. From these daughters of the older sire there are quite a number of young cows that are sired by the Butter Baron bull, and with three exceptions all are now in calf to the young bull, Lyons Hengerveld Champion, the young son of Baroness Madoline that Mr. McQueen had under lease for the past season. The present offering at the farm includes a small number of 8 and 10 months bulls all of which are sired by Baron Colantha Fayne and from the tested daughters of Lewis Prilly Rouble Hartog. Those who are in search of young sires will find these youngsters well worthy of consideration. Address T. W. McQueen, Tillsonburg, Ont.

Natural Philosopher.—Examiner in Physics.—"What happens when a light falls into the water at an angle of forty-five degrees?"

Student.—"It goes out."

What the Dairy Breeds Have Done in 1918.

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Lassie) with a record of 16,721 lbs. milk, 682.21 lbs. fat, test 4.08%. Her cumulative average for three periods is 12,418 lbs. milk, 517.63 lbs. fat, test 4.16%. Another record of efficiency is that of Willowmoor Soncy Girl, that has just completed a record of 16,707 lbs. milk, 709.60 lbs. fat, thereby having qualified for her fourth entry in the Advanced Registry with an average production of 12,826 lbs. milk, 535.83 lbs. fat. In each instance she calved within 15 months after beginning the test. It is also worthy of note that Finlayston, hailed as the greatest of Ayrshire sires, died during the year. Finlayston heads the list of Advanced Registry sires with 46 A. R. daughters, having a total of 90 entries averaging 10,448 lbs. milk, 429.91 lbs. fat, test 4.11%.

The Advanced Registry requirements have undergone considerable revision, since, in addition to maintaining the double standard for milk and fat, the fat requirements have been raised to the same level as the other breeds. A junior two-year-old must produce a minimum of 6,000 lbs. of milk and 250.5 lbs. fat, while the minimum for mature cows is 9,000 lbs. milk and 360 lbs. fat. Late registration has been penalized by a fee of \$10 for all animals over two years of age, and the transfer fee has been raised from 25c. to \$1.

FOREIGN.—Ayrshires are said to be much in demand in Ireland and at least one importation of 35 head has been made from Scotland. South Africa has also been importing Ayrshires of good quality. A Queensland Australian Record was made by the Ayrshire cow Pretty Maid of Haremar, with 14,770 lbs. milk, 891 lbs. butter in 247 days.

Guernseys.

UNITED STATES.—Guernsey progress in the United States has been on a par with that of the other dairy breeds. Not only have there been numerous changes in the leaders in both the double and single letter classes, but there have been some very creditable records in addition and some excellent sales made as well. Two cows producing over 1,000 pounds of butter-fat have entered the ranks of the mature class. Nella Jay 4th, a Pennsylvania cow, produced 20,709.9 lbs. milk and 1,019.25 lbs. butter-fat acquiring second place for the breed in milk production and third place for butter-fat. Langwater Nancy, by yielding 18,783.5 lbs. milk and 1,011.66 lbs. fat, arrived at fourth place for butter-fat and seventh place for milk. A new champion in class G for cows from two to two-and-a-half years has arisen in Brookmead's Dorothy, displacing Cherry of Edgewater (who has held the record for three years) with a record of 14,179.4 lbs. milk and 742.08 lbs. fat. In the double letter, or "Roll of Honor" classes, where cows qualifying must complete their regular Advanced Registry requirements and, in addition, carry a calf at least 265 days of the test period, several new leaders have appeared. The "Roll of Honor" was established no earlier than a year ago but already there have been 479 double letter records recorded. Champion for the breed in this new performance test is Linden Girl of Harbor Hill 3rd, leader in class CC, who recently completed a record of 15,032.9 lbs. milk and 785.89 lbs. fat. In others of the double letter classes, namely classes BB, EE and FF, new leaders have appeared since January 1st, 1918. Prominent among these is Jean du Luth Coronet, recently made leader in class EE by her production of 12,603.9 lbs. milk and 580.61 lbs. fat.

Price records have also been broken at Guernsey cattle sales, prominent among these being the combination sale following the annual convention of the American Guernsey Cattle Club in May. At this sale 67 Guernseys brought \$102,925 and were thereby distributed among 36 breeders located in 27 states of the Union. The high-priced cow was Langwater Luxury, sold for \$5,300. Two other cows sold for \$5,000 each, and the previous high-water bull price of \$3,000 was smashed when Don Diavolo of Linda Vista sold for \$10,000. A short time after this record was broken by the private sale of Pencoyd's Golden May Secret for \$10,100.

ENGLAND.—High averages at sales of Guernseys in England have been the Barlow sale of 21 head for an average of £70, and the Plumpton sale of 22 head for an average of £80.