

Jas. Leask, Greenbank, had the first-prize yearling steer, steer calf, cow or heifer under four years, and pair of fat cattle; Israel Groff, the second-prize yearling; Goodfellow Bros., Macville, the second-prize cow; and James Rennie, the second-prize pair.

THE DAIRY BREEDS.

Seldom, if ever, have the dairy classes of cattle been so well filled at a Toronto fair as this year. All except the Guernseys were strong in numbers, and that class was represented by a few very choice animals. In the dairy breeds the rule has been adopted of first calling out the herds in competition for the prizes for the best bull and five females in each breed, owned by the exhibitor, and from three to seven herds of each of the five dairy breeds were in the ring at the same time. It was a spectacle for the gods to look upon with wonder and amazement, and one which to no small extent revealed the secret of Canada's phenomenal record of success in the export of dairy products, for it is doubtful if on a fair ground of any other country under the heavens could as good a collection of special purpose dairy cattle be found as filed into the judging arena at Toronto on the day the prizes were awarded, and it augurs well for the future of the dairy interests of the Dominion that so high a standard has been set and is being maintained in the type and quality of the leading herds of cattle from which seed stock is being disseminated throughout the length and breadth of the land.

AYRSHIRES were the most numerously represented of all breeds, there being over 150 entries, and it is not an invidious comparison to state that they were the most uniform in quality, type and condition. The Ayrshire breeders of Scotland and their followers in Canada have succeeded admirably in breeding their cattle true to a type combining utility and beauty in high degree. The judging was done by Messrs. A. Cairns, Byron, Ont., and G. H. Muir, Bougie, Que., who can hardly be charged with undue haste in making their decisions, nor credited with complete consistency in all instances. The cattle aged considerably under the ordeal in some classes, and one could well imagine the attendants sighing for a single judge with the courage of his convictions. It was plainly evidenced that it takes more than twice as long to make up two minds in the same groove as is required by one to reach a decision, and after it is done it is doubtful whether it is better done. The trouble in the case of two judges too often seems to be that they either labor under the delusion that they have to agree or that they are afraid to disagree and to stand by their own judgment, and the result is too often a compromise which must be unsatisfactory to one and a ruling which would probably not have been registered if he had depended on his own judgment and sense of right.

The Province of Quebec nobly upheld its reputation for high-class Ayrshires by the exhibition of typical representatives of the breed in most creditable condition from the noted herds of Messrs. R. Reford, St. Anne de Bellevue; W. W. Ogilvie & Co., Lachine Rapids, and R. R. Ness, Howick, and a fine bull from that of R. B. Angus, of Sennville. Splendid specimens were forward, as usual, from the well-known Ontario herds of Wm. Stewart & Son and Alex. Hume & Co., Menie; J. G. Clark, Ottawa; J. McCormack & Son, Rockton, and R. S. Brooks, Brantford.

An uncommonly strong class of half a dozen bulls three years old and upwards faced the judges, and it was no easy task to place them with confidence that the rating was right, but the order of precedence was finally made as follows: First to Reford's Imp. Lord Dudley of Drumsue, who here made his first appearance in the show-ring on this side of the sea. He is a massive bull, full of constitutional vigor and fine in all essential dairy points, and is very hard to find fault with. Quite as much may be said for the second-prize winner, Ogilvie's Imp. Douglasdale of Dam of Aber, who came out this year in fine fettle, looking bright and feeling like himself, which could not be said of him last year, when he was given a lower rating than his character entitled him to. He is one of the very highest rank of bulls of the breed. Ness' stylish and typical Imp. Duke of Clarence of Barcheskie, the sweepstakes winner here last year, came out as stylish as ever and as full of quality, but being young for the class and a month over the age that would have admitted him to the two-year-old section, he was handicapped and had to fall into third place, a position that fits him ill in view of his successful show career up to this time. Mr. Angus' handsome bull, The Don, was placed fourth, and still there was left unplaced Mr. Massey's great bull, Silver Prince of St. Louis, the sweepstakes winner of two years ago, and other really good ones.

Two-year-old bulls were worthily led by Stewart & Son's Hover-a-Blink, by Dainty Lad and out of the grand cow, Jean Armour. He is one of the best young bulls growing up, is low-set, deep-bodied, well sprung in his ribs, full of quality in his handling and measures well up to the standard of the highest type in every respect, and it seemed strange that a referee should be required to give him his proper place. Black Prince of Whitehill, of the Ogilvie herd, a handsome, stylish bull of good quality and finish, well filled the second place, and Defender of St. Anne's, a strong son of Napoleon of Auchenbrain, fell into third position, followed by Hume & Co.'s White Cockade, a good sort, as fourth.

J. G. Clark, of Ottawa, had the first prize year-

ling, a bull of good pattern and fine quality, followed by Reford's Royal Peter and McCormack's Royal Salute, by Waverley, a young bull of fine form and character that might well have had a place higher in the list.

The senior bull calves over six months were a very good lot, and Mr. Brooks won out in first place with his Beauty Style's Heir; Ogilvie second with Comrade's Last; and Stewart third with Lady Ottawa's White Prince. In bull calves under six months, the Reford entry, Dunraven of St. Anne's, won first; Hume's Bold Boy, second; and Massey's Silver Mac, third. The male championship went to Reford's Imp. Lord Dudley, the first-prize aged bull.

In a great class of twenty cows, of which one half were imported, a worthy first-prize winner was found in Ogilvie's Imp. White Rose of Barmoorhill, a typical, modern Ayrshire in style and form, carrying a large and shapely udder, well balanced fore and aft, and showing a richly-colored skin and fine handling qualities. She was hard pressed for the position by Reford's Imp. Snowdrift of Barcheskie, a businesslike cow, well formed on dairy lines, but not so recently fresh. The third winner was found in Imp. Dandy Lass of Nethercraig, of the Ogilvie herd, another of beautiful type and business appearance. Fourth position was given to Reford's Imp. Snowdrift 1st, of Fairfield Mains. To form an idea of the excellence of the class, it is only necessary to state that there was left out of the prize list such splendid cows as Stewart's Jean Armour and Lady Ottawa, Hume's Imp. Eva of Barcheskie, McCormack's Gem of Rockton, besides several other high-class imported cows in the herds from which the winners were selected. It is, indeed, rarely in any country that such a collection of superior dairy cows is seen in one show-ring, and we are proud to do them honor.

Three-year-old cows were a strong class of ten entries, in which Stewart & Son were fortunate in winning out with May Mitchell, by Douglas of Loudoun; Reford's Blue Bell 27th of Hillhouse, a good, strong cow, long in milk, taking second place; and Ness' Miss Scottie B, by Harcourt, a sweet young cow of fine quality, swinging a model shaped udder, and, in the opinion of many, worthy of a higher position, ordered into third position, the same exhibitor winning fourth with Lady Spot-tie B.

In an uncommonly good class of sixteen two-year-old heifers, an outstanding first seemed to onlookers to be Ness' charming Scottie's Pearl, full of quality and dairy points, her shoulders beautifully blending into her sides, her ribs well sprung and deep, her quarters long and level, udder of model form and her teats of good size and well placed. She seemed made only for the first place, but the judges, for reasons perhaps satisfactory to themselves, consigned her to third position, placing Reford's Lady Grace, by Glencairn, in the lead, with Nellie Osborn 3rd, of the same herd, second, and Ogilvie's Stately 9th in fourth place. Yearling heifers in milk were a small class, and it would seem to be an unnecessary class. The first prize went to J. G. Clark, and second to Mr. Massey. There were sixteen yearling heifers out of milk in the contest for honors, and a magnificent lot they were. The first position was given to Ness for Lady Bruce, a sweet little heifer, over a number of strong entries. The little one filled the position gracefully, but the rating looked to many like a case of restitution for wrong done earlier in the day in former rings. In the section for heifer calves over six months, the number out was again sixteen, and hardly a weak one in the lot. Here the first prize fell to Ogilvie for Lady Beatrice; second to Ness for Marguerite; third to Ogilvie, and fourth to Reford. In heifer calves under six months, Hume scored with The Gypsy of Menie, Ness being second, Clark third, and Massey fourth. The winner of the female sweepstakes was Ogilvie's first prize cow, White Rose of Barmoorhill.

The herd prizes, open to all, for best bull and five females, were awarded first to Reford, second to Ogilvie, third to Ness. The young-herd prize, for bull and five females under two years, went first to Ness, second to Ogilvie, third to Reford, fourth to Clark. The prizes for best four animals the progeny of one bull were awarded as follows: First to Ness for the get of Harcourt of Burnside; second to Reford for the progeny of Napoleon of Auchenbrain; third to Ogilvie for the offspring of Comrade of Garlaff; fourth to Ness. The placing of the second and third prizes was not without considerable adverse criticism.

JERSEYS—The Jerseys were out one hundred strong, and made a good showing in nearly every section. The bulls were exceptionally good, which is a good indication, for on the class and character of the sires used depends the future usefulness of the breed, and, perhaps, the breeders in no other class are paying more attention now to the securing of high-class bulls to head their breeding herds. The class was judged by Mr. R. Reid, Berlin, who went through his work expeditiously, and gave general satisfaction. The section for bulls three years old and over was worthily led by Bim of Dentonia, winner here last year of 1st prize as a two-year-old and the championship as best bull any age. He is a well-balanced bull, of strong constitution and good dairy form, and was shown on this occasion by B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton. Second place was given to Prince Frank's Son, a handsome and substantial bull, that has been a very successful prizewinner in the hands of his owner, W. G. Laidlaw, Wilton Grove, having won the first prize in his class here last year. The imported Island-bred bull, Distinc-

tion's Golden, at the head of the herd of Robert Davies, Toronto, was assigned third place. He came out in thinner condition this year than usual, but showing his usual vigor and strength of character, and his progeny speak well of his worth as a sire of heifers that give great promise of usefulness in the dairy.

Two-year-old bulls were led by Mr. W. E. H. Massey's newly-imported Island Lad of Dentonia, selected by Mr. F. S. Peer, a beautiful bull, typical of the best of the breed, full of quality and finish. Into second place came Silent's Owl, a son of Imp. The Owl, dam Silent, bred by Mr. Rockefeller, and shown by Robert Davies, Toronto. He is a bull of fine character and superior dairy form, and should prove a satisfactory sire. Third place was assigned to a son of Distinction's Golden and St. Helier May, shown by E. H. Carter, Riverdale Park. Yearling bulls were three in number, the first award falling to Mr. Massey for He's a Daisy, second to Bull & Son for Brampton's Hugo, and third to W. G. Laidlaw for Gold Ring's Hero. Bull calves were a strong class, in which three typical sons of imported Brampton's Monarch—Brampton's Heir, Brampton's Kaiser, and Brampton Hero—of the herd of B. H. Bull & Son, carried the first three awards in the order named, a distinct triumph for Monarch as a bull breeder, while his heifers also scored well in the prize list. In the junior section of bull calves, Monarch's get, in Gold Prince, brought the red ribbon to the Brampton herd; the second prize going to Choice Goods, a select son of Distinction's Golden, shown by Robert Davies.

In a fairly good class of cows, Massey's entry, Wilton Queen, a strong, vigorous, well-formed cow, of St. Helier breeding, fresh in milk and swinging a very large and shapely udder, from a business point of view could not be denied first place, and it were well there were more like her in the country. Imp. Fancy Maid, owned by ex-Mayor R. J. Fleming, Toronto, was moved into second position. She is a typical Island cow, of fine form, character and quality, with well-balanced udder, well-placed teats, and rich yellow skin. Dentonia Park (Mr. Massey's farm) furnished the third-prize winner in Imp. Sensation, who was the first-prize cow and sweepstakes female last year. She is a beautiful and useful cow, but had recently calved and had a touch of fever, which dried her hair and robbed her temporarily of the bloom she usually carries. Bull & Son's Bettina of Brampton, a handsome young cow, with a model udder, was moved into fourth place, and Robt. Davies' Imp. Glenfield, one of the richest sort, into fifth. This rating left out some really excellent cows, which for business and beauty were close up to the winners. Among these may be mentioned Bull's beautiful Sunbeam, with her fine form and model udder, and Davies' Gold Nugget, rich as gold, built for work and carrying a milk vessel of the first order. The Brampton herd supplied the first and second winners in the 3-year-old cow class in Mermaid and Floran's Pansy, the third being Davies' Patience of Prospect, and the fourth Massey's Quarantina.

In the 2-year-old heifer section, a very strong one, the daughters of Distinction's Golden brought honors to Thorncliffe Farm, Mr. Davies' Beautiful Bella, out of Imp. Nita Belle, taking first place, and Distinction's Pet, out of Imp. Nicotine's Pet, the second position. Both have fine fore udders and fine dairy form and are promising young cows. Brampton's Princess Flo, of Bull & Son's herd, made a good third in a class of ten exceptionally good heifers. The first of the daughters of Brampton's Monarch shown in milk was an outstanding first in the senior yearling class in milk. She is Golden Gem of Brampton, out of Zurita, and measures well up to the standard of first-class, having good size for age, fine dairy form and quality, and a model udder, large and well balanced, and her teats well set. Second and third prizes went to Thorncliffe for Lucy, by Distinction's Golden, and Ribbon's Heiress, two beautiful heifers, with fine prospects for usefulness. In a splendid class of 19 junior yearling heifers, the first award went by common consent to Cream-for-Sure, of the Dentonia herd, sired by Imp. Lord of Dentonia, whose daughters were conspicuous in this class for their beauty and promise of usefulness. Second place was well filled by Brampton's Beauty, by Imp. Monarch, of Bull & Son's string; third went to Cypher of Dentonia, and fourth to a daughter of The Owl, bred by Mr. Rockefeller and owned by Mr. Davies. She is full sister to the fine two-year-old bull shown by Mr. Davies, and is a heifer of excellent form and quality. Lora-della, a daughter of Lord of Dentonia, won first for Mr. Massey in the heifer calf class over six months; Golden Pride, of the Brampton herd, by Monarch, taking second place; third going to E. H. Carter, and fourth to W. G. Laidlaw. Heifer calves under six months were headed by Dorothy, of the Dentonia herd, second and fourth going to Bull & Son for Monarch's daughters, and third to Davies for a daughter of Distinction's Golden.

The championship for best bull, any age, was awarded to Mr. Massey's first-prize 2-year-old bull, Island Lad of Dentonia, and the sweepstakes for best female to Wilton Queen, of the same herd—the first-prize cow over four years old. The prizes for the best herd of one bull and four females were given in the following order: first to Massey, second to Bull & Son, third to Davies, fourth to Massey. The young herd prizes for a bull and five females under two years were awarded: first to Massey, second to Bull & Son, third to Davies, fourth to Massey. For four animals, the progeny of one bull, the first and second prizes were won by Robert Davies for the get of Imp. Distinction's Golden, a

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