

for second, and Wm. Stewart's red and white call Aberdeen third.

In aged cows Blue Bell of Hillhouse won an easy first, afterwards competing for sweepstake honors. Robt. Hunter & Son's Queen of the Sonnies, too long since calving to show to best advantage, was placed second, Redford's Aunt Sally, 3rd, and Little Love, from the Hume herd 4th. There were only eight entries in the 3-year cows. Honors went in easy manner to the splendid dairy cow Lost Chord of Dentonia, from the Dentonia Park Farm, afterwards winner of the sweepstakes. The second winner, J. G. Clark's Silver Pet is also a very fine animal, a pure white with red cheeks, and a skin as smooth to handle as silk velvet. In dry cows the competition was very close all round, some four entries coming forward, all of fine type and uniform good quality.

The first prize went to the Reford herd, second to R. Hunter & Sons, and third to Stewart & Sons. This is a class in which the dairy classes do not show to good advantage, often suffering through the jealousy of judges in guarding against all appearance of beefiness. R. Hunter & Sons also captured first and second honors for the best two-year-old heifer, Stewart & Sons coming third and the Reford herd fourth. The year-old heifer class was one of the strongest of the show, fifteen contestants coming forward. R. Hunter & Sons were again victorious here with their pure white heifer Stylish Betty, a splendid individual, the best in a goodly company. The Reford herd was again second and third, Stewart & Sons ranking fourth. In the heifer class of later than Jan. 1st, 1903, Little Marion from the Reford herd was an easy first, and in the company of 11 good ones.

The hardest duties devolving upon the judges of the Ayrshires was the placing of the honors for the best herds, some of them being awarded only after the most careful deliberation. In the herd of four the first place was easily won by the Reford herd, A. Hume of Menie, coming second with a good lot, the others being somewhat uneven.

In the herd of one bull and three heifers the honors were captured by A. Hume, with J. G. Clark and W. Stewart & Sons in respective order. The most difficult decision of all was the herd of six, over three hours being taken up with the placing of the Honogs in this class. Six herds were shown, R. Reford getting the red ribbon, and the third place as well, with R. Hunter & Sons second and W. Stewart & Sons fourth.

#### HOLSTEINS.

The Holstein exhibit at this year's fair has been commented on as the best seen here for years, every class shown bringing out a fair number of animals and "good all around" would truly specify every class. The aged cows were a



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class especially strong, very few of them being animals that were ever shown here before, and of those that had there was not much in evidence. Indeed, the quality of this exhibit is well attested when such a noted prize-winner as Emery Beauty failed to find a place among the winners. The aged bulls shown made a fine appearance and were a good lot. First went easily to Hallman's Judge Akkrum's Del Kol, afterwards winner of the sweepstake. The two-year-old bull class was represented by three splendid young animals from the herd of Rettie Bros., G. W. Clemons, and R. F. Heicks, and taking rank respectively. Prize for one-year bull was awarded to Rettie Bros.' Cornelia's Posch, who afterwards competed for the sweepstake and lost to the older animal, though a more typical and more promising animal. Hallman's Neth De Kol taking second place, was also a very pleasing animal. In the bull calf under one year Rettie Bros. again scored with Artis Mercedes Posch, a strong individual, very well developed for his age, and sired by Sir Abbe Kirk Posch, dam Artis Mink Mercedes. Hallman's winner of second place, Sir Hester De Kol, was also a promising young fellow, active and strong, and with a fine skin.

In the bull calf of later than Jan. 1st, 1903, first place was taken by A. C. Hallman with a very promising young bull, Sir Netherlands De Kol, among a good lot of nine promising youngsters.

The best exhibit of all was that of aged cows, numbering seventeen, a long list of animals of the highest type and purest breeding. Honors at the head of this company were given to Rettie's Artis Mink Mercedes, a cow good all through and nice all over, the dam of the winning bull of under one year, Artis Mercedes Posch. The cow to take second place was from the Heick herd and third from Hallman's. Only seven entries were made in the three-year-old cow class, and the first place among them was given to Car Brown De Kol, owned by W. Brown. The two-year-old heifers were a fine lot, with Jas. Rettie's Artis Pietertje's Poem easily first, an animal of exceptionally fine dairy type. The one-year-old heifer in milk had only four entries, all good ones, and the one-year out of milk was a very strong class also. In this class Rettie landed first, second and fourth places, third place going to Hallman. The heifer calves of under one year showed in both classes very strong and speak well for the future of the Holstein as a dairy animal able to hold its own and a little more. In the herds of four under two years six herds competed, all fairly close and even, Macklin winning first place, and Hallman second. In the herds of one bull and four females over one year there was some unevenness among the females of most of the herds, a number being out of milk and first