

## Ayrshires Make Good Showing at Ottawa

THE Central Canada Exhibition, Ottawa, is noted for the splendid exhibits of dairy cattle that are made there each year. Ayrshires are as a rule the star attraction of the dairy live stock exhibits, and this year, as usual, they made a splendid showing. The number of entries was not as large as last year, several well known herds, which were represented a year ago, not being present, including those of the late Senator Wm. Owens & Co., of Campbellford, and George H. Montgomery, of Phillipsburg. One or two other herds, however, were represented this year, including that of W. F. Kay, of Phillipsburg, Quebec, who showed 15 head, and Gilbert McMillan, of Huntingdon, Quebec, who showed 13 head. Over 80 pure-bred Ayrshires were brought out. R. R. Ness showed 21; D. T. Ness, of Howick, 19; J. H. Black, of Lacchuette, six, and T. L. Fairbairn, of Billings Bridge, six, as well as several animals shown by Robert Leishman, of Lacchuette, Quebec. The judge was R. S. Archibald, of the Dominion Experiment Farm, Ottawa, whose placings left little to question.

### Winning Herds.

The herd of R. R. Ness, which captured most of the principal awards at the Toronto Exhibition, largely repeated its success at Ottawa, although it had been weakened somewhat at the meantime by a couple of sales, its young grand champion bull, Netherhall H. Black of Lacchuette. This fine animal was shown by Mr. Black, and repeated its success again, winning the grand championship over its older competitor.

Although J. H. Black showed only six animals he made a particularly fine showing, winning four firsts, a second, and the grand championship on bulls. McMillan brought out a fine lot of cattle. They were not quite so well fitted nor in some cases quite so bred in appearance as those of the Ness herd, or would have stood higher.

His grand three-year-old cow, Millerton Cherry, was too long from freshening to show to the best advantage. Kay and D. T. Ness both showed a splendid lot of good useful animals, possessing size and substance and dairy type, but lacking the finish and some of the finer points that count in such exacting show rings as those at Ottawa.

### Male Championships.

Senior bull—Glenhurst Torrs Major, R. R. Ness.

Junior bull—Netherhall Countermark, Ness.

Grand champion bull—Netherhall Countermark, Ness.

The aged bull class proved an interesting one. It brought out three bulls of much the same markings and conformation in Glenhurst Torrs Major, shown by Ness, Lessnessock Golden Rose shown by McMillan, and Hill-burn Perfecta, brought out by D. T. Ness. The fourth bull, Cherry Bank Fair Trade, shown by Kay, was a different type, being built along smaller lines than the other three. The competition soon narrowed down to a decision between Glenhurst Torrs Major and Lessnessock Golden Rose. The latter bull possessed the nicest head, was nicely turned throughout, showed abundance of quality, and might easily have been placed first. Torrs Major showed greater depth and body and received the award on this ground. It was a very close decision, and while not questioned by most, neither would there have been any question had the award been made differently. Hill-burn Perfecta was third. This bull did not have the scale of the first two, but was a good one. Kay's entry was fourth.

Bull, 2 years old: Hobland Landford, Leishman; 1, Countermark, Black; 2, Burnside King Master, McMillan; 3, Burnside's Footprint, D. T. Ness; bull calf under year—1, R. R. Ness; 2, McMillan; 3, Kay; 4, Ness; 5, D. T. Ness.

Bull calf under six months—1, Ness; 2, McMillan; 3, Kay.

### Female Classes.

Five grand cows faced the judge in the aged cow class. The Toronto winner, Champion Henry, went to the front, being larger than any of the others. The second was harder to determine, the award finally going to Black on Catlins Derby Second. This cow carried the largest under in the ring, showed great veining, good legs, and dairy quality generally. McMillan stood third with Grassmills Flora (Imp.). This cow was a little plainer than the others, but a grand good one, and was brought out in good form.

Six good ones came out in the three-year-old class, where Burnside Dorothy M., the Toronto winner shown by Ness, had to be content with third place. She did not come out in quite as good form as at Toronto. The award went to Black on Blackberry's Bess (Imp.). This cow did not carry as large an udder as the Ness entry, but was shown in excellent form, being strong in the top line, showing excellent ribbing, plenty of constitution

and good dairy form throughout, although she was not showing at her best, having calved in February. She was the animal that was purchased for \$1,200, at the Springfield Fair. McMillan showed a rare good one in Millerton Cherry (Imp.). This was a smaller cow than the Ness winner, and largely on that account went to second place, although she lacked a little of the smoothness of the Black entry. Fourth place went to D. T. Ness, on Burnside Baroness, and fifth to Kay on Ravendale Alice, a fine large cow of a good commercial type.

The Canadian-bred three-year-old class produced five good ones, where Kay went to the top with Ravendale Lovely Rose, a sweet cow, strong in the top line and across the loins, long in the ribbing, and showing dairy capacity. Second went to Ness, on last year's Champion, Burnside Magie Finlayson 5th, which was kept before top second in the dry cow classes at Toronto. This is a grand cow known for good qualities and known to Ayrshire breeders. Kay took third with an excellent entry in Lovely Rose, a cow of much the same type as the Ness winner. Fourth place went to Lady Belle and D. T. Ness fifth on Edgewood Nellie Osborne.

The judge had a task before him in the dry cow class where three very fine animals were shown. Ness took first with Townfont Sunbeam, a cow of great depth, smoothness and exceptional under lines. McMillan was second with Maple Leaf Jean. This was a close contest for first place, having more scale and being better on the top line than the win-

ner. D. T. Ness was third on Lochfergus Catharine.

One of the strongest classes was the one for two-year-old dry heifers. Seven were brought out. The Ness entry again took first place in Burnside Barbara, a growthy animal for her age, having a splendid barrel, broad quarters and strength across the loins. Willow Haugh Spring Jean, shown by Black, was the prettiest animal in the ring. She has a beautiful head and showed high class dairy type, but lacked a little scale as compared with the Ness winner. Kay was third with Ravendale Pleasure, and D. T. Ness fourth on Edgewood Miss Jessie.

Ness also won first and second for two animals the produce of one cow, with D. T. Ness third and Kay fourth.

### The Awards.

The other awards were as follows: Heifer, 2 years in milk—1, Black, Willow Haugh Dolly Gray; 2, Kay, Ravendale Tinker Bell; 3, D. T. Ness, Springburn Lady May; 4, Burnside Baroness 2nd; 5, Kay, Ravendale Lady Lill; 6, R. R. Ness, Burnside Tipperary Blossom.

Heifer, 1 year—1, Black; 2, D. T. Ness; 3, McMillan; 4, R. R. Ness; 5, McMillan; 6, R. R. Ness. Heifer calf under year—1, R. R. Ness; 2, D. T. Ness; 3, McMillan; 4, Kay; 5, R. R. Ness; 6, Kay. Heifer calf under 6 months—1, R. R. Ness; 2, R. R. Ness; 3, Kay; 4, McMillan; 5, D. T. Ness.

### Group Awards.

Graded Herd: 1, R. R. Ness; 2, McMillan; 3, D. T. Ness; 4, Kay. Junior Herd: 1, R. R. Ness; 2, D. T. Ness; 3, Kay. Get of Sire—1 and 2, R. R. Ness (Marjorie); 3, D. T. Ness (Ravendale White Heather); 4, Kay (Seaford). Bull, 2 years old: Sir Pontiac Mercedes, W. C. Stevens.

## Holstein Classes Not as Strong as Usual

THE lateness of the season and the scarcity of farm help, among other causes, told against the Holstein exhibits at the Central Canada Exhibition at Ottawa last week, as the showing made by this popular breed was hardly so large as the quality of the stock shown as high as has been the rule of recent years, excepting possibly last year. Only one western herd was shown, that of Gooderham of Clarkson, whose stock was in the best form and who captured a considerable part of the prize money. The other exhibitors were mostly from the Ottawa district. There was a very creditable exhibit by the Ottawa Valley Holstein Club. The stock of the members of this club was shown in a barn by themselves and captured enough of the awards to give encouragement to the members of the club. The president of the club is R. Dowler, Billings Bridge, and the secretary, W. R. Cummings of Cummings and Gosselin, of Cumming's Bridge. The awarding of the championships for male and female to two local breeders proved popular with the eastern breeders. The judge was D. C. Platt, of Millgrove.

One of the most noticeable features of the exhibit was a lack of fitting on the part of many of the individuals, due no doubt to the general scarcity of concentrated feeds. There was, also, a great variety of types which gave the judge some pretty stiff work in the placing of the awards.

One reason for the rather small exhibit was the fact that the management, following the precedent of last year, refused to accept entries after the date named in their catalogues, with the result that several entries were not accepted. The Gooderham herd was the only one present which had been shown at Toronto. A comparison of the quality stock at the two fairs may be obtained from the fact that its winnings at Ottawa were considerably more numerous than at Toronto. Toronto generally, however, sets a higher standard in Holsteins than Ottawa.

The aged bull class, which gener-

ally creates quite an interest among the onlookers brought out three entries, none of which were of exceptional quality. First place went to King Segis Pontiac Poseh, by King Segis Pontiac Alarais, a nice type bull that was shown in place at Toronto and second to Hengert and Deakel Poseh, by Prince Henry of the Pontiacs, a bull of much the same style and size and which won fifth at Toronto. Both were owned by Gooderham. Third place went to W. C. Stevens of Phillipsville, on Sir Pontiac Rag Apple.

Bull, yearling: 1, King Pontiac Ossian, Gooderham; 2, Deakel Poseh, Deakel; 3, Cummings and Gosselin; 4, F. H. McMillan; 5, R. R. Ness; 6, Stevens. Bull, senior calf: 1, Lodoga Prince Abbecker, Hopkins Bros.; 2, Cummings and Gosselin; 3, Gooderham; 4, M. Miller, Bromes Centre.

Bull, junior calf: 1, 2 and 4, Gooderham; 3, Thos. B. Charlton, Ottawa; 5, Stevens.

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noon. When watered at seven p.m. the cows came back to the barn without any trouble, and so the operation of this system. The green feed mentioned is oats cut in the milk, crumbled in the shuck and then stacked.

In the summer the cows have unlimited pasture. They have no disadvantages, as they will sometimes wander off some distance, making a long drive home at milking time. The prairie grass is mixed with about one-quarter peavine and velvet and they do better on this than at any time they have. Brome grass takes second place. Any clover we have tried always kills out in the winter.

Since 1915 we have been testing all the cows. Those finished have all qualified creditably. Our poorest mature cow gave 16,895 lbs. milk, 695 lbs. butter, and the poorest two-year-old (3 yrs., 225 days), 16,618 lbs. milk, with 502.75 lbs. butter.

My two sisters milked the cows on test, and being fast, thorough milkers, always kind and gentle in handling the cows, it no doubt had a great influence in making these records.



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