

ual earning capacity of a cow, but affects her to such an extent as to cause her to be a dangerous animal to have in the herd.—Dr. David Roberts in Kimball's Dairy Farmer.

The Southern Ontario Holstein Breeders' Great Sale

A great many unusually well satisfied buyers and a general air of satisfaction amongst the sellers were the result of the great consignment sale of Holstein cattle held at Tillsonburg on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Higher prices have been realized at former sales and bulls have generally sold higher than at Tillsonburg last week.

The highest priced animal brought \$600, she being Bessie Texal Pietriete owned by E. Laidlaw & Son and purchased by W. F. Elliott of Toronto.

Most of the bulls sold much below their value, and many should have realized more in private sales when some months ago. There were probably too many bulls in the sale,



For One Who Knows How There is Honor in Heres of This Type

Mr. A. S. Turner, Byekman's Corners, Ont., who bred and raised the mare here illustrated, has had great success as a breeder of horses. This mare, Vera B., he sold recently for \$2,000. Read more concerning Vera B. in the article on page 22.

and in fact there were most too many cattle in the sale for a one-day event. The attendance was great. A conservative estimate of the crowd would be from 500 to 2,000. Many buyers from a distance were on hand. Col. D. L. Perry of Columbus, Ohio, was the purchaser.

Everything about the sale was in the way of arrangement, but having gained the experience of this, their first combination sale, the Southern Ontario Holstein Breeders will be in fine shape for conducting the event next year to the best possible advantage.

Most of the cattle offered were of a superior lot. Stabled in the big Roll-in-Rink, they were a grand sight and afforded an exhibition more interesting than some large shows.

The general feeling of satisfaction over the sale by those who consigned animals may be learned from the following opinions expressed to Farm and Dairy.

"I consider the consignment sale was a decided success, although many finely bred bulls did not bring the price near what they should. The boys were game, though, and said, 'Let them slide.' Now some people are kicking themselves because they did not get their mouths open and bid. They will know what to do next year and bid in time. Many were wanting stock after the sale was over.

"This sale company has shown they mean business, and next year's sale should be even better. Any kinks will be straightened out for another sale."
—Geo. Rice, Tillsonburg.

"The result of our sale shows a great demand for dairy cow of high quality. Prices were good for the seller and not too high for the buyer. Bulls went considerably below their value—a thing that buyers will realize when they get their purchases home. The best bulls went at prices ordinary

farmers could afford and put them in grade herds.—James Rettie, Norwich, Ont.

"On the whole prices were satisfactory. But, like all sales, some went not so high. But things averaged out fairly well, especially females. There were some great bargains in males in the sale, as we are always planning for our second annual sale."
—M. H. Haley, Springfield.

"A few of the cheapest bulls I ever saw sold. But taking the sale off through, it was a success. And I promise you a better one next year."
—R. J. Kelly, Tillsonburg.

"Prices for females were satisfactory. Bulls went below value and all purchasers got bargains in them."
—M. L. Haley, Springfield.

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Examine Cows Before Breeding

Too much care cannot be exercised in thoroughly examining a cow before breeding her for the reason that if a cow is bred and she is not in a healthy condition, it is just a question of time before her infected organs are overpowered by the germs of disease.

A cow whose udder contains any drops of pus or chocolate colored matter is not in a fit condition to be bred. The unnatural discharge indicates that her genital organs are infected, and consequently are not in a healthy, breeding condition.

Cows having a catarrhal discharge are usually indicated by matter being adhered or matted to the tail. These conditions should be given prompt attention and the tail should not only be washed off but the genital organs should be cleaned with an antiseptic solution.

These conditions are often brought about by simple causes such as retention of the afterbirth. If a cow is permitted to freshen in a cold, damp stable, or outside when the weather is very cold, they are very apt to contract sufficient cold to cause them to retain the afterbirth, and whether this be removed by force or otherwise, there is always danger of a portion of it remaining.

This sets up a catarrhal condition of the genital organs and the above conditions are brought about, which not only reduces the ac-

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