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Gossip.

Thos. Bradshaw, a reader of "The Farmer's Advocate" in Tweespruit, Orange Free State, South Africa, writes under date of March 9th: "I have just received 'The Farmer's Advocate' of 29th of January, and have read about the awful calamity at the Ottawa Winter Fair. Knowing some of the exhibitors and breeders in Canada so well, I sincerely sympathize with those who have suffered through loss or injury."

The sale of stock held at Burford by J. Lloyd-Jones, on April 3rd, was a success, and well attended. The stock was in nice breeding condition, and the entire lot sold without reserve, and there were some great bargains. Three brood sows sold for an average of \$28, being very cheap. The cows were all young and choice, only two of the twenty sold being over five years old. The top price was \$91, for a Holstein grade, and went to Kyle Bros., of Ayr. They also got a two-year-old heifer at \$61. The twenty cows sold for an average of \$70; twelve steers and heifers for an average of \$40, and sixteen calves under one year, for an average of \$17.50. The Shorthorn yearling heifers sold for an average of \$136, and went to Mr. Shaver, of Lynden. The largest buyer was Mr. Meggs, of Paris. The Shropshire ewes averaged \$16, and lambs \$11. The fine display of ribbons, some 700 or 800, won on sheep and ponies during the last few years, was much admired; also six silver cups won at Detroit.

Colin McKeigan, of Strathroy, Ont., has sold to D. F. Thomson, of St. Mary's, Ont., the three-year-old Clydesdale stallion, Ardimersey's Heir 15481. This colt has high-class breeding on both sides of his pedigree, and is an individual which does credit to his breed. He will weigh considerably over a ton when mature, and is a very drafty young horse, sired by Ardimersey Prince, sold at a long price to go to New Zealand. The sire of Ardimersey Prince was the Cawdor Cup champion, Prince Alexander, by the renowned Prince of Wales 673. A combination of the blood of Prince of Wales, Darnley, Knight of Lothian, and Glancer, stamps Ardimersey's Heir as a sire to be relied upon, and the district to which he has gone is to be congratulated upon securing such a good horse. Mr. Thompson also owns the good horse, Sir Edmund, which was imported by Mr. McKeigan, a horse which is proving one of the best stock-getters of the right type. He is a winner of many prizes in Scotland and Canada.

Record of Performance for Pure Bred Dairy Cattle.

According to Report No. 5, of the Canadian Record of Performance for pure-bred dairy cattle, conducted by the Live-stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture of Canada, 746 cows and 25 bulls had, up to the end of March, 1913, qualified for registration. The cows were divided among the several breeds as follows: Ayrshire, 325; Holstein-Friesian, 357; Guernsey, 13; French-Canadian, 21, and Jersey, 30. The bulls which qualified on having four daughters in the Record of Performance, each from a different dam, consisted of 15 Ayrshires and 10 Holsteins. A fact worthy of special attention is that several of the highest producers were milked three times daily for varying lengths of time. Noted among these are Belle of Wellington, a mature Ayrshire cow, which gave 12,632.82 lbs. of milk and 511.05 lbs. fat, and Rosa Omega, a mature Holstein-Friesian, with a record of 18,603.7 lbs. of milk and 574.07 lbs. fat. Many other excellent records not confined to any one breed, were made during the year. This report contains the regulations governing the work, the standards for registration for the different breeds, and the records of cows that have obtained certificates of the Record of Performance. A copy of this report can be obtained by making application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.



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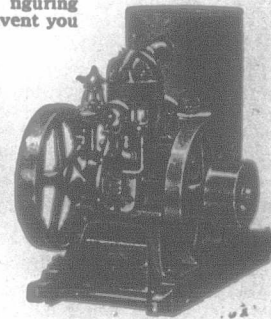
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