

Holsteins at Central Canada Exhibition Exhibited

Entries Fewer Than Last Year, But Quality Strong in Some Classes

A BIG list of entries from but few exhibitors was the outstanding feature in Holsteins at the Ottawa Exhibition last week. M. H. Haley, Springfield, Ont., practically swept the prize list, with Hopkins Bros. of Cummings Bridge, and John B. Dowler of Billings Bridge, securing a share of the minor honors. The dairy stock in general reflected the shortage of pasturage throughout the Province and a great many of the classes carried animals showing a lack of fitting and condition. The Holstein makes her best showing in milk production and also in condition when on luxurious pasturage. This may have also accounted for the smaller showing of the "black and whites."

In the aged bulls Sir Belle Fayne, the second in senior sires at Toronto, carried the ribbon for Haley against Sir Pietje Hengerveld Waldorf, of Hopkins Bros. The Haley sire is a strongly-built, massive animal—every inch a dairy sire—strong head, long quarters, and the openness desired in the dairy type. The Hopkins' bull is also a fine specimen with plenty of quality and more smoothly knit together and fleshy. He was a worthy second.

In the senior bull calf class, Halesys had a sturdy son of Sir Bell Fayne to win for them. This is a coming fellow with the good qualities of his "dad." Hopkins secured second with a fine quality, well turned lad, but carrying less size than the winner. In the junior bull calf class, Halesys again won with a sire much similar in type to the former—deep, strong in the heart and long in quarters. This lad

is a grand-son of the Haley cow Butter Baroness.

The class of mature cows in milk was outstanding for the development of udders as quarters. Haley got first with Lady Francis Schulling, the champion at Toronto. She is a true dairy cow—long, deep, straight, and the barrel and udder to produce—a photo appears elsewhere. Note the veining and the square, deep udder. A younger cow of same conformation but scarcely the depth and capacity, gave them the blue ribbon also. Hopkins had a good producer but not in show condition.

The two year old heifer class (in milk) was not strong in numbers or quality and more than all others indicated adverse summer conditions. All the entries were outstanding. In the entries were exceptionally good and well fitted—easily the best class in Holsteins at the Exhibition. It brought out five of as sweet females as you could find. The red ribbon for this class was placed on Cornish Lodge Melba Mercedes, a very growthy, strong heifer of Haley's. Dowler got second on a very milky heifer, exceptionally good in udder and quarters but lighter in front. Haley got third on the smoothest and sweetest heifer in the class. Hopkins Bros. had two very fine heifers and only strong competitors went against them.

In the heifer calves under one year, Haley Bros. could not go down on their two entries. These two were at the top in Toronto, but in reverse order. It was hard to fault the winner—a

sweet head, growthy, straight—a show and utility heifer combined. In the grey classes, Haley had everything his own way.

The Awards

Sr. Sire and Gd. Champion—Sir Belle Fayne, M. H. Haley.

Bull, 2 yrs.—Colantha Butterboy, Haley.

Bull, 1 yr.—Sir Midnight Comet Ormsby, Haley.

Bull calf, over 6 mths.—under 1 year—1st, Johnnie Fayne, Haley; 2nd, Haley; 3rd, Hopkins.

Bull calf, under 6 mths.—1st, Sir Butterboy Fayne, Haley; 2nd, Haley; 3rd, Estate of J. G. Acres, Vernon, Ont.; 4th, Andrew Tierney, Metcalfe, Ont.

Cow, 4 yrs. and over, in milk—1st, Lady Frances Schulling, Haley; 2nd, Haley; 3rd, Queen Jewel 2nd, J. B. Dowler, Billings Bridge.

Cow, 3 yrs. old—1st, Haley; 2nd, Hopkins.

Heifer, 2 yrs. old, in milk—1st, Oeslan Betty DeKoi, R. Dowler; 2nd, J. B. Dowler; 3rd, M. H. Haley.

Senior heifer—1st, Cornish Lodge Melba Mercedes, Haley; 2nd, Dowler; 3rd, Haley; 4th and 5th, Hopkins.

Heifer, 1 year—1st, Haley.

Heifer calf, under 1 year—1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th, Haley; 4th, J. B. Dowler.

Heifer calf, under 6 mths.—1st and 2nd, Haley; 3rd, Hopkins.

Champion female, any age—Lady Frances Schulling, Haley.

Dry cow, 3 yrs. and over—1st and 2nd, Haley.

Dry heifer, 2 yrs.—1st, Haley.

Get of one sire—4 animals—1st and 2nd, Haley.

Get of one cow—two animals—1st and 2nd, Haley.

Graded herd—1 bull, 2 cows, 1 heifer, 1 yearling heifer—1st and 2nd, Haley.

Herd—1 bull, 4 females—1st and 2nd, Haley.

Four animals—get of one sire—M. H. Haley.

Free Distribution of Seed

A DISTRIBUTION of superior sorts of grain and potatoes will be made during the coming year. The samples for general distribution will consist of spring wheat, barley and field peas (about five pounds each), and white oats (about four pounds). These will be sent out from Ottawa. A distribution of potatoes in samples of about three pounds will be carried on from several of the experimental farms, the Central Farm at Ottawa supplying only the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. All samples will be sent free by mail.

Only one sample of grain and one of potatoes can be sent to each farm. As the supply of seed is limited, farmers are advised to apply early. Requests received after the end of December will probably be too late. Anyone desiring a sample should write (post free) to the Dominion Cerealists, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, for an application blank.

If all manure was spread on grass a manure spreader would pay for itself times over. We, however, have not a great deal of work to do in winter, so we haul out the manure and spread by hand as our spreader does not work well in the snow. Whether or not to buy a manure spreader, therefore, depends on circumstances.—W. C. Shearer, Oxford Co., Ont.

It is cheaper to buy a good supply of bolts and nuts than to spend fifteen minutes each time one is wanted taking it out of some other piece of machinery.

How To Increase the Production of FOOD During the War

IN June, 1915, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed a Committee to consider how the present production of food could be increased. This Committee duly met, and in their report the recommendation that was strongly put forth was:

THAT BASIC SLAG SHOULD BE MORE GENERALLY USED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF GRASS LANDS

TESTIMONY was borne by many practical witnesses to the increased numbers and improved quality of the stock that could be carried after the application of Slag to old grass and hill pastures, and the Board of Agriculture recommended very strongly that farmers should greatly increase their use of this Fertiliser. They also recommended that application should be made as early as possible in the Autumn or Winter, to get the best results on the following year's pastures.

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