

winner in the dairy tests at the World's Fair, Chicago, has, in a two weeks' test trial, beginning March 16th and ending on March 29th, beaten the record she made there. The first week she gave 355 lbs. of milk and 13 lbs. 9 oz. of butter, and the second week 371 lbs. of milk, an average of 53 lbs. per day, and 13 lbs. 8 oz. of butter. She produced a red-roan heifer calf on the 10th of March, which makes seven females of that family in the Plaster Hill herd. She is also a fine show cow, having won three first prizes in 1895 and two firsts and a second in 1894 at the local shows.

MESSRS. R. REID & CO., Hintonburg, Ont., send in the following report: Our stock have wintered well, and sales this spring have been very good; but we have still three young bulls for sale. They are an extra good lot, and in good condition. Most of our sows have farrowed, and we shall have a fine lot of young things for sale next month. At the last Government analysis of milk, taken last fall, a sample from our dairy stood the highest, compared with 23 samples taken in Ottawa, and fourth highest compared with 251 samples taken throughout Canada. The sample tested 5.14 butterfat, and 14.42 total solids; not a bad standing for the Maple Cliff Dairy.

MR. JAS. S. SMITH, Maple Lodge, Ont., writes: Our sale, on March 25th, was quite successful. We had a large crowd of buyers; and, though prices were not as high as we got at previous sales, yet we found ready sale for all, and prices compare favorably with those for other farm products. As the stock sold were an exceptionally good lot, every buyer seemed well pleased with his purchase. We have an exceptionally handsome young bull for sale yet, and equally good heifers. Besides the cattle sold, we made satisfactory sales of Leicester sheep on the day of our sale; and, as they were in very fine shape, they seemed to prove as attractive as the cattle sold.

MR. A. JOHNSTON, Greenwood, Ont., writes: Our cattle, owing to the uncommonly early appearance of the grass, left us a considerable amount of feed in the barns. They were all at grass on May 6th, and some much sooner. The cows and calves, numbering about thirty pair, are beginning to take on the real grass bloom, which in course of time, no doubt, the horn-fly will proceed to take off. In fact, the little pests are at it already. The calves are an even lot; in fact, as beautiful a lot as we ever saw in one herd. We have a number of young bulls fit for service yet, Indian Brave and the white Duchess of Gloster bull being among them. Indian Brave is improving in all respects, and the white bull is going to do a good turn for his color. The color is doing him one now.

MESSRS. H. CARGILL & SON, Cargill, Ont., write: Our cattle have wintered well in spite of the scarcity of feed. They are now in fine form. Our stock bulls, Royal Member and Rantin Robin, both imported, are doing well. They are the best stock bulls we ever had. We have disposed of all our young bulls. They were a fine lot, and realized good prices for the times. Our stock of young calves are doing well. We have twenty-one in all, and have sold two of them. A number are from imported cows, and all are from imported bulls. They are an extra good lot of calves. Our flock of Oxford Downs are doing splendidly; lambs are coming strong, and are a grand lot, the best we have had for years. We have a number of good cows and heifers for sale.

MR. G. W. CLEMONS, St. George, Ont., writes: Sales are very satisfactory, and cattle in fine shape. I have recently added to my herd the great show cow and performer, Cornelia Tensen, probably the best known cow of the breed in Canada; also that excellent show bull, Count Mink Mercedes, formerly at the head of the Collinson herd. My well-known Jacob Wit cow, Kaatje DeBoer, one of the best butter cows in Canada, has just dropped a fine heifer calf, sired by Sir Pieterje Josephine Mechthilde. This calf is almost an exact counterpart of her dam in form and markings, and with such breeding should make a great performer. My two-year-old heifer, Mountain's Daisy Barrington, has completed a four months' record of 6,193½ lbs. of milk, an average of over fifty pounds per day for the entire period of 122 days. This record has never been equalled, so far as I am aware, by any heifer of her age in Canada.

MESSRS. JOHN MILLER & SONS, Brougham, Ont., write: We were never before so short of straw and hay as we were during the winter now past. We have for a great many years held over from one hundred to one hundred and fifty tons of hay to provide against a shortage; but we were short last year, and had a heavy stock, so it was fed then. We fed straw until late, and let the cattle lie on the barn boards, and we had plenty of hay for everything until grass grew. We have 72 cattle, young and old; 200 sheep and 100 lambs; and 48 horses and ponies. All are in good condition, and all purebred except four milch cows and a few work horses. Nineteen cows have 20 living calves, and several cows are about due. Our young bulls are something grand.

MESSRS. McNISH BROS., Lyn, Ont., report: In spite of the shortage of crops in this section and the very severe winter, our Guernseys have come through