

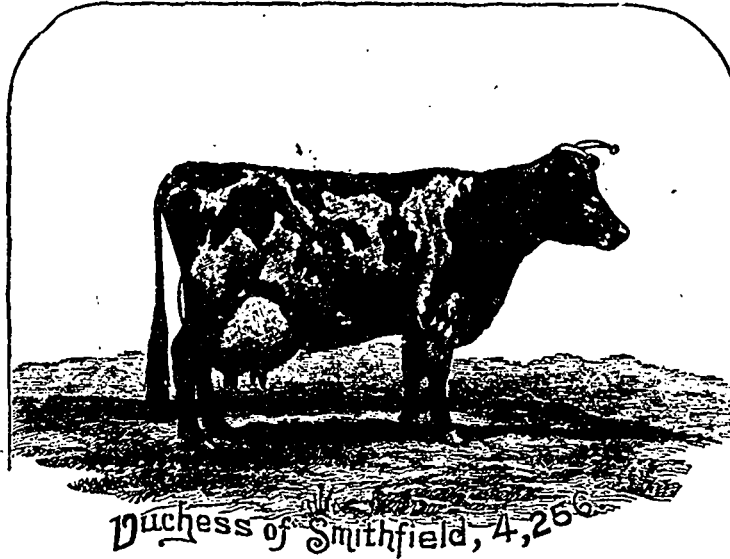
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DUCHESS OF SMITHFIELD.

This month's illustration is a faithful portrait of the beautiful cow, Duchess of Smithfield, 4256, H.R.A.B.A. In the first week of June, 1885, she gave 463 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of milk, which yielded 19 lbs. 6 ozs. of butter. The daily average of milk was 66 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. She made 9,216 lbs. of milk for her owner the year before on moderate feed without forcing. For the year 1885, she registered 10,748 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of milk in 301 days, or, a daily average of 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Three and a half imperial gallons per day, for ten months, is worth working for, and worth ten thousand times the little trouble taken to record the facts. Why do not our Canadian Ayrshire men keep records? I am sure we have cows in Canada that would test as well as this if our breeders would follow the example of the owner of Duchess of Smithfield. Mr. H. R. C. Watson may well feel proud of having carried the highest prize on the Continent for his Ayrshire cow. Pedigrees and fancy points are very well as indicating good family connection, but unless supported by evidence of individual capacity at the pail and churn, they count for little. We want more Canadian tests.

A JERSEY TEST

has just been made by Mr. Wm. Rolph, at Markham, the subject being MAGGIE SHELDON, 23583. She dropped a fine calf on Feb. 1st, by Brier Pogis 14.163, a son of Diana's, Rieter and Sweet Brier, of St. Lambert, one of the best daughters of Lord Lisgar. Maggie Sheldon gave 288 lbs. of milk the first week of her test, and 293 lbs. the last week. In thirty-one days she made 1,274 lbs. of milk, which gave 93 lbs. of butter. Each week her butter exceeded 21 lbs., thus placing her high up in the list of butter makers. Her feed was 32 lbs. of peas and oats daily, clover, hay, and one-half bushel of mangolds. In the last ten days she had, in addition, four quarts of bran and oats, mixed, given wet. Daily averages, milk, 41 lbs. Butter, 3 lbs., equals 7.3 per cent.

QUEBEC DAIRYMEN'S MEETING.

On the 14th of April a meeting of the Dairymen of this province will be held in Quebec Parliament buildings for the purpose of discussing questions of general interest to agriculturists and dairymen. These meetings are usually held a few days after the opening of the local assembly, and are intended to influence legislation on agricultural subjects. They afford an excellent opportunity to legislators for cultivating a more intimate acquaintance with the practical needs of the country. The Canada Pacific, Grand Trunk, Quebec Central, and Intercolonial Railways will each carry passengers attending the meeting at reduced fares.

SEA GULL DUKE

8391, A. J. C. C.

Dropped June 17th, 1882. White tongue; white switch; a good deal of white on body; light color; good bone; straight on back; an A 1 curveline es-cutcheon; and promises to be of most excellent quality.

His dam was a most superior cow, and gave, when fresh, 19 quarts of milk per day, of exceeding richness. The flow of milk with her last calf caused milk fever, and she died in quarantine. Her full sister, Epigea 4631, in my herd, milks 22 quarts per day. Thomas M. Harvey, who formerly owned her, considered her equal to Bertha Morgan, 19 lbs. 6 ozs., official test, and this opinion was shared by Mr. Samuel C. Kent, who was thoroughly familiar with her capabilities. In her ancestors she possessed the richest of blood. Sea Gull, imp., 398, was most notorious in Pa., not only for her milking qualities, but on account of the very superior stock she produces. Niobe 99, was a 20 quart cow; 1st prize at the Centennial Exhibition, and made 14 lbs. 1 oz. of butter in seven days. Emperor 328, Colonel 761, Iron Duke 18, Commodore 229, Major 75, and Pilot 3, were all celebrated bulls. Mollie, Garfield, who has recently made such a marvellous yield, 526 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. in 277 days, is of the blood of Pilot 3, being his g. g. daughter, as are also Silver Rose 4743, record 16 lbs. 14 ozs., Romp Ogden and 4764, 14 lbs. and Pixie 4115, 14 lbs., Countess 114, has a record of 16 lbs., and Europa 121, 16 lbs., and is the dam of Angela 1682, 14 lbs. 2 oz.