

GOSSIP.

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The British Dairy Farmers' Association make their annual tour this year to Denmark and Sweden, from July 1st to the 17th.

A. Chadburne, Ralpton, Man., in addition to the Shorthorns purchased at John I. Hobson's sale, as noted in a previous issue, also brought out from Ontario the Clydesdale stallion, "The MacKinnon" (5332), imported in 1891 by Collison & Lavin, Harrison, Ontario.

A new provincial map of the Province of Manitoba has just been issued by the Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg. The newly organized territory in the Dauphin district is given, and the engraving, type, and coloring are greatly superior to any map previously issued of the Province.

The prices realized at the American pure-bred cattle sales are indeed encouraging to breeders, especially of the beef breeds. At the dispersion sale of the Oakwood herd of Shorthorns held at Kansas City on May 24th, 400 farmers and breeders congregated and bought the 69 animals at an average of \$158 per head. The top price paid was \$400 for Baron Dudding, an 18 months old son of Godoy. He went to the herd of H. C. & Joseph Duncan, Plattburg, Mo. The Lavander cow, 13th Lincoln Lavander, made the same money, going to Mr. Chas. E. Leonard, Barron, Minn. The eight bulls sold averaged \$252, and the 61 females, \$145.

"MAPLE HILL" HOLSTEIN-FRIESIANS.

At the head of the Holstein herd of Mr. G. W. Clemons, St. George, Ont., we found a very excellent animal in the stock bull Count Mink Mercedes, bred by Smith Bros., Churchville, Ont. He is five years old, and has been owned on the place a year. As a show animal last fall he won first honors at Montreal and second at Ottawa and Toronto. He is quality all over; has the finest disposition; in fact, a boy can manage him anywhere, and is very active on his feet; has also proven himself a sure stockgetter. There is also a yearling bull purchased from Mr. Bollert, Cassel, Ont., sired by Imp. Colanthus Abbekirk, dam Nora Bell, calved February 24th. He is an animal gotten up strictly on dairy principles, both as to form and breeding, "and one which we purchased," says Mr. C., "to keep up the high standard of our herd." We also noticed an August calf, Cornelia Tensen Netherland, which promises well to make a winner; sired by a Netherland bull, and out of Cornelia Tensen. He is a calf of substance, fine bone, and a great constitution. The balance of the young bulls (ten in number) have all been sold this spring.

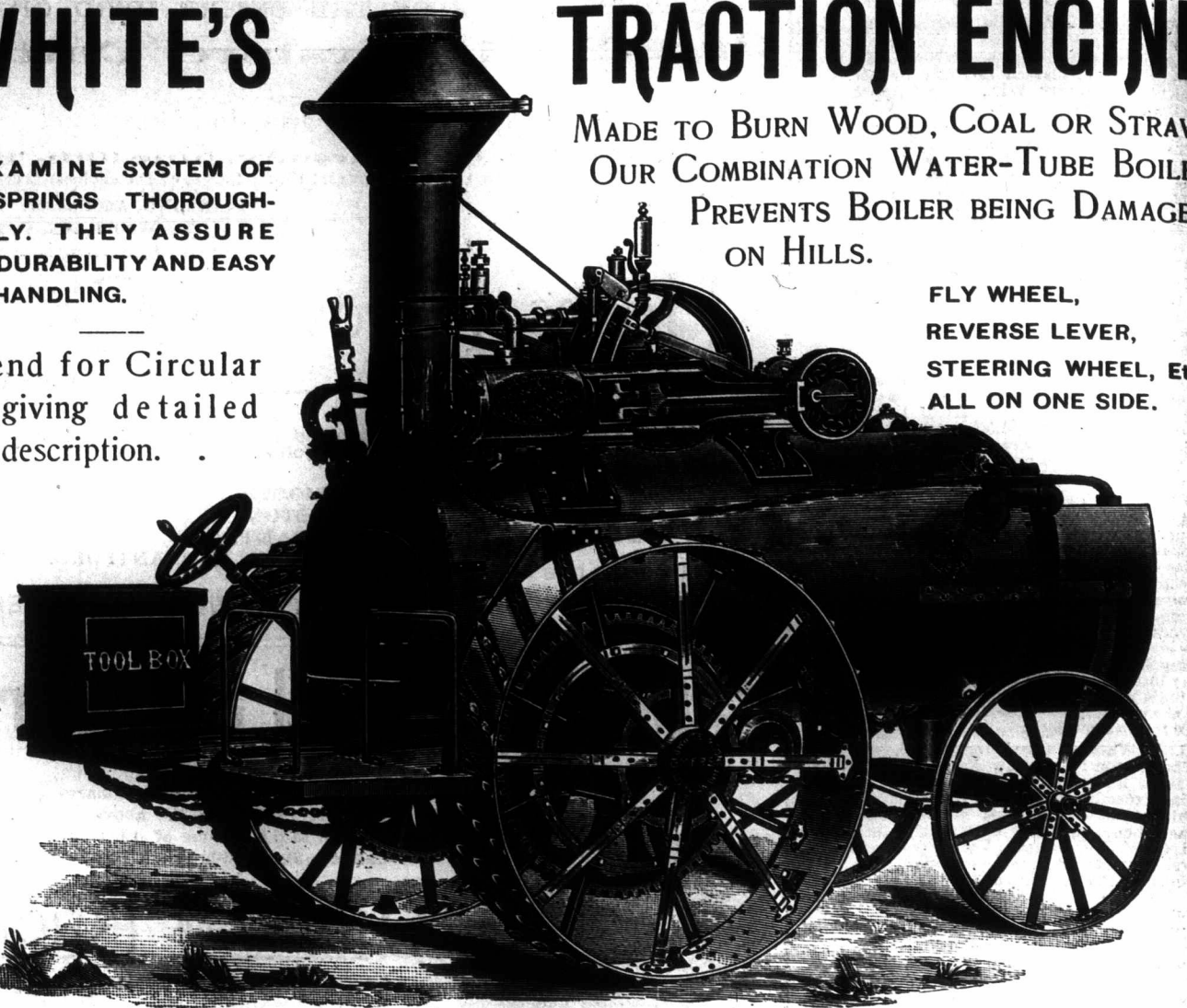
Among the cows we noted especially the five-year-old, Madge Merton, winner of the silver medal a year ago. Last fall she won first prize at the big fairs as a three-year-old, dropping her calf the day she was to have been judged at Gananoque. Queen Josephine DeKol, two years old last month, won first as calf at Toronto. She was out of Queen DeKol, sired by Empress Josephine's Sir Meechthild. This heifer is due to calve in July, and from her conformation and ancestry she should prove a marvel. Mr. C. says he is getting 83 pounds milk and made a little over 41 pounds butter per day. Mondammon's Daisy Barrington is a cow only three years old in October, with a record of 62 pounds per day—50 pounds per day for six months and 11,913 in nine months. She was sired by Orpheus Lytle, dam Mondammon's Daisy. She is a cow having great digestive powers, and she converts her food into good produce, as her record shows. Cornelia Artis, a granddaughter of Cornelia Tensen, four years old, gave as a three-year-old on ordinary feed 59 pounds per day. She is an animal of strict dairy form and a good feeder; was the winner over sixteen of the choicest animals in the world second at Toronto last fall, and first at Ottawa. Inka Rose Pietertje DeKol, now in her four-year-old form, was first at Toronto a year ago last fall, and last fall was third at Toronto and second at Ottawa. Her dam was a producer of 75 pounds per day at four years, and she is a cow of perfect dairy form. Lady Netherland DeKol, three years old, is a daughter of the full sister of the cow winning the greatest butter prize in New York last year, and shows such line of breeding all through. Queen DeKol, dam Woodland Queen, gave fifty pounds milk the day prior to our visit, and had only been calved ten days, and she was expected to reach 65 pounds in a very short time. Impose Kattie DeBoer, thirteen years old, a half-sister to Tirania, last year gave 63 pounds milk, which tested 3.80, which was equal to some three pounds butter per day. Lena DeKol, calved October 12th, out of Lady Netherland DeKol, sired by Sir Pietertje Josephine Meechthild, is a very growthy calf, having the choicest of breeding in her pedigree, and will undoubtedly be heard from later. She is of strict dairy type. Only one other animal on the farm can make in pedigree any better or as good a showing as this calf. "We have a right to expect great things of her," says Mr. Clemons. Four very choice yearlings will calve during summer and fall, one of which we consider especially worthy of notice, sired by DeKol 2nd's Butterboy, and out of Mondammon's Daisy Barrington, due to calve in Nov. She has the finest of indication, and will undoubtedly be heard from later. The herd contains thirty-three animals in all, along the same lines as the ones mentioned, from which it would be hard to make a choice, as Mr. Clemons has always exercised the greatest care in selecting only those animals having the bluest of blue blood and true to dairy type, and only chooses his breeding stock from noted producers. He strictly adheres to those principles of breeding. He also reports the demand as being very active for good stock, selling nine bulls in six weeks, after the first week in February, realizing good prices. "In fact," says Mr. C., "in some cases fancy prices were received."

Mr. Clemons, as our readers are aware, is Secretary-Treasurer of the flourishing Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association. Intimately and enthusiastically associated in all his work and breeding operations is his son and herdsman, Mr. Percy Clemons, who has the lore of the "black and whites" at his fingertips, and who bids fair to see realized in the Maple Hill herd the high ideals at which he aims.

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The death is announced of the well-known Jersey breeder and contributor on Jersey themes to the agricultural press, Mr. G. W. Farlee, of New Jersey.

The demand for pure-bred bulls for the Canadian Northwest is not yet satisfied, though a large number have been secured and shipped there in the last three months. Mr. John E. Smith, of Brandon, Man., made the second shipment of a carload of 23 bulls from two to four years old, from Elora, Ont., recently. Mr. McArthur, of Paisley, Ont., also shipped a carload of 25 bulls selected by him for a ranchman at Calgary.

J. G. Barron, Carberry, Man., has recently imported from the herd of J. & W. Russell, Richmond Hill, Ont., a young bull by Scarlet Velvet; also a yearling heifer by same sire, out of a Nonpareil dam, and one cow in calf to same bull. These are not in high flesh. Topman, the well-known son of Lord Stanley and the head of Mr. Barron's herd, is in fine fettle, and will take some beating at the Winnipeg Industrial. There are a number of good individuals in Mr. Barron's herd. He had sold all young bulls fit for service early in the season.

W. G. Pettit & Son, of Freeman, Ontario, write us for change of advertisement and report a good demand for stock of all kinds this spring. "The demand for young bulls has been unprecedented. We have sold ten in the last two months, and could have sold a great many more. We have a nice lot of young ones coming on for next season's trade. Since last November we have sold fifty breeding ewes, mostly to new beginners. Berkshires sell as fast as they are fit to go away. Crops of all kinds are looking exceedingly well in this locality."

At a recent meeting of the English Shorthorn Society a communication was read from the President of the French Syndicate of Shorthorn Breeders with reference to tuberculosis and the tuberculin test, and suggesting that the Council should influence English breeders to allow their animals to be subjected to the tuberculin test by purchasers. A lengthy discussion ensued, and, on the motion of Sir Nigel Kingscote, seconded by Mr. E. W. Stanforth, it was unanimously resolved: "That in view of the uncertainty of the results attending the injection of tuberculin as a test for tuberculosis, this Council are not at present prepared to take any action in the direction suggested."

In France, a new Act forbids any maker or shopkeeper to deal in butter and margarine at the same time; he must make his choice between them. Every man who chooses margarine must declare his intention to the police, announce the fact on the front of his factory in letters one foot high, and pay the expenses of the Government inspectors, who will enter at any hour of the day or night. It prescribes, for the retail sale, parcels of a uniform shape and size. Its penalties for willful breach of the Act include a sentence of three months' imprisonment, and make it the interest of the railway companies and other carriers to detect any smuggling by including these within their menage. If carriers or their servants knowingly wink at the improper conveyance of margarine (omitting to have the word on their waybills, or to see that it is permanently stamped on cases of a form prescribed), the fine is from £2 to £20. The maximum penalty for obstructing an inspector, £10, must be imposed for a second offence.

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