

is, what a fine beef animal, when we see a Jersey, our first thought is, what a pretty little beast; but when we meet a Guernsey, the first and lasting impression on our mind is, what a splendid milch cow! You see it in the broad, golden rim encircling her eyes, in her green and glossy, horns and hoofs; you see it in the orange colour of her skin, sometimes so full of yellow dandruff, as to appear as if the animal had been powdered with gold dust; you see it in a skin as soft as velvet, in her long head and neck, deep, wedge shape shoulders, in her long, prominent milk veins, and, finally, you see it in that large, deep, well-filled silken bag, so yellow, and enveloped by a skin so fine, so soft, and so thin as to almost appear transparent; and lastly, if you are still incredulous, a look inside the ear will be sufficient to convince you of the excellence of the animal before you. But add to these points, so essential to a dairy cow, her benevolent looking head, with its large dreamy eyes and clear buff nose, and the beautiful coat of red or lemon fawn and white, and you are justified in adding the word beautiful to the quality of good. In appearance she is rich-looking, long-bodied, with a mild and contented expression, always free from nervousness, has a gentle face, quiet temper, and is full of affection. Her head is not delicate, on the average not beautiful, but it is handsome, of good form, long, with a broad muzzle, enabling her to take large mouthfuls. The Guernseys are a long-bodied race, with round barrel and capacious paunch.

The late Mr. Joshua Watson is the only one who, to our recollection, bred for colour. He went in for the solid lemon fawn and brought out the noted and famous strain of Cloth of Gold. But the general colour, and that which becomes the Guernsey well, is the light red and white.

Mr. TITUS BARHAM, in moving a vote of thanks, said that, out of five breeds of cows kept by the firm with which he was connected, the Guernsey was the best for rich cream and butter. But she must be well cared for and gently treated, or she would not do well, as she was a highly nervous creature, and not used to rough treatment. Of Guernsey as meat-producers he had nothing to say, and he thought that any attempt to make them such would be to the detriment of their milking characteristics.

Mr. C. SIMMONS, as a breeder of Guernseys in England, in seconding the motion, said that fifteen years ago the Royal Counties' Society had no classes for Guernseys, and, when they started them about ten years ago, there were only three or four in a class, whereas now they had thirty to forty.

Mr. G. BARHAM described the Guernsey as the most perfect butter-cow in the world, while he said that the butter of Guernsey was a libel on the beautiful animal. He offered to pay the expenses of a Guernsey dairymaid at the British Dairy Institute, in order that she might acquaint herself with the best English system, and return to teach it to others.

Canon BAGOT, replying to a question suggested by the reader of the paper as to whether the churning of whole milk was profitable, alluded to extensive experiments carried out in Denmark, which proved that more butter was got by churning whole milk than by churning the cream from an equal quantity of milk, but that the extra butter was not worth the extra labour.

After some further discussion, the party drove to General de Vic Carey's farm, Le Valen, to inspect the cattle, dairy, and grounds. The farm consists of 40 acres, and six milch-cows and fifteen young stock are kept upon it. The dairy is the best in the Island, the English system of setting the milk in shallow pans and churning the cream being pursued.

After visiting Girffe, a lovely place on the coast, the next stop was at the farm of Mr. T. Prevost, a breeder and exporter of Guernsey cows. Here were seen some of the best Guernseys in the Island. A very high system of feeding is

pursued, the cows getting no less than 36 lb. of dry food per day in three meals—one third each of bran, maize, and oats, the grain being ground. Milking is done four times a day for five or six months after calving.

On the way back to St. Peter Port the splendid grounds and conservatories of Mrs. General Huysho were visited.

After the return, a conference was held in St. Julian's Hall, when a desultory discussion on various topics took place.

The proceedings were concluded with a banquet given by the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of Guernsey.

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