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The Horse Show.

Advices from Toronto are to the effect that the entries for the Canadian Horse Show, in the New Drill Shed, on April 18, 19 and 20, number some 500, the harness and saddle classes naturally being predominant. There will also be a grand display in the breeding classes, Secretary Wade feeling warranted in saying that the show altogether will far eclipse anything of the kind ever before held in Toronto. Everything augurs the dawning of a brilliant era in Canadian horse shows.

German Coaches in Harness.

The illustration on the opposite page represents a pair of German Coach stallions in harness, exhibited by Mr. A. B. Holbert, of Greeley, Ill., at the World's Columbian Exhibition, where they carried off high honors, Mr. Holbert being remarkably successful in that great arena. Though a very spirited type of carriage horse, they are yet so kind and tractable that a lady can drive them with perfect safety. Mr. Holbert had charge of the Government exhibit at the World's Fair from North Germany; he is one of the largest importers of the German horse on this continent, and President of the German Hanoverian and Oldenburg Coach Horse Association of America. In the FARMER'S ADVOCATE for March 1st an announcement was made of Mr. Holbert's recent visit to Ontario, and details given regarding a number of stallions brought over. Since then he has closed the sale of one of the importation, "Adam," to parties at Woodstock, for \$3,000, the celebrated stallion, "Affek," going to Princeton at the same figure. The latter was a prize-winner in class of specials offered by the German Government at the World's Fair.

High Priced Horses.

The following table will interest our readers at this time as showing the highest prices ever paid for horses, though, in a few instances, the long figure was about the only claim to reputation possessed by the horse:—

THOROUGHBREDS.		TROTTERS.	
Horse.	Price.	Horse.	Price.
Ormonde	\$150,000	Patron	\$27,500
St. Blaise	100,000	Mascot	26,000
The Bard	100,000	Alcazar	25,800
Common	70,000	Happy Medium	25,000
Ormonde	70,000	Jerome Eddy	25,000
Doncaster	70,000	Wedgewood	25,000
Blair Athol	62,500	Geo. M. Patchen	25,000
Kangaroo	60,000	Fearnaught	25,000
Melton	50,000	Macey	25,000
Prince	50,000	Voodoo	24,000
Friar's Balsam	50,000	Sam Purdy	22,000
Isomny	45,000	Nutwood	22,000
Busy Body	44,000	Edward	20,000
Harvester	43,000	Rosalind	20,000
Galopin	40,000	St. Julien	20,000
Scottish Chief	40,000	Lulu	20,000
Petrarch	40,000	Clingstone	20,000
Robert the Devil	40,000	Starline	20,000
Flying Dutchman	40,000	St. Vincent	20,000
Kentucky	40,000	Lady Maud	20,000
Verneuil	39,000	Edward Everett	20,000
King Thomas	38,000	Socrates	20,000
Hampton	21,000	Constantine	20,000
Maccaroni	20,500		
Beaudesert	35,000		
The Palmer	35,000		
Bolero	35,000		
Gladiator	35,000		
Silvio	35,000		
Iroquois	34,000		
Tournaunt	33,500		
Rayon d'Or	33,000		
The Earl	30,500		

Public Butter Tests of 1894.

[Paper prepared by Mr. Geo. Rice for the Canadian Holstein Friesian Association.]

The World's Fair tests have come and gone, but the battle of the dairy breeds goes merrily on. Most of the great shows of the States and Canada in 1894 had a keenly contested dairy test. A synopsis of these tests is interesting to every lover of dairying.

Two modes of testing were practiced the past year: The ordinary show ground test, and what we call "public home test." In the latter tests, the cows have been tested at home at any time the owners may elect previous to the fairs, the fair managers finding a competent man to go to the farm and test the cows. We will consider tests made under the two plans separately.

Thoughtful and intelligent dairymen know that anything occurring to disturb the cow "in the even tenor of her way" results in a loss in percentage of butter-fat. In a show-ground test there is every cause of disturbance. Hence, we find low reading of butter-fat in such tests. In the last Toronto test, I find from Prof. Dean's report that every cow of the nine in the test showed a lower per cent. of fat on the second day, most of the cows being four-tenths per cent. lower than the first day. The explanation of this shrinkage I believe is that on Sunday and Monday morning everything was very quiet about the fair grounds, but on Tuesday, the second day of the test, the "racket" was in full swing, whistles blowing, band playing, etc., and a continual string of people through the stables. I have no means of knowing the shrinkage of the other cows, but our three cows showed a loss in

milk the first day of four per cent., and the second day one cow showed a loss of eight per cent., and the two others a loss of one per cent. in percentage of butter-fat, being that much less than the cows tested at other times at home, taking their very lowest home test. When we compare the "show-ground test" with the "public home test," the records show the advantage of one over the other, a loss of one per cent., or even one-half per cent., on a large quantity of milk given by a heavy milker, means a good deal.

The most that can be said for a show-ground test is that all contestants are at the same disadvantage, and if the public will add one-half per cent., or perhaps one per cent., to the butter-fat reading, they will have a better idea as to the normal richness of the cow's milk when at home.

Probably one of the greatest show-ground tests of the year was that held at Syracuse, N. Y., there being Holsteins, Guernseys, and Jerseys contesting. Six Holsteins in this test were highest, the cow coming seventh being no less a cow than the Guernsey "Purity" that stood highest of that breed at the World's Fair, and fifth of all breeds in the thirty days butter test. Purity made in the four days of test 5.688 pounds of butter, the two highest Holsteins making in the same time and same conditions over eight pounds of butter. Space will not allow me to give anything like a full account of all the tests, but I append the following table, showing the highest records made by all breeds. To make the comparison plain, I have reduced all to show two days' yield of eighty per cent. butter.

In addition, there are several tests won by Holsteins where the records have not been published. The test at Anamosa, Iowa, Shorthorns, Jerseys, Ayrshires, and Holsteins competing, was won by the Holstein cow, Ida Denver, owned by E. T. Bedwell. Test at Detroit, Mich., Holstein and Jersey in competition, won by the Holstein cow, Sonora Yekma, owned by A. E. Riby. As will be seen, the Holsteins have been victorious in New York, Canada, Wisconsin, Indiana, Oregon, Virginia, etc.:

HIGHEST SHOW GROUND RECORD OF 1894.

Breed.	Name of Cow.	Name of Owner.	Where Test Held.	Amt. 80% butter 2 days
Holstein	Intje Von Holigen	D. F. Wilbur.	Syracuse	4.059
"	Clothilde 6th.	Smiths & Powell Co.	"	4.008
"	Regola 6th.	T. J. Henderson & Son.	West Virginia	4.15
"	Ethelrad.	T. J. Henderson & Son.	"	4.10
"	Eunice Clay.	A. & G. Rice.	Toronto, Ont.	3.975
Jersey	Eurodne.	G. & J. Shawhan	Iowa State Fair.	3.95
"	Beular Show-han	"	"	3.93
"	Beular Show-han	"	Illinois	3.96
Holstein	Empress Josephine 3rd.	M. E. Moore.	"	3.912
"	Idene Rooker.	Smiths & Powell Co.	"	3.88
"	2ys. Alvina L. Neko.	D. F. Wilbur.	Syracuse	3.85
Ayrshire	Nake 2nd.	G. A. Stanton.	Indiana State Fair	3.88
"	"	R. Munce.	West Virginia	3.85

HIGHEST PUBLIC HOME RECORDS.

Breed.	Name of Cow.	Name of Owner.	Where Test Held.	Amt. 80% butter 2 days
Holstein	Johanna 5th.	Gillett & Son.	Wisconsin	6.25
Cross-bred.	Dairy.	R. S. Kingman	"	6.05
Holstein	Schoone	Rust Bros.	"	5.21
Jersey	Very Much.	Ben. Ames.	Ohio	5.15

Only two States did the testing at home, but what they lack for number they make up in quality. To the Holstein cow Johanna 5th belongs the honor of "breaking the record" at that sort of race. She gave in the two days of test 107.9 pounds of milk, averaging about three per cent. butter-fat, or an average of 2.5 pounds butter-fat in twenty-four hours, breaking the record of the Holstein cow, Iolena Fairmont, made the year before in the same kind of test in Ohio, she making 70 pounds, milk testing 3.48 per cent., or 2.44 pounds butter-fat in twenty-four hours.

To sum up, then, we find the Holsteins have made the highest records in either "show-ground" or "public home test;" they have won all tests for most milk, "solids other than fat," most "total solids," and nearly all the prizes for "butter-fat," which entitled the Holsteins to be considered the champion all-round cow—the cow for milk, the cow for cheese, the cow for butter.

I feel this paper incomplete as showing the grand work done by Holsteins the past year if I neglect to mention the large records made by the Holstein cows at the Michigan Agricultural College, as follows:—

Partial records made this year on the College Farm by three registered Holstein cows—still in milk:

	Milk.	Butter.
Rosa Bonheur 5th 11227, H. F. H. B., in 190 days	13,693 lbs.	4364 lbs.
Houtje D. 12065, H. F. H. B., in 119 days	9,073 "	310 "
Belle Sarcastic 23659, H. F. H. B., in 134 days	9,131 "	298 "
Largest daily yields	106 1/2 "	34 "
Largest weekly yields	726 1/2 "	22 1/2 "
Largest thirty-day yields	3,088 "	92 1/2 "