

GOSSIP.

Matt. Richardson & Son, Riverside Farm, Caledonia, Ont., write: "Prominent among our recent sales of Holstein-Friesian cattle, mention may be made of a foundation herd to Mr. J. E. K. Herrick, Abbotsford, Que., who recognizes the adaptability of Quebec to the dairy interest, and the benefits and profits that could be derived from feeding more stock that would also give him the best fertilizer for his extensive orchard and other lands. The report of the Pan-American model-dairy test at Buffalo last summer, and numerous other official butter and milk records made, demonstrated to the satisfaction of Mr. Herrick the superior capacity in milk and butter production of the Holstein-Friesian cow. The foundation herd selected consisted of six head of superior individual merit: Daisy Mechthilde, five years old, official seven-days record made at three years old, 451 lbs. 14 ozs. of milk, 15 1/2 lbs. of butter. Her daughter, Daisy Mechthilde 2nd, official seven-days record at two years old, 375 lbs. 9 ozs. milk, 18.39 lbs. butter. Holly Wayne 2nd, two-year-old, official seven-days record, 322 1/2 lbs. milk, 10.86 lbs. butter. Toitilla Echo De Kol 2nd, two years old. Her dam, Toitilla Echo De Kol, holds the largest four-year-old official seven-days test in Canadian Record of Merit, 20.21 lbs. butter. The last three females are sired by Ruby Gretquis' Baron Wilzde, the first bull in Canada to get in the Advanced Record of Merit; also the calf, Johanna Mercedes De Kol Princess, the young bull selected to head this herd is Johanna Mercedes De Kol Prince, a richly-bred dairy animal. His dam, Inka Mercedes De Kol, has official three-year-old seven-day test record of 1 1/4 lbs. of butter. She also entered the Pan-American Model Dairy as a three-year-old, two months after calving: Six-months record, milk 8,028.8 lbs., third place in entire stable; total solids 923.23 lbs., fourth place entire stable; net profits total solids \$50.53, fourth place entire stable; in estimated butter and net profit, fourth place in Holstein herd. This youngster is sired by Johanna Rue 4th Lad, whose record of nearest dams, including the record of his dam made at two years old (official), average 82.6 lbs. milk per day and 21.86 lbs. butter in one week. To Mr. R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster, Ont., who is widely and favorably known as a judge and breeder of dairy cattle, went the young bull, Axie De Kol, has official record at four years of 17 1/2 lbs. of butter in seven days, and is sired by Victor De Kol Pietertje, who is from a son of De Kol 2nd.

One mile north of the town of Strathroy and twenty miles north-west of London lies the well-known Maple Bank stock farm of T. Douglas & Sons, breeders of Shorthorn cattle. At the head of this noted herd of 80 choice animals is the low-down, ideal-typed bull, Double Gold, sired by Golden Drop Victor (imp.); dam Golden Strawberry (imp.), by Crozier, by William of Orange. He is a solid red, and a very deep, even-fleshed animal, and from his superior form and gilt-edged breeding should make a grand stock-getter. Among the many females of the herd we were shown a number of very choice individuals, a few of which are here enumerated: Bessie's Gem, by Valkyrie, by Abbotsford; dam Bessie Dorn, by Imp. Mariner. She is a roan, three years old, an extra nice type of the modern Shorthorn, very smooth, and won third place at London this year in a very strong class. Lulu Dorn was sired by Valkyrie; dam Bell Dorn, by Young Abbotsford; Her. She is a red two-year-old, also a very superior heifer, winning second place at London. Verbena's Blossom is sired by Imp. Diamond Jubilee; dam Vain Blossom, by Valkyrie. She is a roan two-year-old, a straight-lined, smooth, even heifer, with abundance of quality. Graceful 8th (imp.), bred by E. Law, Aberdeen; sired by Diamond Jubilee 72341; dam Graceful 7th, by Lord James Douglas, is a red two-year-old, an extra choice individual, and now safely in calf to Imp. Diamond Jubilee. In younger heifers is a beautiful roan year-old, by Imp. Diamond Jubilee, and in calf to Double Gold. Another of the good ones is out of the cow, Millie Dorn, and got by Imp. Diamond Jubilee, and there are a number of others by the same sire. The older breeding cows are a big, well-formed and well-balanced lot, and what is of vital importance in breeding dams, they are superior milkers, as their shape-ly udders indicate, the writer seeing a considerable quantity of milk drawn from a number of the cows after their calves had their fill. In males, there are some that are considerably above the average. Valkyrie Stamp is a two-year-old, sired by Valkyrie, by the noted bull, Abbotsford; dam Queen of Maple Bank, by Imp. Mariner. This bull is a typical up-to-date animal, showing a very superior form, quality and finish. He won third place at London this year, and is for sale. Jessamine is an eleven-months-old calf, sired by Imp. Diamond Jubilee, and his dam is by Imp. Scottish Victor. He won third place at London. Another of the same age is out of Moss Robe, and sired by Imp. D. Jubilee. He is also a deep, fleshy youngster. And besides these mentioned there are a dozen others, and not a bad one in the bunch. All told, there are about fifteen bulls for sale from six months to two years old, sired by Valkyrie and Diamond Jubilee, and about nineteen heifers from one to three years old, the bulk of them being in calf to Double Gold.



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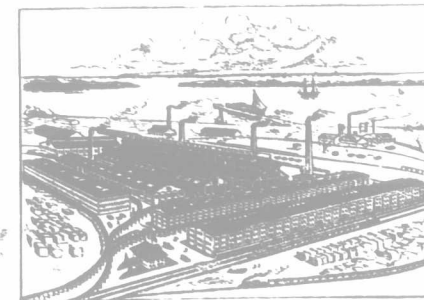
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