

Dairy Cattle at the Canadian National Exhibition

The dairy cat: as usual made a grand display at the Toronto Exhibition. Though the Holsteins were a small exhibit numerically, they made up for it in quality. The Ayrshires, the favorites of the Scotchmen, were out in large numbers though not as numerous as on some previous occasions. Jerseys were probably never shown in larger numbers and in such fine form as they were this year. A herd of Guernseys, owned by Guy Carr, Compton Station, Que., though not particularly strong, was of considerable interest to the sight-seers. The following is the report continued from last week.

AYRSHIRES

In the aged bull class, R. R. Ness, of Howick, Que., took first with Barcheskie King's Own (imp.). This bull was a typey fellow and was showing in great condition. He possesses true dairy type and size and might well be termed a perfect show animal. He is a good handler, is straight in his lines and has all kinds of quality. As mentioned last week, he was the champion in all bull classes. He had been a champion for three years in succession at Toronto. He also won the championship at the Chicago Dairy Show last fall. Hunter & Son of Maxville, took second with a splendid animal that, being younger, had not the size to run against Ness's older and more powerful animal. Hunter & Son took first. This bull was not in the best show condition. In the class for bulls two years old, P. D. McArthur, Georgetown, Que., took first with Netherhill Milkman (imp.). He was a deep typey fellow and easily won first. As mentioned last week this fellow gave the aged bull of Ness's the closest call he ever had for the championship. Hunter & Son took second with a nice very smooth bull. He was good in form but lacked a little in depth. Ness took third with a good typey fellow that was in grand shape. Ness also took fourth. The fourth prize bull, though a good dairy animal, was a little more of a show bull. With bull one year old, Ness took first with Morton Mains Queechey (imp.), a grand show bull, one which some claimed was the best bull on show grounds. He was a very stylish dairy-like animal of good form and of large size. Hunter & Son took second with Howie's Crusader (imp.). He gave the first prize animal a hard run for his money. He was good in heart, girthing and deep in body, and of good dairy type. Ness took third with a nice dark-colored true dairy type animal. He was somewhat smaller and younger than the other two. Hume took fourth.

With bull one year old, Ness took first with Barcheskie Taraxacum, a large calf showing lots of Ayrshire type and to some an easy winner. Stewart & Son of Mennie, took second with White Wolf, a good strong calf and one that might easily have been placed first, in fact, many around the ring thought that Stewart & Son's calf was the best. Hume took third with Royal Sandy, a splendid calf which might easily have taken a higher place with other judges. Hume also took fourth with two calves were a splendid pair, as good as we have seen for a long while. Considerable kicking was heard from different quarters regarding these calves. P. D. McArthur took fifth, Hunter & Son, sixth.

In the bull calf class under six months, Hume took first with White Goods. He also took second with Midland Rare Style (imp.). This pair were particularly nice calves and were easy winners. Stewart & Son took third with Mennie's Wuller. P. D. McArthur took fourth. The championship in the bull classes, as announced last week; Senior and

Grand champion, Ness's Barcheskie King's Own, junior championship, Ness's Morton Mains Queechey (imp.).

FEMALE CLASSES

Though the bulls were an interesting bunch, the cows, especially the aged class made a wonderful display. They were in the best of form with udders almost invariably of the best type. They appeared in better shape. They made probably the best showing that had ever been seen at Toronto. The judges had considerable trouble in placing them, and, as might be expected in such strong competition, satisfaction with the placing was by no means general on the part of the exhibitors as well as the on-lookers, although it was realized that the judge's task was difficult. From the on-looker's standpoint a class like this went a long way toward explaining the phenomenal milk records that have been and are being made by breeders of Ayrshire cattle. After considerable work the judges placed what an "brown cow, Barboiga Big Nancy (imp.), owned by Hunter & Son first. She was a grand cow and appeared every inch a champion. She was a winner too long. When "bagged" her tests stood out in a way which was not pleasing to Ayrshire fanciers. Her milk she appeared to much better advantage. In the opinion of the owner the cow which took fourth place was the better one of the two. Had this class been milked out placings in all probability would have been different. Ness took second with Denty 93 of Auchenbrae (imp.). She was a beautiful cow with a level udder and with teats planted right. She probably was a little out of bloom but she possessed an excellent form and body. Mr. Dunlop, one of the members of the Ayrshire committee, thought that this cow was the real thing. Other authorities around the ring also expressed themselves in favor of this cow. Some, however, thought that the cow which took third was a young cow and good though not possessing a particularly large udder. As the judging was late in the day the cows were extremely "bagged." They showed much better the following day. Ness took third also, with Finlayson Maggie 3rd. This cow was considered by many to have the best dairy head of the bunch. She probably had the strongest constitution of any cow in the ring. She was a large cow and with good udders. She showed to a disadvantage owing to having been in lactation for some time. Ness's cows did not show as large udders as did some of the others, on this account. Their udders, however, were about as nearly perfect as it is possible to get them. Hunter & Son took fourth with Casselman's Beauty. Her cow was considered by many to be an extra good one. Many thought that she could have gone higher, among others her owner, as she was a very good cow. The fifth prize winner was Pride of the Hume Farm, owned by Hume & Co., a beautiful cow though showing somewhat to a disadvantage owing to having freshened after making her entry. She would have been in better shape in another week. Ness took sixth with a cow of good dairy stamp possessing a large udder and with good teats well placed. She probably had as good an udder as was to be seen in the ring.

In the class for three year old cows, there were but three entries. This was probably the weakest class of all. Hunter & Son took first with Dairy Queen, of Springfield. Hume, of Mennie, took second and third. The class for dry cows was also weak. Hunter & Son took first and third. Ness took second with a cow of grand dairy type and a good handler. Some thought that she should have had first.

The class that turned out for heifer two years old was exceptionally fine, probably as good as has ever been

seen at Toronto. Here it took the judges some time to make their awards. Hume was first with Clerkland Kate 2nd, (imp.), a rather plain cow but possessing a beautiful udder, which in all probability won for her the first place. Hunter & Son took second with a good useful dairy heifer possessing a good udder. Ness took third with a good heifer that probably was a little too fresh to show to advantage and to claim a higher place. Ness also got fourth, Hume & Co. fifth.

With heifer calf under one year old, out of milk, Ness got first and fourth, Hume second, Hunter & Son third. Some thought that the fourth prize animal might have gone higher. She was somewhat "peaked" at the tail; this evidently in the judges' eyes, being sufficient to put her down. With one year calf under one year, Hunter & Son, first, Ness second and fourth, Hume third. With heifer calf under six months Hume was first and second, Stewart & Son third and fourth. Hume's calves were probably better topped calves straight all the way through. In the estimation of some they could have been placed higher. Hume's calves were probably better fitted which in all probability won them their first place. Hunter & Son's Barboiga Big Nancy 2nd (imp.), which won first in the aged class, carried off the female grand champion and the female senior championship. Hunter & Son's Lensescock Sweet Pea carrying off the female junior championship.

GRADED HERDS

One of the most interesting classes of all the Ayrshires was that of the graded herds. It consisted of one bull any age, two cows over three years, two cows one or older, yearling heifer and yearling bull. The herds lined up before the judges in this class. They fairly filled the ring and they presented a sight long to be remembered by those present. Ness took first, his herd being particularly strong, having at its head the senior and grand champion bull. Hunter & Son took second. Hume's fourth prize aged cow taken a higher place in her class she would probably have turned the scales and have put her own cow first. Hume got third, Stewart fourth. In the young herd, consisting of one bull and three heifers under two years old, Ness took first and third; Hume, second; Stewart and Sons fourth. In the class for four animals, the progeny of one bull, Ness took first and third; Hume, second; Stewart & Sons, fourth and fifth. Some thought Stewart's oldest herd should have had a higher place. His younger herd were lacking in that they had not age enough to show well beside older animals.

GUERNSEYS

But one exhibitor of Guernseys was on hand to uphold their merits. Mr. Guy Carr, of Compton, had his herd on exhibition. They added considerably to the general interest of the dairy cattle section and were of particular interest in that they are not commonly known as yet in Canada. The herd were a fairly uniform lot, two animals especially are worthy of mention. The aged bull Gules Aurea was a fine individual, good representative of the breed. Probably the best individual in the herd was the yearling heifer, Maple Ridge Aurora 28947. She was an exceptionally fine heifer, large and growth for her age. She was a grand dairy type, rangy with a great barrel of large capacity. She was good in quality and looked as if she would make a grand producer.

JERSEYS

The exhibit of Jerseys was one of the best ever put up at Toronto, surpassing in numbers that of any other dairy breed. There was not a weak class in the lot. Mr. Spann of Dallas,

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Texas, who has judged in almost every state fair in the Union, including the St. Louis Exposition, said, the exhibit was a whole was the best that he ever judged.

There were six exhibitors. D. Duncan Don brought out 22 head, mostly bred by himself and all in the prime of condition. His Fontaine Boyle bull, a son of Golden Fern's Sod, headed the herd.

The old reliable pair of B. H. Bull & Son were again to the fore with their Brampton herd. They had the largest exhibit of pure bred stock ever brought to a Canadian exhibition at a Canadian show. Their exhibit contained several of their many winners reinforced by a recent import from the Island. Their two aged bull, Buller and Arthur's Gold on Fox—the latter is a fine type of a dairy bull bred in the purple-divided the honors. Wm. McKenzie, a new exhibitor, came to the front with the Island's choicest, selected by Mr. F. S. Peer. His bull, Pearl of Kirkfield (imp.) was placed first in his class and afterwards captured the senior championship and sweepstakes. Mr. McKenzie also captured 1st prize in yearling heifers in milk, and 1st in yearling heifers out of milk, with two beautiful animals of the true Jersey type. Mr. McKenzie was unfortunate in being thrown out of the aged herd prize, owing to one of the heifers being under age. Mr. McKenzie stated the herd was easily first but could not qualify. Mr. Thompson Porter as usual had out a fine herd that he had moved from Ontario to the pail, headed by the stylish young bull, Golden Fox of Dentonia. E. Wicks & Son had forward ten head, among which were two magnificent yearling bull, King Czar, by Sir's Own and out of Duchess of Berlin, a cow bred by R. Reid, Berlin, which gave with milk in day 55 lbs of 5 per cent. The fine herd of Mr. Thompson Porter up in Leoman Wilson of Port Nelson, who entered nine head.

Aged Bulls—There were four choice animals that the judge who promptly placed Pearl of Kirkfield first. He is true to type, with a very handsome head and neck, deep round barrel, grand wither, very good legs, and a little down in the back and not as clean cut behind as we would like to see. B. H. Bull & Son had the 2nd prize bull in Fereor (imp.). A bull of great size, deep-bodied, fine head and neck but rather short coupled. The same exhibitors had the 3rd prize animal in

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