

Letters to the Editor

Tops or Tail-Enders

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—I am wonderfully interested in the most profitable breed of cattle on earth—the Holstein. They have the size to make them profitable. Their size gives them the ability to consume a large amount of feed and they can thus make profits. Their size also makes their offspring profitable as well, excelling all other breeds in this respect. The large frames of this breed also makes more beef than the others, so that they sell well on the block. Their great constitution and long life is another point in their favor, as they will make profits from milk and butter for at least fourteen years. The fourteen calves in this length of time, also bring quite a sum.

I would like to point out that the person purchasing a bull for breeding purposes, should not consider the scrub when making his selection. He should select a sire that will allow for the greatest improvement in his herd in the shortest time. When he purchases a registered sire, he should be careful to see that his ancestors have yearly advanced registry and high enough to improve the scrub or registered scrub. I will illustrate by giving the average production of 10 good producers and 10 registered scrubs:

	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Mature cows	70,248.8	11,339.8	8,871.9
4-year-olds	16,497.7	11,377.0	8,236.7
2-year-olds	15,588.3	10,873.8	8,744.9
2-year-olds	15,215.7	8,344.6	7,871.1

Would you select your bull from the tops, or the tail-enders (registered scrubs)?—J. W. HOLLYSHAD, New Westminster Dist., B. C.

Prince Edward Island Conditions

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—Times are dull. Money is scarce. There is little farm produce moving. The fact is the farmers have not the stuff to market; it is all too scarce for themselves, for most farmers marketed too freely of the little

they had. Last year it must be remembered the crops were very meagre.

Winter struck in early. We have probably the most severe winter weather in the last few weeks—in the beginning of winter—that has taken place in this island for many years. This severe weather is terribly hard on cattle feed, which was none too plentiful in the beginning, and, as a result, cattle feed is going to be very scarce and dear. Many are already hauling feed. It is said that some farmers are nearly out of feed now. Along the north side of the island, feed is scarce. The hay crop was light and the grain crop badly rusted. Around East Point, always a fine farming section, cattle feed is abundant for individual needs, but there is little to spare. In Southern Kings, feed is now at a premium. Around Montague, hay has been selling for \$30 a ton for some time. At a sale recently, straw sold for \$16 a ton, 80c a cwt. That's an awful price for straw. Farmers everywhere are overstocked with cattle and horses, and there appears to be no way of getting clear of this surplus unless by giving them the axe. Nobody wants to buy a cattle beast, and nobody wants to buy a horse. Talk of the great scarcity of cattle and the great good this shortage is to us, when all this fall, in this eastern part of the province, one cannot realize as much as \$5 for a cattle beast, or in fact a horse! Breed horses, indeed—for the pleasure (7) of feeding them high-priced food, 85-cent oats and \$20 hay. We appear to be going from bad to worse. There is also a slump in sheep and lambs, and there is no demand at all. Pork is high, but so is the stuff that makes the pork, oats, barley and potatoes, and the purchased feed, as maddings, cracked corn, etc., prohibitive. As a farmer remarked, just how thirty cents a pound would not pay for making pork this fall. He was right. Farmers, to make any profit on pork this fall, would need to be getting 30 cts a lb. Butter at 40c is losing money to the producer, and so butter cannot be got this winter. It is well the Government allowed the use of margarine, for there would be no butter obtainable, anyway, for love or money.—J. A. Macdonald, Kings Co., P.E.I.

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No. 4—Same sire as No. 2. Dam Rideau May Kerdyley. Born April 18, 1911, a heavy bodied calf, very straight—a show bull.

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