

GOSSIP.

Too late for this issue, W. G. Pettit & Sons, Freeman, Ont., order a change in their advertisement of Shorthorns, in which they are offering five good young bulls at very reasonable prices, to make room for young calves. Also two very choice junior yearlings, in show condition, and some extra-well bred cows and heifers, bred, or with calves at foot, at prices that should interest intending purchasers. Their farms are quite near Burlington Junction, G. T. R., and they have long-distance telephone.

Volume 11, of the Holstein-Friesian Herdbook of Canada, has been received at this office, thanks to the courtesy of the secretary and editor, G. W. Clemons, St. George, Ont. This is a bulky volume of 692 pages, containing the pedigrees of 901 bulls, numbering from 5048 to 5949, and 1,332 cows, numbering from 7472 to 8804, a total of 2,233. Volume 7, of the Record of Merit, is also included, containing entries of bulls from 20 to 25, and of cows from 318 to 363. The rules for registration and for the Record of Merit are also included, together with a list of members of the Association.

Official records of 160 Holstein-Friesian cows were accepted by the American Holstein Association from April 15th to April 26th, 1909. These 160 animals, of which one-half were heifers with first and second calves, produced in seven consecutive days, 63,804.6 lbs. of milk, containing 2,227.282 lbs. of butter-fat; thus showing an average of 3.49 per cent. fat. The average production for each animal was 398.8 lbs. of milk, containing 13.921 lbs. of butter-fat; equivalent to 57 lbs. or over 27 quarts of milk per day, and 16½ lbs. of the best commercial butter per week. Second in the full-aged class in this list is the eight-year-old cow Calamity Jane 3rd 53056, age 8 years 6 months 21 days, days from calving 31: Milk, 674.7 lbs.; per cent. fat, 3.32; fat 22.369 lbs. Thirty-day record, days from calving 30: Milk, 2,735.6 lbs.; per cent. fat, 3.30; fat, 90.537 lbs. Sixty-day record, days from calving 18: Milk, 5,307.0 lbs.; per cent. fat, 3.30; fat, 175.524 lbs. Breeder, George Rice, Tillsonburg, Ont. Owner, W. A. Matteson, Utica, N. Y.

W. G. Pettit & Sons, Freeman, Ont., report the following recent sales of Shorthorns: To J. W. Thompson, Pelham Centre, Ont., the nine-months-old bull calf, Favorite, by Prime Favorite (imp.), and out of Cinderella 4th (imp.); to C. E. Robertson, Marshville, Ont., the bull calf Scotch Charm, by Scottish Pride (imp.), dam Rialto Primrose; to E. W. Garner, Walkerton, Ont., the yearling bull, Broadhooks Fame, by Broadhooks Golden Faine, and from a Morlina dam; to Wm. O. Allan, Kinnear's Mills, Que., the bull calf, Scotch Seal, by Scottish Pride (imp.), dam Fortuna 5th (imp.); to A. L. Ballard, Morefield, Ont., the yearling bull, Lord Ramsden, by Prime Favorite (imp.), and from a Miss Ramsden dam. A few days after getting him home he re-sold to a neighbor and made a second selection, securing the red-and-white yearling bull, Scottish Peer, by Scottish Pride (imp.), and from a Cruickshank Village Girl cow; to N. A. Lind, Rolfe, Iowa, the red yearling bull, Clipper Czar (imp.). We have two junior yearling bulls of our own breeding, which have been reserved for show purposes. They have both done extra well, and we might part with one of them. One is red, sired by the champion, Prime Favorite (imp.), dam that noted cow, Gloster Girl, which, after winning high honors in the leading U. S. shows, has developed into a grand breeder, being the dam of James Leask's best bull, Gloster's Choice, sire of numerous high-class steers, winning many first prizes, the grand championship in Chicago in 1907, and reserve for same honor in 1908. The other is a beautiful roan, by Scottish Pride (imp.), and from an imported cow that has always bred very fine type, but in this bull has excelled herself, he being a low-down, thick, sappy fellow. We have five bulls of serviceable type that will be priced right to clear out, one two years old, two eighteen months, and two just turned a year.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
Veterinary.

PREGNANT MARE SICK.

Mare, in foal, has been sick for three weeks. She had strangles and, apparently, recovered. Shortly afterwards she became uneasy. My veterinarian treated her for indigestion, but she did not recover. She has occasional periods of uneasiness, stretches, groans, etc., and is failing in flesh. She eats little hay, and about three pints of oats, three or four times daily. My veterinarian says he thinks the foal is turned wrong.

J. R. R.

Ans.—It is not possible to say just what causes the uneasiness. It may be indigestion, it may be the formation of abscesses on some internal organ, as we occasionally meet with in what is known as irregular strangles, and it is possibly due to her pregnancy. If the latter be the case, she will no doubt have shown symptoms of parturition before this. Keep your veterinarian posted, and, if necessary, send for him. Treat as he suggests. All that can be done is to treat the attacks as they appear and await developments. No doubt your veterinarian has supplied you with medicine to give during the painful periods.

V.

WEAK FOAL.

1. Five-year-old mare gave birth to a foal which seemed dull and drowsy, and made no attempt to rise. It was fed out of a bottle for 27 hours, then seemed to lose the use of its limbs, and died in six hours. The colt seemed right in every way, with the exception of a small swelling in front of stifle joint.

2. Did it suffer from joint-ill?

3. Is it possible for a colt to have joint-ill before birth?

4. Did the colt get joint-ill from the sire?

J. H. J.

Ans.—1. The foal was very weak, and lacked vitality when born. It is seldom a foal that will not nurse when held up can be raised. You did all that could have been done. In some cases it is not possible to say why a mare produces a weak foal. Mares that spend the winter months in idleness, are much more apt to produce such than those that are worked steadily, or given regular exercise. Your foal had no disease, was simply weak.

2. No.

3. No.

4. No. Joint-ill is caused by a germ that gains the circulation through the naval opening, hence it must be contracted after it is expelled from the womb. The sire can have no influence whatever in the matter.

INDIGESTION.

Brood mare, yearling, and three-months old colt, all suffer from bloating after each meal. They are uneasy until the gas passes off and are then all right until after the next meal. They get clover hay (three times daily); the yearling gets half bran and half rolled oats three times daily, and an occasional feed of boiled oats. The mare gets bran and rolled oats twice daily, and scalded bran, with a little salt in it, every night. The foal eats with its dam.

W. P.

Ans.—These animals all suffer from indigestion. It is probable the young ones inherit a weakness of the digestive organs from the dam, but there must be something wrong with the food to cause such regular distress. Your manner of feeding is all right, if the food be of first-class quality. If the hay be poorly saved, musty or dusty, or was too ripe when cut, it no doubt is the cause of the trouble. Purge all the mare with 8 drams aloes and 2 drams ginger; the yearling with about 12 ounces raw linseed oil, and the sucker with 4 ounces raw linseed oil. Even if the mare be again pregnant, it will be safe to purge her, as it is during the early stages of gestation. Add to the drinking water one-fifth of its bulk of lime water. Take equal parts sulphate of iron, gentian, nux vomica, and bicarbonate of soda; mix, give the mare a tablespoonful, the yearling a teaspoonful, and the sucker one-third of a teaspoonful three times daily, change the hay give first-class timothy hay in small quantities, and see that all get regular exercise.

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