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AYRSHIRE NEWS

Farm and Dairy is the recognized exponent of the Dairy interests of Canada. Breeders of Ayrshire Cattle and all members of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association are asked to send items of interest to Ayrshire breeders for publication in this column.

In a recent letter to Farm and Dairy, Mr. Wm. Stewart, of Yorkville, Ontario, writes that his stock doing fine. Several have passed the Record of Performance, one two-year-old heifer making 5,742 lbs. of 44 milk in six months. Others are doing equally well.

TROUT RUN STOCK FARM

An Ayrshire breeder who has come to the front rapidly during the past few years as a breeder of high testing deep milking stock is Mr. Wm. Thorn, of Lynedoch, Ont., whose farm was visited recently by an editor of Farm and Dairy. Trout Run Farm comprises 130 acres, and is situated in Norfolk county, not far from Delhi.

Mr. Thorn has been breeding dairy cattle for some eighteen years, and some Ayrshires at the farm and liking their appearance. Mr. Thorn purchased some of the stock that he found in the district did not give as much milk as the Holsteins they consumed about only one-third the feed and therefore were more economical producers. His foundation stock was purchased in part at the dispersion sale of the great herd of David Morton, of Hamilton, where three or four were purchased, and in part from the great Ayrshire herd of Mr. Ness, of Howick, Quebec, Ont., whose farm was visited recently by an editor of Farm and Dairy. He still has in his herd animals that trace back to these early purchases.

"My aim," said Mr. Thorn, "has been to develop a herd of animals combining both constitution with deep milking capacity and good tests." That Mr. Thorn has been successful is shown by the excellent records that have been made by a number of his animals. This may be due in part to the fact that, in summer months, cream from the water is sent to the creamery, while in winter butter is made at home. Last winter nearly 2,000 lbs. of butter were made on the farm. This gives Mr. Thorn plenty of skim milk for the young stock.

Among the outstanding individuals in this herd is Holohouse Pilot, bred by him a two-year-old that finished a year's test in the Record of Performance last July with the splendid record of 10,280 lbs. of milk and 453 lbs. of butter fat, her average test being 4.2. This animal is not only a fine producer, but she shows her milk producing qualities in as much as she possesses dairy type and an excellent udder. A fine cow is Lady Cairn. This animal has given a record of 10,280 lbs. of milk and 322.5 lbs. of butter fat in 307 days milking, her average test being 3.55.

A Show Cow. A strikingly fine individual, in fact a cow that if shown next year, if nothing happens, will give the best show cows in the country. She is a very promising award is a white cow, Dalbadee, Aggie 2nd (Imp.). Such a good judge of Ayrshires as Mr. Drummond, of the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa, believes that this cow possesses great possibilities for exhibition purposes. She has the true Ayrshire head and Ayrshire type throughout, great length, depth and fullness between the shoulders, excellent top and underline, a broad, clean and plenty of space between the hock bones, with a well sprung open rib, covered by a mellow muscle. As yet she has not been put to work as some of her stable mates at the stall; but this year, up to October, she had produced over 6,000 lbs. of milk in the Record of Performance, with the month in which she completed her test. She is a high tester, never testing less than four per cent, and sometimes as high as 4.7 and 4.8.

Five Two-Year-Olds

A feature of the herd is the excellent two-year-old heifers it possesses. Besides Holohouse Pilot, there are the prominent Beauty of Trout Run, the won second prize in the three-year-old class at Guelph, and finished her test in the Record of Performance last July with a record of 10,280 lbs. of milk. The result of her test of butter fat had not been received from Ottawa at the time of our visit. The two-year-old that has done well is Bright Lasse, which had a record at the time of our visit of 10,280 lbs. of milk in the Record of Performance with three months of her test still to run. She had been testing 4.04 per cent. A third two-year-old is Lady G. She had given 5,461 lbs. of

milk at the time of our visit, thereby qualifying in the Record of Performance with until February in which to complete her test.

Mr. Thorn showed us a number of fine young females that were dry. These included White Heather, a two-year-old that was first at Toronto as a cow, and which recently won fifth place at Guelph, scoring 15,735 points and testing 4.3 per cent. This heifer is out of Wm. Stewart's great stock bull, Queen's Messenger, and is a showy, promising youngster. Another two-year-old is the fine heifer, the Viola of Elm Grove, by McArthur's great champion bull Netherhall Milkman. This heifer shows much of her sire's characteristics, being large, powerful and of good constitution and dairy quality.

Among the mature cows we saw was Red Rose, she is in grand flesh. Mr. Thorn has since entered her at Guelph, where she was placed seventh, scoring 179.55 points. Another was White Floss, bred by H. J. McKee, of Norwich. White Floss has the good record of 10,415 lbs. of milk for ten months, and was expected to give over 11,000 lbs. of milk within the year in spite of the fact that the season had been somewhat against her on account of the poor pastures.

Mr. Thorn has five cows and heifers in the Record of Performance besides those we have just mentioned, and all will qualify. If the cow do as well as the two year olds, Mr. Thorn's herd will rank still higher among the best Ayrshire herds in the country.

The herd bull is Holohouse Pilot (Imp.), of Holohouse, from the herd of Robert Woodburn, of Holohouse, who has the true Ayrshire head and horns so much desired by breeders. Mr. Thorn believes that his breeding is such that he is going to prove a most valuable sire. As yet only two of his heifers have completed their test, but the records they have made, including that of Holohouse Pilot, indicate that Mr. Thorn is not likely to be disappointed in this respect. Mr. Thorn has made up his mind that he will not make the mistake of having his own breeders, but he has sold his herd bulls before discovering their merits.

Among the young stock on hand were four bull calves, including one from White Floss, one from Lady G., one from Glenhurst Pearl, and one from Woodbine Cairn. The heifer herd consisted of one from Dalbadee Aggie and one from Grace Darling 2nd. There was also a nice heifer from Holohouse.

Ayrshire breeders and dairy farmers desiring good Ayrshire stock will do well to look this herd in mind. Mr. Thorn's reputation as a breeder is so well established that he cannot afford to send out anything but good stock.

A CHAMPION AYRSHIRE HERD

The splendid dairy herd of Ayrshire cattle owned by Mr. A. S. Turner and Son, Ryckmans's Corners, Ont., was described in these columns some months ago, was found when visited by one of our editors recently to be in its usual fine condition.

The leading animals in the herd were shown last fall at the Toronto and London Exhibitions and locally, and at the time of our visit they were to be enjoying a rest from travel. This herd comprises some 80 head in all, of which some 25 are females. There is no herd of Ayrshires in the world has as many animals holding Canadian and world's records as this herd.

Among our last visit, we found that Scotland Princess the 2nd had completed her year's record. She has made a Canadian record for a four-year-old of 11,380 lbs. of milk and 571 lbs. of butter fat.

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herd, Briery the 2nd of Springfield, at the time of our visit last April, was only 2½ years old. She was starting her record with her first calf. She has since produced over 13,500 lbs. of milk, and at the time of our last visit was giving 30 to 35 lbs. of milk a day. Some idea of her performance is given by the following figures, showing her milk production for the months indicated: (Continued on page 32)

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