

## Gossip.

## A Record Consignment Holstein Sale.

On June 7, in Detroit, Mich., was held an auction sale of Holsteins which will cause one to forget sensational events of this kind in years past. A consignment of 137 head made the splendid average of \$1,119.65; 121 females averaged \$829.90 and 16 bulls averaged \$3,310.95. The sensation of the sale was a seven-months-old bull calf which sold to A. W. Green, Middlefield, Ohio, for \$20,000. This calf, King Champion Rag Apple, was sired by Rag Apple Korndyke 8th and was out of Lady Pontiac Johanna. The only price equalling this for an animal of this breed at an auction sale was that paid for the young bull, King Segis Pontiac Chicago, in June of 1914. The offering was selected from 50 herds throughout the country coming from as far east as Massachusetts and from as far west as Spokane, Wash. It was a record-breaking average for the breed and a wonderfully successful sale.

## Maxwalton Shorthorns Sold Well.

Another successful event of the Shorthorn sale circuit was the auction sale of Carpenter and Ross, Mansfield, O., on June 9. The offering numbered 55 cattle and the total of the sale amounted to \$55,700. Ten bulls sold at an average price of \$1,370 and 45 females averaged \$933. J. C. Andrew, a good bidder and buyer at the recent sale at Elora, bought Lord Avondale, got by Avondale, for \$5,000. He was a proven sire of sterling quality, and realized the highest bid of the day. Several cows in only moderate flesh with Avondale calves at foot were a feature of the sale. Maxwalton Rosewood 3rd by Avondale and a heifer calf went for \$2,350; Maxwalton Mina 6th also with a heifer calf at foot by Revolution sold for \$2,000; Headlights Belle was the top-priced female, going at \$2,800. F. V. Maissa of Argentina purchased several animals for immediate shipment to that country. By private treaty on the same day, F. A. Gillespie, Tulsa, Okla., took Maxwalton Commander and Maxwalton Roan Lady for \$7,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

## Brown Swiss Cattle.

One of the great breeds of dairy cattle that has not received the recognition in Ontario its merits deserve is the Brown Swiss, a high-class herd of which is owned by R. Ballagh & Son, on their Woodside Farm, near Guelph. A word or two relative to the origin and superior merits of this great breed may be appreciated by some, at least, of the dairy farmers of this province. The origin of the breed was in the Orient, first coming from the steppes and valleys of Asia, and from there introduced into Europe, finding in Switzerland a permanent home, where for centuries they have been bred and their natural dairy characteristics improved, until to-day that little republic nestled in the heart of the Alps, claims one of the highest positions among the nations of Europe in the matter of dairy cattle, milk and dairy products generally. Their color is a solid, dark steel grey, body large and well rounded, weighing, when in milk, from 1,300 to 1,400 lbs. each, and when dry they take on flesh rapidly. They are extremely docile and easily managed, carrying large, evenly-balanced udders and large teats, in fact an ill-shaped udder is a rarity. The milk yield for mature cows ranges from 50 to 80 lbs. a day, and butter-fat test averaging a little better than 4 per cent. In the official R. O. P. records 149 cows averaged 10,690.8 lbs. milk and 427.14 lbs. butter, giving as high as 19,460.6 lbs. milk and 798.16 lbs. butter. Twenty-five two-year-olds averaged 8,298.4 lbs. milk and 345.19 lbs. butter, going as high as 13,148.5 lbs. milk and 486.91 lbs. butter. They are remarkably easy feeders, always in the nicest condition, if given any kind of care, and cross exceptionally well with other breeds, either dairy or beef. Mr. Ballagh has for sale some right choice heifers and young bulls.



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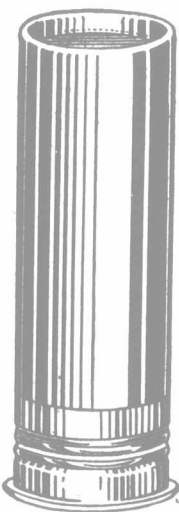
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