

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN NEWS

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A. C. Hardy of Brockville, Ont., in a recent letter to Farm and Dairy, states that he has just bought a Standardbred, a well marked bull calf, a son of King of the Pontiacs, out of Pontiac Arietta breeding, which he states can hardly be equalled by any bull in Canada.

MR. HIGGINSON'S DISPERSION SALE

The 90 head of Holsteins offered at Wm. Higginson's sale realized \$12,497, or an average of \$138.4 per head. The herd bull, Sir Pontiac Clothide Korndyke, 8190, brought the top figure, being sold to John Hutton, Cardinal, Ont., for \$550. The best priced cow, Netherland Queen Jane, sold for \$300 to A. Allison of Chester in 3 milks. Ten cows sold for over \$200, and 25 cows sold for over. Only four of the animals offered sold for less than \$50.

The highest prices realized for females were as follows: Netherland Queen Jane, \$300, to W. P. Gibson, Chesterville; Althea Posch, \$275 to G. Gates, Merriekville; Jewel De Kol Agrie, 238, to W. F. Bell, Britannia, Ont.; Queenie L., \$220, to Gordon H. Manshard, Manhard, 415; Netherland Min, \$220, to M. E. Woodworth, 415; Depot, N. H., Mabel Bell, 2nd, \$200, to F. J. Bell, Britannia; Mary Ann Wayne, \$195, James Scott, Winchester; George E. 1195, Gordon H. Manshard, 415. All of the females realized good prices, the average being about \$125.

Five of the 21 males offered realized \$100 or over, the highest price being paid for the herd bull, Sir Frederick De Kol sold for \$100 to J. G. Gates, Merriekville; Sir Abbecker Pontiac Korndyke, 8130, to B. Rothwell, Ottawa; Inka Korndyke Abbecker, 816, to G. Rutherford, Kompy; Vronka Pontiac Korndyke, 8125, to George Couch, Smith's Falls.

Other buyers were in addition to those mentioned were: George Herbt, Alfeldt; W. B. Allison, Dunbar; H. S. Kinloch, Martin town; E. J. Marley, Oxford Mills; E. Gill, Mount Morris town; H. Taylor, Scotland; S. G. Carle, Chesterville; F. W. Witte, Athol; John Willoughby, Smith's Falls; S. Hollingsworth, Athol; N. Nase, Nerepis, N. B.; J. H. Tweed, Russell; Malcolm McCrae, Lochiel; Chas. Gardner, Inkerman; A. Kennedy, Winchester; H. Harris, Ontario; Wilbur McKinstry, Chesterville; Mrs. W. E. Hopkins, Ottawa; Wm. Durant, Chesterville; Arthur Garman, Hulbert; Dan H. Lys, C. Campbell, Vernon; Wesley Johnston, Chesterville; J. Black, Winchester; W. R. Dowler, Ottawa; R. A. Heron, Billing's Bridge; W. Burnie, Ventnor; J. Payne, Brantford; Wm. Meldrum, Finch; J. B. Carcadedan, Russell; Robt. Johnston, Inkerman; Allan Tossant, Hulbert; W. A. Beckstead, Blackstead.

THE WARD SALE OF HOLSTEINS

The auction sale of property of the late George Ward, on October 29th, was a great success. Attendance was large, including buyers from a distance. Bidding was kept auctioneer, J. A. Atlas of Brantford as usual proved himself capable of holding the attention of the large crowd. Highest prices were realized. The interest of the buyers was centred principally on the Holstein-Friesian cattle, which were in excellent condition. The following is a list of the animals sold:

To R. J. Kelly, Tillsonburg, Ont.: Nierop Abbecker Lass, 1 yr 4 mos., \$250; Maggie Lass Abbecker, 1 yr 7 mos., \$250; Hester's Besse Queen, 3 yrs. 9 mos., \$200; Besse's Queen, 7 yrs. 5 mos., \$195; Roxie Mercedes Abbecker, 11 mos., \$170; Lady Mildred Posch, 8 mos., \$155.

To C. E. Smith, Scotland, Ont.: Maggie Clark, 3 yrs. 7 mos., \$215; Maggie Fort, 7 mos., \$165.

To Mark and Dymond, Dundas, Ont.: Ellen 3rd of Avondale, 9 yrs., \$200; S. Gray, Sprigatone, Ont., Roxie Posch, 3 yrs. 3 mos., \$200; W. Chesnut, Scotland, Ont.: Victoria Posch De Kol, 2 yrs. 3 mos., \$200; H. Cherry, Garnet, Ont., Ellen Eunice Fairfax, 18 days, \$95.

To W. Howarth, Hartford, Ont.: Wiesentha's Pride, 8 yrs., \$85; W. E. Hambly, Rockford, Ont., Queen Fortale, 4 mos., \$70; J. W. Richardson, Hartford, Ont., Adeline Mildred Favorit, 7 mos., \$50; W. J. Bailey, Naber, Ont., Gano's Favorit Brant Boy, 3

yrs., \$120; W. Chesnut, Eglinton, Ont., three grades, \$105, \$100 and \$97.

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIANS AT CHICAGO

Dairy shows can always depend on the Holstein-Friesian breeding a support consistent with their number. Strongly, this black and white Holstein breed is representing a foremost position in commercial dairy lands in many regions, and making substantial strides in the world, it has made some notably high grade work, it has been at the chief state fairs, and its large and uniformly creditable exhibition at the fifth National Dairy Show, held in the Columbian in many respects a fit conclusion to its impressive public appearances. Backed by practical men, who seem to be more interested in the progress of the breed than in popularizing striking individualities, of the Holstein-Friesians are making a steady gain in public favor wherever dairying is attracting attention. They stand the test of the most severe and practical utility at the National Dairy Show. Their effort was not their best by any means, but it stood comparison with some of the other breeds geographically; it was suggestive of the wide distribution of the breed, entries coming from New York, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota and Colorado. Awards were made in acceptable fashion by J. A. Mitchell, Washington.

Of the nine aged bulls, Sir Beets (Canada) Netherland, with quite a distal angle and consistent show record to approach, was perhaps the most prominent, to the type which is now in high favor. He has a level back, plenty of substance and is pleasing in color. Sir Gwan's Lass has less femininity in his make than this in his name. Indeed he was as good an illustration of breed character as the ring contained a low set, smooth shagreened straight backed bull with an especially fine combination of the two colors, and third, and next to him a coarser sort with a good top.

THE FEMALES

It is customary for the females to out-breed, and this at shows of the dairy rule here. From the aged cows down to the junior heifer calves the cardinal merits of the breed were shown in splendid average strength. Eleven entries in the aged cow class were driven down to six, and a preliminary examination by the judge, and few judges with a large abdomen, a 73 inch under, square and of fine texture, and milk veins of marked prominence, readily assumed premium position. Next to her stood a big bodied, dense cow with a fair udder, the third prize entry. A class of smaller and more refined cows, with a few of the best, were concentrated much of its merit in Woodree's Empress Amphion, whose shapely head, deep complexion, with wide placed, good sized teats, and roomy barrel won instant recognition. A spacious udder, with plenty of room to occupy, distinguished Cassin Colantha Johanna. Quality was written clearly in her countenance and in other parts as well. Eleven two year olds were parts as well. The showman had been defected, the class was highly creditable. The type which pleases the breeder's eye is Lady Korndyke's Lass. Her soft, easy handling skin, covered with leucoid predominance of black hair, envelops a form that speaks efficiency at the pail. Edna's Fair John's Lass is a fine specimen correct in dairy lines, and swings a fair-sized udder. Fifteen yearlings included quite a variety of sizes and types, but the judge hewed to a perfectly uniform standard making his selections. He sought dairy indications first, insisted on fine, soft, medium skins and took due account of constitution. North Star Sadie is straight along the top, is full of promise in her dairy features and will be a fine specimen of two-year and about as many junior heifer calves were notably strong classes, each favored by an admirable selection of winners—breeder's Gazette.

SUMMER FEED FOR HOLSTEINS

The unusual drought prevalent this summer in many portions of the States where dairy husbandry is an important part of the farm economy, has had a marked effect on the milk production of many Holstein-Friesian herds, and consequently the results of our trials and experiments have been of more than time to time, sharply brings to my notice the difference in production between such herds as were well prepared and compared, and those whose owners were not prepared for such a contingency. Owing

to the physical conformation of the North American continent, there will always be more or less drought during the summer season; and the increasing value of farm lands and interest on the investment account, the necessity of insuring against loss from their effects as far as it may be possible to do so.

With lands low in value, a light crop will pay interest upon the investment; but when they are of high value, the largest possible crop must be secured. Even under favorable conditions pastures will not give nearly the feed value that the same lands will produce as meadow, though, of course, the matter of labor is eliminated; but when under dependence in placed upon the pastures and they fail, the results are little short of disastrous. It is generally admitted that for health's sake cattle need the freedom of the pasture, also, there is no feed in May and June can quite take the place of fresh green grass. In my own experience, those breeders and dairymen are most successful who provide only sufficient pasturage for the early months of the average season, providing either silage or soiling crops to supplement the pastures when they begin to fail.

Corn is mostly used for the soiling crop, and when well on towards the end of the season a maximum of digestible nutrients. But as a soiling crop it is needed before it matures, as a rule, and it is better and white better than nothing, the breeder who feeds in its immature condition deprives himself of what would constitute a valuable feed, and falls far short of supplying the needs of his cattle. I speak from experience having tried silage of all kinds, before it was known that corn silage could be fed as well in summer as in winter. Corn silage, fed from a mature crop goes far towards making the drought problem and wise breeders plan to have sufficient drought to last through an ordinary drought.

Even silage from mature corn is, however, not a properly balanced food, and clover or alfalfa hay and a little straw must be fed with it, and alfalfa is better than clover to mix with corn silage; and alfalfa is it is possible to omit the bran or the hay, it is a wonderful feed. Some of the varieties will grow almost anywhere in the United States; while it is nearly drought proof, it is not a Holstein-Friesian breeder who has not done so a larger should try it in a small way; if he can make one acre a success, he can try a larger field. Corn is an drought-resistant crop; and if the moisture in the ground be conserved by about two inches of loose dirt mulch, it is surprising how little rain is required to make a good crop. In times of drought and when the corn has not grown tall for the two-horse cultivator, a fine tooth sickle or walking cultivator will go far towards irrigating the fields—Malcolm J. Gardner, Supt. of Advanced Registry.

GOSSIP

J. F. Parsons & Son, Barnston, Que., recently shipped 52 head of Ayrshires to Brandon, Vermont. These cattle were of all ages. They went to Chase & Beaman, Forest Park Farm, Brandon. This is the largest shipment of purebred Ayrshires, and in fact of any breed, ever made from Quebec into the United States.

At the last Canadian National Exhibition (Toronto), the Aspinwall Mfg. Co. of Jack town, Mich., who have a fine spinners branch at Guelph, Ont., for the second time, were awarded a bronze medal on their exhibit. This firm manufactures potato machinery exclusively and their products have a world wide reputation for merit and worth.

IMPROVING QUALITY OF BUTTER

If there is one article of food more than another that people like to have good, it is butter and many of the centralizing creamery plants have now adopted the practice of grading the cream they receive from the farmers and paying for it according to quality in order to improve the quality of the output. The results have proved most satisfactory. Many farmers who were shipping poor cream are now producing only the highest grade, the manufacturers in consequence are turning out better butter, and thus are able to pay the farmers better prices.

The principle and the fact whether the farmer sells his cream or makes his butter himself and sends that to market. To get the best price his butter should be of the best quality, and it is impossible to get good butter from poor cream. But many farmers do not realize the extent to which

the quality of their cream depends upon their separator. To do through skimming the hand separator should have more at least than it usually receives. It cannot skim clear unless run with a steady motion and at its rated speed. To do its best work it must be in perfect balance, all because everything well lubricated with this, it must be kept well lubricated with oil of absolutely first class quality.

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