

Ayrshires Making Headway in the West

Strong Herds Shown This Year at Prairie Exhibitions—New Championship Animals to the Front—Manitoba College Herd Strengthened

(By an Editor of Farm and Dairy).

A tour of Western Canada this year, by an editor of Farm and Dairy, was productive of evidence that Ayrshire cattle are increasing in numbers and popularity. Excellent herds are maintained by the provincial departments of agriculture of the three prairie provinces, as well as by numerous private breeders, while in the Lower Fraser Valley, the dairy district of British Columbia, Ayrshires are raised extensively and are giving an excellent account of themselves in the numerous cow testing associations conducted under the supervision of the British Columbia Department of Agriculture. In these associations the cost of feed is considered as well as the amount of milk and butter fat produced and from this the net profit per animal is deduced. This is the form of test our Eastern Ayrshire breeders have long been clamoring for and which in British Columbia appears to be yielding excellent results. Certain it is that some of the best Ayrshire herds in Canada are located in the Fraser Valley. Two of these herds were described at some length in last year's Western Canada number of Farm and Dairy, those of Joseph Thompson, of Sardin, and Shannon Bros. of Cloverdale. E. A. Wells, of Sardin, has another well known herd. Since last year the Shannon Bros. great cow Rose, has completed her R.O.P. test with a record of over 20,000 lbs. of milk. Such records naturally are tending to give the breed a great boost.

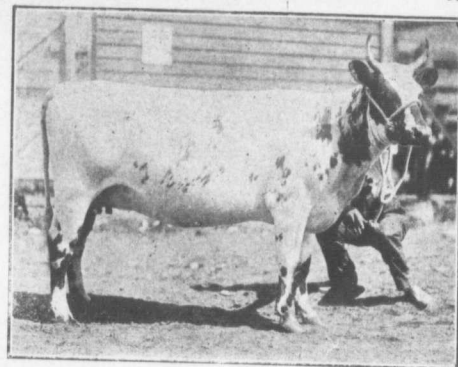
The Manitoba College Herd.

During the past year the Ayrshire herd of the Manitoba Agricultural College at Winnipeg, has been considerably strengthened. A description of this herd was published last year in our Western Canada number. It is in charge of Associate Professor G. W. Wood, who is well known to Quebec breeders. That the herd comprises a number of good animals was shown at the recent Brandon Exhibition

where in strong competition against such herds as those shown by Rowland Ness, of De Winton, Alberta, and Wm. Braid, of Oak River, Man., it succeeded in capturing a number of the important awards, more particularly in the younger classes. These awards included first on herd bull and three females under two years—first for three females under two years bred by the exhibitor, and first on two calves under one year bred by the exhibitor. Such winnings speak well for the well known college sire Sunnyside Imperial Chief which has headed the college herd for some years. The foregoing winnings as well as one or two other important ones were won with only eight animals shown.

The yearling bull Selwood Daisy King, bred by Wm. Thorn of Lyndoch, won first in the yearling class and later the junior championship. This bull is out of Hole House Flirt, the 14,522 lb. cow. His sire was the junior champion at Toronto when shown by Wm. Stewart, of Menie.

The college also won first prize on reserved championship in the two year old cow class with Miss Floss of Springbank recently purchased from A. S. Turner & Sons. This victory was



Marie of Lone Spruce.

One of the typey Ayrshires in the herd of Rowland Ness, of De Winton, Alta., and prominent in many of the Western Fairs of 1917. She was a winner at Calgary, second prize winner at Brandon, in the three-year-old class, being only beaten by the Manitoba Agricultural College heifer, Miss Floss of Springbank.

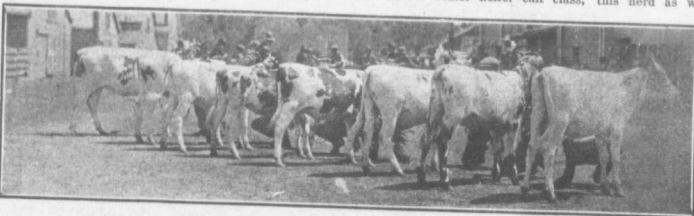
second on M.A.C. Peggy 2nd. This is a line bred Netherhall Good Time heifer. She was bred at the college from a cow purchased from John Logan. In the senior heifer calf class,

bull with college Imperial Chief out of Scottie Victoria 2nd, a cow with a record of 10,941 pounds. With the excellent older animals now contained in this herd as well as the promising young stock that is coming along the college herd gives promise of still better accomplishments in the future.

Greenhill Stock Farm.

One of the most satisfactory herds of Ayrshires in the west is that owned by Wm. Braid, of Oak River, Manitoba, the proprietor of the Greenhill Stock Farm. The farm is situated 35 miles northwest of Brandon where the land is more rolling than in most places on the prairie, and thus is better suited to Mr. Braid's Scotch temperament. At the Brandon Exhibition this year where there was an excellent showing of Ayrshires, Mr. Braid made a strong exhibit, and captured a number of the most important awards including

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A Class of Young Ayrshires at the Calgary Exhibition.

Ayrshires are worthy assuming a prominent place in the dairy industry of Western Canada.

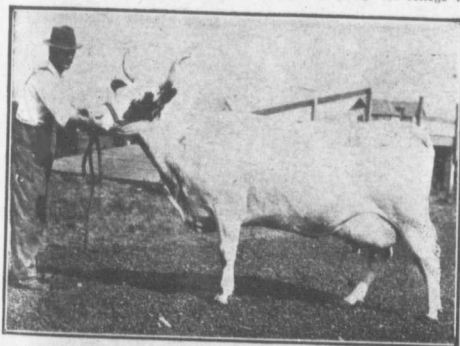
won although she had been in milk over a year. Miss Floss was second in the two year old class at Toronto last year. Her dam, White Floss, has a yearly record of 12,875 lbs. of milk, and for four years has taken part in winning first place in the Ayrshire classes at both Guelph and Ottawa.

In senior yearlings the college won

the College won first, second and fifth places, these three heifers all being sired by Sunnyside Imperial Chief.

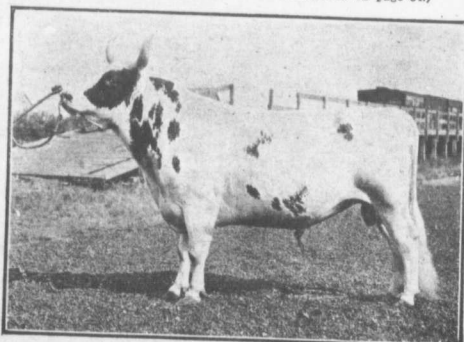
In the senior bull calf class the third prize ticket was placed on the college calf Selwood Ideal Prince sired by Selwood Prince Ideal the winning show bull at Toronto as a yearling and two year old in 1915 and 1916. The college also won third place on junior

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A Good Representative of Her Breed and a Dairy Cow Worth While.

Lochfergus Snowdrop was grand champion at the Brandon Fair this summer. As a splendid representative of the Ayrshire breed and a cow excelling in dairy quality, her owner, W. Braid, Oak River, Man., has good cause to be proud of her.



The Grand Champion Ayrshire Bull at the Brandon Summer Fair.

Burnside Lucky Senior, owned by W. Braid, Oak River, Man., is a grandly bred bull. His sire is Morton Man's Senator and his dam the great Barcheskio Lucky Girl. He is one of the great Ayrshires of the West.