

GOSSIP.

Mr. H. Bollert, Cassel, Ont., writes that on Dec. 31st an important acquisition to his Holstein herd arrived in the shape of a beautifully-marked and superbly-formed bull calf, dropped by the great cow, Tidy Abbekirk, who with her record of 25½ lbs. butter in seven days stands champion over all cows of all breeds in official test in this country. The sire of the youngster is Cornelius Posch, that great and undefeated bull, who won sweepstakes over all at Toronto and London last fall. His sire is Sir Abbekirk Posch, son of the noted Aaltje Posch 4th, who with a butter production of 8½ lbs. in forty-eight hours in public competition holds the world's record. He is also full brother to Alta Posch, which holds the world's record for heifer under three years old. For dam he has Cornelia Schulling, whose milk at the Winter Dairy Show for the two days tested 4.6 per cent. fat.

Official records of fifty-eight Holstein-Friesian cows, from Jan. 4th to Jan. 13th, 1905, have been approved. Of the seven-day records, made previous to eight months from calving, nineteen full-age cows averaged: age 7 years 10 days; days from calving, 26; milk, 427.8 lbs.; quality, 3.42 per cent.; fat, 14.582 lbs. Seven four-year-olds averaged: age 4 years 5 months 9 days; days from calving, 17; milk, 415.6 lbs.; quality, 3.32 per cent.; fat, 13.741 lbs. Nine three-year-olds averaged: age 3 years 5 months 13 days; days from calving, 40; milk, 381.8 lbs.; quality, 3.31 per cent.; fat, 12.597 lbs. Sixteen two-year-olds averaged: age, 2 years 3 months 12 days; days from calving, 41; milk, 293.1 lbs.; quality, 3.30 per cent.; fat, 9.577 lbs. In the class under two and a half years, the world's record passed from 15.212 lbs. fat, heretofore produced by a heifer 2 years 1 month 29 days old at date of calving, to 15.567 lbs. fat produced by a heifer 2 years 5 months 9 days old.

Five cows made thirty-day records. A six-year-old cow produced 73.774 lbs. fat from 1,983.8 lbs. milk, the average quality of which was 3.72 per cent. fat; a five-year-old produced 65.201 lbs. fat from 1,871 lbs. milk, average quality 3.48 per cent.; a three-year-old produced 53.941 lbs. fat from 1,529.9 lbs. milk, average quality 3.53 per cent.; a two-year-old produced 44.101 lbs. fat from 1,366.8 lbs. milk, average quality 3.23 per cent.; another two-year-old produced 61.088 lbs. fat from 1,790.5 lbs. milk, average quality 3.41 per cent.

Four two-year-old heifers made records after eight months from freshening. They averaged: age, 2 years 3 months 27 days; days from calving, 269; milk, 233.9 lbs.; quality 3.90 per cent.; fat, 9.226 lbs. The product of the earlier records averaged 13.676 lbs. fat. The decrease during nearly nine months of continued milking is thus shown to have been less than 33 per cent.

Among the records, including percentages of fat given on request, were the following:

Maud of Kent 2nd 65914: Age 11 years 7 months 25 days; days from calving, 30; milk, 478.2 lbs.; per cent. fat, 3.81; fat, 18.204 lbs. Owner, P. D. Ede, Oxford Center, Ont.

Hadrian Clarice 66046: Age, 6 years 6 days; days from calving, 24; milk, 421.4 lbs.; per cent. fat, 3.44; fat, 14.506 lbs. Owner, W. S. Schell, Woodstock, Ont.

Winnie R's Gem 47213: Age, 7 years 2 months 8 days; days from calving, 31; milk, 409 lbs.; per cent. fat 3.19; fat, 13.048 lbs. Owner, W. S. Schell, Woodstock, Ont.

Queen Pietertje Mercedes 49581: Age, 6 years 1 month 2 days (thirty-day record); days from calving, 8; milk, 1,983.8 lbs.; per cent. fat, 3.72; fat, 73.774 lbs. Owner, George Rice, Tillsonburg, Ont.

Adelaide Brook De Kol 48440: Age, 5 years 10 months 11 days (thirty-day record); days from calving, 12; milk, 1,871 lbs.; per cent. fat, 3.48; fat, 65.201 lbs. Owner, George Rice, Tillsonburg, Ont.

Belle Dewdrop 67841: Age, 3 years 1 month 15 days (thirty-day record); days from calving, 12; milk, 1,529.9 lbs.; per cent. fat, 3.53; fat, 53.941 lbs. Owner, George Rice, Tillsonburg, Ont.—S. Hoxie, Supt. of Advanced Registry.

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