

News of Herds and Flocks

SPECIAL FAIR FEATURES

At the Edmonton Exhibition, which will be held July 8 to 12, special classes have been provided for boys and girls between nine and 17 years of age, in pig growing, salt raising, butter making and other contests. Not only have the bigger children been provided for, but the Exhibition Association have planned that the mothers shall also enjoy the exhibition, and have decided to again conduct a baby check room. San pills, swings, etc., have been loaned off and nurses will be on hand to take care of smaller tots. A Baby Welfare Campaign is also being inaugurated under the control of the provincial government, where babies will be examined by competent doctors and nurses, and advice given to mothers.

Owing to the fact that the military still hold part of the buildings, the exhibitors officials have found it difficult to make adequate accommodation for all the livestock. But they have obtained the necessary accommodation. That Northern Alberta is essentially a mixed farming country is shown in the increase made in recent years; for instance, cattle in Alberta have increased by 500,000 head since 1914; the 440,000 head of swine in the province in 1916 had grown to 780,000 in 1917. Sheep show a similar increase. The entries for this year close on June 25. Excursion rates have been obtained on all railways.

RIO ABREDEEN/ANGUS SALE

One of the largest, if not the largest sale of pure-bred Aberdeen Angus cattle ever held in the Dominion, is scheduled for July 16, when J. D. McGregor, Glencarnock Stock Farm, Brandon, will put under the hammer nearly 100 head of bulls, breeding cows, heifers and calves. Included in this sale will be their show cattle, among them the well-known prize winners "Majesty Queen," "Sunnyside Texas," "Pride of Glencarnock 3rd" and others. These females, with the Glencarnock show heifers and calves will form the chief attraction of the sale. The bulls offered will also be a high-class lot, and the other females will represent the cattle bred on the farm, and also a good number of imported cows. A large number of the cows will have calves at foot. The cows and bulls will all be guaranteed, and the sale will undoubtedly prove a great chance to the breeders of black cattle in Western Canada to get some of the best blood from the Glencarnock herd, both for show and breeding purposes.

Catalogues will be ready about the end of June. The sale, July 16, is during the week of Brandon Exhibition, at Glencarnock Farm, Brandon.

A RECORD GUERNSEY SALE

The greatest Guernsey cattle sale ever recorded, and one of the greatest dairy cattle sales of history, was held at Arcady Farm, Lake Forest, Ill., on May 14, when 67 Guernsey brought \$102,995. The sale drew buyers from all over America, and was held following the annual meeting of the American Guernsey Association. Sixty Guernsey cows and heifers averaged \$1,429. Seven bulls averaged \$2,454, and one, Don Diablo of Linda Vista, reached the record price of \$10,500, going to John C. Hatty, Boston, Mass. This bull was contributed by Dr. C. G. Parnell, of Jackson, Mich. The top female was Langwater Lullaby, at \$5,300. There were four bids of \$5,000 or more, seven of \$4,000 or more, nine of \$3,000 or more and 15 of \$2,000 or more. A Red Cross Guernsey calf was sold and resold until the large sum of \$25,500 was paid over. Guernseys are as yet, practically unknown in Western Canada, but they are very rapidly gaining in popularity in United States. They are natives of Guernsey, one of the Channel Islands, and a sister breed to the Jersey, slightly larger but perhaps not quite so highly bred though there is no great difference here.

RECORD SHORTHORN PRICE

The highest priced Shorthorn bull at public auction in America this year, and the highest average for the year was established at Watonga, Oklahoma, recently, by H. C. Lookabaugh. Max Acres Sultan, by Fair Acres Sultan, calved March 22, 1917, brought \$12,900 from C. R. Strong, Clinton, Okla. Five bulls averaged \$4,910, 28 females averaged \$1,020 and the 43 head in the sale averaged \$1,370.

On May 15, at Hillsboro, Texas, Frank Schofield sold 24 head of Shorthorns for \$35,400. Three bulls averaged \$1,600 and 21 females \$1,000. A daughter of Imp. Villager topped the sale selling at \$3,500. Considering there were no sensational prices the high average is a great tribute to the strength of Shorthorn prices in Texas.

GOOD HOLSTEIN BOOKLET

A booklet which will prove of great interest to admirers of the Holstein-Friesian has been compiled and issued by Oliver Cabana, Jr., owner of Pine Grove Farms, Elma, N.Y. It relates the "personal experiences of men who know." The booklet is a compilation of statements from men and women who have been successful with Holstein-Friesian herds. Mr. Cabana will be pleased to send a copy of the booklet to all who write for it.

HOLSTEIN HERD BOOK

Volume 27 of the Holstein-Friesian Herd Book of United States contains entries from March 1, 1917, to Sept. 1, 1917—14,269 bulls and 23,980 cows. The volume contains the report of the thirty-second annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, together with a list of members, the constitution, by-laws, reports of business meetings, and indexes. The price of the book is \$2.75 and it may be secured from Secretary F. L. Houghton, Brattleboro, Vt.

Local breed associations are of marked value to small breeders. The man with one pure-bred animal, other conditions being equal, has a chance to dispose of his surplus stock equal to that of his neighbor who has a big surplus. Just as importers went to Belgium for Belgians, to La Perche for Percherons, to the Isle of Jersey for Jerseys, and to many sections in Scotland and England in times past for many of the best representatives of the various breeds, so are they now travelling to these sections, where communities are organized for the breeding of one breed.

The Breeders' Gazette recently published this interesting reply from a native of Missouri, to the world old query of "Why boys leave the farm." It is good because it is true. It represents exactly what has happened in thousands of cases—

Why did you leave the farm, my lad?
Why did you bolt and leave your dad?
Why did you beat it off to town
And turn your poor old father down?
Thinkers of platform, pulpit and press
Are wallowing in deep distress.
They seek to know the hidden cause
Why farmer boys desert their pa's.

Well, stranger, since you've been so frank,
I'll roll aside the bary hank:
I left my dad, his farm, his plow,
Because my calf became his cow.
I left my dad, 'twas wrong of course,
Because my colt became his horse.
I left my dad to sow and reap
Because my lamb became his sheep.
I dropped the hoe and stuck the fork,
Because my pig became his pork.
The garden truck that I made grow
Was his to sell, but mine to hoe.

It's not the smoke in the atmosphere,
Nor the taste for life that brought me here.
Please tell the platform, pulpit, press
No fear of toil nor love of dress
Is driving off the farmer lads.
It's just the methods of their dads.

A GOOD COLLEGE IDEA

The Sirlion Club of the animal husbandry department of Pennsylvania State College recently held a mock stock sale and fitting contest. It was so successful that it may become an annual event. Pure-bred representatives of all classes of stock were fitted by students for the sale. Competition for prize ribbons in each class and for the grand champion was keen, making the work of Peter C. McKenzie, the college shepherd, difficult in picking the winners. The grand champion ribbon for fitting went to R. A. Fordyce, a junior student, whose work on a Southdown ram approached that of an experienced shepherd. After the ribbons for fitting had been awarded, the sale was opened, with W. B. Connell, a senior student, handling the hammer. The bidding, spurred on by ringside auctioneers, waxed warm and several animals "sold" at fancy prices. Apart from these occasional sports, the animals sold for but little above the appraisements placed by Prof. W. H. Tomhave and F. L. Bentley, who also awarded prize ribbons in each class to the "buyer" showing the best judgment.

THIRTY HOLSTEINS PRODUCE OVER FORTY POUNDS

Thirty pure-bred Holstein cows have achieved the distinction of having produced more than 40 pounds of butter in seven days. The two latest to make that record are Korndyke Winona and Segis Hengerveld Fayne Johanna. The former freshened at eight years and produced in seven consecutive days 483.4 pounds of milk, yielding 40.28 pounds of butter. Her sire is Pontiac Korndyke and her dam Miss Winona Mechthilde. She was bred by Charles H. Hyde, Watertown, N.Y. Segis Hengerveld Fayne Johanna freshened at six years. She completed her seven-day test with 449.6 pounds of milk, yielding 40.14 pounds of butter. Her sire is Woodcrest Nig De Kol and her dam Segis Fayne Johanna, the first and only cow of any breed to yield 16 pounds of butter in a week. She was bred by A. A. Cortelyou, Somerville, N.J. Both are owned by Pine Grove Farms, Elma Center, N.Y.

A new bulletin summarizing in a practical manner all the latest scientific findings in connection with "Contagious Abortion," will shortly be issued by the Manitoba Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg. It has been prepared by Dr. C. D. McGilvray, who knows the subject thoroughly.

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