

GOSSIP.

At the recent National Horse Show, Toronto, S. A. Lister, manager for the firm of R. A. Lister & Co., manufacturers of the famous Melotte cream separator, purchased from Hon. Robert Beith, of Bowmanville, a very handsome pair of imported prizewinning Shetland ponies.

Official records of 241 Holstein-Friesian cows were accepted by the American Association, from March 26th to April 4th, 1911. This herd of 241 animals, of which the usual one-half were heifers with first or second calves, produced in seven consecutive days, 100,540.6 lbs. of milk, containing 3,490.393 lbs. of butter-fat, thus showing an average of 3.47 per cent. fat. The average production for each animal was 417.2 lbs. of milk, containing 14.483 lbs. of butter-fat; equivalent to 59.3 lbs. or 28.3 quarts of milk per day, and 16.9 lbs. of the best commercial butter per week. Large as were the averages reported in the last issue of these reports, the showing made this time is better yet; for the whole herd averaged almost 60 lbs. of milk per day, and almost 17 lbs. of commercial butter per week. As milk is usually sold, there would have been about 29 quarts per day; which, at the moderate price of 6 cents per quart, would have amounted to \$1.74 per day as income from each of the 241 animals reported.

AYRSHIRES AT AYR.

At the annual show at Ayr, the third week in April, the Derby for three-year-old cows, in a class of 33, was won by Alex. Cross, of Knockdon, with Blue Blood II., by Sir John of Old Graintrey; second honors went to McAlister's Margurite, winner of the Kilmarnock Derby and championship. Ten aged cows, in milk, formed a very useful class. John McAlister won with his Kilmarnock second-class winner; second at Ayr was Alex. Hunter's Tulip, which was first at Kilmarnock, besides winning the Derby at Kilmarnock and Ayr last year. Third was John Murray's Muir Lady Augusta, champion at the recent Cumnock Show. For cows in calf, Chas. M. Douglas was first, with the Chapelton-bred cow, Betty II., by Campfollower. In the three-year-old class in calf, John Murray had an outstanding winner in his Cumnock Derby winner, Cinderella, by St. George. In a small, but select, class of cows in calf or milk, three years and upwards, and with authenticated milk records of natural milk, Chas. Douglas was first with Bell, which was fourth in the aged-cow-in-calf class; James Neill was second with a Hover-a-Blink VII. The sweepstakes class for cows in milk or calf, of any age, Mr. Cross' Derby winner led; McAlister being second and third. The Ayrshire Herd-book Society's champion cup for the best female of the breed, went to Alex. Cross' Derby winner, Blue Blood II.

The first three aged bulls were placed the same as at Kilmarnock, James Howie leading with Sir William, champion at Kilmarnock; Homer Young second, with Merry Monarch, and third with Special License. In two-year-olds, Howie's Rising Star, after a keen tussle, was placed first, and his Ayr Review second. The first five yearling bulls were outstanding, first place being given to Howie's Aristocrat, Logan's Footprint second, and the same exhibitor's Craigilee third. John N. Drummond was fourth, with Clan Drummond, by Cylene; Thos. Drummond fifth, with Diamond, by Marksman.

In the Derby class for bull stirks, Logan's Footprint was first with Drummond's Clan Drummond second. Competition was keen in the two-year-old heifer class, in which Michael Logan was first, with his home-bred Bonnie Betty, by Bona's Scotland; second going to Homer Young's Royal Jean, by Everlasting; third to John N. Drummond's Lily, by Nether-king King Arthur. In a strong class of waiting heifers, J. N. Drummond won, with Cherry, by John Bull; M. Logan second, with Lady Betty, by Victor Hugo; Homer Young third, with Nameless, by Special License. The champion cup for the best bull, any age, went to James Howie's two-year-old, Rising Star, with the same owner's Aristocrat second, and Mr. Howie withholding his third prize, Sir William.

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