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GOSSIP

Percheron horses are extensively advertised in this number by Mr. R. W. Bradshaw, Rosedale Farm, Magrath, Alta. Mr. Bradshaw reports enquiries numerous and trade brisk.

J. Perdue, who advertised a stallion last week, writes: "The stallion I am offering for sale is a rich, dark brown color, two white hind feet, and weighs, at two years and nine months old, 1,600 lbs. He is in just nice thriving condition, and, along with this weight, he combines good conformation and quality with close, straight action. Any parties in need of a fine young stallion that will prove a money-maker should see him at the Brandon Winter Fair."

BRITISH SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY

The report of the council, which was submitted to the annual meeting on 25th February, states that there are 3,848 members on the roll. The cash receipts for the year exceeded the expenditure by the sum of £1,126 8s., while the final balance in favor of the society showed an amount of £13,525 14s. 1d., as compared with £12,227 Us. at the end of 1907, or an addition to the society's credit during the year of £1,298 7s. 1d. The total entries for the thirtieth volume of the Stud Book number 5,026. There were 389 Shires exported during the year, of which 227 went to the United States. There were offered at 271 shows at home and abroad 45 gold medals and 246 silver medals, also 128 medals and premiums were offered for heavy-draft horses at London and other parades. This year there will be offered two gold medals each at Toronto, Chicago, Wisconsin, and Palermo, and one each at Winnipeg, Calgary, and Minnesota.

DUNSMORE SHIRE SALE

The famous Dunsmore stud of Shire horses, which belonged to the late Sir Philip Muntz, M. P., was dispersed on 11th of February, at Rugby. Breeders were present from all parts of the United Kingdom and Ireland. The sale comprised the whole of the stallions and fillies under four years old, the brood mares being reserved until autumn. Some of the high prices were: Dunsmore Optimism, \$2,125; Woodpeny Potboy, \$1,400; Dunsmore Punch, \$2,250; Dunsmore Prime Minister, \$1,625; Dunsmore Peer \$1,800; Dunsmore Jameson, \$5,125; Dunsmore Matchless, \$3,225; Dunsmore Hendrick, \$3,050. The total amount realized on the sale of 52 head was \$49,010.

AYRSHIRE BREEDERS MEET

The annual meeting of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association was held in Montreal on the 17th ultimo. In his address to the meeting, the president, Mr. R. R. Ness, said: "Ayrshires are more numerous than any other dairy breed; great numbers have been recorded. We do

not boast of this; it could not be otherwise. The beauty, symmetry, hardiness and usefulness of the breed won favor wherever introduced. The demand for Ayrshires is increasing faster than they can be bred. This is accounted for by the fact that we are breeding animals of uniform type, with high producing qualities. Ayrshires have not been boomed, but their merit as an all-round dairy breed has won them favor."

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary W. F. Stephen, of Huntingdon, P. Q., in his report, referred to the progress made in 1908. As the Ayrshire cow became better known, the demand increased. From all quarters—Western Canada, the United States, Japan, South America, South Africa, and Australia—had come requests for the Ayrshire breed. Especially was the demand for Ayrshires growing among those dairymen engaged in producing milk for city consumption. The milk from no other dairy breed fills the bill just as well as that from the Ayrshire. City customers want it, and are ready to pay for it. The butter-fat and other solids are so well blended that it is a perfect food, readily digested, and assimilated by the invalid or infant. He referred to the fact that farmers and dairymen were awakening to see their need of registered sires. So much was this so that it would take the natural increase of all the dairy breeds to meet this demand. Ayrshire men were demonstrating to the public that they have a most economical breed, giving large quantities of milk and fat at a nominal cost. He reported an increase of 133 members, and \$612.50 had been given to fair boards and dairy tests as special prizes. The exhibits of Ayrshires at all the leading exhibitions excelled those of former years, especially in the Maritime Provinces and the Northwest. In the dairy tests, some splendid records had been made. Forty-one cows and heifers had qualified in the Record of Performance test. The highest record of the mature class was made by the cow, Daisy Queen 9705, owned by E. Cahoon, with 13,158 pounds of milk, and 485.39 pounds of butter-fat, made in 365 days. Great interest is now manifested in this test, judging by the large number of entries received during the past six months.

The publications of the Association, together with its literature, had been widely distributed during the year. Altogether, about 400 copies of the Herd Book, 1,700 copies of the Annual, 500 copies of the Booklet, and 3,000 pieces of other literature had been sent out from the office of the

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