

## GOSSIP

A North British farmer, writing to an Old Country exchange, says that the bridled cow, Doctor, supposed to be a Guernsey grade, once a prominent winner in dairy tests, is still strong and well at 24 years of age, and giving 35 lbs. milk daily.

Mr. W. H. Bryce, of "Doune Lodge," Arcoia, has recently sold six of his pure-bred Clydesdales, three mares and three colt foals. The mares are Daisy Fair, Lady Wilson and Lilly of Greenfoot, while the colts are Doune Lodge Blacksmith, Darnley's Prince and Moose Mountain Rover.

From thirty-five to seventy-five dollars for good, growthy, rustling Shorthorn bulls are absolutely the lowest prices that can be found in any country in the world, and these are the prices which Mr. J. Bousfield, of McGregor, puts on ten head he is offering. Some idea of the kind of bulls these are can be gathered from the illustration in another column. They come from good strains of cows, most of which are regular pail fillers. These bulls are not offered in high fit, as Mr. Bousfield tries to keep the cost of raising his calves within the figures he finds buyers willing to pay. A little longer on the cows, a little more care after weaning, a few pounds more of grain and these calves would be covered thick on the ribs and carry their quarters to their hocks, but the man who raised them would have a hard time persuading his customers that they were worth the extra money he would have to get to squeeze out a profit. Cattle are low in Manitoba, or the bulls which Mr. Bousfield is offering would be selling at more than twice their quotations. Low prices, however, do not mean absolute stagnation, already this fall eight have been taken from Mr. Bousfield's herd which shows that the offering must be well worth the money. Some of the cattlemen on the ranges could easily save a bunch of money by taking the whole lot rather than wait until next spring to stock up.

## AYRSHIRES FOR ALBERTA

Mr. A. H. Trimble, of Red Deer, Alta., recently visited the Province of Quebec and selected from among its best Ayrshire herds, 25 head of choice stock, ranging in ages from six months upwards to mature cows. His largest purchase was from the "Isleigh Grange" herd at Danville. Here Mr. Trimble purchased 11 head of young heifers and bulls. Worthy of special mention among them is the two-year-old heifer, Isleigh Gem—27090—, by Isleigh Bloom O' the Heather—20523—. In the yearlings, Isleigh Sandilands—27104—, by Glen of Montebello—20657—, dam Miss Sandilands—8934—, a splendid type of Ayrshire that has qualified in the Canadian Record of Performance test with a record of 8580 lbs. of milk and 312 lbs. of butter-fat. Isleigh Bertha—27110— from the same sire; Isleigh Muskrat—27109—; Isleigh Carrie—27111—; Isleigh Bella—27115—; Isleigh Nancy 3rd—27116—, whose dam has an official record of 7439 lbs. of milk and 276 lbs. of butter-fat, and a show-ring record as well; Isleigh Beutina 3rd—27117—; Isleigh Comptena 3rd—27120—; Isleigh Claribella 3rd—27113—, and the bull calf, Isleigh Major—27118—, by Glen of Montebello, are all likely animals. Two cows were purchased from the herd of James Boden, Danville, Mollie of Elm Shade—14020—, by Scotland's Glory—10774— (imp.), and Lizzie Glen of St. Anne—22298—, by Howie's Fizzaway—16721— (imp.).

From Mr. R. R. Ness, Howick, he selected an imported bull, Barches-

kie Kingswaif, also a heifer, Burnside Violet 4th—26576—, sired by the champion bull of Canada and the United States, Barcheskie King's Own (imp.)—20726—.

From John Taylor, Kelso, he selected a choice yearling bull, Dairy King of Kelso—26837—.

From one of the oldest established herds in Quebec, that of the secretary of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeder's Association, W. F. Stephen, Huntingdon, he selected six head. The cow, Peace—11129—, sired by Uncle Sam of Trout River—6974—; the yearling heifers, Springbrook Blossom—26109—, and Springbrook Grace; the heifer calf, Springbrook Caroline 27284; the bull calves, Springbrook Joey—27285— and Springbrook Major, are from choice stock. Also from the Messrs. Hyde Bros., Huntingdon, he selected the bull calf, Lorna's Choice of Willow Bank—27288—, from a sire and dam from the Stephen herd. These bulls and heifers are all a choice lot, of good size and nicely marked. In all, there are 19 females and 6 males. Such a lot of Ayrshires should lay a foundation of splendid dairy stock for that part of the west. Mr. Trimble believes there is great future before the dairy industry of Alberta, and has every confidence that the Ayrshire is bound to be the future dairy breed of the Sunny Province.

The New York Milk Committee of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor has decided to introduce a cheap, yet practical, ice-box into the districts where the association has established milk depots. The box is a home-made affair, which can be built for less than twenty cents and will keep a five-cent piece of ice for twenty-four hours. It is made of an ordinary soap-box, two tin pails, which fit one inside the other, and a bucket of sawdust or a package of newspapers. The larger pail is placed inside the box and the intervening space packed tightly with either sawdust or newspapers. The smaller pail is placed inside the big one. All that remains to be done to complete the ice-box is to put a five-cent piece of ice in the inner pail, fill it half full of water and put a heavy newspaper covered top on the box. A bottle of milk in the inner pail will remain at a temperature of 40 degrees for twenty-four hours. At such a temperature bacteria cannot multiply, and the milk will remain sweet.

At an auction sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle at Stuart, Iowa, 41 head from the herd of J. E. Junk, brought an average price of \$178. The cow, Blackcap 11th, and heifer calf brought \$500. A two-year-old heifer sold for \$485, a three-year-old, with heifer calf, sold for \$460, and a yearling heifer for \$400.

It has been said that the enormous prices which from time to time Argentine buyers give for specially selected bulls, make it impossible for such prices to be remunerative. Following sale of five non-pedigree bulls, which were sold in Buenos Ayres at the recent Palermo Show, is enlightening on this point. These bulls were sired by Chewton Victor and out of cows by Celt. The top price was £354 7s. 6d., and two bottom £166 5s., giving an average of £286 2s. 6d. for five unregistered bulls, a notable instance of the value of the produce of sires of the highest value. Mr. G. Kennedy, of Buenos Ayres, has in former years had many successful sales, but few, if any, more so than that of nine bulls, the prices of which come to hand. A noted Irish prizewinning pedigree Shorthorn bull made the top price, namely, £1,746. (\$8,730), paid by Mr. J. L. Ocampo. Messrs. Jorge Andant & Co. gave £612 10s. for Dean Sceptre, and Mr. A. G. Gutierrez £437 10s. for Scottish Primate. The average was £477 10s. Messrs. J. & J. Raws had also a good sale. These importers sold thirteen at prices from £315 to £78

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