

## MESSRS. FLATT'S HOLSTEINS

One of the editors of Farm and Dairy recently called on D. C. Flatt and Son of Milgrove, Ont., out from Hamilton, and inspected their noted herd of Holsteins, as well as their Yorkshires. Mr. Flatt, Sr., had only recently returned from a trip to the States, where he had purchased some top-notch Holsteins to add to his already famous herd. While away Mr. Flatt caught on to a Yankee idea in the form of the light chain halter, two of which he brought back with him. This device is a light chain and two clamps, which fit on the hooks of the cow and can be adjusted in an instant.

One of the best things Mr. Flatt brought back with him is a bull calf, out of a cow, a four-year-old, that gave 11 lbs. milk in one day, three times milking. This cow is due to freshen in January and it is expected that she will make the greatest record of any cow of the breed. She is a granddaughter of a cow that has given 119 lbs. milk in one day. The calf was purchased from Mr. Standaish, the Holstein breeder of note, who judged at Toronto this past fall, in addition to his remarkably good breeding, this bull is one of the choicest if not the choicest show animal we ever saw or handled. He possesses wonderful lines and constitution and is a great open calf of splendid depth. He handles exceedingly well, and is just such an individual that any man with a herd like the Messrs. Flatt would go a long way to get to place at the head of his herd.

Messrs. Flatt have just completed remodeling one of their stables, which they have equipped with BT stalls and partitions and in which they now have all of their young stuff tied, individually. Mr. Flatt says that it is well worth while to have all of the young stuff tied, since then they are so much more contented and they do so much better than when five or six or more are allowed to run loose in a box stall, in which case one or more are sure to be bossed by the others and not get their allotted feed. In this newly fitted stable there is accommodation for 25 head. Messrs. Flatt can now tie up 70 head besides their box stall accommodation, of which they have abundance.

The recent importation made by Messrs. Flatt include 15 head. They are all bred right in the "purple." One of these heifers is from a cow that gave 115 lbs. of milk in one day and gave 100 lbs. a day for 40 days; this cow has about completed a year's work now and is going to reach close to 20,000 lbs. The dams of two others of these heifers gave between 15,000 and 19,000 lbs. milk in one year.

Space does not permit us to go into details of the great many good things Messrs. Flatt have in their stables. It is worth anyone's while to visit their farm. In their stables are to be found rows of Holstein cattle, the best to be had; one row is made of such famous cows as Francy Red, the first cow in Canada to make 25 lbs. she being the ex-Canadian champion, and Jennie Bonerage Ormsby, the world's champion two-year-old for yearly work—432 lbs. of butter, nearly 17,000 lbs. of milk, she being also first cow in Canada (Canadian bred) to make 20 lbs. of butter in 7 days. This cow also holds Canadian championship for four-year-old, 30 1/2 lbs. butter in 7 days, over 125 lbs. in 30 days. This cow has had seven different official men to test her and is a daughter of the main stock bull in this herd, Sir Admiral Orms-

by. Her full-blooded sister, 5 months old, is also in Messrs. Flatt's stable. Francy Bonerage Ormsby, another of the big cows in this herd and by the same bull, gave 27 lbs. butter.

Then we might mention Daisy Pieterje Johanna, over 27 lbs. as a five-year-old—Mr. Flatt has two beautiful heifers and a bull from this cow, the bull being sired by a son of old Pontiac Korndyke—two daughters over 27 lbs. butter in 7 days. Messrs. Flatt are using this bull considerably in their herd on the "Ormsby" stuff.

Many other cattle in this herd ought to receive mention in this article, but we must conclude with a brief mention of Messrs. Flatt's Yorkshires. Several of their first prize cows at Toronto this year now have new litters on the farm. The Flatts are offering several ewes and a few boars ready to breed. The type and quality of these pigs are the very best, as one may know from their heavy list of first prize winnings at Toronto this last fall.

## THE LAKEVIEW HOLSTEINS AT BRONTE

It is now five years since the Lakeview herd of Holsteins was founded at Bronte, and while ordinarily it takes many more than five years to build up a herd such a breeder as amateur like Mr. Osler would aim to have some day, Mr. Osler has spared neither time nor expense to procure the very best blood and individuality to breed from in his herd. Thus, he now has the stock, and offers bull calves, that are fit to head the best herds in Canada.

Since one of the editors of Farm and Dairy visited Mr. Osler and inspected his herd over a year ago, Mr. Osler has made considerable progress and now has in his stables a herd of cattle of exceedingly rich breeding and good individuality and milk production. It is unusually interesting to visit the Lakeview herd since, besides the cattle, which anyone interested in Holsteins would be eager to inspect, Mr. Osler has a set of farm buildings and up-to-date stables the like of which there are not more than a few of their equal in Canada.

Recently Mr. Osler has brought into his Lakeview herd a bull from F. F. Field, of Massachusetts. This bull is Dutchland Colantha Sir Mona, a March calf of 1910, out of Colantha Johanna Laid. His dam Mona Pauline De Kol has a record of 487 lbs. milk, 25 3/4 lbs. butter in 7 days and an average test of 4.45 per cent. fat. This bull Mr. Osler will use on the young stock by Count Hengerveld Fayre De Kol, the richly bred stock bull, which has been at the head of the Lakeview herd for some time.

All of Mr. Osler's cows have private yearly records. A considerable number of them have entered the Record of Performance, and more of them are in the Record of Merit. Mr. Osler is partial to the 7 day test followed by the 7 day test and 9 months from calving.

Anyone wishing to know more about the breeding of these two bulls, and other facts about Holsteins at the Lakeview herd, should write Mr. Osler for a folder, which he has gotten out, giving the actual pedigrees of both of these richly bred bulls. Mr. Osler will be glad to send one of these folders to anyone on request.

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