Holsteins Make Great Showing

Thirty-three years ago, so the records say, there was not a Holstein in the Province of Ontario. If this statement is not absolutely accurate it is very nearly so. How things have changed. Holsteins are now one of our most popular breeds; black and white fanciers say *the* most popular breed. Just how popular and numerous they now are may be gathered from the fact that 13 herds from widely distant counties gathered to compete for honors at the Live Stock Show in Toronto last week. In several classes the entries numbered well over a dozen, and Judge Geo. Rice had his hands full in picking the winners. Holsteins had the largest representation of any of the dairy breeds.

The quality was generally conceded to be an advance on the entries at the Canadian National last summer. The higher uniformity of quality was particularly marked. The "ragged ends" too often characteristic of Holstein classes, and particularly noticeable in some of the classes last summer, were not in evidence last week. A few animals were very poorly fitted, but they were quality animals just the same, and with good fitting would have stood much higher. The bull classes in particular were a distinct advance on those exhibited last summer. Of course there were a few that should not have been there.

HERDS REPRESENTED

Many of the old time breeders were along, some of whose herds have not been seen in Toronto for several years. Among the largest exhibitors, known to fair goers, were A. E. Hulet, Norwich, M. H. Haley, Springford, Sir H. M. Pellatt, Walmer Road Hill, Sunnybrook Farm, Eglington, and Elias Snyder, Burgessville. Among the several new exhibitors the City Dairy Farm, New Lowell, Ont., had the longest string; and it was a good string. In only a few classes were they left out of the money. Hiram Dyment, Dundas, also new to the game, captured the female grand championship. The male grand championship also fell to a new exhibitor, Mr. Wm. Watson, Pine Grove. Leuszler and Bollert, Bright and Wm. Manning and Sons, Woodville, both had large and creditable exhibits. Edgar Dennis, Newmarket, had some good cows. It bodes well for the future of the breed to see so many new men coming along.

INDIVIDUAL MENTION

We would like to speak extensively of individuals that attracted particular attention, but space forbids. It is difficult to speak of any as "outstanding." There were too many very high class animals there for any one to have a wide margin in its favor. The aged bull class brought out a fine first in Lord Cornelius Tensen, a low down, flashy type of bull bred by Hulet, and exhibited by the City Dairy Farm. Mr Kitchen, who is responsible for City Dairy Holsteins, can certainly pick the good ones.

The two-year-old winner and grand champion male was of a little different type. Like the older bull he had length with depth and constitution, but he was a trifle further off the ground, and very stylish in his get up. He took the breeder right through and well earned his premier position. He is at the head of the herd of Wm. Watson. Yearly bulls presented a problem to the judge. The first three were very uniform. The final decision was given in favor of Sir Belle Fayne, bred and owned by M. H. Haley. This bull had a little advantage in substance, and with more fitting would show to even greater advantage. This is not saying that he was in poor condition; Haleys feed well the year round. Leuszler and Bollert had the junior champion in classy company.

First place in females was won by a dry cow, a very deep-bodied animal with well sprung rib, constitution and indications of doing big things when she freshens. The illustration appearing elsewhere in this issue describes her more accurately than we can. She was shown by Hiram Dyment, Dundas.

Mature cows in milk brought out a string of nine, as good cows as were ever seen in one section at Toronto. Hulet got first and several might have gone up and no great mistake made. The City Dairy entry looked milkier, but was a trifle thin and inclined to droop at the rump. A feature of the three-year class was that the winner, one of Haley's, was also first in her class in the dairy test.

Our Holstein friends will pardon a little criticism. Evidently Holstein men have no definite and fixed ideal of type. Even the best classes presented great diversity of type. Here is one point, from the show yard standpoint at least, where the breed could stand improvement. Beauty counts when an animal is sold, in some cases almost as much as production and uniform conformation, commercially speaking, is therefore desirable.

AWARDS—BULL CLASSES

Bull, 3 years and over: 1 and 5, City Dairy Farm—Lord Cornelius Tensen and Dutchland Colantha Sir Abbekerk; 2, Elias Snyder, Burgessville—Pontiac Hengerveld Calamity Paul; 4, Wm. Manning & Sons—Summerhill Sir Malda.

Bull, 2 years: 1, Wm Watson—Homestead Colantha Prince Canary; 2, A. E. Hulet—Major Posch Mercena; 3, Leuszler & Bollert—King Lyons Hengerveld; 4, M. H. Haley—Sir Homewood Fayne.

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New National Live Stock and Dairy Show off to Good Start

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fairs. At winter fairs in the past male animals have been prohibited. Consequently with flocks centralized at Toronto and all classes represented the sheep exhibit was a very superior one. Long and short wooled breeds were about equally represented. In Cotswolds honors were contested by E. F. Park, Burford; E. Brien & Sons, Ridgetown, and S. Dolson & Son, Norval Stn. Leicesters were exhibited by H. M. Robinson, Erindale, David Rodger, Drumbo; A. and W. Whitelaw, Guelph, and J. Kelly, Shakespeare. J. and D. J. Campbell, Woodville, Ont., J. G. Hanmer, Burford; John R. Kelsey, Woodville, and C. W. Gurney, Paris, had Shropshires. P. Arkell & Sons, Teeswater, were the principal exhibitors of Oxfords, and in Southdowns the flocks of J. W. Springstead & Son, Abbingdon, Robert McEwen, Byron and J. J. Lloyd Jones, Burford, were represented. W. E. Wright & Sons, Glanworth, J. Robertson & Sons, Milton and Forster Farm, Oakwood, were on hand with their Dorsets. Other breeds represented were Lincolns, Hampshires and Suffolks.

In the swine divisions Joseph Featherston & Sons, Streetsville, and J. E. Brethour & Nephew, Burford, had the largest showing of Yorkshires. In Berkshires, S. Dolson & Sons, W. W. Brownridge, Georgetown and E. Brien & Sons, Ridgetown, were most successful. D. Douglas, Mitchell, had almost a monopoly on Tamworth classes, while in Chesters Whites, W. E. Wright & Son, Glanworth, and D. DeCourcy, Bornholme, divided most of the money.

The management of the National Live Stock and Dairy Show are to be congratulated on their success in gathering together such a splendid exhibition of live stock. With the improved accommodations, which it is already reported will be provided before the next Canadian National Exhibition, the fair should appeal strongly to the fair-going public. The fact that the Horticultural Show is held in connection will also add to the attractiveness of Canada's new national fair.

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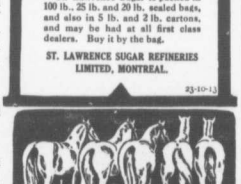

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