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ACROSS THE ISLAND

Island Leads Canada in Development Of AI

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PRINCE EDWARD Island tops all other Canadian provinces in the development of an artificial breeding program and the thing is still growing.

Based on 1950 figures, P.E.I. bred 45.6 per cent of its cows artificially as compared with the national average of 13.8. The percentages for the other provinces are, N.S. 35.5; N.B. 29; Quebec 5.7; Ontario 33; Manitoba 7; Saskatchewan 1.2; Alberta 4.5; and British Columbia 28.

P.E.I.'s breeding program has advanced again this year with 1660 more cows bred in the first ten months of the year than in the same period a year ago. There are approximately 40,000 breeding females in the province and it is expected that something more than 20,000 will be bred artificially this year, or more than fifty per cent.

IT'S INTERESTING to note that Holstein breeders far exceed all other breeds in the percentage of cows bred artificially. 57.2 per cent was the figure for last year.

Jerseys were a poor second with 34.5 per cent. Guernseys were close behind with 32.6 per cent and the Ayrshires were well down with only 19 per cent. There must be a reason why the Ayrshire men are sticking so closely to the idea of keeping their own sires but the knowledge was not available at the time of writing.

Better pasture management was stressed at the 13 meetings held in the province this week. The use of grass and corn silage was also emphasized. And there was a great deal of talk about better farm management.

Southport Farmer Is Not Impressed

SOUTHPORT NEIGHBOUR, Roland MacDonald, suggested at Harrington that it is much easier to tell someone else "how to farm" than it is to farm efficiently. He explained that he wasn't aiming his criticism at agricultural department men who were present. But he did have a beef, apparently, against the moneyed chap who comes into an established farming district to show the boys "how it should be done".

His experience with the newcomer with lots of cash, didn't leave him very much impressed with the efficiency of that type of operation, he suggested. "We ordinary chaps have to make the farms keep us", Mr. MacDonald stressed. A profit has to be made on farming operations "or there's no sense in farming".

That's pretty sound reasoning in any man's language.

Meaning Of 'Reserve Champions'

A CHARLOTTETOWN friend who reads this column, called recently to ask what the term “reserve champion” means. He suggested that we explain to other readers at the first opportunity, so here goes.

The word “reserve champion” means the runner up to the champion, or, to use an ungrammatical term, the “second best”. The Junior male champion and reserve junior champion are picked from the first and second place winners in each class under two years of age. The Senior male champion and reserve are picked from the first and second place winners in each class over two years. The junior male champion and reserve and the senior male champion and reserve go against each other for the grand champion and the reserve grand champion. The same thing is done in the female division. The male and female champions are not shown against each other.

The Island’s Royal exhibitors came home this week and most of them were happy about their showing in the strongest competition in Canada.

Fred Coles, Milton had a 7th placing with a young bull and a ninth with a 3-year old dry cow in large Jersey classes. “The judge seemed to like a little less fit than we use here,” Albert Boswell said on return.

Large classes were the rule but the heifer calf class was so large with 65 entries that the judge had to chase about 30 calves to the barn before he could get room to parade the animals for a look to place what was left, he indicated.

Fulton Sanderson and Son, York Point got 9th and 12th place with a young bull and a junior heifer. Junior, senior and summer yearlings brought out the biggest entries in this show with the classes running from 20 to 40 animals, Mr. Sanderson said. Mr. Sanderson bought an Alberta heifer carrying the service of a \$10,000 bull. She has lots of scale and bone and the Sandersons expect that she can do a lot for their herd.

Dual Purpose Showmen Win Most

DUAL PURPOSE shorthorns topped Island breed winners. In addition to Dan Jewell’s grand champion bull and several firsts including Fred Hughes and Sterling Wood’s 1, 2, 3 sweep in one class, There were these developments.

Wood had one animal and Stanley Hurry one along with Jewell’s get of sire, 6 in aged cows in milk, 4 in progeny of dam, 6 in senior herd.

Jewell was 8 in aged cows in milk and second in progeny with his grand champion C. R. Technicolor one of the two animals in the class. He was 7 in senior herd and 3 in senior get of sire.

Wood had a 4th in a class of 24 2-year-old heifers, 3rd in junior two animals in the senior get class. Hurry also had a seventh place in the junior get of sire class. Keith Barrett’s winnings included a fifth in the progeny class.

STERLING WOOD bought a bull calf out of Jack Atchinson’s 3-time grand champion cow at Toronto. She was grand champion at the Royal last year as a 3-year-old, grand again at the Canadian National Exhibition in August and grand champion at the Royal last week.

That gives the youngster plenty of quality from a type standpoint and his sire’s dam has two milk records of more than 19,000 pounds. “I was lucky to get the youngster”, Mr. Wood said yesterday. Just how highly the young calf is regarded is shown by the

fact that Atchinson sold him only on the condition that he could buy him back again for breeding purposes in his own herd when the animal is 5 years old.

THE ISLAND exhibitors were happy about their showing in the “strongest competition ever seen at the Royal in their breed” but all of them seemed understandably happy about the grand championship won by Dan Jewell with his C.R. Technicolor, the 2-year-old bull he bred and raised on his farm at North River. It was the highlight of the breed’s performance

Judge at the fair was Tom Amos, the same man that judged the Dual Purpose animals at Charlottetown last summer.

Lank Brothers’ Upton Farm stock made a fine impression in Red Polls. They took four animals to Toronto and took two good ribbons. Their bull calf, Upton Rupert, was second in his class. They got a 6th prize ribbon with a junior yearling, Upton Millie.