

The admission of stock to the register would depend on the production of a defined quantity of milk, and the conformance of the individual to the Shorthorn type. At present the herd-book of this breed is a valuable guide to the grazier; there the descent of stock famous in the show-yard can be traced, and the selection of sires and cows for the production of stock for the fattening-paddock can well be made; but there is no guide to the cow or the bull for the dairy farm. It is the utility cow that is in demand, and there are farmers who believe this to be in the stock of the Shorthorn type.

It is suggested that the dairy-farmers who may approve of the proposal to form a milking Shorthorn breeders' society should move in the direction of forming a society on the lines of the Ayrshire, or Holstein, or Jersey societies. The next large gathering of farmers will be at the winter shows of Dunedin and Manawatu. Possibly some one interested will there propose and arrange to form a society of breeders of milking Shorthorns.

In making this proposal it is not intended to recommend or disparage any breed of dairy stock, still less is it intended to enter upon the topic of dual or special-purpose cows: it is that there are many who prefer to breed the Shorthorn, and registration, under the auspices of a society, would materially assist such dairy-farmers.

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*International Agricultural Exhibition at Ghent in 1913.*—The International Agricultural Exhibition which is to be opened at Ghent on the 26th April, 1913, promises to make an unusually strong appeal to every one interested in agriculture and country life generally. A very large undertaking in connection with the Exhibition is to be an "ideal village." From an English point of view the dairies will probably be the most interesting part of the display. There will be one in each of two farms of the village, and also a co-operative dairy on a larger scale fitted with the very latest machinery and according to the most recent ideas. The farms will also be stocked with animals and machinery, while a series of competitions in shoeing and the repair of farm implements will be held at the blacksmith's shop of the village. Horse and cattle shows and ploughing-competitions will also be held during the run of the Exhibition. Beside the actual village buildings, a number of halls for the display of agricultural machinery have been built. The Ghent Exhibition as a whole covers, roughly, 250 acres (about 50 acres more than the Brussels Exhibition), and will be the most important one since the Paris Exhibition of 1900. The English pavilion will be practically filled with a machinery exhibit. The twentieth International Congress on Agriculture will be held at the Exhibition from the 8th to the 13th June, under the patronage of the King of Belgium.—*The Journal of the British Board of Agriculture.*