

## CERTIFICATE - OF - RECORD BULLS.

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### EMINENT'S FONTAINE.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Virginia, United States of America, in 1907. His sire, Eminent, has, according to the 1915 Register of Merit of the American Jersey Cattle Club, some twenty-one daughters with authenticated yearly records, and he is also sire of at least fifteen sons whose daughters have qualified in the authenticated yearly test in the United States.

Eminent's Fontaine was imported to New Zealand by Mr. C. G. C. Dermer, of Cheltenham, in 1908, and is still retained at the head of his herd. Eminent's Fontaine has sired twelve certificate-of-record daughters, some of which, considering age and testing conditions, are probably equal in production to those of the best daughters of the other sons of Eminent.

The highest-record daughter of Eminent's Fontaine is Eminent's Maggie, of which an illustration appeared in the July number of the *Journal*. This young cow, commencing as a senior two-year-old, produced in 365 days 11,103 lb. milk, containing 572.13 lb. butter-fat, which more than doubled her certificate requirement. Three daughters, each probably after her second calving, produced over 500 lb. fat. Eminent's Sherry, whose second record was reported also in the last issue of the *Journal*, is one of these. Bred by Mr. C. G. C. Dermer, she was purchased and developed by Mr. F. E. Hellyer, of North-east Harbour, Dunedin. This heifer commenced her first record at the age of 2 years 20 days, and in 365 days produced 424.52 lb. fat. Her following season was started at the age of 3 years 57 days, and during this second lactation period she made the nice record of 554.10 lb. fat, this yield exceeding her standard by 271 lb. Considering the short interval between the completion of her first 365-day period and her second calving, her repeat record is all the more creditable.

Eminent's Girl, bred and tested by Mr. Dermer, produced 515.06 lb. fat during a lactation period started at the age of 3 years 60 days, this being a margin of 232 lb. above the standard requirement. Eminent's Mozelle, also bred and tested by Mr. Dermer, lacked but little to attain the 500 lb. mark, her yield being