

CERTIFICATE-OF-RECORD TESTING.

THE LATEST LIST OF COWS.

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THE testing of purebred cows for production of milk and butter-fat is manifestly increasing greatly in popularity. The entries for the new season's operations considerably exceed those of the previous year, and the testing staff will be hard pushed in the next month or so to cover the work, notwithstanding the recent appointment of an additional man. The testing movement obtains to a greater extent in the Wellington, Taranaki, and Waikato districts, and is doubtless a most praiseworthy effort in the direction of increased efficiency in the production of butter-fat. General conditions, including shortage of labour, have restrained many breeders and dairymen from testing the production of their individual cows, but the importance of selecting the best strains was never greater, and testing is necessary to this end. The conservation of the best strains is more important than culling the inferior, if the two phases of herd-improvement can be considered separately.

Appended to these notes is a list of records completed since New Year, the last list, published in the *Journal* of February last, having given particulars up to the 31st December, 1916.

JERSEYS.

The list of Jerseys discloses no new class-leaders, although one-half of the number have produced more than 100 lb. butter-fat above the requirement for certificate, and two of these increased the margin to 205 lb. fat and 219 lb. fat respectively.

In the two-year-old class Belmont's Wonder has a credit of the 205 lb. fat referred to, over her requirement. This heifer's dam is Nukumaru Primrose I, a daughter of K.C.B., with a certificate of record for 547.82 lb. fat. The dam of Nukumaru Primrose I is a daughter of Stuckey's Silver King, from a daughter of Monopoly II. The sire of Belmont's Wonder is a son of K.C.B., from Michaelmas Day, with a certificate of record for 480.87 lb. fat. It would appear