

CERTIFICATE - OF - RECORD TESTING.

CURRENT LIST OF COWS.

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THE extent to which the testing of purebred cows has increased during the past spring is evidence of a virile spirit amongst many of the breeders of stud dairy stock. It may be that the good results obtained by many of the breeders who have been testing since the inception of the system has stimulated the interest of others. The fact remains, however, that with this increased support from the breeders the general aspect of the work is most encouraging and promises well for the future.

Since 1st November to time of writing some fifty-nine certificates have been issued on records, the details of which are appended. A further list will be issued later to complete the publication of records completed within the year 1918. Some declarations are still outstanding, and the return of these is essential before certificates are issued.

JERSEYS.

The most attractive record in the present list of Jersey productions is doubtless that of Lady Peggy, a daughter of K.C.B. from Magnet's Peggy. This record represents Lady Peggy's fourth milking-period. She has been on C.O.R. test during her first, second, and fourth seasons, and her butter-fat credits for these seasons are 534.31 lb., 650 lb., and 725.27 lb. respectively. With her last record she is a close second to Lady of Collingwood in the four-year-old Jerseys. It is a credit to K.C.B. that each of these cows bears such close relationship to him.

Three other cows in the list have exceeded 600 lb. of butter-fat. Pretty Polly, owned by Mr. A. Hodgkinson, of Takaka, has produced a high credit. Her breeding is of well-known strains, she being sired by K.C.B. from Darkie XV. Mr. Hodgkinson had five cows on test, and has done good work for the Jersey breed, which will, we hope, benefit his district and himself. Omata Queen, owned by Mr. C. W. Ruebe, and Mr. C. G. C. Dermer's Warrigal Lass have also qualified for the 600 lb. class.¹

FRIESIANS.

The Friesian records in the current list also show three cows in the 600 lb. butter-fat class, and one in the 700 lb. class. The highest honour goes to Mutual Pearl of Rock, imported from Wisconsin, U.S.A., by Mr. W. Barton, of Featherston. She is one of the many good daughters of Mutual Piebe de Kol. In New Zealand three of this bull's daughters have produced 529.76 lb., 545.41 lb., and 589.66 lb. respectively. The first two of these records were produced in 332 and 289 days respectively.