

their cows calve in time for a first-class C.O.R. Concerning this point of subsequent calving, it may be interesting to mention that for cows gaining first-class certificates of record the average number of days between calving for commencement of test and calving subsequent to test for cows gaining certificates in 1926 was 391 days. For cows qualifying for second-class certificates in the same year the average period was 470 days. Readers will doubtless be conversant with the fact that our C.O.R. rules governing calving provide that for a first-class certificate of record the period between calving for commencement of test and calving subsequent to test shall not exceed 455 days (fifteen months), while for a second-class certificate of record the period is extended to 485 days (sixteen months).

JERSEYS.

Class-leaders.

The year under review brought two changes in Jersey class-leaders, and in each of these cases the previous highest record for the class was raised by an appreciable amount. Mr. P. J. Petersen's Ivondale Golden Rainbow, which gained a certificate for 768·46 lb. butterfat, displaced Mr. W. J. Chynoweth's Marshland's Stylish Princess for the senior two-year-old leadership by 52·71 lb. The three-year-old Loo's Queen (Mr. A. Christie), with 797·32 lb. fat, gave way to Ivondale Golden Lass, with 905·01 lb., a difference of no less than 107·69 lb. This cow, which was also bred and tested by Mr. P. J. Petersen, is now owned by Mr. A. E. Watkin, of Takanini, and Ivondale Golden Rainbow by Mr. Truby King, Stratford.

The Jersey class-leaders now stand as follows:—

Name of Cow and Class.	Tested by	Age at Start of Test.	Fat required for Certificate.	Yield for Season.		
				Days.	Milk.	Fat.
<i>Junior Two-year-old.</i> Keston Flower ..	G. E. Yelchich, Waiuku	Yrs. dys. 1 359	lb. 240·5	365	lb. 11,472·2	lb. 694·28
<i>Senior Two-year-old.</i> Ivondale Golden Rainbow	P. J. Petersen, Waitara	2 311	271·6	365	12,962·2	768·46
<i>Three-year-old.</i> Ivondale Golden Lass	P. J. Petersen, Waitara	3 312	308·2	365	14,434·8	905·01
<i>Four-year-old.</i> St. Lambert's Bell ..	A. J. Smith, Cardiff ..	4 283	341·8	365	14,423·1	780·32
<i>Mature.</i> Holly Oak's Annie ..	W. T. Williams, Pukehou	5 9	350·0	365	18,522·7	1,056·49

Jersey Class-averages.

The average C.O.R. Jersey for 1926 produced 461·68 lb. butterfat, which, compared with 1925 at 458·91 lb., shows an increase of 2·77 lb. The length of average lactation—346 days—remains the same for both years. Of the 428 Jerseys certificated last year no less than 186, or about