

The next address was by Mr. J. Hill-Motion, B.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., on "Common Diseases of Stock." He estimated that 75 per cent. of stock diseases were due to malnutrition, and specially mentioned milk fever, staggers, sterility, and sleepy sickness. Quoting many examples, he said that many cases had been improved by topdressing with lime. In milk fever it was generally the best cows which were troubled. In 1906, when the average production per cow was about 120lb. butterfat per

year, milk fever was practically unheard of, compared with today when the average production is 240lb. of butterfat per cow. Mr. Hill-Motion gave valuable instructions as to how the farmer can assist in the recovery of the stock once they have contracted the various troubles.

While afternoon tea was in progress Mr. S. Freeman gave a short talk on the Young Farmers' Club movement. The war had been a severe setback, he said, but membership was keeping up remarkably well.

At the conclusion of the day Mr. R. M. Law, jun., who was chairman of the day's activities, thanked Mr. Lancaster for the use of his property and Mrs. Lancaster and her assistants for dispensing the refreshments. In reply, Mr. Lancaster stated that he was only too pleased to assist the Young Farmers in every possible way. He concluded by thanking the judges, Messrs. Parsons and Mexted, and the speakers, Messrs. Bruce Levy and Hill-Motion, for their co-operation in making the field day such a success.

Wairarapa District Stock Judging

By N. LAMONT, District, Secretary, Masterton.

THE Masterton Young Farmers' Club is to be congratulated on winning the "Point Blank" Challenge Cup for stock judging in the Wairarapa district for the fifth year in succession. This very fine record is the result of consistent, solid teamwork on the part of all members of the club. The youngest club in the Wairarapa, Alfredton, which gained second place, also merits congratulation on its excellent performance.

This year, for the first time, a junior and a schoolboys' section were introduced into the contest, and although more Young Farmers should have competed in the junior section, it was pleasing to note that a considerable number of schoolboys availed themselves of the opportunity. It is to these boys that the clubs have to look for future membership, and their participation in Y.F.C. activities is welcomed.

The results were as follows:—

Point Blank Cup.—Masterton, 1586 points, 1; Alfredton, 1489 points, 2; Carterton, 1150 points, 3.

Class Results.

Southdowns.—Senior: Masterton B, 328 points, 1; Masterton A, 289 points, 2; Greytown, 231 points, 3. Junior: Alfredton, 236 points, 1; Masterton, 223 points, 2; Carterton, 131 points, 3.

Romneys.—Senior: Masterton A, 250 points, 1; Masterton B, 210 points, 2; Carterton, 155 points, 3. Junior: Masterton, 125 points, 1; Carterton, 70 points, 2; Alfredton, 54 points, 3.

Pigs.—Senior: Alfredton, 242 points, 1; Greytown, 235 points, 2; Featherston, 220 points, 3. Junior: Alfredton, 195 points, 1; Masterton, 170 points, 2; Carterton, 120 points, 3.

Friesians.—Senior: Featherston, 251 points, 1; Alfredton, 225 points, 2; Greytown, 220 points, 3. Junior: Alfredton, 194 points, 1; Masterton, 174 points, 2; Carterton, 141 points, 3.

Individual Results.

Southdowns.—Senior: G. Buick, Masterton B, 173 points; A. Cruickshank, Masterton B, 155 points; N. Wyeth, Masterton A, 153 points. Junior: W. D. Buick, Masterton, 128 points; B. Napier, Alfredton, 126 points; F. McDonald, Alfredton, 110 points. Schoolboys: J. Madden, Masterton, 108 points; R. Boyne, Masterton, 103 points.

Romneys.—Senior: G. Blatchford, Masterton A, 145 points; J. McKay, Masterton B, 125 points; A. Southey, Masterton A, 105 points. Junior: P. Evans, Masterton, 80 points; W. Cruickshank, Masterton, 45 points; H. Staples, Carterton, 40 points. Schoolboys: J. Madden, Masterton, 81 points; M. Hoar, Masterton, 63 points; D. Fell, Masterton, 61 points.

Pigs.—Senior: R. Ingley, Greytown, 135 points; J. Warrington, Featherston, 130 points; S. Smith, Alfredton, 127 points. Junior: F. McDonald, Alfredton, 115 points; S. Donald, Masterton, 95 points; J. Hercock, Carterton, 80 points. Schoolboys: P. G. Evans, Wairarapa College, 140 points; R. Dagg, Wairarapa College, 110 points; C. Richardson, Wairarapa College, 95 points.

Friesians.—Senior: A. Heckler, Alfredton, 165 points; A. Weatherstone, Featherston, 160 points; H. Miller, Masterton B, and H. McKenzie, Carterton, 140 points, equal. Junior: R. Seymour, Alfredton, 110 points; F. McRae, Masterton, 95 points; J. Hull, Alfredton, 84 points. Schoolboys: A. R. Parker, Masterton, P. Easthope, Masterton, and C. Richardson, Masterton, 100 points, equal; C. Griffin, Masterton, and D. Fell, 89 points, equal.

The clubs gave a good account of themselves generally, although Featherston and Greytown were badly handicapped by not entering junior teams. Had only senior teams been considered, these two clubs would have

been placed second and third respectively to Masterton.

The experiment of introducing junior sections appears fully justified, and should serve as further encouragement to the younger members, on whom the strength of the Y.F.C. movement so much depends.



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