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Charolais deal makes history

A CHAROLAIS bull, the first to be sold in Ireland at a public auction, at the Maynooth Mart yesterday fetched 1,100 guineas.

The buyer was Mr. Joseph McGrath, the well-known bloodstock, cattle and sheep breeder, who farms near the Curragh.

The bull attracted considerable attention and there were buyers present from many parts of Ireland and Scotland.

In addition, about 10 lots of half-bred Charolais, in-calf heifers made record prices. The Maynooth Col-

lege farm sold several lots which averaged around £160 each. They were all in-calf to a Charolais bull.

The bull was offered by the consortium of five Irish breeders who were the first to import Charolais cattle from France four years ago.

Mr. McGrath bought a number of Charolais heifers in France last year.

● Picture shows Mr McGrath with the bull. In the background are Messrs. Pat Malone, manager, Ballynaglassan Stud (right) and Tom Nolan, assistant groom do.

