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The so-called Dominion Exhibition at Ottawa.

Within the last few weeks, several very large and thoroughly successful independent exhibitions were held in Toronto, Guelph, London, and in other districts of Ontario, which, in most cases, were as considerable and even more attractive than what was given as *The Dominion Exhibition* at Ottawa. We are indeed very sorry to say anything disparaging; the more so that, for many years, we have strenuously advocated a Dominion organization for the purpose of perfecting our various Provincial Exhibitions, and giving the necessary development to such departments,—agricultural machinery, for instance,—as are of deep interest to every Canadian farmer, whether he comes from Manitoba or from Cape Breton. We had hoped for a strong, active, and patriotic association, representing our various provinces, whose main duty would have been the working out of all generally interesting agricultural problems. Nothing of the sort seemed even to have been thought of at Ottawa, and except the Manitoba exhibits, under the direct supervision and maintenance of the Federal Department of Agriculture, there was really nothing in this exhibition to entitle it to be called a Dominion Exhibition. In fact, in most particulars, it was greatly inferior to that which had just been held, very successfully, by a thoroughly independent organization, at Toronto.

Although a formal invitation was extended to exhibitors from the Province of Quebec, no effort seems to have been made, by any one, to our knowledge, to secure exhibits. We applied for a copy of the prize list to the agricultural secretary of the so-styled "Provincial Committee," but could not get one before the latter end of August, just about ten days before the entries were closed! On inquiry, we were told that this committee was purely honorary, and had nothing to do with the management of the exhibition. We shall not stop to question the advisability—we might say honesty—of appointing committees to do nothing. It is not surprising that so few exhibitors, comparatively, went to Ottawa, from the Province of Quebec.

We notice however, with great pleasure, that quite a number of prizes have fallen to our lot, and amongst others, several of the most important, for which competition was greatest. For instance, the gold medal and 1st prize for the best creamery butter was taken by Mr. F. Wilson, Montreal. The 1st prize and silver medal, for the best firkin of private dairy butter went to Mr. J. Martin, St. Andrews. The only two first prizes for the best milk cows, Ayrshire and Jerseys respectively, were secured by Mr. James Drummond, of Petite Côte, and Mr. Romeo Stephens, of St. Lambert. We are sorry not to have seen at Ottawa, a representation from the Messrs. Cochrane, and from Judge Dunkin's herds. The reason being, it appears, that they consider their short-horn stock too valuable to be exhibited at such shows.

Amongst the successful exhibitors we noticed the following prizes to residents in our Province:—

For Thoroughbred Horses.—Best stallion, 4 years old, 3rd

prize: Joseph Hickson, Montreal; also, the 2nd prize for the best yearling colt; 1st prize for the best 2 years old filly; 2nd prize for the best brood mare with foal by her side.

Roadsters and Saddle-horses.—Best yearling filly, 2nd prize: Geo. Rainboth, Aylmer.

Carriages horses, over 15½ hands.—Best stallion, 4 years old, 3rd prize: M. Brousseau, Laprairie; best stallion, 3 years old, 2nd prize: R. H. et J. Klock, Aylmer; best yearling colt, Geo. Rainboth, Aylmer; best brood mare with foal by her side, Robert Kerr, Hull township; 3rd prize, R. H. & J. Klock; best foal of 1878, 1st prize: R. H. & J. Klock; best pair of matched carriage horses, 2nd prize: David Moore, Hull; best hunter in saddle, over hurdles, 3rd prize: Joseph Hickson.

Horses for agricultural purposes, exclusive of Clydesdales and Suffolks.—Best stallion, 4 years old, 3rd prize: Louis Trudeau, Napierville; best stallion, 3 years old, 1st prize, bronze medal: Alarie Lafleur, St. Rémi; 3rd prize: Robt. Kerr, Hull; best filly, 2 years old, 3rd prize: Thomas Irving, Montreal; best yearling filly, 3rd prize: W. R. McLatchie, Templeton; best brood mare with foal by her side, 1st prize with bronze medal: W. R. McLatchie; best foal of 1878, 3rd prize: Geo. Rainboth.

Pure Clydesdale Stallion, 3 years old, 1st prize and bronze medal: Neil J. McGillivray, Montreal.

Durhams.—Best bull, 4 years old, 3rd prize: David Moore, Hull.

Herefords.—Best Heifer, 2 years old, 1st prize and bronze medal: J. Hickson.

Ayrshires.—Best bull, 4 years old, 3rd prize: G. H. Muir, St. Laurent; best bull, 3 years old, 2nd prize: Jos. Henderson, Hochelaga; best bull, 2 years old, 1st prize, and bronze medal: Andrew Scott, St. Laurent; best bull, 1 year old, 1st prize: Thos. Irving, Montreal; best cow, 2nd prize: Thos. Irving; best heifer, 1 year old, 2nd prize: Thos. Irving; best heifer calf, 3rd prize: John Hay, Lachute; best three milk cows, 1st prize and silver medal: James Drummond, Hochelaga.

Galloways.—Best heifer, 2 years old, 1st prize and bronze medal: Jos. Hickson, who also takes 2nd prize for 1 year old heifer.

Jersey and Alderney.—Best bull, 2 years old, 1st prize: Jos. Hickson, also 2nd prize for best yearling bulls; also 1st prize and bronze medal for best bull of any age; best cow, 3 years old, 1st prize: Romeo H. Stephens, who also takes 1st prize and bronze medal for best female of any age.

Grade cattle.—Best heifer calf, 3rd prize: Jas. Mulligan, Aylmer.

Sheep, Leicesters.—Best 2 ewes, aged, 3rd prize: Chs. Demnais, Terrebonne.

Pigs, large breeds.—Best boar over 2 years, 3rd prize: Jas. Mulligan; also for best sow over 2 years, 3rd prize.

Poultry.—For poultry, Mr. Hickson takes 1st prize for best pair of silver gray Dorkings, of light Brahmas, Brahmas,