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Watford Fair a Record Breaker; Big Show Pronounced Success

Attendance Was Very Large—
Exhibits Best Seen for
Many Years.

[By a Staff Reporter.]

Watford, Sept. 26.—Favored by weather much better than has been the lot of fall fairs of late, the Watford Fair today was a pronounced success. The crowd was fully equal to last year's, the banner year of the association. The grounds were greatly crowded, a large number being present from a distance. There were no mishaps to mar the day's success.

The show itself was a splendid one. The entry list was much larger than usual, and there was a decided improvement in the quality of stuff shown, especially in the live stock. No better showing of live stock has been seen at a country fair for many years. The other departments were fully up to the standard. The attractions were also much above the average, and President Parrel and Secretary H. F. Williams were enthusiastic over the show.

Very Fine Cattle.

The cattle were a magnificent exhibit. Some of the best herds in Ontario were shown, and competition in every class was very keen. The Durhams were especially fine, two splendid herds being exhibited by Mr. George Oke, Alvinston, and Mr. J. Fuller, Warwick. These cattle were excellent, and were much commented on. Herefords were a good class, Govenlock & Sons, of Forest, sweeping the boards with their fine stock. Dymont, of Dundas, had a very large herd of Ayrshires on exhibition, and took the lion's share of prizes in this class. Mr. R. Inch, of Kerwood, also had some good Ayrshires. Three large herds of Polled Angus cattle made competition very keen in this class, the prizes being well distributed among Mr. J. Watt, Mr. O. Watt and Mr. James Buchanan, all of Kerwood. In the Holsteins, Mr. W. Bryant, of Cairngorm, swept the boards. There were a few Jerseys shown. The grade cattle were well represented, many splendid beef cattle being on exhibition. Taking it all together, the cattle show was a notable feature.

Splendid Horses.

Horses were a strong class especially in the heavy classes. The farmers of Brooke and Warwick breed some excellent heavy horses, and some fine animals were on exhibition. In the heavy classes, Messrs. Walter Annett, Brooke; McKeller, Glencoe; McKinley Bros., Aberarder; James Johnston, Alvinston; Hamilton Taylor, Forest; H. H. Lovell, Tancard; D. A. McIntyre, Brooke; and Fred Rawlings, Forest, had some very fine horses in the heavy classes, and took many prizes. The light horses were good, especially in the roadster classes. Among those who took prizes in the light horses were Messrs. Walter Annett, Brooke; Arch Munroe, Inwood, and Maddock, of Walnut.

The Sheep.

The pigs were a large class. Mr. Jas. McEwen, Kerwood, had a very large herd of Berkshires on exhibition, and practically swept the class. Mr. Nelson Wiley, Warwick, and Mr. E. Anderson, Wyoming, had a number of Tamworth hogs, and kept the prizes between themselves. Mr. James McEwen also had a large number of Yorkshires, and took many prizes. Mr. R. Capes, of Plympton, had some very fine Yorks.

The Sheep.

Nearly every variety of sheep was represented, and generally by large

breeders. The long wools were a very large lot, while the short wools were exceptionally large. In Southdowns, Mr. J. C. Stonehouse, Wyoming, took the majority of the prizes; in the Oxford Downs, Mr. T. K. Smith, Wyoming, and Mr. W. Wyant, Kerwood, divided the prizes. In the Lincoln, Mr. H. McLean, Wyoming, had it all his own way, while Mr. M. McPhail, Alvinston, swept the boards for Shropshire Downs. R. Morgan & Sons took nearly all the prizes in the Cotswold classes, and Mr. James Hunter, of Wyoming, took all the prizes for Dorsets. Mr. W. McLean, Kerwood, had an exceptionally fine lot of Leicesters, and swept the board.

The Poultry.

The poultry was up to the usual standard. Several well-known breeders, such as the Bogue Bros., of Strathroy; E. Doane, of Watford; A. G. Brown, Watford; D. Ross, Warwick; T. Lucas, Brooke, and D. Graham, had splendid exhibits, and, of course, made the competition keen. The quality of the poultry throughout this section is improving, and some fine birds were shown.

Crystal Palace.

The Crystal Palace exhibit was about the usual thing. The ladies' work was if anything much improved, the professional exhibitor not being so conspicuous as in former years. The vegetables were an exceptionally good showing, while the fruit was hardly up to other years. The other lines were good also.

The Baby Show.

The baby show was another interesting feature, many kiddies being shown. In the pretty baby competition, first prize was awarded to Mrs. D. Saunders, Brooke, and second prize to Mrs. Lucas, Brooke. Mrs. John W. Smith, Warwick, took first prize for the fattest baby, and Mrs. F. Everett, Watford, second prize. Mrs. H. Curtin, Watford, took first prize for the youngest baby. Mrs. J. Manders took the special prize for twins.

The Horse Races.

The horse races were very good, although the entry list was not as large as it might have been. In the free-for-all, Capt. Sphinx was in good form, and won from that old campaigner, Wisdom King, in straight heats. Flora D. was a bang-up third in every heat. In the 2:40 class there were only two entries, but it was some as a horse race, Tony Bars and Plebsicite went like a team every inch of the way, Tony outfooting him in the stretch in every heat.

The slow race was a smashing race every minute, and the horses were only heads apart at the wire. Mr. J. Lowrie, of Sarnia, made an efficient starter.

The summary:

Free-for-all—
Capt. Sphinx, R. Kettle, Sarnia, 1 1
Wisdom King, C. Barrett, Park-
hill, 2 2
Flora D., W. Aikens, Wyoming, 3 3
Time, 2:23½, 2:20½, 2:23¾.
2:30 pace—
Tony Bars, Pearce & Pringley,
Strathroy, 1 1
Plebsicite, Jas. Cruickshank, Col-
lerville, 2 2
Time, 2:24½, 2:25½, 2:25¼.
The following was the result of the last race on the card at Watford fair:
2:50 pace—
Black Pet, R. J. McCormick, War-
wick, 1 1
John R. J. Rainsbury, Osborne, 2 2
Gold Bars, J. McInroy, Adelaide, 3 4
Sandy Bars, G. W. Denning, Ker-
wood, 4 3
Minnie A., Dr. Auld, Watford, 5 5
Time, 2:32½, 2:34¼.

SIR WILFRID ON JAP QUESTION

Does Not Want to Do Anything
in a Panic—Commission
May Be Appointed.

Toronto, Sept. 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed the Canadian Manufacturers' Association's annual banquet at the King Edward Hotel last night. The Premier was received with great enthusiasm and delivered a notable address to the gathering.

Sir Wilfrid responded to the toast of "Canada and the Empire," and reviewed the history of the present agreement between the two nations. The Premier said that some years ago the imperial authorities had negotiated a treaty with Japan, in which Canada was not included, but had the right to have these provisions extended to her. About two years ago the Government of the day had decided to include Canada in the treaty. They had been led to do this on account of the great trade advantages offered and also because the Japanese Government had restricted emigration.

In reply to this Sir Wilfrid said that he could not agree with Mr. Blackstock's conception of the British Empire. He said: "I favor Imperial unity, but local autonomy. I do not wish to see this nation swallowed up by some big nation. I want Canada and her sister nations to remain self-governing states, loyal to the British crown."

"In case of emergency," he continued, "Canada could fight for the Empire, as she had done in South Africa, but I am opposed to any plan of

defense which would place soldiers at the disposal of the King except in the case of war."

Canada's ideal was peace. She must never be drawn into the vortex of European militarism. Europe was an armed peace. There everyone was constantly looking for war.

"On this continent," he declared, "no one ever thought about war and standing armies are unknown."

Sir Wilfrid referred to the recent treaty made with France. "Canada," said Sir Wilfrid, "should make her own treaty. She could make a better bargain for herself than Great Britain could make for her. I know of no case where Great Britain had undertaken to act for Canada in negotiating with a foreign nation, but that Canada got the worst of it."

The Fiscal Question.
Referring to the fiscal question, he said that personally he favored free trade within the Empire, but that Canada would not consent to this, no more than would Australia, and thus Great Britain would not confine her free trade principles to the boundaries of the Empire.

"Canada," said Sir Wilfrid, "would be glad of preferential trade with Great Britain, but Great Britain must decide whether or not she would accept."

"Canada," he said, in conclusion, "would not permit Great Britain to

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