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### Farmers After Drainage

While calling at the office of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World recently, Prof. W. H. Day, B. A., of the Ontario Agricultural College, who was on his way to Perth to give a demonstration in drainage work in the interests of the branch office of the Department of Agriculture, stated that his department was constantly turning down applications for drainage surveys. Many farmers had held off sending in their applications all summer and now at the last moment they were writing and wanting a man at once. Of course it was impossible to fulfill their requests as hundreds of applications had been received earlier in the season which demanded the first consideration. Professor Day stated that he had three men on the road practically all the time laying out drains.

This drainage work that has been undertaken by the Physical Department of the college is proving to be a great thing for farmers. The growth that has taken place over Ontario in the feeling towards drainage is wonderful. On the average farm there is probably no investment one can make that will return better interest for the money and labor invested than will underdrains. It is the often repeated opinion of all those who have installed underdrains that they pay for themselves in from one to three years in the extra production of crops. It is a great boon to our farmers that capable men, such as are sent out from the college, are available for this work of properly surveying and laying out drains. To be the most effective drains must be scientifically constructed. Farmers having underdrains to do should avail themselves of this service supplied by the Ontario Agricultural College.

### Swine at the Canadian National

The exhibit of hogs numbered 414 entries, of, on the whole, as prime stuff, as ever faced the judges at Toronto. This speaks well for the industry, especially after passing through such a depression as the breeders have experienced within the past year. The Berkshire entries numbered 143, largely in the hands of new exhibitors, such as William Wilson of Brampton, Ont.; J. J. Wilson, Milton, Ont.; L. Wood, Islington; E. T. Choate, Brampton; E. Chapman, Brampton. Most of the old exhibitors had their usual quota of stock.

### BERKSHIRES

The aged boar class brought out a strong lot. T. A. Cox of Brantford, 1st, with a lengthy good one; William Wilson of Brampton, winning 2nd on a hog of choice quality but rather undersized for class. Cooper & Nephevs, the well-known sheep dip manufacturers won 3rd and 4th upon a pair of useful hogs. Many good judges would have placed a large, smooth-topped hog of Thos. Teasdale's, well up in the money. In senior yearlings, three were brought forward by Thos. Teasdale, Concord; P. W. Boynton & Son, Dollar; Cooper & Nephevs, who won in the order named. In junior yearlings, J. J. Wilson won 1st on a very smooth, clean-cut hog, with Teasdale and Cooper and Nephevs following respectively. T. A. Cox again scored 1st in the under 12 months class, with G. Wood, Islington, winning second and 3rd. E. T. Choate won 1st in the under 6 months' class, Boynton 2nd, Cooper & Nephevs 3rd, and G. Wood, 4th, placings that were not altogether popular among the onlookers, several expecting a Teasdale entry to head the list. The silver medal was awarded to the aged boar belonging to T. A. Cox.

A fine growthy bunch of aged sows faced the judges, and secured J. J. Wilson 1st, Cooper & Nephevs 2nd, Boynton & Son, 3rd, and Teasdale

4th. In senior yearlings, T. A. Cox again scored 1st, Teasdale 2nd, Cooper & Nephevs 3rd and 4th upon a very good lot, but a better lot came out as junior yearlings when J. J. Wilson again won 1st, with Cooper & Nephevs 2nd and T. A. Cox, 3rd, upon a grand smooth pig. In sows, under 12 months, J. J. Wilson was again placed 1st, the fourth time in four entries, which is a remarkable record for a new exhibitor. Teasdale won 2nd and Cooper & Nephevs 3rd and 4th.

### YORKSHIRES

The Yorkshire classes in which were over 100 entries put up one of the best, if not the best, exhibits they ever had at Toronto. D. C. Flatt and Son, Millgrove, the most extensive importers and breeders in Ontario, who deserve congratulations for the way in which their herd is fitted, won the lions share of the prizes, capturing every first and second honors. Joseph Featherstone & Son, Streetsville, put up a strong and very creditable exhibit next to that of Messrs. Flatt. The only other exhibitor being Jas. Wilson & Son, Fergus, who also had a strong lot forward, but was not in the money. The judges were after being of medium length, profitable kind, however, for the average feeder. J. E. Brethour, Burford, failed to put in an appearance with his entry which would no doubt have added increased strength to the class. The judges were R. J. Sarbutt, Bellville, and Wm. Jones, Zenda.

### TAMWORTHS

Tamworths were never better represented than at this show. D. Douglas & Sons, Mitchell, were exceptionally strong in their exhibit, notwithstanding the fact that they lost a head, owing to the extreme heat when shipping. This firm are to be congratulated upon the fine form in which they showed their herd, some of them perhaps were rather too heavily fitted for the breed. E. G. Morrow & Son, Milton, and Chas. C. Morrison, were each out in fine form, breaking about even for second place, with a lot of useful stuff, the former winning the silver medal sow, and Douglas & Son on boar. Herbert German, St. George, the only other exhibitor had a good useful bunch forward but not highly enough fitted for his competitors. J. C. Nichol, Hubrey, placed the ribbons.

### OTHER BREEDS

The exhibit of other distinct breeds was not as large and representative as one might expect from the number of breeds it covered, perhaps because there is very little to encourage men to show where as many different types come together as succas largely depends upon the leanings of the judge to one type or another. The best shown were the Hampshire, a belted hog and a comparatively new breed shown by Hastings Bros., Crosshill, Poland China and Duroc by G. Smith, Scotland, Ont., Essex by J. Featherstone & Son, Streetsville, Chester Whites by D. DeCoursey, Barnholm, and W. E. Wright, Glatworth. This latter breed which is very popular for crossing purposes should receive a distinct class at such an important exhibition. They were the principal winners in the above class.

A large and interesting exhibit of export Bacon hogs faced the judges who spent a considerable time in making their decisions. They finally placed Messrs Flatt 1st and 2nd with very uniform pens that won in the same order in the Yorkshire class. Third prize went to an entry of Featherstone's, white and black sows. Douglas & Son's Tamworths, some of which were a trifle thick for the class. The judges were the same as officiated in Tamworth and Yorkshire classes.

A report of the Horses and Beef Cattle will appear next week.