

Toronto Open-air Parade and Horse Show.

Dominion Day sees in Toronto a very pleasing and praiseworthy event in the Open-air Parade and Horse Show of that city. Eight years ago, the first of these was held, and ever since this annual event has been growing in numbers and popularity, until the one just held had over six hundred entries, forming a parade line three miles long, and was participated in and supported by the entire city.

This is a most laudable enterprise, deserving not only the praise, but also the support, of all horse-lovers in the community. There is no entrance fee. The arduous labors and the moneys expended are both supplied out of zeal in a noble purpose by the public-spirited men of Toronto. The special object of the show is to improve the condition and treatment of commercial horses, to induce owners and drivers to take more pride in their appearance, and the public to take more interest in their welfare. Such an organization is most praiseworthy, and the men who have conceived and who execute it merit that co-operation and public approval due to such benevolence. The management committee consisted of Noel Marshall, President; Robert W. Davies, Alfred Rogers, Dr. W. A. Young, H. J. P. Good (Manager of the Dominion Exhibition at St. John, N. B.), and T. J. McCabe. The latter, in the absence of Mr. Good, performed the offices of Secretary and Manager. There was a goodly number of men from adjacent points, who, interested in the success of so laudable an enterprise, not only were present, but also gave their services freely as marshals or judges. Among these were Wm. Smith, Columbus; James Torrance, Markham; John Bright, Myrtle; G. de W. Green, Sec.-Treasurer Canadian Shire Horse Association; Hon. Robert Beith, Bowmanville, and many others. All the conspicuous horsemen of Toronto were there, with willing hands. As a consequence, this tremendous show moved with surprising precision. The announcement called for all horses to be at Queen's Park at eight o'clock, and all officers to be there at eight-thirty; the parade was scheduled for half-past ten. Despite the fact that there were forty-eight classes and about six hundred horses to be judged, the schedule was maintained, and the procession, three miles long, left the park at half-past ten. By twelve o'clock they re-entered the park and passed the reviewing stand, where all awards were handed out with such precision that the march of the line was scarcely interrupted.

Twenty classes were provided for light horses; twenty-six classes were devoted to the commercial horses, providing for everything, from the four-in-hands of the packers, and the large teams of the railroads, to the light horses of the bakers and the milk-deliverers. Four classes were provided for aged horses. As a result, many of them came out in it shape, and up to twenty-nine years of age. To every driver in the commercial classes the management gave one dollar; the first prize in each class was a handsome silver cup; the second and third prize-winners received very neat and beautiful silver shields.

The classes were all full, many of them having around forty entries. The horses were well groomed, the harness shining, the carriages clean, all justifying that pride which comes from the satisfaction of having things right. There were so many excellent horses that it would be manifestly unfair to attempt a description. However, it seems necessary to mention the excellence of a few classes. Heavy draft pairs, open to all, brought out thirteen excellent teams, matched, appropriately outfitted, in good condition, and well groomed. The coal companies' class for single heavy horse brought out twelve animals of the draft kind, and the drivers showed that coal-handlers know how to care for their horses, and enjoy it. The City Street Commissioner's Department showed many very good cart horses, and the light deliveries and butchers made a splendid showing.

Such a show was surely worth while. It stimulates a pride and rivalry in the care and management of horses among these workingmen. The horses will benefit from the show for the entire year, and so will the drivers. It was the workingman's day, and the working horse's day. The park horse was overshadowed, and the automobile was debarred entirely. Many cities and small towns may well follow the plan of Toronto in having such a parade.

Progress in South Oxford.

Despite a period of very dry weather, thickening the dust on the highways, crops in South Oxford, Ont., seem quite flourishing. Spring grain, which had apparently almost stood still during the cold, backward weather, has taken on a rich-green color, and is growing well. Some corn had to be replanted, but this crop is now looking pretty well, too, though not yet very tall. By the number of new silos going up, it would seem that a farm without one will soon be quite exceptional. Round cement ones greatly predominate among the recent erections, and a size of 14 feet in diameter, by upwards of 30 feet high, is the rule. Fine fields of clover were to be seen, and some hay was made last week. Numerous patches of alfalfa bespeak an awakening interest in this crop. The dairy industry has developed much of late years in the extreme southern part of the county, and is already stamping the appearance of enlarged prosperity on its face. Large herds of cows, with black and white colors prevailing, roam the pastures, and their owners, while occasionally complaining of their exacting demands in the way of labor for milking, seem, on the whole, quite well satisfied with the returns.

Apples have fallen considerably in some orchards, but, on the whole, promise very much better than in some districts farther west.

The Village of Norwich held a successful Centenary Celebration last week, commemorating the arrival and occupation of its first settlers, in 1810. In the fall of 1809, Peter Lossing, of Dutchess Co., N. Y., a minister among the Friends, or Quakers, as they are more generally known, and his brother-in-law, Peter De Long, purchased, for 50 cents an acre, from Mr. Wilcox, of York, his crown grant of 15,000 acres in what are now the townships of North and South Norwich. Returning to New York State, Mr. Lossing secured other colonists, and moved into Canada in the fall of 1810, followed the next year by a number of other families, e.g., the De Longs, Stovers, Sackeiders, Moores, Siples, McLees, Hillikers, Palmers, Curtisses and Woodrows. Very interesting it is to recall and clarify these vague accounts of pioneer days, and the centenary celebration idea is worth emulating in other sections.

Good Prospects in Huron.

Everything is growing rapidly in South Huron under the heat of the last few days. The second cut of hay will be light generally. Fall wheat, on the whole, looks well. Barley and oats have suffered some with May beetle and wireworm, but otherwise look healthy. Alfalfa is the heir-apparent in this section. Corn is doing well, although some was sown in June; much of the seed was of weak vitality. Mangels are a good catch. Some new silos are being built. Taken on the whole, prospects are good.

Huron Co., Ont.

R. B. McLEAN.

Argentine Stock Still Excluded.

By one of those annoying inadvertences that will occur, seemingly in spite of the most diligent care, a misleading heading appeared on an item in last week's paper, noting the fact that the door in Britain is still closed against live stock from the Argentine. The heading read, "Argentine Stock Still Admitted." It should have been, "Argentine Stock Still Excluded."

Hot Weather in Essex.

Excessive heat has prevailed throughout the peninsula during past three weeks, but at date of writing (July 1st) no material damage has befallen the grain crop. On heavy clay lands, where thoroughly underdrained, the growth of corn has been phenomenal, but upon the lighter lands of Southern Essex, while not suffering, the growth has not been so rapid, and a shower of rain would be beneficial. Wheat and barley has also shown marked improvement during past fortnight. Early-sown oats, likewise, are exceedingly heavy, and are heading, but later-sown have received quite a severe check. Haymaking has commenced in many sections, and in a few days will be quite general. The yield on high land, where the frost did not strike heavily, and also on clay, is surpassing the most sanguine expectations. Pasture fields have never presented a better appearance than at present. Peas, although not largely grown, are an excellent crop. Potatoes are making a good showing, but sugar beets, although there is a wider area under crop than formerly, are not so good as last year. Tobacco, of which there is an increased acreage planted, requires moisture to assist growth.

Small fruits have suffered considerably from heat and drouth. Early cherries have ripened very rapidly, injuring the sample to some extent. Peach-growers are jubilant over this hot weather, since they claim it is of special benefit in producing a uniform development. Prospects in peach line have brightened somewhat since hot weather. Such an authority as J. O. Duke, of Olinda, states that, while the quantity may be less than last year, yet the quality will be much superior.

Essex Co., Ont.

A. E.

Dominion Agricultural Appointments.

G. E. Sanders, B. S. A., of Nova Scotia, and R. C. Treherne, B. S. A., both graduates of the Ontario Agricultural College, have been engaged for field work for the Dominion Division of Entomology to carry out measures against the Brown-tail moth, under the new Insects and Pests Act. Their first work will be in New Brunswick, inspecting districts adjoining Maine State, which is infested with the moth, and subsequently inspecting importations of nursery stock in Nova Scotia, and the destruction of winter nests, and general control work. Mr. Treherne has been acting temporarily as inspector for the Division, and Mr. Sanders has been engaged the past three years chiefly on field work with Dr. Forbes, State Entomologist, of Illinois.

The Civil-service Commission at Ottawa announce the appointment of the following successful candidates: Assistant to the Agriculturist at the Central Experimental Farm, Clayton O. White, Brooklin, Ont.; Assistant Horticulturist at Central Experimental Farm, Gordon T. Bunting, St. Catharines; Assistant Cerealist, Central Experimental Farm, Harry Sirett, Carp, Ont.

Ontario Winter Fair to Open Monday, Dec. 5th.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, held in Toronto on Tuesday, June 28th, it was decided to hold the next fair on December 5th to 9th, 1910. This means that the fair will open on Monday, instead of Tuesday, as formerly. Poultry exhibits must be in the building on Saturday previous to the opening, and the other exhibits must be in place by 10 o'clock on Monday morning. This will be the week following the International at Chicago, so that animals may be shown at both exhibitions. Judges were appointed, and some changes made in the prize-list, which is lengthened by the addition of several new sections, notably in horses. Devon cattle are struck off the prize-list, and separate classes made for Herefords, Aberdeen-Angus and Galloways.

GOSSIP.

S. M. Pearce, Iona, Ont., writes: "It pays to advertise," as since placing his recent advertisement in "The Farmer's Advocate," he has sold a red yearling bull to D. Melvin, Winchester, Ont.; also a nine-months-old roan bull, to F. W. Glover, Fingal, Ont. Both of these bulls are thick, sappy fellows, of the famous old Beauty tribe.

Kyle Bros., Ayr, Ont., write: The Shorthorn bulls we are offering for sale in our advertisement are Newton Ring-leader (imp.) =73783=, of the Cruickshank Fragrant family, sired by Cam Ringleader, a winner at the Royal, and many other shows. This is a bull of great substance, and, we think, will be a good sire, as his calves are coming good. Anybody thinking of getting an imported bull should not fail to see him

before they buy. The Canadian-bred bull is of show-yard quality, and would be almost sure to please anybody looking for a right good one.

TRADE TOPIC.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS TO WESTERN CANADA.

through the metropolis of Chicago, thence via Duluth and Fort Frances, or through Chicago and the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, July 12th and 26th. Via Sarnia and Northern Navigation Company's steamers, leave Sarnia 3.30 p. m., July 13th and 27th. Winnipeg and return \$32.00, Edmonton and return \$42.50. Tickets good for 60 days. Proportionate rates to certain other Western points. Tickets and full information from Grand Trunk agents.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

GARGET IN COWS.

Several of my cows this year have been troubled with calked udders, some after milking several weeks and out on grass, others calving on the grass have been had since freshening. Have been giving salts at different times, which seems to do good for a day or so. Also have been rubbing with goose-grease cows out on grass at nights. What is good for to cure pock on cows teats? By answering these questions through the columns of your paper, you will greatly oblige.

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Ans.—This is, evidently, a form of garget. The usual treatment is a purgative of 1 to 1½ lbs. Epsom salts, followed, after purging ceases, with a dessertspoonful of powdered saltpetre, in water, as

a drench, or in feed, daily, for a week; also bathing with hot water, and afterwards with hot vinegar, followed by rubbing the affected quarter with goose oil and spirits of turpentine. Some claim to have had good results from filling the quarter with air by means of a bicycle pump, as in the case of milk fever.

CANADA THISTLE.

Enclosed please find thistle, which resembles Canada thistle, yet seems a little different.

S. S.

Middlesex Co., Ont.

Ans.—I cannot separate the thistle sent from Canada thistle—*Cirsium arvense*. It, and its two varieties, *C. vestitum*, white, woolly beneath, and *C. integrifolium*, leaves flat and uncut, are the only thistles with perennial running rootstocks given by the text-books for Eastern United States and Canada.