

Winnipeg Exhibition

The Canadian Industrial Exhibition held at Winnipeg from July 11 to July 18 was looked forward to this year with widely different feelings of expectation by the many persons over whom the Exhibition, directly or indirectly, exercises some influence. In many former years the weather man has been very chary in disposing of his favors to the Exhibition management and, as a consequence, it has come to be looked upon as a matter of course that Exhibition week will be wet. Farmers this year consequently looked forward to Winnipeg fair week as one which, on account of the dry weather, would be a great benefit to them in the matter of bringing rain for their crops, while the directors of the Exhibition board, after having set the date for fair a week later this year, were hoping that the clerk of the weather would be more congenial in his attitude than usual and favor them with dry weather. Both parties have been attended to and this year favors have been evenly distributed. Two heavy rains took place during the week, but they came at such times as not to interfere to any great extent with the progress of the Exhibition and the arrangements throught the grounds were such that the weather proposition was completely coped with. Some little inconvenience was experienced by a few of the stock exhibits, but it was only temporary and was soon remedied. From the standpoint of attendance this year has far surpassed that of previous years. The abundance of sunshine and the general excellence of the exhibits served as a magnet to attract enormous crowds. On citizens' day it was estimated that over 60,000 people visited the grounds and the total number of persons who passed thru the turnstiles during the week was well over 100,000. Somehow or other Winnipeg Exhibition does not seem quite to have the same atmosphere as other shows of a somewhat similar nature, due probably to the fact that it is located in a city of such large dimensions. There is not the same interest taken in the livestock and exhibits of a similar nature in Winnipeg as there is in some of the other Western fairs which have the advantage of being located more centrally from an agricultural standpoint.

The Livestock Exhibit

This year the livestock exhibits were, on the average, fair, some departments being extremely well represented while others were not at all up to previous standards. Speaking collectively the cattle department was very strong both in entries and in the quality of the exhibits, the Holstein show being certainly one which has never been equalled in Western Canada. The heavy horse exhibits on the other hand, while there were a few excellent individual animals, were quite below the ordinary showing and it is unfortunate that so few of the Western breeders saw fit to bring their horses in after everything had been done by the fair board in the matter of providing all the prize money possible for competition.

This year the machinery exhibits were not so numerous as heretofore, but the showing in the Industrial Building of the many firms was very good indeed. Particular interest was also shown in two exhibits which took up prominent positions which were sent out under the direction of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. One of the exhibits was illustrative of the many phases of the wool industry, particular prominence being given to the caring for, grading and marketing of the fleeces after shearing time. This exhibit was one of great value to the farmers of the West, particularly at this time when so much attention is being paid to the raising of sheep in the Prairie Provinces. The exhibit was under the direction of the Sheep Branch of the Dominion Animal Husbandry department and the men in charge were extremely willing to answer any questions relative to the sheep industry. The other exhibit was one which was intended to demonstrate something of the valuable work which is being done on the Dominion farms in an experimental line with the object in view of determining the most expeditious and economical methods which may be followed by agriculturalists in the many different parts of the Dominion in which they are located.

The judging in all departments was extremely satisfactory, the horse awards

being placed for Clydesdales by A. G. Gormley, Unionville, Ont.; Percherons, Belgians, Shires and Suffolks, William Bell, Wooster, Ohio; light harness, J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.; ponies, Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont.; and harness and saddle horses, Wm. D. Lee, Mexico, Mo.

Clydesdales

The showing of Clydesdale horses this year was not up to the standard of former shows in the matter of number of exhibits, but the individual entrants were many of them outstanding animals of their breed in the West. During the course of the judging, it was learned that "Regal Sensation," the beautiful Clyde foal that won fame for himself and the Canadian West at the International show at Chicago last December, was dead. Many regrets were expressed in the ring at this sad occurrence, which was recognized as not only a heavy loss to the owner, R. Leckie, of Arcola, but also a loss to the Clydesdale breed in America. Among the exhibitors were to be found the names of C. and D. McDonald, Russell, Alex. Galbraith, Brandon; J. M. Webster, Cartwright; R. H. Bryce, St. Charles; Jas. Adamson, Gladstone; E. Martin, Condie; Trotter and Trotter, Brandon; Matt. Gibb, Morden; David Little, Portage la Prairie; R. Leckie, Arcola; F. McBean, Harte, and T. McMillan, Okotoks.

The aged Clydesdale class brought out but four entries and the feature of this class was the win by J. M. Webster with "Prince Ivory," a Canadian bred horse and son of "Black Ivory." This horse took second place in the Canadian bred class, but pulled up to top place in the open class. He is not quite so heavy as some in the class, but he is a neat put up horse, a good mover and shows plenty of quality in feet and legs. Two of Alex. Galbraith's horses came second and third, namely, "Proud Edward," by "Royal Edward," and "McDonald," by "Dundonald," while "Edward," by "Pride of Blacon," owned by C. and D. McDonald, was fourth.

Good breeding was seen in a small three-year-old class. The last year's champion, "Charnock," by "Criterion," owned by Alex. Galbraith, again demonstrated his splendid action and general excellence by heading the class and also of eventually being awarded the championship ribbon. "Royal Bob," by "Burden Boy," owned by Jas. Adamson, was second and this horse was also placed top in the Canadian bred class. Third place went to "Dunne Lodge Revelanta," by "Revelanta's Heir," owned by R. H. Bryce, St. Charles.

The two-year-olds proved to be the largest class in the Clydesdale exhibit and provided some very close placing. The top horse, "Everest Headlight," by "Gay Everest," owned by E. Martin, Condie, is a colt possessing good conformation, plenty of action and good size, while the stylish movement and great quality of Alex. Galbraith's colt, "Gay Palmerston," by "Bonnie W.," made him a very close second. Third place went to Trotter and Trotter on "Prince Earnside," by "Black Ivory," and fourth was taken by "Count Again," by "Johnston Count," owned by Alex. Graham.

In the yearling class, "Sweetheart's Pride," by "Lord George," owned by J. I. Miller, Myrtle, was a good first, "Count Ideal," owned by A. Graham, took second, and "Legal Count," also owned by A. Graham, was third.

Brood mares with foal were placed: 1, "Marchioness," owned by Matt. Gibb; 2, "Lady Kipling," A. Graham; 3, "Blossom of Keith," R. H. Bryce; 4, "Seascale Flower," David Little. The geld mare class was a good one and "Gay Ruby," owned by David Little, a strong, drafty type of mare, was first; "Darling Bells," belonging to T. Wishart, was second; "Miss Dee," owned by M. Gibb, third, and "Princess of Lucan," owned by T. Wishart, fourth.

Three-year-old fillies were placed: 1, "Fanny Mitchell," J. E. Martin; 2, "Lady Eleanor," A. Graham; 3, "Queen of the Sunset," A. Graham.

Two-year-olds showed a nice class, the first two especially, owned by A. Graham, were a quality pair. The placing was: 1, "Beautiful Countess," 2, "Dainty Countess," 3, G. Porterfield's filly; 4, "Bessie of Maple Grove," D. Little.

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