

WORLD EVENTS IN REVIEW

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Canadians Won Many Awards at Chicago's Big Show

Canadian exhibitors at the International Livestock Exposition and Hay and Grain Show, held at Chicago last week, have returned to their home carrying with them the greatest number of championships and prizes won in their history at this greatest of all shows of its kind. Blue-bloods of livestock from the Dominion competed with the best United States breeds and carried off impressive victories. Products of the field and farm won prizes which demonstrated that Canada is an outstanding agricultural country.

The Dominion's showing in Short-horn cattle was perhaps the most remarkable feature of the show. "King of the Fairies," the Prince of Wales' prize bull, was adjudged grand champion of shorthorns against entries from the foremost breeding farms of the United States. This famous animal had already won a grand championship at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, the week before. "Brownale Guard," a yearling bull entered by James Douglas of Caledonia, Ont., completed Canada's clean sweep in Shorthorns by winning the junior grand championship. An additional honor came to the Prince's bull in the form of the Shorthorn Society of Great Britain and Ireland's special prize.

"King of the Fairies" was sold for \$1,050 to Frank C. Baker, wealthy Shorthorn breeder of Kansas City, in the auction sales at the close of the show.

The record of the Dominion on Clydesdale horses was equally impressive. "Greenmeadow Footstep," a three-year-old stallion entered by the University of Saskatchewan, won the grand championship. The same university also scored a junior championship on this class on "Bonnie Craigie," as well as a reserve grand championship and junior championship in the breeding mare division on "Bonnie Betty," "Parkdale Fyvie," owned by J. J. Duggan of Condie, Sask., carried off a reserve championship in the yearling stallion class. "Queen of Freshwater," entered by Harrower Bros., of Watrous, Sask., took senior championship among breeding mares. In addition Saskatchewan exhibitors took many first prizes in their classes.

While Canada dropped the wheat championship to the United States for only the second time in fifteen years of international competition, the winning exhibit was grown from seed originally purchased from Seeger Wheeler, of Rosheim, Sask., who has won the wheat championship five times. L. P. Yates, of Fishtail, Mont., was crowned the new wheat king. Canadians, however, made a notable showing in wheat, scoring twenty out of a possible thirty prizes in a field of 155 exhibitors in the hard red Spring Wheat class. In oats, Canada won eleven out of twenty-five prizes. George Avery, of Kelso, Sask., was the highest exhibitor, with the third prize. Other

Canadian victories in the Grain and Hay Show included nine out of ten prizes in yellow field peas, fifteen honors in timothy seed and five out of nine in alsike clover.

Canada swept the boards again in the sheep competition. Colonel Robert McEwen of London, Ont., won grand championship on a carload lot of sheep for the fourth time running, as well as a number of reserve championships and first on individual sheep. Col. McEwen has won more grand championships on sheep than any other breeder in North America. Jay Snell of Clinton, Ont., won grand championship on his Leicester sheep. In the Cotswold division F. B. Gaspell of Hampton, Ont., took a grand and reserve championship on wethers and H. M. Lee of Highgate, Ont., a grand championship on fat Cotswold.

The Canadian Government exhibit in the Record Building was a magnet for thousands of visitors at the show. Exhibits of grains, grasses, field crops, fruits, vegetables and other products, from all the provinces of the Dominion were convincing evidence of the wide range of farming in Canada and the opportunities offered to prospective settlers.

Archie McGuigan, of Rodney, Ontario, a student at the Ontario Agricultural College, made a record in judging in the Inter-Collegiate Livestock Judging Competitions with a score of 921 points, one point higher than the previous record. This was considered an especially fine showing, particularly as there were competitors from United States colleges and only one Canadian.

Veteran Hockey Player Quits

Georges Vezina, veteran goalkeeper for the Montreal Canadiens, has been ordered out of the game for good by his physician after eighteen years of service. He has lost 35 lbs. since starting training for the season, and his lungs are said to be affected. Vezina is probably the best known figure in professional hockey, and the coolest player that ever donned skates. No matter how hot the attack on his net, he never showed the slightest sign of excitement, and in his 18 years of professional work never was penalized. He is a prominent business man of Chicoutimi, Que., and is said to be quite wealthy.

Opening of House Postponed

The test vote that will determine who is to govern the country will not be taken before the second week in January, it having been decided at a meeting of Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King and his cabinet that Parliament would not assemble till January 7th, instead of December 10th, the date first set. At least four seats would have lacked representation on December 10—Yukon, Peace River, North Huron and Bagot, possibly others, as official returns are slow in coming in and it takes some time to have the writs gazetted. It is likely that Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux will be proposed by the Government for the Speakership, but it remains for the House

to approve or reject the opening date in regard to seats for one or two of his test vote sustain the elections held with there was opposition from a for the these M preparat tives tr ever, H tainly v of two Ministers.

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Asbestos Found in British Columbia

Up to 1915 the combined chemical laboratories of the world had collected a total of about 75 cubic feet of helium gas, being much lighter than air, and non-inflammable, provides an ideal filling for dirigibles. Within the next few years Professor J. C. McLennan had located considerable supplies of this valuable commodity in Southern Alberta; now the same investigator has discovered gas in Peel County, Ontario, with the highest helium content of any natural gases as yet discovered in the British Empire. Not only is there a considerable demand for helium by research workers in all the universities of Canada, but already there are possibilities of its use in many commercial undertakings, and Prof. McLennan states that by combining it with other chemical properties an explosive thirty times more powerful than any yet known can be produced.

Sea Trip for the King

King George's physicians have advised His Majesty that he must avoid the London winters and he will probably spend two months cruising in the Mediterranean. His health was greatly improved by his sea trip in the early part of this year.

Wolf Hunt Near Guelph

Not often do the farmers in the older settled districts of Ontario have a chance to indulge in a wolf hunt, but such a chance offered in Essex township, near Guelph, a few days ago. An old wolf, almost toothless, but sleek and fat, was shot after a long chase. He had been creating havoc in the poultry yards.

Autumnal Weddings

FULLER—GILBERT
A very happy wedding was solemnized at the Baptist parsonage, Stratroy, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28th, when Rev. R. J. Devine united in the bonds of holy matrimony Mr. Basil E. Fuller, of Arkona, and Miss Erla Winnifred Gilbert of Adelaide township. Because of the illness of the bride's parents, the wedding was a very quiet affair, the happy couple leaving for Arkona for the wedding supper, after which they departed on a short trip to relatives in Southampton. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller will take up their residence in Flint, Mich., and the good wishes of a host of friends will accompany them to their new home.

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