

STOCK.

The Dominion Exhibition at New Westminster.

The third of the series, the 1905 Federal-aided exhibition, was not one whit inferior to its predecessors, and, in addition, had some features almost peculiarly its own, in which it outclassed all rivals. Comparisons are not generally favored except in the judging-ring, but if we accord the position of arbiter to the Hon. Sydney Fisher, the exhibition at New Westminster under the auspices of the R. A. & I. Society, was the agricultural show of the trio of Dominion shows already held. Other shows have, perhaps, a greater or more extensive list of attractions imported from other countries; others, again, may excel in a display of live stock, but the exhibition at the city on the Fraser was well-balanced, and very well managed. It was perfectly safe to ask a question of Manager Keary, President Trapp or Treasurer Brymner.

The weather was more uncertain than a horse race or election, and although Dame Nature had never been known to be so unkind before, according to the story of the natives, the rain gauges quit measuring the humidity, because their cups were already full and running over.

What were the outstanding features of the show? The remarkable aggregations of agricultural, horticultural and dairy products classified as district exhibits; the rest room for women; first-class music (the Irish Guards and other bands); well-kept lavatories; and the relegation of the fakers to positions of comparative obscurity. A few races were run off, but the lacrosse matches easily outclassed them as an attraction, the Coast Champions, a home-brewed team from the Royal City, their strong rivals from the Terminal City, and the Capitals, of Ottawa, who had crossed the continent to take or give a lesson in playing the game, furnished the town-bred men and women the excitement they crave. As an attraction, lacrosse teams come high, and it is an open question whether the returns warrant the expenditures made on the stick-wielders. A parachutist, by a drop from a balloon at stated intervals, demonstrated that some people would rather stake their lives against accident than work at pitching sheaves or other useful kinds of industry. Humanity has to be amused, interested or thrilled, and the visitor to the clouds administers thrills to thousands of people at so much per thrill.

The exhibition was held in Central Park, where gravel walks, greensward, flower beds and attractive buildings rest and delight the eye. It was opened by Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, the Lieut.-Governor, on Sept. 27th, and continued for ten days. Despite occasional downpours, the attendance was good and the interest sustained; on five days record crowds poured through the turnstiles.

Mr. Fisher opened the live-stock show, which took on an international character, an exhibitor from Washington State being successful in annexing several premiums, although pressed hard by his Canadian competitors. Canadian exhibitors returned from Portland were in some cases forced, by reason of superior merit on the part of the stay-at-homes, to be content with minor positions, and the rivalry in dairy products and live stock was really Dominion in its nature, for Ontario had sent of her best flocks and studs; Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta some of their best from the studs, herds and flocks of those Provinces, and their enterprise will undoubtedly be rewarded in the future by the growth of an inter-Provincial trade in live stock beneficial to all parties.

Before referring to the classes and sections, it can be said that such a show must have a wonderful effect in influencing emigration to British Columbia from other countries and Provinces. It can be said to the Canadian whose life has been strenuous, and who, having achieved wealth and honors, desires a fine climate in which to live, here is a place where one can literally sit under his own peach, cherry or apple tree, and, smoking a British-Columbian-tobacco cigar, woo my lady Nicotine.

There was a magnificent school exhibit, which was especially strong in the manual-training sections; variety, blended with instruction by demonstrations in Domestic Science by Miss McKeand, of Victoria, B. C.; practical work of a very useful kind which had its counterpart in Supt. of Creameries Wilson's demonstrations in buttermaking. The want of a live-stock catalogue was severely felt. The management were unable to provide it, owing to lack of co-operation on the part of the breeders.

The stock-judging competition was participated in by several young judges, who did very creditable work under the superintendence of Agricul-

turist J. H. Grisdale, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and Dr. A. G. Hopkins, Winnipeg, Man. The stock parade demonstrated by the crowds attracted that properly-fitted, well-shown stock is an attraction the value of which is only just beginning to be appreciated. It is to be regretted that, for financial and other reasons, a model fish hatchery and piscatorial exhibit was not available.

The Dominion Government exhibits, especially that under supervision of Supt. Sharpe, of the Experimental Farm, Agassiz, were especially good and instructive, and it makes a fitting close to



A Corner on the Dominion Fair Grounds, New Westminster, B. C.

the introduction to mention the very instructive and valuable horticultural exhibit made by his honor the Lieut.-Governor, the use of which this paper is enabled to furnish its large circle of readers through the courtesy of Sir Henri Joly, to whom we are indebted for the photograph and descriptive text.

LIVE STOCK.

HORSES.—The Clydesdale class, especially in aged stallions, furnished the judge, Robt. Ness, with plenty of work sorting the five winners from the dozen present, which included Premier Prince, the Lewis & Clark sweepstakes horse. Thos. Mercer, Markdale, Ont., and John A. Turner, Calgary, furnished the blue (first) ribbon-takers in the male and female sections, respectively, the latter winning the grand championship in draft horses. The aged stallion class included Royal Citizen (Mercer), a big bay, white-legged four-year-old, with a good way of going; the bay, Censor (Turner), a four-year-old with white hind feet, a first-prize winner at Toronto, by Cawdor Cup; the roan, Good as Gold (F. Winters, Enderby), much fancied by some, a horse

Man; Shannon's bay, Royal Macgregor, whose rivals were too large for him; Tamboline & Crozier's Black Ethiopia; Turner's Baron Sorby, by Bertha's Duke, a horse with a future; and Mercer's Lady of the Lake. In three-year-olds Mercer's Knight of Glannis got the decision over Turner's Baron. In two-year-olds, the following quartet arrived in the order given: Bathgate, a bay with rear hind white; the bay, Royal Sceptre, both hind feet white; Dean Swift, a brown; with Clan Buchanan as the runner-up. In yearlings, Turner's colt by Orpheus (a Calgary sweepstake) was first, the Henderson entry second,

Evans third. The female classes were more uneven than the male sections, contrasts in quality, action and conformation being more marked, although it remained for the female section to furnish the champion draft animal on the grounds in the Turner yearling entry, a very sweet, well-put-up filly. In aged mares, Proud Beauty, a dark-colored mare with very slight white flecks in her coat,

a drafty type, with size and quality, and nursing a foal, was first, and also female sweepstakes. Bridesmaid, a smaller mare, with feet and ankles that attracted attention, second, the other Vasey entry being third. In foals, Vasey had first and second on two promising youngsters, Turner third, and the T. & D. entry fourth. In three-year-old mares Vasey's was fortunate in being placed over the Henderson entry, Mercer having to be content with the yellow ribbon. Two-year-olds found Mercer's Nelly Carrick the wearer of the blue, her quality doing the trick over the Prince Charming filly, Cherry, from the Turner stud; Mercer's Isis, who would have done better with a shade more pastern in this section, was third. In yearling fillies, Turner had first with a bit of horseflesh far above the average, Vasey being second. For stallion and get, Royal Citizen, by Clan Chattan, a full brother to Perpetual Motion, did the trick for the Markdale stables.

Shires suffered by contrast with the Scotch drafters, some showing the upright, stilty pasterns, an occasional sidebone, and curly hair on the legs, so much disliked; some were good-bodied and useful horses, good wearers despite their inferior underpinning. The yearling class found the breed champion in the Newnham's Duke colt, a right good, well-muscled fellow, out of Laura, Gardhouse's (Highfield) mare, the sire being owned by O'Neal, Armstrong, B. C., who got him from J. M. Gardhouse, Weston. This colt is a very promising one, but carried too much iron on his feet, spoiling his action to some extent.

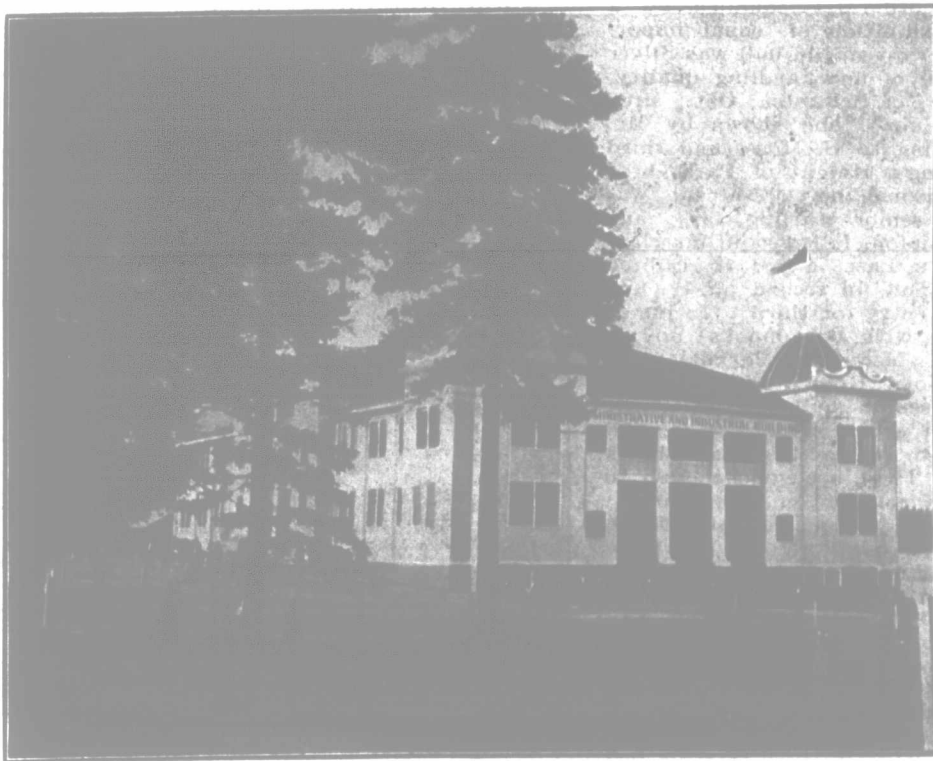
Other exhibitors of horses were as follows:

Percherons.—Chilliwack Valley Percheron Horse Association; Chilliwack; W. J. Forbes, Lynden, Wash.

Suffolk Punches.—The exhibit of J. M. Steves, Steveston, contained a number of good individuals.

Heavy Draft.—S. Brighthouse, Eburne; John Featherston, Steveston; Intersholme Stock Farm, Ladner; F. B. Pemberton, Victoria; Wellington Farm, Port Guichen; Hay Bros., Coquitlam; H. M. Vasey, Ladner; Jas. McCulloch, Steveston; Chas. Kettle, Ladner; J. A. Evans, Chilliwack; W. M. Bamford, Chilliwack; T. E. M. Banting, Banting; Jas. Bryce, Victoria; Hay Bros., Coquitlam; F. B. Pemberton, Victoria; John Featherston, Steveston.

Agricultural.—Jas. McCulloch, Steveston; Pemberton; Frank Worrell, Langley; Coulter & Berry, Langley Prairie; S. Brighthouse, Eburne; Wm. Walker, Steveston; Vasey; John Armstrong, Clover Valley; Banting; Hay Bros.



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