

SASKATOON EXHIBITION

The twenty-ninth annual exhibition was held at Saskatoon from August 2 to 6. In spite of the depressing influence of the war, the show this year was a decided success. Weather conditions were perfect and had much to do with the success of the show from the spectators' standpoint. Altho all the exhibits which were competing at the other large summer fairs did not include Saskatoon in their circuit, many of the prominent ones did compete and the livestock exhibit was the unquestioned feature of the fair. Saskatoon may be justly classed as included in the major Western summer fair circuit and the management, by paying just a little more attention to the exhibitors' comfort, such as the printing of a catalog of livestock entries, could easily make their fair one of the best in the West. The judges were as follows: Clydesdales—F. Richardson, Columbus, Ont.; Percherons and Suffolk Punch—R. E. Drennan, Canora, Sask.; Short-horns and Herefords—Capt. Thos. E. Robson, London, Ont.; Aberdeen-Angus—J. G. Barron, Carberry, Man.; Dairy Cattle—W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, Ont.; Sheep—A. J. Mackay, Macdonald, Man.; Hogs—Prof. Shaw, Saskatoon.

Horses

There was a very creditable showing by local exhibitors in the Clydesdale classes and altho the horses were not in such show fit as those at the other fairs, the quality of the whole exhibit was very creditable. B. F. Bray, Foam Lake, exhibited in "Dunure Brand" the first prize aged stallion and champion. Other exhibitors were R. W. Caswell, W. C. Sutherland, W. McKay, Saskatoon; D. Caswell, Asquith; Graham and Straughan, Vonda; Wm. Carscadden, Clark's Crossing, and Thos. Wallace, Tregarva. Female championship went to "Princess Carruchan," now owned by Jas. Dougan, Condie.

Percherons made a particularly strong line up. Upper Bros., North Portal and Calgary; C. D. Roberts and Sons, Osborne, Man.; J. Herman, Nutana, and J. H. Graham, Saskatoon, all had very worthy specimens of this breed on show. The first prize aged stallion "Konfluence," owned by Herman, was placed champion, and female championship naturally went to the well known geld mare, "Rosine," owned by C. D. Roberts and Sons.

Stanley Harrison, Qu'Appelle, was the only exhibitor of Shires. J. J. O'Brien, Grandora, won all the Belgian prizes with four horses, and the Arm River Stock Farm, with the same exhibit as was at Regina, created a very favorable impression with their exhibit of Suffolk Punch horses.

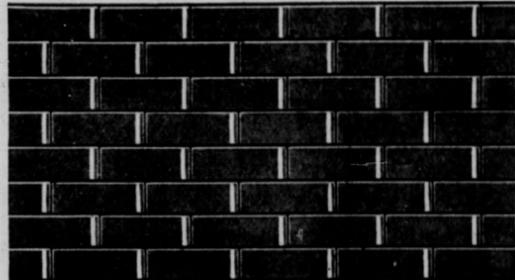
Cattle

In Shorthorns substantially the same awards were made to the four tip-top show herds which are competing in this year's Western fair circuit. J. A. Watt, Elora, Ont.; J. G. Barron, Carberry, Man.; Auld Bros., Guelph, Ont., and Yule and Bowes, Calgary, were the exhibitors. Watts two-year-old bull, "Gainford Perfection," was champion male and his two-year-old heifer, "Silver Queen," was champion female.

The herds of J. D. McGregor, Brandon, and Jas. Bowman, Guelph, again competed for honors in the Angus classes and the judge caused some ring side comment by changing the placing in several classes. Most outstanding was that of putting McGregor's unbeaten cow, "Key of Heather," into second place. Champion bull was McGregor's "Evreux of Harviestoun" and champion female was Bowman's "E. P. Rosebud 15th."

Herefords were largely the same as at Regina, altho L. O. Clifford had the misfortune to lose "Patra Fairfax," his best female at Regina. Pege had the champion bull and Chapman won most of the reds in females, including the championship. J. H. and W. E. Elliot, of Irma, Alta., were unchallenged in Red Polls, and Rowland Ness' famous De Winton herd of Ayrshires, was without other competitors. There were three good herds of Holsteins on exhibit, namely, those of Jos. H. Laycock, Okotoks, Alta.; Geo. Bevington, Winterburn, Alta., and G. T. Prowse, Ostrander, Ont. Junior champion bull was Laycock's "Bonnie Brae Palestine." Grand champion bull was G. Bevington's "Count Tensen A." "Molly of Bayham," owned by Prowse, was senior champion female, with "Kathleen Fancy de Kol," owned by Bevington, as junior champion female.

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Sheep and Swine

Berkshires were represented by good herds from S. Dolson and Sons, Norval Station, Ont.; Chas. Weaver, Deloraine, Man., and Andrew Davidson, Watrous. Dolson had the big end of the winnings. John Maurer, Clive, Alta., had no competition in Duroc Jerseys, and in Tamworths Dolson also showed alone. A. D. McDonald and Son, Napinka, Man., took everything in Yorkshires except a third in the boar under six months class, and a fourth in the sow under six months class. Three prizes went to J. Schmitter, Nutana. In Poland Chinas the strong herd of F. H. Weinke, Stony Mountain, Man., met good competition in the local herd of J. M. Welker, Sutherland, who, showing for the first time, succeeded in winning first and second in the sow and litter, first in the boar under six months, first in aged sows, and first in sow and litter. A hard class to judge was the sweepstakes class, which brought out a first class string of all breeds of both sexes. The judge finally picked on McDonald's Yorkshire boar as the most valuable animal, reserve going to Dolson's champion Tamworth sow.

The sheep pens were filled with the same flocks seen at Regina, with a small supplement of local stuff. Oxfords went undisputed to Arkell and Sons, Ont.; Suffolk Downs to Bowman, Guelph,

Ont.; Leicesters to Herbert Smith, Camrose, and Shropshires to R. McEwen, of Brantford, Ont., with one or two small prizes to M. Schwetter, Nutana.

FLAX MACHINERY

The Guide has received a number of inquiries from farmers who have flax regarding machinery for the harvesting and preparation of the flax straw for fibre. On this subject Louis Hartvigsen, Regina, writes: "The flax pulling machines have to be imported from San Francisco and it will be impossible to obtain them in time for this year's crop. The flax may be cut with a mower, as close to the ground as possible, or better still pulled by children or by Indians by hand. The flax straw breaking machines and the scutching machines will be on the market in Western Canada this fall."

CARE OF THE UDDER

Many good cows are lost to a useful life on the dairy farm by the neglect of a little necessary care at a critical time. This is particularly true of heifers and extra heavy milkers. Sometimes it is true of mediocre cows that have been fed too stimulating foods for a time prior to freshening. Under normal conditions the udder of the cow

should not require special attention, but the farther we get from natural conditions and the more we incline to forced production the greater the likelihood of trouble.

A cold cement floor, cold ground, bruising of the udder, sudden chills, etc., are some of the external causes of udder trouble. The preventative remedies can be easily applied. But should the udder become congested or inflamed just before or after calving, immediate steps should be taken to effect a cure. Fomentations with hot water several times a day, a gentle massage with the fingers, and the application of warm lard will help to alleviate the trouble. The rubbing should be towards the milk veins, so as to get the blood away from the udder if possible. A dram or two of saltpeter once or twice daily is also said to assist. In very severe cases, of course, the veterinary should be called, as it is poor economy to risk the life of usefulness of a good producer. For mild cases of udder trouble the average dairyman should be competent to treat, and with a little observation it should be possible to develop a little skill in treating such troubles.—I. B. Henderson.

A National ministry has been formed in New Zealand consisting of five government and five opposition members.