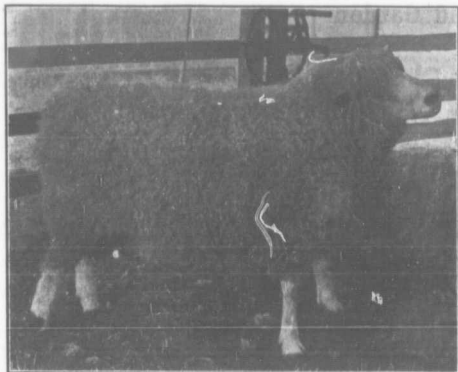




First prize Cotswold ram. Shown by J. C. Ross, Jarvis, Ont.

ing out where this "bitterness" comes from. Aside from this the cheese were well made, neatly finished, showing that the maker had done his very best to turn out a good article. He could not, however, overcome defects in the milk. The judges, to our mind, scored a little low, the highest score being only 93½ points. An interesting display, and an entirely new one at a Canadian fair was an exhibit of Swiss cheese, made and shown by Mr. Ch. Bergener, of Wellesley, Ont. The lot consisted of two flat cheese about 3 ft. in diameter and several small ones about 9 in. in diameter. The following were the awards:

Colored cheese, July and August—J. S. Isard, Paisley; G. M. McKenzie, Ingersoll; R. A. Thompson, Atwood; G. R. Stone, Perry's Crossing.

White cheese, June and July—Mary Morrison, Newry; G. M. McKenzie, James Patton, Atwood; R. A. Thompson, Atwood.

Colored August cheese—J. S. Isard; J. A. Mitchell, Pictou; J. E. Whattan, Elmbrook; G. A. Renwick, Fleetwood.

White August cheese—Mary Morrison; J. Cuthbertson, Sebringville; Benson Avery, Scotch Line; G. M. McKenzie.

Sultons—Mary Morrison, Newry; G. M. McKenzie, W. F. Gerow, Nanaimo.

Flatts—Mary Morrison, G. M. McKenzie, G. M. Claridge, Glen Huron.

Syndicate instructors—Listowel group, J. R. Burgess; Stratford group, A. McKay.

BUTTER

The butter display was about equal to that of other years in quantity, and showed a good all round average quality. Mr. I. W. Steinforth, Stratford, Ont., was judge. In the creamery class Quebec had it about all her own way, which is a tribute to the better quality of the butter made in the whole milk creamery. In our opinion, however, the cream gathering concern could make a better showing if every one concerned would give more attention to the business. Henri Gilman, St. Hyacinthe, won the butter trophy, scoring 98 points. The awards are as follows:

Creamery butter awards—Creamery export—Henri Gilman, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec; W. I. Stewart, Frontenac, Quebec; J. E. Brown, Dutton, Ont.; F. W. Smith, Vinemont, Ont.

Unsalted creamery export—W. M. Waddell, Kerwood, Ont.; E. W. Evans, Kingsay, Quebec; H. Gilman; F. W. Leclerc, Foster, Quebec.

Creamery prints—Arthur Davie, Lindsay, Ont.; G. S. Dobbie, Brownsville, Ont.; F. W. Smith; W. H. Stewart.

Creamery boxes, ten pounds—W. H. Stewart; T. E. Brown; W. M. Waddell; R. M. Playe, Walkerton.

Farm Dairy Awards—Thirty-pound crock—B. D. Young, Maisonneuve, Quebec; William Home, Frontier, Quebec; W. Stewart, Frontier, Quebec; F. W. Crealy, Strathroy.

Crocks or boxes—W. Whitelaw, Meaford; R. Tufts & Son, Tweed; W. Home, Frontier, Quebec; W. Stewart, Frontier, Quebec.

Farm dairy prints—L. Galbraith, Elmsmere, Maggie John, Bowood; W. Whitelaw, Meaford; W. Home, Frontier, Quebec.

BUTTER MAKING COMPETITIONS

The butter making competitions this year were of the usual character, with about the same number of entries. This is an educational rather than a prize-winning competition, and hundreds watched it. Mr. James Stonehouse acted as judge. The following are the awards in the various classes:

Farmers' wives, sons or daughters or hired help—1st, Miss Jayne, Cobourg; 2nd, Miss M. L. Garrick, Roseville; 3rd, Miss M. L. Garrick, Galt; 4th, Miss Ada M. Smith, Scotland, Ont.

"Free for all"—1st, Miss Jayne; 2nd, Miss M. L. Garrick; 3rd, Miss M. Garrick; 4th, L. N. Jenkinson, Toronto.

SEPARATORS

A feature of the dairy building is the display of cream separators and dairy appliances. No piece of machinery on the grounds attracted more attention than the cream separator. The following makes were represented: De Laval, Empire, U. S. Separators, Sharples, Melotte, Simplex, National, Oxford and Magnet.

HONEY

This is a bad honey year, and it had its effect upon the apary display at the exhibition. While the number of exhibitors was about the same as usual, the individual displays did not appear to be quite up to those of other years. A new feature was the

thousands of real, live, active bees running around loose. There appeared to be swarms of them about, and the unsophisticated had a longing desire to be just a few rods away from that portion of the exhibition. They did not molest anyone, so far as we could see, and were probably on parade guarding the honey, which is very precious this year, there not being sufficient policemen to go round. To repeat what we have said many times over, a new building and a better location is badly needed for honey, a defect in rounding out the exhibition, which will be remedied next year.

FRUIT

The fruit exhibit this year was a good average one, stronger in some classes than last year and weaker in others, depending upon the condition of the crop. A feature this year was the fine display of fruits in packages, chiefly apples, pears and peaches. The apples in boxes were of good quality, though according to Mr. Stewart, the Oregon packing expert, who is in Canada under direction of the Fruit Division, Ottawa, giving practical demonstrations in apple packing, Ontario apple packers have not yet learned the secret of successful packing of fruit in boxes. The chief defect is that the pack is not uniform throughout. Most of the exhibitors showed that the packer had begun one way and finished another, giving the fruit an uneven look when the side is opened. In Oregon, Mr. Stewart says, every apple put in a box is not only wrapped in paper, but has a layer of stiff paper between each layer of apples. It costs in this country about 19c a box to pack apples in this careful manner, but it pays. "If you have good fruit put it up in attractive form and the consumer will buy it and pay a good price for it," is the way Mr. Stewart puts it. Two valuable and attractive fruit displays were made by local associations, The St. Catharines Association, and the Grantham Township Association, the awards going in this order.

Fruit exhibitors are looking forward to being in better quarters next year, and are prepared to double their exhibit, provided they receive sufficient encouragement. The fruit exhibitors claim that they do not receive large enough prizes, considering the perishable character of their exhibits. It is very seldom that a basket or plate of tender fruit is any use after the exhibition is over. If the exhibitor does not get a prize, his exhibit is a total loss. The Minister is making for a lump sum increase of about \$700 to the prize list. This, if added to the present sum and properly distributed will aid materially in largely increasing the fruit display.

All the Difference

The Postmaster-General was rung up on his telephone at home. After the usual "Halloos" and "Are you there?" this question came along from a man to whom he was certainly under an obligation—"I want you to give a protégé of mine the postmastership at—". The Minister replied that he could not promise, but would consider the matter. Twenty minutes later he was rung up again. This time he was informed that the protégé was no more fit to be postmaster than a camel would be to take up double-entry bookkeeping. The Minister asked what had happened in so short a time to change his friend's estimate of the man. "Why" was the reply, "when I telephoned before he was sitting beside me—what else could I say?"