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Central Canada Exhibition a Good One

Management Shows Improvement—Excellent Educational Features—Strong Live Stock Classes Arouse Interest—Large Crowds Attended

THE Central Canada Exhibition held in Ottawa last week showed signs of progress that were appreciated by all who were interested in the welfare of this excellent exhibition. The new management, which has had charge during the past couple of years is making good and introducing features which are appreciated. Owing to the proximity of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and of the Central Experimental Farm, a considerable percentage of the directors of the exhibition are government officials. In fact, the exhibition is being somewhat criticized on the ground that the directorate does not include enough farmers. Be that as it may, a lot of good men are in charge who have been able to introduce educational features that many other exhibitions would delight to have. Last year there was great criticism of the management owing to the arbitrary manner in which it refused to accept entries that were received after the time set for the closing of entries. Some exhibitors who were refused entry last year on this ground, failed to put in an appearance this year, but there was little criticism heard this year ago seems to be passing away.

Industrial Features.

The industrial features of this exhibition are always strong. The pure food show in the Howick Pavilion, proved of great interest to the city people and many country people as well, while the largest building on the grounds was taxed to accommodate the displays of merchants and manufacturers of Ottawa and from outside points as well. The machinery building is excellently adapted for its purpose and while not as well filled as it might have been, contained exhibits of great merit as well as interesting features, including a display by the Marine Department of Ottawa, of various forms of buoys, which at night were lighted as though they were in use along the ocean shore.

Horticultural Building.

The display in the Horticultural hall was one of the best on the grounds. All one end of the building was occupied by a large exhibit from the Central Experimental Farm, illustrating the results learned from many experiments in different lines of agriculture. There were models of various kinds of barns, plans for the layout of farms, and in fact, something of interest pertaining to almost every branch of the farm. The whole exhibit was staged to excellent advantage. Ottawa is not strong from a horticultural standpoint, but the display of flowers was very creditable. Near the front of the hall was a fine exhibit made by the Ontario Department of Agriculture under the direction of Mr. J. Lockie Wilson in connection with the Standing Field Crop Competition. This is always a feature of the exhibition.

Moving Pictures.

In Howick Hall the Ontario Government made another interesting display in the form of moving pictures showing various features of the work being conducted by the Government, including the construction of improved roads, the protection of forests from fire, the new homes being erected in New Ontario for the returned soldiers, and the training that is being given the soldiers to prepare them for farm work, as well as other educational features such as a demonstration by Mr. R. S. Stevenson of how to judge a dairy cow, handling of bacon hogs, shearing of sheep and grading

of the wool and other views of the same character. It is stated that this year all the district representatives in the province will be equipped with the moving picture machines, and that they will be in a position to show these and similar views throughout the province. This is a form of educational work that will be much appreciated. The Ontario Government is leading the way in this respect as it will conduct the work on a larger scale than has yet been attempted by any other provincial or state government on the continent.

Dairy Features.

Elsewhere in this issue is given a list of the awards in the cheese and butter classes. These were displayed in the dairy building under the direction of Mr. Geo. H. Barr. The usual butter-making contest was discontinued this year. This left more space for the display of the exhibits, in fact it made the building look a little empty, due in part also to the fact that there were no maple syrup entries as in former years, a feature that was considerably missed. There was a fair display of bread, cakes, preserves, etc.

Jersey Cattle Classes.

There were only two exhibitors in the Jersey cattle classes, they being E. H. Bull & Sons, of Brampton, who captured all the principal awards and J. H. Brownlee of Kempton, who showed only a few head on which he won second in the aged cow class, second on bull calf one year and six months and second on bull any age and second on female any age. Bull took all the herd prizes and championships.

Exhibits of Horses.

The horse exhibit was somewhat ahead of last year, but not quite so good as it might have been had more breeders been on hand with their stuff. As would be supposed, Clydes predominated. The chief winners being R. Ness & Sons, Howick, Que.; B. Rothwell, Ottawa; A. Scharrf, Chummiss Bridge, Ont.; A. Nussey, Brynsonville, Que.; R. Todd, Lachute; R. T. Kerr, Howick, Que. and others. The champion Clyde stallion was Craigie Knowles, shown by A. Scharrf and the champion mare, Manilla, shown by Rothwell. Percherons and Belgians were shown by J. E. Arnold, Que.

Beef Cattle.

In the beef cattle classes the best showing was made by the Shorthorns, several good herds of which were entered, including those of Keith Bros., Salem, Ont.; Kyle Bros., Brimbo, Ont.; J. A. Watt, Elora, Ont.; and W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Ont. Wm. Channon & Son, Oakwood, Ont., had the only entries in the Aberdeen Angus classes.

Sheep.

The sheep awards seemed to go mostly to a few larger exhibitors, although some of the lesser lights came in for a share of the spoils. The winners were:

Cotswolds—W. Giamelli & Sons, Hampton, Ont.; and Arneson Denis, St. Norbert, Que. Leicester—H. Allin, Orono, Ont.; Arneson Denis, and John Packham & Sons, Calster Centre, Ont. Cotswolds—Arneson Denis, Quebec. Southdowns—Hammond Bros., Perus, Ont.; Lloyd Jones, Burford, Ont.; A. Ayre, Downmanville, Shropshire—E. Baker & Son, Quebec, A. Denis and Lloyd Jones, Suffolk and Hampshire—A. S. Wilson, Sylvester, Denis and Hampton Bros.

Dorsets were shown by J. Robert. (Concluded on page 22.)