

The Exhibition at Ottawa

In spite of the weather men, who was not friendly to the management of the Ottawa Exhibition last week, the fair was a success. The attendance was as well up to last year. The first days of the week were cold and on Friday it rained. On Wednesday 45,000 people attended, which makes a new record for attendance in one day at the Central Canada Exhibition.

If the Ottawa exhibition is to continue to grow as it has done for the last ten years more room will be needed for all classes of stock. The quarters were crowded this year to an uncomfortable extent, and the model dairy stable at the Howick Pavilion had to be used to accommodate the overflow. This fair has a reputation among breeders as a good place to sell stock, and with good accommodations provided the fair management may look with confidence to still greater successes in the future.

The exhibition management are deserving of credit for the many educational features of the fair. It is to be condemned, however, in that the value of the educational features were obscured by a midway, of such size as to draw and hold such a large proportion of the people. The midway was larger at this fair than that at the Toronto Exhibition. Side-shows of a most immoral character were permitted. No less than five shows were "for men only." Several of the performers in these shows were arrested for indecent and immoral practice, but the shows still went on. These side-shows were a disgrace to the fair and to its management.

Dairy cattle took first place both in numbers and in quality. Five dairy breeds were represented. In addition to the Ayrshires and Holsteins fully dealt with on another page, there were Jerseys, Guernseys and French Canadians. B. H. Bull & Son of Brampton had practically no opposition in Jersey circles and made a clean sweep. There were two herds of Guernseys, those of Guy Carr, Compton, Que., and J. M. Stevens, Bedford, Que. Carr carried off the best part of the prizes, including Loth and female championships. The show of French Canadians was large and the best of the breed was represented. Arsene Denis, St. Robert, Que., had individuals in his herd that were fully comparable favorably with the best of other breeds. This breeder won most of the money. J. A. Colombo, St. Robert, and Pierre Silvester, St. Simon, also had some good individuals of the breed on exhibition.

The beef cattle were represented by Shorthorns and Polled Angus. Some of the records of merit were shown by W. C. Edwards, Rockland, Ont., and W. A. Wallace, Kars, Ont. J. A. McLeod, Plainville, Ont., showed Angus cattle. The majority of the entries were inferior in conformation and finish.

HORSES

The horse exhibit was one of the largest and best in the history of the fair. Light horses predominated. Mr. Yeag of Simcoe, Ont., was one of the most successful competitors in these classes. In Clydesdales Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont., and Bekt. Neas, Howick, Ont., divided honors, the grand championship going to Neas' Sir Spenser. Porter Bros., Appleby, Ont., carried off almost everything in Shires with their Toronto winner. Percherons were shown by J. B. Hogate, Weston, and J. E. Arnold, Greenville, Que., who divided the prize money.

SWINE AND SHEEP

There were 500 hogs on exhibition; this department has never before been so well as at any show in Canada. Tamworths were particularly

strong. Douglas of Mitchell, Ont., and Harvey, Freilighsburg, Que., being the principal exhibitors. Berkshires and Gloucester Whites were strong both in numbers and in quality. In Yorkshires the well-known breeders J. Featherstone & Son, Streetsville, Ont., got the best of the money. Mr. Caldwell, Newcasttle, Ont., who placed the awards, said that in his opinion the swine exhibit at Ottawa this year was ahead of that at Toronto.

The sheep exhibit was fully twice as large as last year. Some very good Shropshires, Southdowns and Leicester were shown. Some of the entries, however, were of such poor quality that one would wonder why they were there.

FRUIT EXHIBITS

The variety of fruit grown at the Central Experimental Farm and displayed in the Horticultural building was an eye-opener to visitors from the fruit districts of Ontario. Fruit in the competitive class was good also, although most of it was scarcely mature.

There were 500 more entries in poultry than last year. Most of the entries were from in and around Ottawa.

New Ontario Farm Exhibits

Considerable interest centered in the exhibits made by the New Ontario districts, Temiskaming, Algoma, Manitoulin Island and Thunder Bay, which exhibits were quartered in a wing of the Horticultural building at the Canadian National Exhibition, which closed two weeks ago in Toronto. The great range of farm products grown in these districts, and the great assurance of the growth was a surprise to many of the exhibition visitors. Many people were quite astonished to find that apples of excellent quality and size are being produced in Algoma and on Manitoulin Island. The corn, roots and vegetables, together with clovers and grasses and grain, from these various districts were tastefully arranged and showed to good advantage in the respective exhibits of each of these districts.

Most of the visitors had heard considerable and were tolerably familiar with the agriculture of Temiskaming district. They knew more or less about Manitoulin and about Algoma, but most of them had little idea that Thunder Bay had any special agricultural possibilities. The main part of the exhibit from the Thunder Bay district was produced in the Slate River Valley, which lies adjacent to the twin cities of Fort William and Port Arthur. Canadians and others who have travelled over the C.P.R. through the Thunder Bay District see little of the fertile valley in the Slate River, which is but a few miles northwest of Fort William, and hence do not know of the excellent and diversified agricultural products produced in that valley.

PRODUCTS FROM THUNDER BAY

Notable amongst the various products in the exhibit from the Thunder Bay district were O.A. No. 24 barley estimated to produce 70 bushels to the acre, being 15 bushels above the common Mandschuri barley grown in the same district, alfalfa of this year's seeding, some 18 inches or more in length; alfalfa of last year's seedling which had produced a splendid crop this year; and corn over nine feet tall O.A. No. 1, which were produced good ears, these all having been grown on the farm of J. R. Hutchison, B.S.A., who has been in the district about five years.

There were also in the Thunder Bay exhibit samples of Red Fife wheat which yielded this year over 50 bushels to the acre; tobacco of good quality, but not large, grown in the district by one who has grown it for four or five years and this year has about one-quarter of an acre in tobacco; samples of alkali clover of

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