

What do You Want?

Do you want to buy anything right away? Do you want to sell anything right away? If so, state your wishes in our "Wants and For Sale" department of the "Farmer's Advocate," which has been instituted to meet the needs of our readers in these lines in the speediest possible manner. "Wants and For Sale" will appear weekly henceforth. We have much pleasure in calling your attention to it, and have all confidence that you will not be disappointed in the result if you decide to make this column a medium by which to state your requirements. "Poultry and Eggs" is another small advt. department of similar character. Special rates are quoted, as announced at the head of these departments in every issue. Copy of all such advertisements should be sent so as to reach this office on or before Saturday before the week's paper in which they are to appear.

The Montreal Horse Show.

The fifth annual Montreal Horse Show passed into history about midnight on Saturday, May 14th. It opened on Wednesday at 2.30, and continued at the rate of three sessions daily while the week lasted. The show was favored with beautiful weather throughout, which assured a good attendance, more especially during the afternoons and evenings. This show, like that held in Toronto recently, had no military features, but the time was well filled, each session lasting considerably over the schedule time.

The competition in the sixty-odd classes was generally keen, running over the score in a number of the single harness and saddle classes. The breeding classes were not well patronized, and the class for the Governor-General's prize was very disappointing. This emphasizes the fact that country folk look upon this as a city rather than a rural event. In all, there were over 150 exhibits. Most of them were local, but quite a number of the winning entries came from a distance. Messrs. Crow & Murray, also Geo. Pepper & Co., of Toronto, had forward a number of their well-schooled harness and saddle horses, which succeeded in carrying away a good share of the prizes for which they competed. There were also a number of American firms present with jumpers and polo ponies. There were E. H. Weatherbee, of New York, and Allan Forbes, of Boston, each of whom carried off important awards.

THE BREEDING CLASSES.

The prize list provided only one class for Thoroughbreds—stallions qualified to improve the breed of saddle horses and hunters. Of these, there were three. The first prize was awarded to the aged horse, Barefoot, by Longfellow, a very well made bay, standing fifteen hands three inches. He is owned by Wm. Anderson, Pointe Aux Trembles. His closest rival was Romancer, an upstanding chestnut, owned by L. Reinhardt, of Montreal. A little bay fellow, The Monon, owned by L. Curran, Bougie's Corners, was the remaining entry. This class was judged by Dr. Andrew Smith, Toronto.

Five out of seven entries in Standard-bred stallions came before the judges, E. P. Ball, Rock Island, Que., and Geo. B. Hulme, New York. Apart from the first winner, they were not a very high-class lot, most of them being very plain. A horse called King Antidote was easily first. He was bred on Montreal Island by his owner, Jas. I. Roy, Bordeaux. He is a beautiful brown, nearly sixteen hands, a good shower, and an excellent mover. He is from a Wilkes-bred mare, and his sire was Antidote, who had a record of 2.10½ at four years old. The second and third prize horses were not easily placed, as they were as different as though they belonged to different breeds. This is an unfortunate characteristic of Standard-bred horses. Eli Allerton, a big son of Allerton, owned by Geo. Jordan, Montreal, won second. This is a free mover, but inclines to be plain. A little bay horse, called Al, won third. This is a son of Alexander, by Allerton. He stands fifteen hands one inch, and is very well made. He is owned by A. Frank Ramsay, Montreal. This horse afterwards won second in the harnessed roadster class, in which he gave a good exhibition of speed.

Three Clydesdales and no Shires competed in the class for draft stallions. Robt. Ness, Howick, Que., had forward Killarney, by Baron's Pride, and Durward's Type, by Durward Lely. The former is about four and the latter a year younger. These are both of the good kind, having a good amount of substance and abundance of quality, especially in the feet and legs, and they are both good movers. A six-year-old horse, called Tinwald Shaw, owned by W. V. Henderson, Sault au Recollet, Que., was the remaining entry. This fellow defeated Killarney at this show in 1903, but this year the decision was reversed, and the three-year-old was placed third. The judge was Dr. Andrew Smith.

Montreal can boast of a grand lot of draft horses. The several large transportation and milling companies in the city all have fine weight movers, and among them are some of the best draft horses in Canada. Both teams and single horses shown to Scotch carts put up a great display. The entries were largely of the Clydesdale pattern and marking, and they ranged in weight from about 1,600 to \$1,800 pounds. In the single class, Wm. Hendrie, of Hamilton, Ont., won first

on a black gelding of unusual weight and quality. The Lake of the Woods Milling Company won second and third on fine showy geldings. The Dominion Transport Co. and the Shedden Co. also showed excellent specimens. The same firm showed pairs, and shared in the honors.

The good prizes offered by the Governor-General for Canadian-bred four-year-old gets of Thoroughbred sires, suitable for riding or cavalry purposes, should have brought out a fair competition, but they did not. Only two entries were made, and only one animal showed up. This was a black mare, by Tom Flynn, owned by A. E. Ogilvie, Montreal. She was of decided Thoroughbred type, fifteen hands two and a half inches, and of good conformation.

News from the Capital.

DOMINION SAN JOSE SCALE REGULATIONS.

The Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, has been requested to establish fumigating stations at Victoria, B. C., and Yarmouth, N. S., to protect against the San Jose scale. Hon. Sydney Fisher says the Province of Ontario seems to be adequately supplied with the stations at Windsor and Niagara Falls. Dominion officers report that since the passing of the Act, six years ago, establishing these inspection depots, no disease has been imported from the United States. Ontario is the only Province where the scale is said to exist to a serious degree, and it is decreasing rapidly since the restriction on nursery importations. Besides the stations mentioned, there are four other inspection depots, one at Vancouver, one at Winnipeg, one at Quebec, and one at St. John, N. B., which does service for the Maritime Provinces. Dr. James Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, has just returned from a tour in Western Ontario, instructing fruit men in regard to the San Jose scale. The trade returns show that although the restriction on nursery importations impeded the introduction of new trees from the United States, when the Act was passed, there have been large importations the last few years. The Dominion appropriation for fumigating trees this year is the same as last, namely, \$4,000.

CANADIAN IMPERIAL EXHIBIT.

The vote of \$8,000 at the last session of Parliament for improving the Canadian exhibit in the Imperial Institute, London, Eng., was never expended, and a similar sum is being appropriated for the purpose this year. The delay in the arrangements for the Imperial Institute is on account of reorganization under the Board of Trade of the Imperial Government. The Institute was formerly under a special commission.

THE DOMINION EXHIBITION AT WINNIPEG.

The members on both sides of the House of Commons approve the vote of \$50,000 to the Dominion Exhibition to be held in Winnipeg next July. Now Mr. Sifton says the Exhibition of eastern manufactures and the introduction of visitors from agricultural settlements in the United States are the two features the Government wishes to encourage by the subsidy. A special building will be provided for the manufactures from Eastern Canada. The special attention to be paid to American visitors is an effort to keep up the movement of settlers to the Northwest. It is being made by the Government to offset the campaign carried on by United States people in the Western States to injure the reputation of the Canadian Northwest. The opinion of Parliament is that the proposal to run an excursion train from Halifax should be carried out, and give every member an opportunity to visit the exhibition. The Dominion grant would, of course, not be devoted to defraying the expenses of the excursion. The appropriation for exhibitions in foreign countries this year is \$200,000, an increase of \$50,000 over last year. One hundred thousand is asked for experimental farms, \$10,000 more than the previous year. This is to cover the new cereal-breeding department and a general increase in expenses.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM NOTES.

The seeding of the experimental plots was finished last week on the Central Experimental Farm. The sowing of the field crop will be finished considerably later than last year. A new building has been erected for brooding and incubation. It is separated from the main poultry-house as a protection against fire. The brooder set fire to the building a short time ago.

THE SALE A FAILURE.

The Ottawa Horse Fair and Sale on the first Wednesday in May was smaller than many such enterprises held in the past. The prices ranged from \$15 to \$200. T. Spratt, of Gloucester; T. Fleming, of Ottawa, and Mr. Elliott, had the best animals. The sale seems to be on the decline.

CHEESEMAKERS' WAGES.

S. S. Cheetham, of Gananoque, who has taken charge of the Ottawa syndicate of cheese factories, and whose district extends from ten miles west of Ottawa to Embrun, says the wages for cheesemakers are higher in the Ontario Valley than last year.

ST. LOUIS FAIR OPENING.

A private despatch to Ottawa gives the information that the real opening of the St. Louis Fair had to be postponed twelve days on account of unpreparedness on the part of exhibitors. The time was extended till the 13th of May. Canada is among the exhibitors that will benefit by the extension. There is scarcely another nation, however, so far advanced in the preparations.

Eastern Townships Products.

What at first bade fair to be another bad sugar season, turned out to be the best for some years. The average yield may be estimated at a little over one and a half pounds to the tree. Probably the largest "sugary" in the Province is that of W. S. Bullock, of Roxton Pond. The surrounding bush numbers about ten thousand trees, and the sap gathered in the more distant parts of the camp is brought through a pipe line to the evaporators. Mr. Bullock finds a good demand for his maple products in the Canadian Northwest, whither he had, up to April 23rd, shipped \$6,000 pounds this season, with more to follow. Maple sugar of extra quality is now selling for eight cents per pound, and syrup for 80 cents to \$1.00 per gallon.

In some districts the farmers are reaping extra profits from their poultry. At Knowlton and Foster, Mr. A. P. Hillhouse, manager of the Dominion Poultry Station, buys eggs for ten cents per pound. He buys every week, and last week's purchase amounted to over five hundred dozen. The eggs are disposed of by the Government in Montreal, and must be perfectly fresh goods.

An orchard meeting, under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, will be held in Mr. W. Knowlton's orchard during May. Lectures are to be given by Dominion Government fruit inspectors on the care of orchards; also, practical demonstrations in pruning, grafting and spraying.

The Montreal butter and cheese buyers are making a determined effort to stamp out a good many of the boards for the sale of dairy produce throughout the Province. As far as is known, the buyers will attend only three. This move seemed inevitable, since so large a number of butter and cheese boards have sprung into existence. In attending certain selected boards, the buyers have recognized the principle to be correct, but in discriminating against such a board as the Sherbrooke Dairymen's Exchange they have neither exercised discernment nor foresight.

The butter market is in a state of demoralization not often experienced at this time of the year. Factorymen are tumbling over each other to get their rapidly increasing product disposed of. Fresh-made goods are realizing fifteen and a half to sixteen cents a pound in Montreal, and the hope of prices stiffening upon the advent of grass butter may prove as illusive this year as in the past. The outlook this season for butter is not encouraging. Cheese factories are only just commencing operations, and if a large diminution in the make of fodder cheese can have a beneficial effect, prices should rule high from the very commencement of the season.

In order to place its financial position on a sounder basis, the Great Eastern Exhibition Co., of Sherbrooke, have planned to issue bonds to the amount of \$15,000, bearing interest at four per cent., and cared for by a two-per-cent. sinking fund. The city of Sherbrooke has been asked to guarantee the bonds, in order to facilitate their sale, taking as security a first mortgage on the exhibition property, valued at \$25,000.

"COMPTON."

Live-stock Shipping and Marketing.

From time to time we occasionally note a farmer or rancher who markets his own stock at Winnipeg, instead of selling to the local dealer. It will be some time before the practice is very general, but with the increase of abattoirs, and enlargement of stock-yards, such a step will be necessary and advisable, and in the stock-grower's interest. At the big stock-yards at Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, and other places, the live-stock commission broker is one of the stand-bys of the market, both in buying and selling; he makes it his business to keep posted on the state of markets, the supplies coming, and the demand for live stock; he advises his farmer clients against flooding an already overcrowded market, or urges them to rush the stuff forward when supplies are scarce and buyers keen, and in order to continue in the business he simply has to play straight. We could name many live-stock commission firms in Chicago whose clients rely on them wholly in their marketing, season after season. As seen in our advertising columns last issue, Maybee & Wilson are in the live-stock commission business at the Toronto stock-yards, and solicit your business. We welcome such enterprise as being a sign of the times, in that the live-stock business of Canada warrants such enterprise.

The Human Tide.

One day recently, over 2,000 emigrants to Canada landed at Quebec, five days aggregating an inflow of over 7,000 settlers. Mr. Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior, states that since Jan. 1st, of the present year, 35,000 new settlers have arrived at Winnipeg, 10,000 from the United States, and the balance from the British Isles and Continental Europe.

On May 10th, the steamer Manitoba, with 1,000 immigrants, settlers for the Northwest and skilled mechanics for Ontario, and one hundred selected domestic servants from the North of Ireland and Scotland, in charge of Mrs. Sandford, began her trip across the Atlantic.