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## Agriculture at the Western Fair, London

LONDON is situated in the centre to a half dozen entries each; good quality but not enough of them. Light agricultural resources. It draws horses up to average in quality its support from all of Ontario. It is and numbers, being drawn from all fitting, therefore, that the Western over Ontario.

Fair should be even more agricultural in its flavor than most fairs of its size. And it is. In the fair of last week agriculture was well represented in all of its departments. The first days were favorable to a good attendance, and returns at the wicket were eminently satisfactory. The fair of last week added another to the long list of successful fairs held at London.

Some of the most attractive exhibits were staged in the enlarged Horticultural Hall. Fruit took a more prominent position than in former years. Occupying the entire end of one wing was an exhibit of the Middlesex County Publicity Association. "We can grow everything from wheat to peaches in our county," remarked a representative of the local branch of the Department of Agriculture. And the exhibit seemed to prove the correctness of the remark. Boxed fruit occupied the centre of the exhibit, and to the side was artistically arranged a wide assortment of field and garden products. The Middlesex Fruit Growers' Association were also on hand with a fine exhibit of fruit to prove the horticultural possibilities of their country. British Columbia, too, staged an attractive exhibit of fruit.

The vegetables on display were as fine as those seen at Toronto. The root exhibit could not be excelled anywhere. The farm of the London Hospital for the Insane had a large exhibit of the products of their fields, garden and orchard. Most instructive of all was the exhibit of the Dominion Experimental Farms, where, by word of mouth, by pamphlets and by graphic displays the gospel of better farming was taught to fair visitors. We will mention only one feature. Over the plan of a miniature dairy farm laid out for rotation was this striking statement:

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### Live Stock

Taken all in all the live stock exhibits at London would compare favorably with any other year. Cattle and sheep were the strongest sections. Hogs are numerically weak but of the best quality. In both the sheep and swine classes the entries were largely the same as competed at Toronto the week previous. In the sheep classes a few new breeders from Western Ontario were in evidence. Clydesdales were the strong feature of the horse sections, and in this breed the showing would compare favorably with anything London has ever seen in quality if not in numbers. The main exhibitors were: Jos. Teller, Milton; Hugh McLean, Wooming; J. M. and H. C. Robson, Wyoming; Tom McMichael, Seaforth; G. A. Attridge, Nairkirk; W. F. Batty, Brooklin, and R. L. Guest, Fanshawe. Percherons and Shires were confined

### Beef Cattle

Sorthorns were the best exhibit ever seen in London. Most of the good stuff that constituted the record exhibit at this year's Canadian National were on hand. Watt, of Sale, Ont., won the championship on Gainsford Perfection, a splendid June yearling. The bull filled a similar position just seven times this season in the West and in Ontario. In the championship line-up were Dryden aged bull, Watt's first two-year-old, Auld's senior yearling and Watt's champion. Among standing exhibitors were P. and S. Nicholson, Park Hill; Mitchell Bros., Burlington; Jas. Hislop, Stratford, and R. F. Duncan, Ancaster. Most of the Hereford material sent to the Toronto winners. Additional exhibitors were G. C. Reynolds, Elora, and Th. C. Skippin, Hyde Park, Aberdeenshire, Angus classes, at Toronto, lined up the strongest ever in Canada.

Dairy Cattle at London. Three breeds were represented in the dairy cattle classes.—Holsteins, Ayrshires and Jerseys. In point of numbers London has done better, but quality was well up to standard. In one small point the showing was satisfactory—from the standpoint of the judges and the fair visitors. The judging ring used by both Holsteins and Ayrshires was not over 50 feet in diameter. At times there were a score and a half of animals crowded in this small space in a confused jumble. This drawback could be easily rectified. If we were to make another suggestion it would be that the dairy stables might be made more sanitary and hence pleasanter for both exhibitors and visitors, to say nothing of the cattle.

### Holsteins a Fine Exhibit

Holsteins held the premier place in point of number of entries. The Forest Ridge herd of L. H. Lipitt, Stratfordville, in the same splendid lot that attracted attention at Toronto, captured many red ribbons; in the female classes every first but one and the championship. Melly of Byham winner at all Canadian fairs, was best cow, but the choice of the judge, F. R. Mallory, for championship honors fell on the yearling heifer, Madely Dutchess Sarcastic 2nd. But every class was warmly competed with the best of the herds of Western Ontario.

The first class of males brought out three entries. Row's Prince Ashkerk Mercera won over Wood's Log Cabin Logan Prince Schuling on the ground of quality. Mr. Snyder's entry lacked in middle as compared with the first two though a right good bull. The first two-year-old bull, Lipitt's Findernoe King May Fayne, and Kelly's Dot's Bully Dot, junior champion at Toronto, both looked better for championship honors to many ringsters than the old bull, but Judge Mallory gave his decision to the fully mature animal. Several of the younger classes were well filled with exceptionally uniform youngsters. "We are getting nearer a standard, uniform type all the time," said Mr. Mallory after making his decisions in a difficult class.

The exhibitors were: L. H. Lipitt, Elias Snyder, Burgessville; R. J. Kelly, Culloden; C. E. Treblewood, London, and Tig Wood, Mitchell, the awards in full follow:

Holstein Awardees—Male Bull, maximum, Prince Ashkerk Mercera, Row; 2, Logan Prince Schuling (Continued on page 6.)



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## Agriculture

ARE our fall agricultural season they say they are. Others occasionally we hear intimating that the annual Ontario fall exhibition and the money devoted to the work.

While most of us will are features connected that are not as elevated should be, we must also not we gather valuable exhibitions depends largely in this true of our larger exhibitions, such as the Central Canada Exhibition held last week in O-tawa. If we want to waste our time and money we can do so readily through attendance on the midway and possibly, if our time is limited, by spending too much of it on the grand stand. To the mind that is in eager search for helpful information plenty of opportunities for gathering helpful ideas and information are presented by our larger exhibitions, at least.

The educational features this year at the Ottawa Exhibition were unusually strong. Foremost place a special exhibit Experimental Farm, Ottawa prepared early in the season through the joint efforts of branches of the farm, with it at the leading exhibit for the purpose of a known the result of the experimental farm. This exhibit has had exhibitions in both eastern and reflected credit on the mental Farms, Mr. J. H. Creasingly efficient staff, charge of Mr. J. F. Fawcett, corps of assistants.

The exhibit embraced specialties of the farm. The showed fruits best adapted and furnished helpful information.

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