

Wayfarer of Earth

By CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.

Up, heart of mine,
Thou wayfarer of Earth!
Of seed divine,
Be mindful of thy birth.
Tho' the flesh faint
Through long-endured constraint
Of nights and days,
Lift up thy praise
To Life, that set thee in such strenuous ways,
And left thee not
To drowse and rot
In some thick-perfumed and luxurious plot.

Strong, strong is Earth,
With vigour for thy feet,
To make thy wayfaring
Tireless and fleet.
And good is Earth—
But Earth not all thy good,
O thou with seed of suns
And star-fire in thy blood.

And tho' thou feel
The slow clog of the hours
Leaden upon thy heel,
Put forth thy powers.
Thine the deep sky,
The unpreempted blue,
The haste of storm,
The hush of dew.
Thine, thine the free
Exalt of star and tree,
The reinless run
Of wind and sun,
The vagrance of the sea!

—From The Craftsman (December).

The Ontario Winter Fair

AT Guelph last week there was held the 23rd Annual Provincial Winter Fair under the management of the Dominion Associations of Cattle Breeders, Sheep Breeders, Swine Breeders and the Western Ontario Poultry Association. Over ten thousand agriculturists and live stock raisers visited the city, where they were royally entertained. The poultry exhibit was ahead of anything of the kind seen before in Canada. Mr. John Gosling of Kansas City, a live stock judge of international fame and a speaker who can make "beef" an interesting subject to the veriest outsider, declared that some of the Shorthorns of this year's exhibit could hardly be surpassed, while other experts reported favourably on the exhibits of "Southdowns" and "Berkshires." The departments of the dairy and of seeds were also admirably represented in the entries.

While the Winter Fair has always been a success, its prosperity since 1900, when Guelph was chosen as the permanent scene of exhibition, has progressed by bounds of kangaroo dimensions until there is now a stern neces-



Macdonald Girls on Snowshoes.

sity to "pull down the barns and build greater," as the enterprise has grown far beyond its present quarters. The Winter Fair is an amazing revelation of our live stock wealth, and the city possessing such an excellent institution as the Ontario Agricultural College is the inevitable spot for an exhibit which is not only a provincial but a national pride.

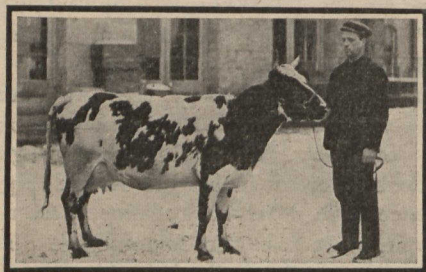
The lectures delivered during the four days of the exhibit by the highest authorities on topics of agricultural and live stock interest are essentially educational.



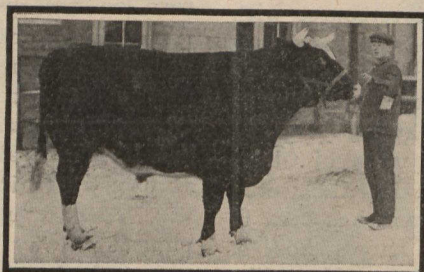
City Hall and Winter Fair Building, Guelph.

That the Ontario Government recognizes the importance of the occasion was evident in the attendance of Hon. Nelson Monteith, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Hon. J. O. Reaume and Mr. C. C. James, the last-named visitor having been an enthusiastic supporter of the "Fair" for many years.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Ontario County, is president and Mr. A. P. Westervelt, secretary of the Winter Fair Committee.



Belle.



Champion.



Troy Pauline De Kol.

SOME PRIZE ANIMALS AT GUELPH WINTER FAIR.