

competition between J. W. Martin, of Richmond City, Wis., with a very fine herd, and J. L. Sanderson, of Sanderson, Wis., the former getting the best of it. *Herefords* were out strong, J. T. B. Sotham, of Chillicothe, Mo., showing a choice herd, and E. S. Cross, of Emporia, Kan., another; new exhibitors being Hutchin & Steward, of Greenwood, Wis. Sotham captured the larger share of the trophies.

Dairy cattle were strongly in evidence, *Holsteins* being the most numerous represented of all the breeds (beef included), the exhibitors being E. F. Erwin, Richfield, Minn.; Thos. Irvine, Rosemond, Minn.; C. F. Stone, Peabody, Kan.; J. W. Chappell, Lincoln, Neb.; Karlan, Cross & Co., Monticello, Wis.; W. H. McCall, College View, Neb.; E. L. Cross, Emporia, Kan.; and W. B. Barney & Co., Hampton, Iowa; and as most of the herds were strong ones it was nobody's picnic. For example, in the aged cow class there were no less than 26 entries, many of them extra good, with immense udders. *Jerseys* also were to the fore strongly, the following exhibiting: L. S. Gillett, Excelsior, Col.; Chas. McReeve, Minneapolis, Minn.; Senator A. T. Stebbins, Rochester, Minn.; H. G. McMillan, Rock Rapids, Iowa; and N. P. Clark, St. Cloud. *Guernseys* were shown by W. D. Richardson, Garden City, Minn.; and a few head by the Wilcox Co., of Hugo, Minn. A new dairy breed on these grounds was the *Dutch Belted*, whose black bodies with the uniform broad white band was a curiosity to many. A. C. Green & Son, of Winchester, Ind., took all the prizes. There was strong competition in the *Brown Swiss* class between A. F. Squires and C. E. Squires, of Blue Earth City; Dr. Cook, Huntly, Ill.; and E. M. Barton, Hillsdale, Ill.; and they attracted a good deal of favorable attention because of their vigorous appearance. One small bunch of *Ayrshires* were shown, though not for competition, by Jas. J. Hill, St. Paul, the great railway king of the Northwest; but this money-making breed should yet make a more conspicuous place for themselves in the West. W. T. Moore, of Verona, Wis., showed *Devons*.

Keen interest centered in the herd sweepstake competitions for beef breeds. In young herd, bull and four females, under two years, bred by exhibitor, 1st went to McHenry's black *Polls*, headed by Black Bird 2nd; 2nd to Goodwin & Judy; and 3rd to Sotham's *Herefords*, headed by a thickset Corrector-bred bull. In the section for four or more animals, any age or sex, get of one bull, the coveted trophy went to Goodwin & Judy's *Angus* herd, 2nd to Sotham's *Herefords*, and 3rd to H. F. Brown's *Shorthorns*. For the grand herd sweepstake, any breed, bull and four females of graduated ages, the 1st premium of \$250 went to Brown's *Shorthorns*, headed by the red Victor of Browndale, a bull of great scale though a bit plain. Goodwin & Judy's *Polls*, headed by Black Cap King, by Black Monk, sire of all the others in the herd (the second time this trick has been done), took 2nd, \$150; 3rd, \$100, went to E. S. Cross' *Herefords*, headed by Wild Tom; and 4th, \$50, to Sotham's *Herefords*. The final event was the breeders' stake for best beef herd of six cattle, any age, breed or sex, owned and bred by exhibitor, \$100 entrance fee, and \$100 added by the society, divided into four prizes, 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent., respectively. Sotham's *Herefords* got 1st, Brown's *Shorthorns* 2nd, Goodwin & Judy's *Angus* 3rd, and Westrope's *Shorthorns* 4th. The judging in the beef breeds was done by Prof. C. F. Curtis, of the Iowa Experiment Station; Mr. Chas. Kerr; and Prof. Thomas Shaw, of the Minnesota Station, who also acted in the sheep and swine departments. Another ex-Canadian judge was Prof. Craig, of the Wisconsin Experiment Station, along with Dr. Reynolds, in the horse classes.

The *Clydesdale* exhibit—a good one—was practically that of Mr. N. P. Clark, of St. Cloud, Minn., consisting of some twenty head, mostly of a Prince Patrick and Stanley Prince breeding. A good many Americans still cling to their fancy for the showy-topped *Percheron*, judging by the large numbers on exhibition. The show of English Shires was poor. French Coachers, Standard-breds, Shetland ponies, and other sorts were also in evidence.

The exhibit of *sheep* was not large, but there were good ones forward, notably those shown by our old friends, Geo. Harding & Sons, Waukesha, Wis. (Cotswolds), and Geo. McKerrrow, of Sussex, Wis. (Oxford Downs and Southdowns). Among the other exhibitors were: Dixon Bros., Brandon, Wis. (Merinos, Oxfords, and Shrops); T. M. Porter, Rochester, Minn. (Merinos); W. J. Boynton, same place (Shrops.); Bruce & Kerr, Rosemont (Shrops.); J. W. Ganes, Lowell, Wis. (Lincolns); and H. G. L. Codd, Westfield, Iowa (Dorsets).

Of *swine* there was a large and fine exhibit, most of the standard breeds being represented; Poland-Chinas, Berkshires, and Yorkshires leading the van, with exhibits of Duroc-Jerseys, Victorias, Chester Whites, and Essex, but Tamworths did not put in an appearance. Mr. H. L. Swallow, of Booneville, Iowa, who had a large and capital display of Poland-Chinas out, reports the swine

business good, despite the depredations of hog cholera, which is largely attributed to overcrowding, uncleanness, and heavy feeding of new corn.

In chatting with breeders generally we found them in good heart, all reporting that farmers were now buying more freely than for a long time past, and what is more, they have the cash to do it with. American women, we judge, are apparently taking a keener interest in pure-bred live stock exhibits than one will find at Canadian shows, which bodes well for the future of the industry. Speaking of women reminds me of the announcement recently made that Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, of Indiana, known as a breeder of *Shorthorn* cattle and *Southdown* sheep, also as a speaker and writer on agricultural topics, particularly those relating to home life, and a prominent worker in many public enterprises, such as the Columbian Exhibition, is to be preceptress in the new Young Women's Department of

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Minnesota University, the fall term of which is just opening. Fifty are expected, in addition to three hundred young men. When taking the same subjects they will study together. Also one hundred men in the dairy factory course during January; and about twenty young men in the advanced four years' College of Agriculture course.

New buildings are being completed and various improvements made, the aim of those having the destinies of the institution in hand being to keep it in the very forefront and make it a real aid and stimulus to the cause of agricultural progress in the State.

Minneapolis citizens and business people took

Our Scottish Letter.

The autumn cattle and sheep sales are the topic of conversation in these times, and Scottish breeders have had no cause for serious complaint at the results as far as they have gone. There has been an excess of supply over demand in the case of Blackface rams, and consequently trade in that department has been slow for secondary quality. The best have sold well all through, and trade has been booming in the cattle world. Lord Rosebery has played many parts in his time, and probably to Canadians he is best known as the ardent apostle of Imperial Federation. He is, however, an extensive farmer and stockraiser, his home farm of Dalmeny and the neighboring farm of East Craigie carrying *Shorthorns* and *Aberdeen-Angus* cattle, as well as prime fat stock, *Border Leicester* and *Cheviot* sheep, and a famous herd of *Large Yorkshire* pigs. Mr. A. L. Drysdale is His Lordship's factor, and an enthusiast alike in agriculture proper and stock rearing. Lord Rosebery came within an ace of winning the supreme honor of the *Smithfield Club* in 1895, and has several first-class things in training for the coming Christmas shows. His herds having grown from natural causes, it has been determined to dispose of the surplus stock annually by public auction, *Shorthorns* and *Aberdeen-Angus* cattle being taken in alternate years. The first sale took place a fortnight ago, when the surplus *Shorthorns* were disposed of, and very good averages were the result: 61 cattle of all ages made £30 5s. 7d. apiece, the 24 cows drawing £35 10d.; 4 two-year-old heifers, £32 11s.; 11 yearling heifers, £26 12s. 8d.; 13 heifer calves, £10 9s. 4d.; and 9 bulls, £35 9s. 4d. The highest price paid was 120 gs. or £126 by Mr. Beek, on behalf of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, for the cow *Fragrant Blossom*. She was bred by Mr. Duthie, Collynie, and was greatly admired. A young bull named *Minotaur 71017* went at 100 gs. or £106. *Fragrant Blossom* is of the same race as the champion heifer *Frederica* (illustrated in the *ADVOCATE*, June 15th, '97) from Her Majesty the Queen's herd which won at the *Smithfield Show* nearly two years ago. South country buyers seem greatly to fancy this tribe, a heifer calf named *Dalmeny Fragrance V.* being taken off by Mr. Beek at 65 gs. At a sale in England a few days earlier, Mr. John Thornton sold 54 *Shorthorn* cattle at an average of £22 8s. 4d., the cows of all ages making £23 2s. 6d. apiece.

*Aberdeen-Angus* breeders have so far had the best of the sales this season. Three great sales have marked the week now closing, namely, those at *Ballindalloch*, *Aboyne*, and *Castle Craig*. Excellent averages have been recorded at all three sales, but that made for 33 head at *Ballindalloch*, £48 13s., will not easily be surpassed, although it is not equal to the *Bapton Manor* average of £55 8d. for 71 *Shorthorns*. A good deal depends on the date on which a sale takes place in these times. Mr. Deane Willis having a good many bulls to dispose of, wisely held his sale before the shipping season was over; but even apart from this the *Shorthorn* is fully better known in South America than the *Aberdeen-Angus*, and so far as bulls are concerned the red, white and roan takes the lead. The details of the *Ballindalloch* averages are these: 10 cows, £20 4s. 9d.; 6 two-year-old heifers, £48 13s.; 10 yearling heifers, £47 7s. 1d.; 6 heifer calves, £32 14s. 6d.; 1 bull, £31 10s. Sir George Macpherson Grant has taken a good position in the showing this season, and he thus also leads with this season, and he thus also leads with this season, and he thus also leads with this season.

The *Marquis of Huntly* had no reason to complain of the reception accorded to his sale. His average cattle at *Aboyne* was £32 13s. 4d.; 16 cows made £33 for 36 head was £32 13s. 4d.; 4 two-year-old heifers, £45 3s.; 9 yearling heifers, £33 16s. 8d.; 6 heifer calves, £21 14s.; and one bull, £22 1s. The highest price at this sale was 111 gs. or £116 11s., paid by Mr. Adamson, of *Careston Castle*, for *Lady Elena*. The *Castle Craig* sale was of a somewhat different character. It is owned by Sir Thomas D. Gibson Carmichael, Bart., M. P., who succeeded Mr. Gladstone as member of Parliament for *Midlothian*, and the herd is situated in *Peeblesshire*, 800 feet above sea level. The average here for 52 head was £27 1s. 4d., the lesser figure than at the earlier sales being largely due to the large number of heifer calves and yearling heifers in the sale. The average for 23 cows was £32 19s. 2d.; 3 two-year-old heifers, £56 14s.; 13 yearling heifers, £20 2s. 2d.; 12 heifer calves, £16 1s. 1d.; and 1 bull, £25 4s. The highest price realized was £105 for the prize cow, *Pride of Kirkurd 20522*, her buyer being Mr. C. W. Schroeter, *Tedford*, *Bilberghunt*. A great many of the cattle from all these sales went south to *Sussex* and *Kent*, and several also went to *Ireland*. All of the sales in *Scotland* have been conducted by Messrs. *Macdonald, Fraser & Co. (Limited)*. The *Shorthorn* sale week begins on October 11th at *Auchnagathle*, followed by *Tillycairn* on 12th, *Tillygreig* on the 13th, *Pirriesmill* on the 14th, and *Kinellar* on the 15th. All of these places are in *Aberdeenshire*, and within easy radius of the town of *Inverurie*. "SCOTLAND YET."



COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN. CONSTANCE OF BREEZE LAWN 763. A Pair of Superior Herefords, owned by Wm. Sharman, Souris, Man.

The above portrayed Herefords are from the herd of Wm. Sharman, Souris, Man. The heifer on the right is the handsome three-year-old *Constance of Breeze Lawn 763*, a low, thickset, smooth, even-fleshed daughter of *Jovial 476*, out of *Constance 15th (imp.)*. She won first prize in her class at the *Winnipeg Industrial, 1897*. The other heifer is the first prize winner in the two-year-old class, *Countess of Aberdeen*, of Mr. Sharman's own breeding, by *Cronkhill Chief*, out of *Countess of Wilton*. At the circuit of *Manitoba* summer fairs Mr. Sharman won on his Herefords 35 first prizes, 23 seconds, three diplomas and a silver medal.

advantage of the exhibition time to give a series of evening street carnivals, the splendor of which eclipsed anything I have yet seen. The floral decorations and various representations were superb, and the great departmental stores were a blaze of multicolored glory with their electrical illuminations. Olson's establishment (comprising over 50 departments, employing 550 hands, and the receipts of which, we were told, would run \$10,000 or \$12,000 per day), surrounded by a row of massive white pillars and two ornate porches covered with incandescent lights, was a dream of beauty, and their electric street cars, decorated with thousands of rainbow-tinted electric lights, was a vision surpassing the conception of any Arabian Nights dreamer. *Donaldson's Glass Block*, another immense departmental establishment, was magnificently illuminated and decorated. The business people of Canadian cities where the big fairs are held might well take a leaf out of the book of the enterprising merchant princes of *Minneapolis*. W. T.

Hurrah for New Subscribers!

We take this opportunity of thanking all our readers who have favored us with one or more new subscribers already this season. We are pleased to be able to state that we are receiving daily more new subscribers for this time of the year than we have for many years past; also many letters showing high appreciation.

MR. P. E. KELLY, Halton Co., Ont., under date of Sept. 13th, '97, says:—"We could not farm without the *ADVOCATE*."