

SAANICH FAIR.

The fifteenth annual show and fair of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society, was held on the 18th inst., at Agricultural Hall, South Saanich.

The show grounds being centrally located, afford, as far as distance is concerned, equal facilities to exhibitors from all parts of the district, and not being far removed from Victoria, attracted a large number of visitors interested in the agricultural resources of the country.

The officers of the society are to be commended for the harmonious and business-like manner in which the exhibition was conducted, whilst the farmers extended to all their proverbial hearty welcome.

The display of fruits and vegetables, although not quite up to former exhibits in point of size, was very satisfactory when the dry season through which we have passed is borne in mind, whilst the grain show was superior to anything ever placed before the public in this district as an exhibition of cereals.

In the stock yard, the horses were the most attractive, comprising some very fine animals, most of which were Saanich bred.

Cattle, swine and sheep were plentifully exhibited, and in fair condition, some shorthorn Durhams attracting considerable attention, whilst the poultry, dairy products, garden stuff, etc., all came in for their share of admiration and praise.

For farming implements made in the province, Messrs. McKenzie & Meston of Victoria, were awarded first prize for plows and harrows.

The display of ladies' work was good, and shows that the ladies of Saanich are not behind their fair sisters in this line, in any part of the province.

Taken as a whole, the fair was a success, and there was a marked improvement in point of quality of exhibits over former shows.

Among those present, were the Hon. W. Smithe, Hon. John Robson, D. W. Gordon, M. P., N. Shakespere, M. P., J. H. Innis, Esq., A. McLean, Esq., J. Fell, Esq., J. S. Drummond, Esq., T. Russell, Esq., Thomas Russell, Esq., J. Burns, Esq., E. G. Prior, Esq., J. K. McKenzie, Esq., G. A. McTavish, M. P., P. E. Johns, M. P., T. Storey, Esq., and other well known citizens too numerous to mention.

There was a grand dinner and ball at the conclusion, and all left fully satisfied with their visit to Saanich, promising to be present at the next exhibition.

None host, Simpson of the Prairie Tavern provided creature comforts, and it is wonderful what a faculty he has for putting people in a good humor.

We give the prize gainers in alphabetical order, together with what prize was given for:

Alexander, C.—Best six Aberdeen turnips, second best twelve long carrots, best twelve shallots, best two vegetable marrows, second best bushel fall wheat, and special prize for greatest number of blue jay's heads.

Bryant, J. D.—Best milch cow, second best boar of any breed, best Indian corn, best and second best twelve onions, best twelve pears, best twelve peaches, best two squashes, best two pumpkins, best two cucumbers.

Brethour, J. W.—Best bushel early potatoes.

Brackman, H.—Best sack flour, best sack oat-meal.

Bott, J. F.—Best twelve quinces.

Carter, T. W.—Best ale, best porter.

Dawson, J.—Best timothy seed, second best cow or steer for butcher, second best single draught horse, second best field peas, best twelve short carrots, any color.

Dean, G.—Best six Swedish turnips, second best six Aberdeen turnips, second best six parsnips, best two cabbages, best six beets, best three fowls, one male and two females.

Gosnell, J.—Best buggy.

John, E.—Best cow or steer for butcher, second best milch cow, second best saddle horse, second best bull, any age.

King, H.—Best twelve long carrots, any color, second best bushel spring wheat, second best mangold wurzel.

Marcott—Best two year old gelding or filly.

McTavish, G. A.—Best span draught horses, second best ram lamb, second best four sheep fit for butcher, best boar of any breed, best brood sow in farrow, best brood under twelve months, best bred boar under twelve months, second best bushel chevalier barley, best bushel potato oats, best bushel field peas, second best six beets, second best twelve shallots.

Mitchell, T.—Best bushel late potatoes, second best span draught horses, second best Swedish turnips.

McKenzie & Meston.—Best new plow made in the province, best pair harrows made in the province.

Ryan, A. G.—Best saddle horse.

Ray, W. and C.—Second best two cabbages, second best bushel late potatoes.

Sandover, S.—Best bull of any age, best and second best bred cow, best ram lamb, best ewe lamb, best four sheep fit for butcher, best bushel chevalier barley, second best twelve carrots, best six parsnips, second best collection of apples, best three ducks, one male, two females.

Spott, F.—Best two year old heifer.

Simpson, H.—Best single draught horse, best brood mare with foal at foot, second best brood sow in farrow, second best brood sow under twelve months, best bushel rough barley, best bushel common white oats, best three turkeys, one male two females, best collection of apples, second best twelve pears, best sample grapes, out door production.

Sadler, E.—Best bushel black oats.

Thompson, W.—Best island bred bull, any age, second best two year old heifer, second best ram of any age, best ewe of any age, best yearling colt, best fall wheat, best bushel spring wheat, second best rough barley, best six mangold wurzel.

Turgoose, W.—Best stallion, second best island bred bull, best rye grass seed.

Tod, Jas.—Second best stallion.

White, W.—Best ram of any age, best two geese and one gander.

Following are the prizes awarded to the ladies.

Bryant, Mrs. J. D.—Best five pounds fresh butter, best linen shirt, made in the province, second best pair knitted hose, best piece crocheted work, cotton, best piece crocheted work, wool.

Baker, Miss A.—Second best embroidery.

Dean, Mrs.—Second best five pounds fresh butter.

Durant, Miss—Best embroidery.

Douglas, Miss—Best piece crocheted work.

Dooley, Mrs.—Best dozen eggs, single yolk.