

P. E. Island Exhibition.

This was undoubtedly the best exhibition ever held on the Island. The weather was fine, though a little cold for comfort. The attendance was the largest in the history of the exhibition here. The space in the exhibition building was well occupied. The building was artistically trimmed with evergreen boughs and adorned with flags, giving it a beautiful appearance.

The show of roots and vegetables occupied more space than ever, and was a grand display of the Island's capabilities along these lines. The turnips and mangolds were of immense size. The show of fruit was especially good, the plums being a very strong feature of it. Apples were there in quantity and the best quality, including most of the best commercial kinds grown in Canada. A plate of peaches grown in the open air was shown. They were well matured specimens, and the first ever shown here. Fruit Inspector Vroom, of Nova Scotia, said this was the best display of fruit shown in the Maritime Provinces this year. The show in the dairy produce was large and the judge, Harvey Mitchell, Dairy Superintendent of New Brunswick, pronounced it all excellent, both in quality and finish.

One of the finest sights in the main building was the artistically constructed booth of the Nappan Experimental Farm, showing the products of the farm in grain, grasses, roots, vegetables and fruits. G. H. Clark, head of the seed division at Ottawa, had an interesting display of agricultural seeds (clover and timothy) which were offered for sale by dealers in different parts of the Dominion last spring. Many of the samples shown contained only from 60 to 90 per cent. of pure germinable seeds, while the balance consisted of some of the most noxious weeds known.

The show of stock was the largest yet, and taxed the stables and sheds to their utmost capacity. In cattle, the Shorthorn classes were well filled. The two herds from Nova Scotia, Archibald's and Dickie's helped largely to make this the best show of this breed ever held here. C. A. Archibald's Robert the Bruce was in fine show condition, and was an easy winner in his class. He is now considered by many one of the best stock bulls in Canada on account of the excellency of his young stock, a number of which were included in Mr. Archibald's exhibit. The second prize went to a fairly good animal, bred by Watt, of Salem, Ont., and shown by the Hampton Farmers' Institute. In the two-year-old class for bulls, F. E. Dickie, of Canard, N. S., had an outstanding winner in Royal Prince, an imported bull, bred by R. C. Copeland, Aberdeenshire. This is a grand individual, carrying a great wealth of flesh, and was a close competitor with Robert the Bruce for sweepstakes. He won the sweepstakes for bull under two years old. In the class for yearling bulls, the red went to a Silver Chief bull, bred by F. G. Boyver, and shown by Morrell Farmers' Institute. For aged cows in milk, the red and blue went to F. E. Dickie, and in two-year-old class, 1st and 2nd went to C. A. Archibald. In the class for year-olds and calves, Archibald was first and F. G. Boyver second. The herd prize for one bull and three females, over two years old, given by the Shorthorn Breeders' Association, first went to Dickie and second to Archibald, and for herd under two years first went to Archibald and second to Albert Boswell, Pownall. Archibald got sweepstakes for best bull and best cow, any age. In Herefords, W. W. Black, of Amherst, N. S., had it all his own way with his magnificent herd, headed by Sir Horace, of Pan-American fame. Beatrice, a two-year-old heifer in this herd, is a typical animal and was much admired. She would show well anywhere on the continent.

The Polled Angus and Galloways were classed together this year. The herd of Aberdeen-Angus shown by John Richards, Bideford, was in fine show condition and were a choice lot of animals, true to type and breed characteristics. The year and six months old bull, Volodyovski (imp.), was perhaps the best animal of the age on the ground, while the cows were grand individuals, in the best of show condition. Mr. Richards has the foundation for one of the best herds in Canada, and as he is a lover of the black doddies, we expect to see him develop them in numbers as well as for quality till they will be second to none. The prize for aged bull went without competition to Senator Ferguson's Galloway. All the other red tickets went to Richards, as well as the herd prize.

Three fine herds of Ayrshires were shown by M. H. Parlee, of Sussex, N. B.; F. S. Black, of Amherst, N. S., and Easton Bros., Charlottetown. C. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S., also showed some excellent stock of this breed. This was the best show of Ayrshires ever witnessed here. For bulls, Parlee got the red in aged class, Black in two-year-old, and Archibald in yearling. For cow in milk, Parlee first. For cow in calf or milk, two-year-old, Easton Bros. got the red. In heifer classes, the honors were divided between Black, Archibald and Parlee. The herd prize was won by Black, with Parlee second.

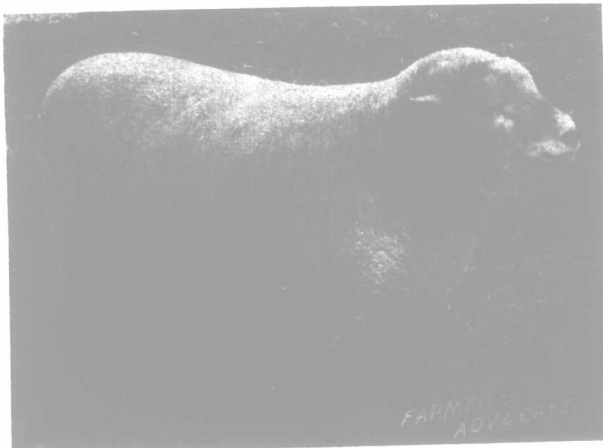
In the Jersey class, the herd prize went to John Wood, Pownall, with Thos. Guard, Southport, second. James Essory won first for aged bull, and William Clark, North Wiltshire, first for cow in milk.

The competition in the Guernsey classes was principally between Roper Bros. and McMillan & Dawson, with herd prize going to Roper Bros., and second to McMillan & Dawson. There were a few Holsteins shown, but no herd. John Tweedy, of Gallows Point, was the principal prize-taker.

The sheep classes were well filled. In Leicesters,

the principal exhibitors were A. Boswell and William Clark. In Cotswolds, John Tweedy and H. W. Corning, of Yarmouth, N. S., who divided the prizes pretty equally. In the Lincoln classes, the prizes were divided between A. Boswell and R. G. McLeod. Southdowns were shown by F. G. Boyver and R. Furness, who took the flock prize. Silas Lane and F. S. Black showed good Oxfords. Shropshires were a strong class, containing some of the best individuals ever seen at this show. The flock prizes went first to A. Boswell, second to Wallace Wood, third to C. F. Ferguson.

The exhibit of swine was quite large and the quality, in most cases, good. J. W. Callbeck was the principal exhibitor of Yorkshires, and took most of the red tickets as well as the prize for export bacon hogs. Berkshires were shown by George Crockett, R. Drake,



BUCKWELL EPOCH, IMP.

First-prize Southdown ram in class two years old or over, at Ottawa, Toronto, and London; also champion at London, 1902.

PROPERTY OF MR. F. E. CAME, CHAMCOOK FARM, ST. ANDREWS, N. B.

and R. A. McPhail. Drake and Crockett got the principal prizes.

There was a large poultry show containing very many excellent specimens, but space forbids particulars.

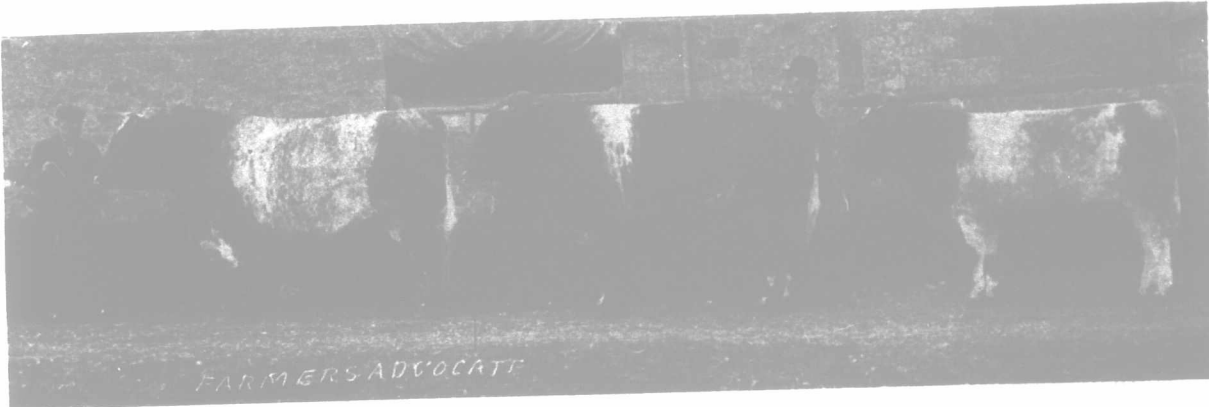
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Dr. Reid, of Guelph, gave an excellent address to a number of horsemen, on the different breeds of horses, and gave much valuable information on how to breed the horse that brings the most money in the market.

Mr. Vroom, Fruit Inspector of Nova Scotia, gave an exhibition of how to mark apples for export, by packing a barrel in the lecture room.

Clean Shows Successful.

During the week ending Sept. 27th, a "Farmer's Advocate" representative had the pleasure of visiting two fall fairs held in Dufferin County, Ont., one in the southern end at Orangeville, and the other near its center, at Shelburne. The latter show was favored with a fair day, and in most classes a reasonably good entry of stock. The objectionable features so often seen were absent. Neither a game of chance nor a fakery in any form was to be seen inside or out of the grounds. The people turned out in good numbers to visit this local exhibition, and apparently everyone went away pleased; the only exception being exhibitors of horses, where the judging was not so satisfactory as it might have been. It was also a financial success, for at the conclusion the expenses of the present year were not only paid, but a debt, the result of past failures, was wiped out. At the other fair, in defiance of the law, the wheel-of-fortune man was in evidence, horse-racing was a leading feature and the performing clown held the crowd in abeyance. Even when the judging of live stock was being carried on in all classes, silly exhibitions of buffoonery in front of the grand stand so distracted the attention in these (to the farmer) all-important departments, that scarcely a man save the judges and exhibitors was to be seen. A good number of horses, cattle and sheep of fine quality were shown, but as an educational exhibition it was sadly disfigured by the low-grade attractions mentioned. When will directors of local shows learn to assist in the development of all that is highest and best in agriculture?



BARON ABBOTSFORD 76087. BARON'S PRIDE 78339. BARON RATCHEUGH.

Prizewinning Shorthorn bulls at the Royal, the Highland and other leading British shows. BRED AND OWNED BY MR. W. M. BELL, RATCHEUGH, ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND. (SEE GOSSIP, PAGE 765.)

Norfolk County, Ont.

An extraordinary season—such a one as we never saw before—yet with all the variations from normal conditions, now that we are nearing the close, we can report a fairly favorable season for the farmers in this county. What with wet and cold, with spoiled hay and grown wheat, with corn drowned out, and root crops in some places under water, still we have some good things to say. It is never so bad that it might not be worse, and it has been worse many times in years gone by, not with wet and cold, but the opposite. There is much land in Norfolk that is inclined to be dry and warm, and plenty of rain is desirable.

We scarcely ever had such a take of timothy and clover, much of the latter having bloomed and, in some cases, ripened seed. This means much for the future. While some hay was spoiled and much more injured to some extent, there is a great quantity of good hay in the barns. On many fields the second cutting—a rank growth—has been cured for feed, and considerable has been cut for seed, but the yield will not be great. Clover seems to require dry weather to seed well.

Some wheat grew in the shock so as to be spoiled for milling purposes, but most of the farmers waited till a change came, in the nick of time, and their wheat was but little the worse, though it shelled badly in harvesting. The yield per acre was good, but with only about one-fourth the usual quantity sown, the crop is much below the average. This fall we see about the usual breadth sown, somewhat later than usual, but growing nicely during this warm, moist weather. Manchester seems to be the favorite here. It is questionable whether it is profitable to grow much wheat at present prices, but we are accustomed to sow it. It divides the seeding between fall and spring, fits in well in a rotation, and is excellent to seed down with, so it is likely to stay with us even with low prices.

The best crop of oats ever grown in this section, both as to yield per acre and quality of grain, was harvested this year. Barley was also a good crop, and more than usual grown.

Two months ago it was thought the corn crop would be a failure, but the frost kept off remarkably well, and there are many fine fields, both for husking and the silo; while of sweet corn the canning factories are getting a large amount. Of potatoes, turnips, and other root crops, the reports are variable: Some excellent yields, some spoiled by blight and too much wet weather.

The season has been an admirable one from the dairyman's standpoint—excellent pastures, feed crops of all kinds fairly good and prices extra good. More and more is this becoming one of the chief sources of the farmer's income. The raising of bacon hogs is also profitable, and fits in well with the dairy industry.

Many farmers now feed all the grain they grow, instead of marketing it as they formerly did, and evidently find it more profitable, and the fertility of their farms will be greatly increased thereby.

The season is yet backward, as it has been since last May, and farmers will have a heavy task to get through before winter. Farm help is scarcer. Several new corn harvesters have been brought in, and are working well, gathering the crop very rapidly. They are great time-savers, which is very important just now, but they are no saving in expense if manual labor can be obtained.

Apple picking and packing will now be in order. The crop is only fair as to quantity, and the quality is not up to the average. It seemed useless to spray when it was raining almost every day, and the result is that many varieties are nearly ruined by fungous growth.

The season of fall fairs is now nearly over, and their success scarcely equals the past. It appears to be generally admitted that some special attraction must be on the card or the crowd will not be forthcoming. Racing is yet in evidence, though frowned on by many. Cabinet Ministers, present and prospective, are now the chief attraction. People would go a long way to see an honest politician.

Simcoe, Ont., Oct. 10, 1902.

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Mr. J. P. O'Connor, of Northumberland Co., Ont., a new subscriber to the "Farmer's Advocate," writes: "I consider my first number worth my year's subscription."