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## A Fine Live Stock Display at Ottawa

Another Successful War-Time Winter Fair

THE Ottawa Winter Fair held on Tuesday to Friday of last week was a success. The statement of its success, however, cannot be an unqualified one. The exhibit of live stock was good; in point of quality, the equal of any winter fair in Canada this season. All of the outstanding Guelph prize-takers were present at Ottawa. So much for quality. In point of numbers, there were no new records made. The stands were comfortably full, except in the dairy stables, where the accommodation has always greatly exceeded the entry, but there was no crowding.

Disappointment No. 1 must be registered in regard to the showing of local live stock. By local herds is meant the live stock of the more easterly counties of Ontario, say from Peterboro county east, and the westerly counties of the province of Quebec. A very large proportion of all the live stock shown came from Western Ontario, the western counties did not send too much. What is needed is more live stock from the east. Of course some eastern breeders did their duty well. They made displays that were a credit to themselves and to their districts, and all credit is due them. One eastern win of special merit was the sweepstakes of the dairy test captured by Mr. Knapp, of Merrickville. But there might well have been more local live stock. With the possible exception of fat cattle, there is much splendid pure-bred live stock in the Ottawa Valley and adjoining districts, and strong committees have already been formed to boost for greater local representation in representation.

Disappointment No. 2 has also to do with local support, this time from the standpoint of attendance. At Ottawa, there are splendid facilities for seeing the judging; the Howick pavilion is unquestionably the best winter fair building in Canada, and has the largest and most commodious arena. A trip to such a fair is as good as a short course in live stock judging. Then there was a splendid lecture series; instructive addresses on all phases of agriculture were delivered throughout the fair. Yet the people did not turn out. On Wednesday there was a good crowd. On other days the attendance fell off very decidedly, and the building would have accommodated three times as many people as were there. The encouragement of attendance is a matter that might be looked into before another fair is held.

### The Horse Exhibit

Clydesdales predominated in this section of the fair. There were a few light horses, a few cute little ponies that were always the centre of attraction for the children, seven Percherons, of which Walter Wood, of Cornwall, was the principal exhibitor and one Shire. Compared with the Clyde entry of over 100 head, however, the exhibit of other breeds seemed insignificant. The great Scotch drafters were as strong in quality as they were in numbers; practically all of the leading Guelph winners were on hand and to a large extent the honors were similarly placed. A feature worthy of more than passing notice was the high excellence of the Canadian-bred animals. Perhaps the outstanding individual of the Canadian-bred classes was Lady Bidand, a two-year-old mare shown by Graham Bros. of Claremont. She had splendid quality, the finest feet and legs of any Canadian mare we have ever seen, and with it all a big, roomy mare with lots of promise. She well deserved her position of champion Canadian bred Clyde.

The pick of the imported mares was the Guelph champion, Royalette,

exhibited by W. W. HOGG, Thamesford, Ont. This is an old mare, a little past her prime, but still a good actor, splendid quality of underpinning and carrying her conformation wonderfully well, considering her age. In acting out Boag's two-year-old, a mare with splendid quality and more bloom than Royalette, but perhaps a bit too tidy for a brood mare. In acting out the grand champion mare the judges had hard time in deciding between Royalette and Lady Bidand. The ring-siders, perhaps naturally, were anxious to see the championship ribbon passed for once to a mare of our own breeding, but it finally went to the older mare, on the form and quality which she carries with her greater maturity.

In the stallion sections, Graham Bros.' Lord Gleniffer was selected for first in the aged class on his all-round excellence of conformation and style. Smith and Richardson were in second place with Scott's Pride, and the quality of the entries was shown by the fact that John A. Boag & Sons got only third place. They had their champion, perhaps the outstanding animal of the stallion classes, however, was the three-year-old Baron Scott, champion at Guelph, and one of the finest pure-bred stallions ever seen in the Canadian show ring. Other leading exhibitors were A. A. Scharf, Cumming's Bridge, Ont., A. Watson & Sons, Fergus, Ont., and R. Ness & Son, Howick, Que.

### Beef Cattle

Eastern Ontario is a dairying district. Live Stock Commissioner John Brigg summed up the situation when he remarked during the course of the fair, that if eastern Ontario people had to eat eastern Ontario beef, it would be of the best. It is hard variety. There are few beef herds in the east and in this year, as in past years, practically all of the beef steers were filled with western Ontario herds. The grand championship (best beef animal on the grounds) went to Riverjack, a two-year-old steer shown by Pritchard Bros., of Fergus, Ont. He was a nice, deep-bodied, thick-fleshed, low-set animal. He and the fancy butcher breed is always demanding and seldom gets. Riverjack was a pure-bred Shorthorn and Shorthorns and their grades largely predominated in the beef classes. The outstanding female of the breed was Meadow Queen, shown by Kyle Bros., Drumbo, Ont. Other exhibitors of note were John Black, Fergus; A. A. Armstrong, Fergus, and T. A. Russell, Downsview, Ont.

There was no competition in Herefords, W. H. & J. S. Hunter, Orangeville, Ont., having put out head. Pure-bred Angus cattle numbered only three head, but the grades of this breed were more numerous than ever and apparently growing in popularity. In addition to the breeders already mentioned, all of whom exhibited grade steers as well as pure-bred animals, was Jas. L. Denham, who brought a strong string of grades from Fergus.

### Sheep and Swine

The quality of entries was well up to the mark in the sheep classes, and there was competition in practically every class of every breed. Most of the breeders who have become well known on the larger fair circuits, were on hand. Three competed for Cotswold honors, E. Bryan & Sons, Ridgeway, Ont.; G. H. Mark & Son, Little Britain, and Jas. A. Campbell, Theford, Ont. In Lincolns, the two exhibitors were J. S. Gossell & Son, Hitchcock, Ont., and Joseph Lyden, Benfield, Ont. Leicesters were exhibited by E. Bryan & Sons, A. & W. Whitelaw, Guelph; John Kelly & Son,

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