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B. C. Provincial Exhibition at New Westminster.

To see what are the agricultural possibilities of British Columbia, one should attend her large exhibitions. And if you wish to convince yourself that the products seen in the Fruit Buildings or in the Agricultural Hall really do grow in British Columbia, wander down amid the large district displays, and, without being questioned, someone will tell you more than it is possible to comprehend and safely carry away. They tell you that the peninsula or the lower mainland is the best mixed-farming country in the world; that the District of Ladner can grow more tons of oats per acre than any hotbed in Saskatchewan; that Surrey can grow anything from peanuts to elephants. You are reminded that the turf on Vancouver Island is unsurpassed, and that land sells at six hundred dollars an acre—worth it for the climate alone. At this juncture a man from the upper country taps you on the shoulder and mutters of the Okanagan country or the Kootenay. He speaks of irrigated lands, developed and undeveloped, of high-tabled lands and valleys where apples and peaches grow in abundance. Those mammoth and blushing fruits and the overgrown vegetables are before you as witnesses, and, once convinced, you move on. Walking through the dairy barns, or loitering by the horsering, you notice that the winners are largely bred in British Columbia; that the Canadian-bred classes contain the championship animals, and, upon consideration, you are prone to remark that British Columbia truly has great agricultural possibilities.

But there is one thing you must not expect when you attend a British Columbia exhibition, and that is fine weather. There was a grand display of fruit and agricultural products, and a good showing of live stock, but the weather was most unfavorable. Each and every day there was continuous precipitation. Despite it all, the Fair was held, and an average attendance went forth in umbrella parade doing honor to the Queen City exhibition.

The citizens of New Westminster pride themselves on their exhibition, because it is successful from an agricultural standpoint. In this they are right, and much credit is due the managers for their honest endeavors. At the present time they have the support and confidence of the farmers and live-stock men, and we judge it would be to the interest of the exhibition management to retain this support. This year there was considerable dissatisfaction voiced among the exhibitors regarding the courtesy and accommodation given them. Whether or not there was due cause for this discontent, it is not for us to say, but, speaking for the exhibitor, we should say that any breeder who goes to the trouble and takes the risk of bringing his live stock to the Fair, should receive every encouragement from the management. Manager Keary is an efficient man, but he should not be hampered by stringent rules and regulations, enforced to make financial profits. The New Westminster Exhibition is renowned as an agricultural educator, and it is to be hoped it may ever be known as such. The fruit display is an exhibition in itself, for the showing of apples stands unprecedented in the history of the Province. Mr. E. C. Armstrong, Superintendent of Fruit Culture in Oregon State, and E. C. Roberts, also of Oregon, made the awards in the fruit sections, and both made favorable comment regarding the quality and the quantity of fruit on exhibition. One of the important special features of the Fair this year was the demonstrations on fruit-packing given by B. R. Denny, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and a large number of Provincial fruit-growers, as well as local farmers, attended these demonstrations. The grading of the different fruits was also taken up thoroughly. Grading has been the chief difficulty with small-fruit growers, and the Government inspectors have quite often had to report the growers. These demonstrations will, no doubt, give fruit-growers a good idea of how the fruit should be graded.

DISTRICT EXHIBITS.

Perhaps no one feature of the Exhibition was of greater consequence than that of the district exhibits. These were displayed in the Agricultural Hall, and they filled almost the entire lower part of the building. The District of Surrey for the second time carried off first honors, winning the Bower trophy for the finest district exhibit. The Langley District was a good second, being only a few points behind the winner. Kelowna and Salmon Arm had also fine displays. The Kelowna District is especially noted for its apples, both winter and early varieties.

In the Dairy Building, butter and cheese was found in abundance. P. H. Moore, B. S. A., dairy expert for British Columbia, made the awards in the dairy products.

LIVE STOCK.

Generally the same entries entered the competition as filled the classes of live stock at the Victoria Exhibition. However, in most instances they did not stand in the same order of merit. Especially in the horse classes was this noticeable.

A different judge ruled, and his rulings were quite different. In the classes for dairy cattle, more entries were found among the Ayrshire breed, and in the Holstein classes new entries came forth at New Westminster, while others remained behind. J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont., and P. Farrell, Woodstock, Ont., made the awards in the light and heavy horses. Mr. Gardhouse also judged the sheep, while W. H. Peters, Professor of Animal Husbandry at Manitoba Agricultural College, judged the cattle and swine. H. Collier, Tacoma, Washington, made the awards in the poultry section.

HORSES.

The Clydesdales made the strongest showing among the draft breeds. The exhibitors in this breed were Captain Watson, owner of the Cariboo Ranch; S. R. O'Neil, Vancouver; Pemberton Stock Farm, Pemberton; Shannon Bros., Cloverdale; Inverholme Stock Farm, Port Guichon; Guichon Estate, Port Guichon; Colony Stock Farm, New Westminster; Savage Bros., Westham Island, and J. O. Trethewey, of Abbotsford.

In the Clydesdale aged stallion class, the Victoria winner, Baron's Craigie, was relegated to fourth place, while Rosendale, owned by O'Neil, headed the line. Dean Swift, from Pemberton, stood second. Gartly Guarantee, an O'Neil horse, came third. Rosendale was a good winner, being a horse of merit, and well developed. Trethewey had the only three-year-old entry, in Dunure Wallace. Prince Elert, of the Guichon Estate, was a good winner in the two-year-old class. Royal City and Bonny Dean, from Pemberton, were second and third. Savage Bros. showed the only yearling stallions. Stallion foal of 1910-1, Shannon Bros.; 2, Inverholme Stock Farm. In the brood mare class there were four entries. Nellie Garrick, owned by Pemberton, and later sold to the Colony Farm, was first. Nan, shown by Colony Farm, was second, while A. D. Paterson, of Ladner, owned the third animal. The dry-mare class brought out the same entries as faced the judge at Victoria. Aries Flower, an imported mare, owned by Watson was first; A. D. Paterson was second with May Queen, while Lily of Grandview, the Victoria champion, was placed third. Shannon Bros. had two good winners in the filly class two years old. Grandview Lassie is an especially good mare, and should develop well. Princess Ena, owned by Guichon Estate, was third. Filly foal of 1910-1, Pemberton Stock Farm; 2, Inverholme Stock Farm; 3, Guichon Estate. Produce of one mare, two animals, any age or sex—1, Shannon Bros.; 2, Guichon Estate.

Percherons.—In the Percheron classes, W. W. Hunter, of Olds, Alberta; A. C. Ruby, Portland, Oregon, and J. McCulloch, Lulu Island, were the exhibitors in the stallion classes. McCulloch won the championship with his aged horse, Merinor. Hunter had second and third in the four-year-old class, with Gontran II. and Hornung. Ruby had the only two-year-old entry in Alfonso. Alex. Davie, of Ladner, had a few entries in the Percheron mare classes.

Belgians.—There were but two Belgians shown, and they were found in the two-year-old stallion class. Ruby, of Portland, won with the sorrel, Frelon. W. W. Hunter, of Olds, had the other entry.

Shires.—W. W. Hunter and Alex. Davie were the exhibitors in the Shire classes. Davie exhibited some Shire mares. Hunter had three four-year-old Shire stallions. Wrindridge Boy was champion, and Measham Samson second.

The draft stallion championship went to Rosendale, the Clydesdale winner. The champion female was Nellie Garrick, the winning Clydesdale mare. In the British Columbia-bred Clydesdales, Shannon Bros. won the championship.

LIGHT HORSES.

The Hackney horses presented the greatest display in the light-horse classes. J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson, of Chilliwack, were out with their line of Standard-breds, and they succeeded in capturing practically all the prizes in these classes. In the Hackney stallion class four years and over, Silpho Sensation, now owned by the Colony Stock Farm, was the winner. Drysdale King, the Seattle champion last year, was second. Jos. Tamboline, of Westham Island, is his owner. D. C. McGregor's horse, Holland Prince, came third. Hackney stallion, one year old—1, Capt. Williams, Vancouver. Brood mare with foal at foot—McGregor, of Vancouver, won first and second with Warwick Dora and Warwick Graceful. Aged mare, three years old—1, Colony Farm, New Westminster. D. C. McGregor won the female light-horse championship with Warwick Dora. A. C. Ruby, of Portland, won the stallion championship with Alder, his German Coach stallion, afterwards purchased by J. McCulloch, Lulu Island.

CATTLE.

The greatest entries in the cattle classes were found among the dairy breeds. There was some keen competition in the Holstein and Ayrshire classes. In the beef breeds the entries were small. Joseph Tamboline, Westham Island, alone exhibited Shorthorns. J. T. Maynard, of Chilliwack, was out with his herd of Red Poll cattle

and found no competition. In Herefords, Savage Bros., Westham Island, and W. H. Austin, Coquitlam, divided honors. Austin won the championship prizes. A. J. Street, from Chilliwack, was one of the strongest exhibitors of Jerseys; he was out with thirteen head. A. H. Menzie & Son, of Pender Island, and Mr. Street divided honors in the championship prizes. Other Jersey exhibitors were Sprott and Schru, of Burnaby Lake; McLennan, of Vancouver, and Robinson, of New Westminster. W. M. Banford, of Chilliwack, was the only exhibitor of Guernseys.

The Holstein competition was chiefly between W. J. Tregillus, from Calgary, Alberta; Logan Bros., Amherst, N. S.; the Colony Farm, Mount Coquitlam, and Alex. Davie, of Ladner. Tregillus swept the board in the bull classes, his aged bull, Peitje De Kol Butter Boy, being first in the four-year-old class, and also winning the championship prize. Tregillus had also second placing in the four-year-old class, first and third in the two-year-old class, and first for junior bull. Logan Bros. received first for senior yearling bull, and in the cow and heifer classes they received practically all the first awards. In the class for heifer two years old, the Colony Farm was first, and Tregillus second. Logan Bros. won the herd prizes.

Strong competition was found in the Ayrshire classes. A. C. Wells & Son, Jos. Thompson and C. T. Higginson & Son, all from Chilliwack, were exhibitors. Chaplin Bros., of Agassiz; Austin, of Coquitlam, and McCulloch, of Stevenson, also competed for honors. The awards were: Aged bull—1, A. C. Wells & Son. Bull, two years old—1, A. C. Wells & Son; 2, J. McCulloch. Senior bull, yearling—1, A. C. Wells; 2, J. Thompson; 3, W. R. Austin. Junior bull, yearling—1, Higginson; 2, Wells & Son; 3, Austin. Senior bull calf—1 and 2, Thompson; 3, Wells & Son. Junior calf—1, Wells & Son; 2, Austin. Champion bull—Wells & Son.

In the Ayrshire female classes, A. C. Wells & Son won all the ribbons, also herd prizes.

SHEEP AND SWINE.

British Columbia is the home of some fine pure-bred sheep, and it is always the custom for breeders to congregate at the New Westminster Exhibition. This year there was a representative gathering of the best breeders. A. C. Wells & Son, Chilliwack, were the exhibitors of Lincolns. W. M. Banford swept the boards in the Leicester classes. J. T. Maynard, of Chilliwack, exhibited Dorset Horns, while P. H. Wilson, of Chilliwack, had out some very fine Shropshires.

There was a larger entry in the Oxford Downs. Every class was full, with a choice lot of entries. Alex. Davie, Ladner; McClugham Bros., of Langley, and John Richardson, of Port Guichon, were the exhibitors. Davie and McClugham owned the champion pens, the former exhibitor winning highest honors.

Dr. A. T. Watt, of Metchosin, Vancouver Island, and C. T. Higginson & Son, of Chilliwack, divided honors in the Southdown breed.

In the fat sheep class, all breeds were entitled to enter, and the honor of winning the prizes is, therefore, no mean one. C. T. Higginson, for fat wethers, won all three prizes with his Southdowns. For fat ewe, McClugham Bros. won first with a good one of the Oxford Down breed. Another prize that is much sought after in the sheep exhibit is the championship and blue ribbon for best ram lamb and two ewes bred in British Columbia. Dr. Watt received the first for this with his Southdowns, and P. H. Wilson second with Shropshires, a reversal of what happened in Victoria.

There was competition in almost every class in swine. In the Duroc-Jersey and Essex breeds, J. T. Maynard, of Chilliwack, was the only exhibitor.

In Yorkshires, Jos. Thompson, Chilliwack; H. Webb, Saides, and McClugham Bros., Port Kells, were the exhibitors. Thompson won the championship prizes, and also the herd prize. Webb came second in the herd award.

There were three exhibitors of Berkshires: A. C. Wells & Son, Sardis; H. Webb, Sardis, and Shannon Bros., Cloverdale. A. C. Wells & Son owned the champion animals.

In Tamworths, Alex. Davie, Ladner, and W. M. Banford, Chilliwack, divided honors. In the herd prize, Banford received first and third, while Davie secured second. The diploma for best boar went to Davie, while Banford had the champion sow.

Bacon Hogs.—Best pen of bacon hogs for bacon trade, any grade or breed—1, Jos. Thompson, with Yorkshires; 2, A. C. Wells & Son, with Berkshires; 3, H. Webb, Yorkshires; 4, McClugham Bros., Yorkshires.

Entries for International.

As a great many of our readers are exhibitors at the International Live-stock Exposition, which is held this year from Nov. 26th to December 3rd, attention is drawn to the fact that entries close November 1st this year. All intending exhibitors will therefore, see to the matter of entries at once. The address of the secretary is B. H. Heide, Union Stock-yards, Chicago.