

The Montreal Exposition.

In a recent letter Mr. S. C. Stevenson, Secretary of the Montreal Exposition, wrote:—"We have fixed the week beginning Monday, 4th September, and ending on Saturday, the 9th, as our date, and are now actively pushing on preparations."

"We do not contemplate much alteration in the buildings this year. After having visited some of the leading exhibition grounds on this continent, we feel satisfied that our accommodation compares favorably in most departments with theirs. We are looking forward to a new Industrial Palace, but we can hardly hope to have it erected this year."

"The World's Fair will not injure us. Some of the best horses and cattle will be in Chicago; but there will be plenty left, and this very fact of the absence of the crack prize-winners may do good by emboldening other exhibitors, who in ordinary seasons might be timid of entering the lists with the larger breeders, to embrace the opportunity to enter their stock. In regard to manufacturers I do not think the World's Fair will injure us at all. If manufacturers are willing to send their goods to Chicago, where there is not the remotest chance of their ever doing business, surely they will not refuse to exhibit in the metropolis of Canada, where they have every hope of advantage resulting."

"It is a curious fact that ever since the National Policy came into force, the industrial exhibits have steadily deteriorated. Indeed, if a stranger were to walk through one of our exhibitions, he would never know that there was a cotton or a woollen mill or a sugar refinery in the country. Before the N. P. came in all these industries exhibited; but now, thanks to the tariff, they are all controlled by powerful trusts or combines, who look upon exhibitions with contempt. People must buy from them anyway, so they have no need to show their goods."

"Now this is all wrong. The National Policy is sustained and paid for by the people, and the people have a right to see and judge for themselves what it has achieved. For this purpose nothing is better than an exhibition at which the manufacturer and the consumer can meet on common ground. It is a great object lesson in the condition and progress of the country."

INFUSING NEW BLOOD.

"We are infusing a good deal of new blood into the management, as you can see by the list of chairmen of committees: Mr. O. Martin will have charge of finance; Mr. P. Lyall, buildings and grounds; Mr. Ewing, roots and grains; Mr. L. Huot, special attractions; Mr. S. H. O. Miner, industrial building; Mr. H. Prevost, poultry; Mr. G. W. Sadler, machinery; Mr. T. J. Doran, horses; Mr. J. A. Trenholme, cattle; Mr. R. Auzias-Turenne, dairy products; and Mr. John Crowe, of sheep and swine. All these gentlemen are experts in their respective lines."

"One new feature we are endeavoring to introduce. We wish to make it a more distinctively provincial exhibition than ever before, and to this end I have written to the Government to ask the agricultural society of every county to send us an exhibit of each county's grains, woods and grasses, as well as cattle and sheep. This would interest everyone, as they could compare the resources and results of every distinct county in the province with the others. As the Government control the grants to these societies, there is no reason why they should not ask them to do this. It would be a much better method of spending the public money than by frittering it away on small exhibitions, which in many instances are absolute farces. Have one big exhibition every year in Montreal, at which each county could see how the others are progressing, and do away with these petty local shows."

"All that we need for success is the hearty co-operation of our citizens. Please disabuse your mind of the idea that this company is a money-making machine. It is not. We have never paid a dividend yet, and indeed have not as much as held our own. The prospects this year are good, but we want the help of our citizens and manufacturers, if the exhibition of this fall is to be the success it ought to be."

At the meeting of the board on Monday, the contract for printing the prize lists was given out to the Perrault Printing Co., and Mr. George Hunt was reappointed mechanical superintendent.

The Dairy Bulletin.

The Dairy Association Bulletin, No. 39, just issued by the Department of Agriculture of Manitoba, contains all acts pertaining to the dairy industry, and also reports of papers read and addresses delivered at the last annual meeting of the association held in Winnipeg last January. This bulletin should be in the hands of everyone interested in dairying, whether on a large or small scale. Among the several interesting and instructive essays, we would specially commend to the careful perusal of all the following: "Cream Separation," by E. A. Struthers, manager of the Barnardo Farm, Russell; "Defects and Difficulties of Manitoba Dairying," by S. M. Barre, President of the Association; and "Fodders and Ensilage," by S. A. Bedford, Superintendent of the Brandon Experimental Farm. Copies can be had by applying to the Department of Agriculture, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

STOCK.

The Royal Show of England.

The show of live stock at the Chester meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of England was extensive, varied, and of good quality, though not above the average. Still, most of the breeds had noteworthy representatives.

LIGHT HORSES—THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS.

This branch of the Royal has always been looked forward to with pleasant anticipation, and this year's exhibit was in no way disappointing. One of the most attractive features of the show was the appearance upon the scene of the Duke of Westminster's Derby winner, Ben d'Or, accompanied by his stable companions, Arklow and Blue Grass. These were located in a pavilion specially erected for their reception as near to the centre of the grounds as could be arranged. Numerous other horses of equal merit were on exhibition.

CLEVELAND BAYS.

For the first time for forty-two years the Royal Agricultural Society has offered prizes for Cleveland Bays in separate classes. It is much to be regretted that breeders have not presented this breed before the public, so as to have demanded a class for them at the shows. The stallions turned out well, but there was not a single entry in the brood mare class, which does not say much for the public spirit of the breeders. The merits of the Cleveland Bay mares are great, yet are little known out of their own neighborhood. The winners are owned by Mr. F. H. Stericker, Mr. Robert Kitching, Mr. F. P. Baker, Mr. White and Mr. Scoby.

COACH HORSES.

The Yorkshire Coach horses made a fairly good showing, though more uneven than the Clevelands. The contest between the first and second prize horses was a keen one, but first was given to Mr. Kelsey's Lord Howden. Mr. Sett's First Favorite came second, and Mr. Houffe's Skewkirk Squire came third. The mares numbered one less than the stallions. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Kelsey's mare, Patience. Mr. White's Anistey Queen received second place.

HACKNEYS.

The Hackney class made an interesting showing. The report will be seen in Scotch letter of this issue.

SHIRES.

The Shire exhibit at the Royal is always held under certain disadvantages, owing firstly to the absence of older stallions shown in the early spring, and also because the foals have not as yet attained to an age sufficient to show off their points as they do in autumn. What, however, was wanting in this class was made up in the young stallion and mare classes. We feel safe in saying, that at no Royal show have the breeders of this breed made such a grand exhibit as at this one; the animals had sufficient quality combined with weight.

Speaking of the general character of these exhibits, there was one thing that was noteworthy, and to a certain extent detracted from the universal feelings of satisfaction, and this was among the yearlings and two-year-olds of both sexes a large proportion did not stand on their hind joints as one could have wished. This, of course, was due to over-feeding and insufficient exercise, and will no doubt be rectified by another year, as the natural conformation was all right. There was plenty of length and spring of pastern, but as they then appeared it was a great eyesore and a defect that judges could not overlook. A report of Clydesdales may also be seen in our Scotch letter.

SUFFOLKS.

Owing to the distance from Chester to the home of the Suffolk, the class was not overly large, but very good in quality.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns are well reported in our Scotch letter.

HEREFORDS.

No more than two Hereford breeders sent bulls, each only one, for competition in the class of native male Herefords calved in the years 1888, 1889 and 1890. This seems a poor representation of so important a breed as this at a meeting-place divided from Herefordshire only by one intervening county, with excellent through railway facilities. It is accounted for by the fact that Herefordshire is becoming more and more a dairy county, and it is believed that this breed is not suited to the dairy requirements.

DEVONS.

The Devons were well represented, considering the long distance from the home of this symmetrical breed to the Royal show ground. Of aged bulls just three faced the judges, who soon decided to give Pretty Middling, of the Heanton Herd, the first place, as he was a perfect marvel of symmetry, with excellent top and low lines, nicely arched ribs, capital quarters—altogether a credit to his sire, Lord Wolseley. The second and third places were not so easily awarded. Seven two-year-olds entered the ring. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Skinner's Duke of Pound 16. In the cow class the five in view were all possessed of high qualities.

RED POLLS.

The thirty-one entries of this East Anglian valuable variety of cattle were very much the same as at the Suffolk County Show and at Romford, but, as on that occasion, none of the Duke of Hamilton's were on exhibition. In the aged bull class just four were brought before the judges. Lord Hastings' Broadbent, a last year winner at Warwick, carried off the first honor. Mr. H. P. Green's

Starlight coming second, and Mr. J. J. Coleman's Jupiter followed next in line. In the two-year-old class only three were drawn up for inspection. Mr. Coleman's Red Prince carrying off the blue rosette, Mr. H. P. Green's Prince Charming coming 2nd, and Coleman's Ruby King received 3rd place.

In the cow class Lord Amherst's Saltarella and Mr. Coleman's Dorena contested for the principal award; however, the last-named grandly fleshed daughter of Iago was given the first honor, as well as the female championship. In the two-year-old class Mr. Coleman's heifers carried off the first and second prizes, Lord Amherst's Rosetti, who was the only remaining contestant, coming third. Half-a-dozen yearlings entered the ring; H. P. Green's Honeymoon received first place, followed by Jewel 2nd, from Cannon House, and Colonel Lucas' Ashlyns Phyllis.

ABERDEEN ANGUS.

With two exceptions, Polled-Angus cattle were never better represented at the Royal. There were thirty-six entries, and although there were a few empty stalls, the display made was highly creditable.

GALLOWAYS.

The Galloway entries numbered twenty-four, there being seven bulls and seventeen females. This was probably as many as could be expected, considering the distance of Chester from the home of this breed. But, whatever may be thought of the display from a numerical point of view, it was very creditable in respect of the individual merits of the exhibits.

AYRSHIRES.

Two classes were given for Ayrshire cattle, but breeders do not seem to be satisfied with the provision made, and only seven entries were made by two breeders. The Ayrshire men have made a mistake, as they will find out. They should have accepted the classes as a concession to them, and if they had responded it is probable that in future years they would have been more liberally dealt with. In the class for bulls, Mr. Pinkerton was awarded the first prize for Royal Stewart, bred by Mr. Montgomery, Tassnessock, and got by the champion bull Glencairn. Sir Mark Stewart gained the second prize with the yearling Risk Hine of Southwick, which was bred by Mr. Mair, of Craigbua, and this animal has won first at many of the leading shows in the south and south-west of Scotland. The reserve went to Mr. Pilkington's Field Marshal, sired by Adjutant. In the female class Mr. Pilkington took first with Betty and third with Brow Duchess, Sir Mark Stewart coming second with Stately of Southwick.

JERSEYS.

The Jersey class was not so well-filled as we are accustomed to see at the Royal. This in one respect is very satisfactory, as it is better that a class should consist of a small number of show-yard specimens, rather than a great number of animals of only ordinary merit, sent merely for sale. In another respect, the lack of numbers is a matter of regret, as we fear it is due in a great measure to the fact that the English-bred Jerseys are never able to hold their own in the face of the fine and more delicately-bred island cattle. The first and second honors in the bull class were taken by Lord Rothschild's Flora's Lad and Mr. Blyth's Distinction's Pride. Cows in milk were certainly the strength of the Jersey section, though only fourteen animals came before the judges. The first prize was awarded to Lord Rothschild's Oxford Dahlia, the finest and most perfect Jersey that has been out for several years. The very fine cow Pontorson, of great celebrity, was placed second. Several commended and highly-commended cards were awarded, which goes to show that there were a lot of really worthy animals brought out.

GUERNSEYS.

Of the Guernsey class a great deal might be said, if space would permit. This breed seems to be rapidly coming to the front. The show of cows was an excellent one, as well as that of the bulls and heifers. Among the cows appeared several good ones that have never before been shown, but in most cases these failed to leave the old winners behind in the contest. The first and third honors were won by Sir F. A. Montefiore's Margarette and Fortune. Strange to say, these two beauties have retained the same positions in all the rings in which they have appeared during last season, as well as the present one. Mr. J. Stephen's Muriel came second. The class for yearlings was a large and good one. Among the old bulls, the Express Dairy Company's Alexander the Great and Mr. Julian Stephen's May Boy came first and second, as at Gloucester Show, and after them is placed Lord Worth 3rd. In the young bull class, after a good deal of consideration Glym's Tommy was placed before Mr. Julian Stephen's Adonis, who was first both at Gloucester and Southampton.

DAIRY CATTLE.

One of the leading features of the Royal Show has certainly been the large classes of dairy cattle brought in view. The first class has been judged for results from dairy cows yielding the largest quantities of butter. Over thirty animals were entered for it, and consisted of Shorthorns, crosses, Jerseys, Guernseys, Ayrshires and Dexter Kerries. Perhaps it will be a matter for wonder to some to know that the Shorthorns came out victorious in most instances. The cow classes and two heifers were, however, judged by the eye. Mr. W. Hollins coming first with Dairymaid, a Shorthorn cow, the second winner being Lord Egerton, with