

SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

THE Provincial Exhibition of Saskatchewan was held last week from the 2nd to the 5th, both days inclusive. In all respects in which an exhibition is to be judged it was a success and the officers of the Regina Agricultural and Industrial Association, Limited, are to be congratulated on the happy consummation of their efforts during the past year. The show threatened to start under the unfavorable weather conditions that characterized last year's exhibition, but the skies cleared and the crowds came and Regina turned out well to swell attendance, and taking the exposition all through 1910 is a red-letter year in the record of the Saskatchewan provincial summer show.

The federal premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, spoke the words that formally started the exposition into motion. Standing on the south steps of the new industrial building and wearing the proverbial "sunny smile," Sir Wilfrid expressed himself most optimistically of the present and future of Saskatchewan and the provincial exhibition, and predicted splendid success for the Dominion exhibition at Regina next year. From opening day until the last minute the grounds were thronged and the show of 1910 can go on record as having established a new level in size and excellence, a happy augury for the success of the coming Dominion show a year from now.

The Exhibition Association have been doing wonders on the old grounds since 1909. A new industrial building costing \$15,000 has been erected, in addition to which some \$10,000 has been spent on new stock stables, a swine shed and racing stables. The old industrial building has been moved to the west and made over into an excellent and commodious building for the display of dairy products and machinery and exhibits from the various agricultural societies in the province. The old dairy building has been moved out to the front and transformed into a secretary's office; a poultry building has been put up and a new judging ring laid out. For the coming Dominion exhibition the management have under contract the construction of eight new stock stables, a sheep shed, two buildings for the display of district exhibits, an enlarged poultry building and a grand stand double the capacity of the present one. Regina has now an equipment of stock stables that would be hard to equal in the West, and with the additions contemplated the exhibition will be in a class by itself. More stock stables are needed, as exhibits in all classes are increasing from year to year.

The offering of prizes for district displays is a feature that is being developed to large dimensions at Regina. It is a good one both for the exhibition and the district making the display. The work is in charge of the local agricultural societies and has a direct value in that it brings to the attention of exhibition visitors the resources of districts that have not an opportunity otherwise of making a display, and forms altogether a very interesting feature of the show. Displays were made by the districts represented by the agricultural societies of Whitehead, Grenfell, Moosomin, Melfort, North Qu'Appelle and Manor. Judged from the excellence and attractiveness of the displays first, second and third prizes were awarded to Grenfell, Moosomin and North Qu'Appelle respectively. More districts should go in for this sort of thing. Next year with a building devoted entirely to this feature there should be a display of the agricultural, industrial, mineral, timber and game resources of the province that will place before Dominion exhibition visitors a representative exhibit of the wealth and possibilities of the central prairie province of the West.

Livestock exhibits were ahead of last year in numbers and general excellence. It is probable that Clydesdale horses have shown at Regina in larger numbers on former occasions, but other classes were strong. Shorthorns were a heavy entry all through and other classes of beef and dairy cattle out in good numbers. Sheep and swine made the strongest showing yet seen in Saskatchewan. Poultry raisers should make larger displays than they do. Substantial prizes are offered for all classes of birds, but the exhibit was not up to the proportions of the importance of this branch of industry in the province. The same criticism could be made of the exhibit offered in grains and other products of the soil. Grain growers should put forth an effort to strengthen the cereal display. The exhibit now made would hardly convince visitors from the South or East that Saskatchewan stands in the premier place in the Dominion in the production of grain. This feature certainly requires developing.

HORSES

The exhibition association offers \$2,800 for prizes in the various horse classes, in addition to which substantial special prizes in the nature of cash awards, gold medals, etc., are donated by private individuals having at heart the interests of horses and horsemanship in their various branches. Interest in the horse exhibits never languishes. It is the judging of the horse classes that claims the attention of the major portion of the crowds that attend, and they have reason to be interested, for some of the best

draft and light horse studs in the Dominion are located in Saskatchewan, and large contingents are drawn from them year by year, not by Regina alone but by every exhibition of note in Western Canada.

Clydesdales of course predominate. The Clyde continues to maintain his prestige in Saskatchewan, and the breed is fortunate in that those who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of maintaining it in the premier place have the foresight to see what the interest of the Scotch breed demands, and are laying their foundations strong and well for keeping their favorite breed in the position it has so long maintained.

The Percheron, however, is crowding into the Clyde's domain. The French draft breed is annually showing stronger, numerically and in breed excellence. Saskatchewan has two of the leading Percheron studs in the Dominion, owned respectively by W. E. and R. C. Upper, North Portal, and H. O. Hutchins, Keeler. Both these breeders have been bringing in new blood within the past year, and, aided by a string of stallions from the barn of Colquhoun & Beattie, Brandon, the combined Percheron exhibit was a creditable one to the breed and a revelation to those who have not been aware of the manner in which the horses of the Perche have been increasing these last few years in Western Canada.

Other draft breeds were poorly represented. Light horses, Hackneys especially, made a good display. Judging was done by John Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont., and R. E. Drennan, Canora, Sask. Mr. Gardhouse officiated on the purebred Clydesdale classes, and Mr. Drennan on the Percherons. The judges acted together in draft, agricultural and Hackneys. W. J. Stark, Toronto, placed the awards in the harness and saddle classes.

CLYDESDALES.

Exhibitors: P. M. Bredt & Sons, Edenwold; Traynor Bros., Condie; R. H. Taber, Condie; J. E. Martin, Condie; J. H. Pearce, Condie; R. H. Miller, Lumsden, Colquhoun & Beattie, Brandon, and N. McCannell, Regina.

Stallions four years or over, awards: 1, Bredt & Sons, on Trojan; 2, Colquhoun & Beattie, on Polar Star; 3, Traynor Bros., on Royal Choice; 4, J. E. Martin, on Baron Sunbeam.

Mr. Gardhouse, in this class put the Winnipeg prizewinner down to third, and the fourth prizewinner at Winnipeg was sent to first. Royal Choice was hardly showing to as good advantage as two weeks ago. Trojan at first was showing in splendid bloom and spirits.

Stallion, three years old, awards: 1 and 2, Taber, on The Bruce and Lumlock Laird. The Bruce was champion at Winnipeg and became champion here. Mr. Taber purchased him during the Winnipeg exhibition from his importers, Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont. He shows well in his paces and is a first-class quality horse.

Stallion, two years old: 1, Bredt & Sons, on Baron of Edenwold. This firm was the only exhibitor. Their colt has merits that have won him first money already this season and he became the Canadian-bred champion stallion here.

Yearling stallion: 1, Bredt & Sons, on Middleman; 2, Taber, on Hillcrest Baron. The winner is the Calgary champion of this year, purchased by Mr. Bredt after the Alberta exhibition.

Brood mare: 1, J. H. Pearce, on Royal Eve; 2, J. E. Martin, on Dolly Macbean; 3, Neil McCannell, on Charming Queen. The winner here is an imported mare, by Royal Everard, a good large female with what size and quality she needs.

Yield mare: 1, Traynor Bros., on Mayoress; 2, Bredt & Sons, on Irene; 3, R. H. Taber, on Baron's Lassie; 4, Bredt & Sons, on Madrigal. Mayoress, of course, was the logical winner. Few judges have yet got around her unequalled size and excellent quality. Baron's Lassie and Irene competed closely for second. This class was not as large as it has been on some previous occasions only the four prize winners mentioned appearing in the ring.

Three-year-old filly: 1 and 2, Traynor Bros., on Royal Gem and Mona's Queen; 3, R. H. Miller, on Miss Motion. The first prize winner is a home-bred mare by Baron's Gem, with a lot of her distinguished

sire's excellent attributes. Mona's Queen is a Blacon Sensation. The third prizewinner was bred by W. H. Bryce, Arcola, from his champion stallion Perpetual Motion.

Two-year-old filly: 1 and 2, Bredt & Sons, on Ruby Rose and Sultana; 3, Traynor Bros., on Lady Stirling; 4, R. H. Miller, on Lonely Lassie. Bredt's two fillies are imported, the first sired by Ruby Pride, the second by Pride of Blacon. Traynor's likewise comes from the other side, and Miller's is a Perpetual Motion offspring.

Yearling filly: 1, Bredt & Sons, on Pirene; 2, Traynor Bros., on Meadow Lawn Princess; 3, R. H. Miller, on Doune Lodge Rose; 4, J. E. Martin, on Lady Acme.

Foal: 1, N. McCannell; 2, J. E. Martin; 3, J. H. Pearce.

Three, the progeny of one stallion: R. H. Miller, on the get of Perpetual Motion.

Champion Canadian-bred stallion: Bredt & Sons, on Baron of Edenwold.

Champion Canadian-bred mare: Traynor Bros., on Royal Gem.

Best female, any age, imported or home-bred: Traynor Bros., on Mayoress; reserve, Royal Gem.

Best stallion, any age, imported or home-bred: The Bruce, owned by R. H. Taber; reserve, Trojan, owned by Bredt & Sons.

Special by the Union Bank for the best Saskatchewan-bred mare with foal: J. E. Martin, on Dolly Macbean.

PERCHERONS.

The exhibit of Percherons was of average dimensions and of rather better than average excellence. The studs of W. E. & R. C. Upper, North Portal, and H. O. Hutchins, Keeler, contributed the display from Saskatchewan, while Isaac Beattie, of the firm of Colquhoun & Beattie, Brandon, Man., brought down a few of their Winnipeg and Brandon prizewinners. It was regrettable that the Percherons were judged so early, as many visitors were at the fair to watch the placing of the awards in the French classes, and most of them arrived a day or two too late. It would have been better could arrangements have been made to judge the Percheron classes somewhat later.

Awards were placed by R. E. Drennan, who has officiated at Regina in this capacity for two years to the general satisfaction of everyone concerned with the show. He scores strong on scale, and as a consequence the line-up in the class for stallions three years and over differed some from the way the same stallions stood at Brandon and Winnipeg. Blondin, Colquhoun & Beattie's champion at Winnipeg, and champion and first prizewinner at a score of Western fairs, came within one place of getting out of the money altogether. Colquhoun & Beattie captured the stallion championship ribbon with Harpooneur, and in mares W. E. & R. C. Upper secured the coveted honor on Abella, Vinette, a brood mare from the same stable, standing reserve. Messrs. Upper's had a nice string of mares and merited everything they got. Mr. Hutchins has the foundation stock to make a first-class stud. His two mares, Fatma and Madeline, are both excellent individuals. Colquhoun & Beattie have the credit of owning or having owned the four stallions that stood in the first four places in the aged stallion line, the five-year-old Bijou, owned by W. E. & R. C. Upper, being one of their importations. Awards are as follows:

Stallion three years and over: 1, 2 and 4, Colquhoun & Beattie, on Harpooneur, Gaetan and Blondin; 3, W. E. & R. C. Upper, on Bijou. Stallion, under three years: 1, H. O. Hutchins, on Ansbart 2nd; 2, Upper, on Romeo.

Mare with foal at side: 1, Upper; 2, Hutchins. Yield mare: 1 and 3, Upper, on Abella and Prairie Queen; 2, Hutchins, on Acanthe. Filly, three years: 1, Hutchins, on Madeline. Filly, two years: Upper, on Verla. Foal: 1, Upper.

Canadian Percheron Breeders' Association silver cup for best stallion: Colquhoun & Beattie, on Harpooneur. Canadian Percheron Association, silver cup for best Canadian-bred mare, any age: W. E. & R. C. Upper, on Abella.

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