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exhibited in the regular classes, and won for the Division of Horticulture twelve first prizes, seven second prizes and three thirds.

In other buildings were splendid exhibits prepared by the Poultry Division of the Live Stock Branch and by the Sheep and Swine Division of the Live Stock Branch. Both of these exhibits were exceedingly instructive and attractive as well. Both catered more or less to the housewife, pointing out the value of fresh eggs, and the difference between eggs of various grades, as well as the advisability of carefully dressing fowl for market. The exhibit of the Sheep and Swine Division was devoted to emphasizing the value of lamb and mutton as food for the Canadian people, and models of the various cuts and their relative uses were well shown. Models of sides of bacon were also displayed, accompanied by valuable information as to market requirements and other points interesting to the farmer.

Gossip.

Sale Dates.

Oct. 7.—Curry-Bowes & Bowes, Markdale, Ont.; Scotch Shorthorns.

Oct. 7, 20.—E. Templeman, R. R. 1, Staffa, Ont.; Shorthorns.

Oct. 12, 1920.—J. J. Merner, M. P., Scotch Shorthorns; (sale at Clinton).

Oct. 12, 1920.—Mitchell Bros., Gorrie, Ont.; Herefords.

Oct. 20.—Ontario Aberdeen-Angus Association, Western Fair Grounds, London, Ont.; Jas. Bowman, Guelph, Sec'y.

October 20, 1920.—B. R. Barr, R. R. 1, Mossley, Ont.; Holsteins, Horses, etc.

November 3, 1920.—James Page, dispersion sale, Dutton, Ont.; Herefords.

Nov. 9, 1920.—Western Ont. Consignment Sale Co., London, Ont.; Shorthorns.

November 10, 1920.—Elgin Shorthorns Breeders' Sale, St. Thomas, Ont.

Dec. 10, 1920.—Ontario Hereford Breeders Third Annual Sale, Guelph, Ont.

Dec. 15, 1920.—Oxford Holstein Breeders' Club, Woodstock, Ont.; Holsteins.

Dec. 16, 1920.—Perth District Holstein Breeders, Stratford, Ont.

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Cheese Markets.

At the Kemptville Cheese Board, on Saturday, October 2, there were 563 boxes of colored cheese offered, of which 458 were sold at 25½¢. There were 1,172 boxes of colored and 91 boxes of white sold at 25½¢. at Belleville, on the same date. Two factories boarded 235 boxes of cheese at London, but there were no sales, the highest bid being 25¢. At Cornwall there were 1,694 boxes of colored cheese sold at 25¼¢. There were 200 boxes of cheese offered at St. Hyacinthe. The highest bid was 24¢. but there were no sales, while at Danville 1,169 boxes sold at 24½¢. On the New York market the receipts were 1,562 boxes. State, whole milk, flats, current make, white and colored, specials, sold at 28½¢. to 29½¢.; State, whole milk, twins, average run, 27½¢. to 28¢. At Chicago, Cheddars sold at 28¢.; twins, 28¢.; double daisies, 27½¢. to 28¢.; single daisies, 22½¢.; long-horns, 30¢.; square, 33½¢.; Swiss, 42¢. to 54¢.; Limburger, 34½¢. to 35¢.; brick, 30¢. The total sales of the United Dairymen Co-operative, Limited, Montreal, were 1,590 boxes, which sold as follows: 547 boxes No. 1 colored, 25½¢.; 227 boxes No. 2 colored, 25½¢.; 294 boxes No. 1 white, 25 7/16¢.; and 30 boxes No. 2 white, 24¾¢. There were 492 boxes No. 1 colored not sold, the best bid being 25 13/16¢. and 25½¢. asked.

The Ontario School Trustee's Association.

School trustees in any country or in any province do not always appreciate the trust or responsibility which they have accepted. They may do their duty and discharge their obligations to the best of their ability, but trustees in the Province of Ontario are not putting as much time on school questions as they ought, nor are they as a rule going outside their own sections for ideas and suggestions. There is a Trustees' Association for the Province of Ontario, of which the President is Judge J. H. Scott, Perth, and the Secretary-Treasurer, W. M. Morris, Orangeville. Trustees would be acting wisely if they got in touch with the Association and endeavored to obtain from others suggestions regarding educational matters in rural districts. Regarding the Trustees' Association of Ontario, Mr. Morris says: "I may say these Associations are not for trustees only, but for all the ratepayers, irrespective of race, creed or politics. We are planning to provide the means whereby all the people may come together in conference to discuss their own educational problems. There is the question of the low average attendance in the rural school, the shortage and inexperience of rural teachers the frequent changes of teachers, and the necessity of boys and girls having to

leave home at a young age to receive high school training. I know of a little girl who has just passed the Entrance, who had thirteen teachers in seven years. These and many other features of our educational system go to show that we are not obtaining the results we might; not because of any fault in the system itself, as much as the lack of interest on the part of the people. We believe the people of Ontario have intelligence enough to find solutions for their own problems, if they will but come together in conference to discuss them. This is a purely democratic movement, not for the purpose of advocating any particular scheme in the administration of school affairs, but simply to help people realize the importance of our public schools in preparing the boys and girls of to-day for the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship tomorrow."

Wool Stocks on Hand.

In the early spring many were very pessimistic about the wool market, and sales were made at a remarkably low figure. Since then, however, there has been a little more activity in the wool market, and owing to strict grading, Canadian wool handled through the Co-operative has brought a price which should be satisfactory to the wool producer, especially considering the spring outlook for a market. The Canadian Co-operative, Toronto, up to the 22nd of September has sold some 300,000 lbs. during the month, bringing the total sales for the season to over 2,000,000 lbs. It is expected there will be about 5,000,000 lbs. to handle this year. The foreign market service of the Bureau of Markets, in the United States, reports that there is an accumulation of 1,300,000 bales, of 330 lbs. each, of raw wool in Australia. In the Argentine the estimate is 295,681 bales, of 932 lbs. each. In South Africa the estimate is 130,000 bales, of 375 lbs. each. The surplus stock in England is supposed to be around 1,000,000 bales. With this large amount of wool on hand at this time of year, producers can readily understand that those looking after the marketing of wool have a difficult problem to contend with. Under the circumstances a fairly large quantity of Canadian wool has been disposed of to manufacturers at a reasonably satisfactory price.

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