

New Brunswick International Exhibition, Held at St. John, N. B.-- Crops of 1896.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

Our Exhibition this season opened on the 22nd of September and closed on the 2nd of October. The general opinion of the farmers is that the Exhibition should be confined to one week. It is too expensive to keep stock for nearly two weeks on the show ground. Unfortunately for the success of the Exhibition and the comfort of visitors, the weather most of the time was unpleasant--cold and sometimes wet; on that account the attendance was very much less than last year, and the income of the directors will be short of meeting the expenditure. The directors had increased the prizes in a number of classes, and spared no effort to make the Exhibition a success; and so far as their labors were concerned the Exhibition was a decided improvement on the past. It is disappointing to farmers when these friendly gatherings for mutual improvement, interchange of experience, and helpfulness to one another are met with unfavorable weather. Farmers in this Province are needing something to cheer them on a little. On the Eastern side of the Province the season has been very favorable, and the crops are all fairly good; grain crops, especially spring wheat, above the average both in quantity and quality. On the Western and Northern sides of the Province the summer was dry, and the hay crop on the uplands very light. The potato crop is not large--somewhat below the average. The rains in September improved the field root crops very much. The corn crop is a somewhat new feature with us. Quite a number of our progressive farmers have been growing it very successfully for two and three years, with very good results. Some have succeeded in maturing the early kinds, so that they have raised their own seed corn. Oats and peas for green feed in August is proving a great success to those who have sown them, and there is no doubt but a far greater quantity will be sown in the future.

Our dairy business has not been very encouraging. Last season prices were so low that a great many lost heart, not having made much, and the cows were not very well cared for nor their number increased. Neither did farmers generally prepare themselves in the spring by putting in peas and oats for green feed in August, nor corn for fall feed later in the season, and when the dry weather came in August the quantity of milk was very small, and some factories shut down altogether, and by many dairying was put down as a failure. Others, with more faith in the business and more clearheadedness in the management of it, are now feeling in good heart. The cheese market has gone up, and within the last week a number of factories have sold at 9c. and 9 1/2c., and those who held to the business are rejoicing. Prices for all kinds of farm produce are very low--dairy produce of fine quality is at the top.

The display in the Palace was really grand. The manufacturers and wholesale merchants of the city had very attractive displays of their goods, all arranged in artistic style. The machinery hall was well filled with farm machinery, saw and shingle mills of various makes.

The carriage building was completely filled with all kinds of carriages, finished in a variety of styles and colors. Some new designs in family sleighs for winter driving were much admired.

The agricultural hall on the ground floor was occupied in the east end by light farm implements--cultivators, rakes, plows, churns, and a variety of other implements. The west end was occupied by the cheese and butter exhibit. J. H. White, of St. John, had a fine display of factory and dairy machinery and supplies. The machinery and factory furnishings were from Richardson & Webster, St. Mary's, Ont. The second floor was occupied with the exhibits of fruits, roots, vegetables, and grains of all kinds. The largest display of fruits were from Nova Scotia fruit growers. The Experimental Farm at Nappan made a beautiful exhibit of different kinds of grains on the straw and cleaned grains in glass jars, which was very attractive.

The dairy exhibit was very large and attractive. The directors furnished large refrigerator cases for the protection of the butter, which was a great improvement. The display of cheese was quite an advance on last year. While there were none that excelled or scarcely equalled the first prize of last year, yet there was a decided improvement in the general average of the quality of the cheese. There was more neatness in the finish and more uniformity in appearance; the greatest difference being in the flavor and character of the cheese. This is a prevailing trouble everywhere, mostly attributable to some want of cleanliness or proper care of the

milk at the farms where it is produced. The exhibit of butter was altogether excellent, especially some of the creamery prints and tubs. There was also an excellent exhibit of dairy butter in crocks and prints. Common remarks frequently heard were: "Is not that beautiful?" "Is not that fine?" "A great improvement in the butter from what it used to be."

The operating of the travelling dairy, in charge of Mr. H. Mitchell and Mr. J. F. Tilley, was a decided attraction in itself. Butter was made on the platform mostly three times a day. Some of the butter was kept in granular form as an object lesson for instruction in improved buttermaking, showing how much easier and more perfectly the butter can be washed and salted in the granular form than in any other way. Some of it was put up in pound prints, wrapped up in parchment paper. Thus a great deal of information was imparted. In colored cheese we had 20 entries--14 of New Brunswick and 6 from Nova Scotia.

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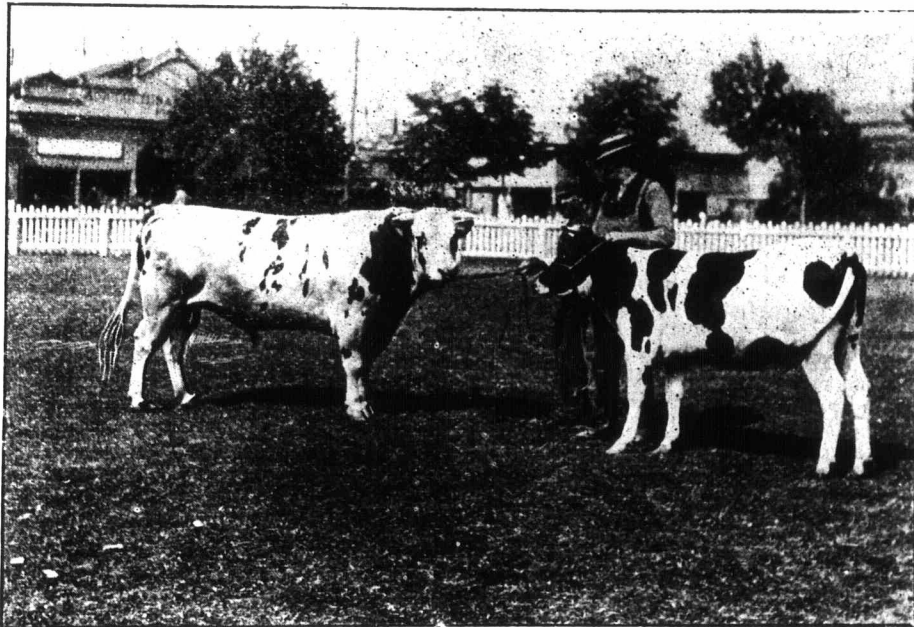
Colored Cheese--1st, J. H. Brown, Corn Hill, N. B., 96 points; 2nd, J. Good & Son, Jacksonville, N. B., 94 points; 3rd, J. P. Michand, St. Hilaire, N. B., 92 points; 4th, West Cornwallis Cheese Co., N. S., 88 points; 5th, Petitcodiac Cheese Co., N. B., 87 points.

White Cheese--16 entries--10 of New Brunswick, 4 from Nova Scotia, and 2 from P. E. I.--1st, C. L. Tilley & Son, Woodstock, N. B., 95 points; 2d, Nappan Dairy Station, N. S., 94 points; 3rd, J. H. Brown, Corn Hill, N. B., 92 points.

Creamery Butter--Two 50-pound tubs--1st, St. Louis Creamery Co., Kent, N. B., 95 points; 2nd, Nappan Dairy Station, N. S., 95 points; 3rd, M. McLaughlan, St. Joseph, N. B., 92 points.

Creamery butter in crocks or tubs--1st, St. Louis Creamery Co., N. B., 96 points; 2nd, Nappan Dairy Co., N. S., 94 points; 3rd, St. Joseph Creamery Co., N. B., 89 points.

A Sweepstakes Pair.



NETHERLAND CONSUL AND IDEAL'S LENA.

The above illustration represents a pair of choice young Holstein-Friesians, owned by R. S. Stephenson, Ancaster, Ont., which have proved themselves, in fair and strong competition, to be among the best of the breed in Canada. The bull, "Netherland Consul," No. 530, was sired by Netherland Statesman Cornelius, No. 46, and is out of Polyanthus, No. 151, imported from Holland. Last year Netherland Consul, as a yearling, won in strong company, at the Toronto Industrial, 1st premium in his section and silver medal for being best Holstein bull on the grounds.

The female, "Ideal's Lena," won 3rd premium as a calf last year at the Toronto Industrial in perhaps the strongest section ever shown there. This year she secured 1st premium in the yearling class and diploma for being best female any age, an honor seldom won in a dairy breed by a female so young.

Creamery butter in prints--1st, Nappan Dairy Station, N. S., 100 points; 2nd, St. Louis Creamery Co., N. B., 95 points; 3rd, M. McLaughlan, St. Joseph, 95 points.

Dairy Butter--In crocks--1st, S. L. Peters, Queenstown, N. B., 94 points; 2nd, R. H. Bayard, Welsford, N. B., 93 points; 3rd, Sam Armstrong, Silver Falls, N. B.

Dairy prints--1st, W. S. Boyle, Golden Grove, N. B., 97 points; 2nd, J. R. Sample, Brule, N. S., 96 points; 3rd, Mrs. H. Middleton, Coldbrook, N. B., 95 points.

Granular Butter--In jars--1st, E. J. Peters, Elmhurst, N. B.; 2nd, Acadia Dairy Co., N. S.; 3rd, S. L. Peters, Queenstown, N. B.

We were favored with the presence of some fine cattle from outside the Maritime Provinces. Mr. R. Robertson, from Compton, Que., carried off the most of the prizes for Ayrshires and Devons. Mr. W. C. Edwards, Rockland, Ontario, showed some fine Shorthorns and carried away prizes. Mr. R. H. Pope, Compton Que., had it all his own way with the Polled Angus. Mr. F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, Que., carried off a number of prizes with Jerseys. With the addition of these herds the cattle exhibit was rather attractive; but strangers coming from a distance and taking away a good many of the prizes was rather hard on our own breeders, but it was a good lesson for the public and perhaps also to the breeders. Also, it has shown them they are still quite a bit from the top yet, and that there is still room for improvement. The chief winnings in the horse and cattle classes were as follows:

HORSES.

THOROUGHBREDS--Stallion, four years and up--2nd, F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, P. Q.; 3rd, Fred G. Alward, Brunswick, Queen's Co., N. B. (St. Valentine). Best mare, any age--1st, Ora P. King, Sussex (Golden Maxim).

STANDARD-BRED--Stallion, four years and up [eight entries]--1st, John McCoy, Fredericton (Judge Wilkes); 2nd, Geo. L. Taylor, Hampton (Arcflight); 3rd, Jas. Gibson, Kentville, N. S. (Resolution). Stallion, three years--G. H. Barnes, Sussex (Fleet-Step). Stallion, two years--2nd, S. Z. Dickson, St. John (S. Z. 27508). Three-year-old filly [four entries]--1st, Wm. McEvoy, St. John (Minnie Mack); 2nd, H. R. McMonagle, Sussex Corner (No. 24155); 3rd, A. C. Fairweather, Rothsay (Dora). Two-year-old filly [two entries]--1st, J. S. Heartz, Kentville, N. S. (May F.); 2nd, J. A. S. Mott, St. John (Fannie Gun, Vol. 4, H. B.). Best mare, any age [five entries]--1st, D. W. McCormick, St. John (Rose S.); 2nd and 3rd, A. L. Berryman, St. John. Stallion, with five of his progeny [nine entries]--1st, G. Carvill (Speculation); 2nd, C. J. Ward, St. John.

CARRIAGE--Brood mare, not more than 1,200 pounds or under 1,050 pounds--1st, W. A. McFate, Golden Grove [mare of 1,050 pounds]; 2nd, S. Creighton, do., St. John; 3rd, A. S. Berryman, St. John (Lottie C.). Single carriage horse, gelding or mare, in harness, not more than 1,250 pounds or less than 1,050 pounds--1st, Mrs. L. K. Coster, St. John; Frank McCabe, Rogersville, N. B. (Billy, 2nd, and Nelly, 3rd).

CARRIAGE (ROADSTERS)--Best mare or gelding, in harness, under 1,050 pounds [nine entries]--1st, D. W. McCormick, St. John (Nellie R.); 2nd, H. H. Mott, St. John (Lulu); 3rd, Jas. Stevenson, P. E. I. (Happy Lad).

AGRICULTURAL--Stallion, four years and up [three entries]--1st, B. Puddington, St. John; 2nd, W. A. McFate, Golden Grove. Filly, three years old [three entries]--1st, R. D. W. Hubbard, Oromocto; 2nd, Wm. Rafferty, St. John. Matched farm team, in harness [three entries]--1st, S. Creighton, Silver Falls; 2nd, W. Donovan, Coldbrook. Best mare, any age [ten entries]--1st, A. C. Fairweather, Rothsay; 2nd, G. A. Bull, Grafton, Carleton Co.; 3rd, J. C. Hatheway, Fairville.

GLYDESDALES (IMPORTED OR CANADIAN-BRED)--Stallion, four years and up [two entries]--1st [only award], John Richards, Bideford, P. E. I. Stallion, three years old--1st [only entry], H. R. McMonagle, Sussex. Best mare, any age, not less than 1,400 pounds [two entries]--2nd, John Drummond, Coldbrook; 3rd, Wm. Rafferty, Marsh Road, St. John [no 1st awarded].

CATTLE.

AYRSHIRES--Bull, three years old and up--1st, S. Creighton, Silver Falls (Scott 715, P. E. I.); 2nd, John Drummond, Coldbrook (Liberal); 3rd, Fred S. Black, Amherst (Victor). Bull, two years old--1st, D. S. Smith, Petitcodiac (Czar of Parkhill); 2nd, J. M. Donovan, Coldbrook (Lord Aberdeen); 3rd, Wm. Rafferty, St. John (Duke). Bull, one year old--1st, R. Robertson, Compton, P. Q.; 2nd, H. J. Belding, Hampton (Marquis of Hampton); 3rd, Fred S. Black, Amherst (Sir Samuel, C. H. B.). Bull, any age--Diploma, R. Robertson, Compton, P. Q. Cow, four year old and up--1st and 3rd, R. Robertson, Compton, P. Q.; 2nd, W. Donovan, Coldbrook. Cow, three years old--1st and 3rd, R. Robertson, Compton, P. Q.; 2nd, W. Donovan, Coldbrook, P. Q. Heifer or cow, two years old--1st, R. Robertson, Compton, P. Q.; 2nd, J. M. Donovan, Coldbrook; 3rd, Wm. Rafferty, Marsh Road, St. John. Heifer, one year old--1st and 3rd, R. Robertson, Compton, P. Q.; 2nd, W. C. Edwards, Rockland, Ont. Herd--1st, R. Robertson, Compton, P. Q.; 2nd, F. S. Black, Amherst; 3rd, W. Donovan, Coldbrook.

JERSEYS--Bull, three years old and up [six entries]--1st, J. E. Page & Son, Amherst; 2nd, F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, P. Q.; 3rd, S. Creighton, Silver Falls. Bull, two years old [five entries]--1st, F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, P. Q.; 2nd, R. H. Pope, Cookshire, P. Q.; 3rd, J. K. Hays, Hampton. Bull, one year [nine entries]--1st and 2nd, W. C. Edwards, Rockland, Ont.; 3rd, Mrs. E. A. Colfitts, Forest Glen, Westmoreland Co., N. B. Bull, any age [three entries]--(Diploma) 1st, F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, P. Q. Cow, four years and up [eight entries]--1st, F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, P. Q.; 2nd, S. Creighton, Silver Falls; 3rd, J. H. Parks, St. John. Cow, three years old [six entries]--1st, R. H. Pope, Cookshire, P. Q.; 2nd, Wm. Mullin, St. John; 3rd, Wm. A. Shaw, St. John. Herd [four entries]--1st, F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, P. Q.; 2nd, R. H. Pope, Cookshire, P. Q.; 3rd, S. Creighton, Silver Falls.

HOLSTEINS--Bull, three years old and up [three entries]--1st, G. A. & A. A. Treadwell, Upper Mauderville, N. B. (Pieterje); 2nd, J. E. Page & Sons, Amherst; 3rd, Willie Eccles, Westfield, N. B. (Barnie).

SHORTHORNS--Bull, three years old and up [only entry]--1st, W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Ont. (Knight of Lancaster 17101). Bull, two years old [only entry]--1st, Chas. W. Holmes, Amherst. Bull, one year old [four entries]--1st, 2nd and 3rd, W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Ont. Bull, of any age [two entries]--1st, W. C. Edwards & Co. Cow, four years old and up [two entries]--1st and 2nd, Chas. W. Holmes, Amherst. Cow, three years old [only entry]--1st, Chas. W. Holmes, Amherst.

Nova Scotia Exhibitions.

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The Provincial exhibitions held in Nova Scotia this year were divided according to Eastern and Western districts. The Eastern Exhibition was held in Truro during the last week in September, the Western Exhibition taking place in Yarmouth, Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd, inclusive. Both exhibitions were opened by Lieutenant-Governor Daley, assisted by Premier Murray, B. W. Chipman, Secretary for Agriculture, and others, who gave practical addresses, containing spirited words of congratulations, noting the general advancement of all lines of agricultural industries throughout the Province during the past few years, raised to a higher standard through the medium of well-conducted exhibitions. The necessity of raising only well-bred stock was emphasized.

The Truro Exhibition was held on "Winburn Hill," and was in more ways than one a credit to the Eastern Counties. The horse exhibit was not a large one. The best represented class was the Standard-bred. T. R. Black showed the only two Hackneys on exhibition, this breed being intro-