

## COWICHAN SHOW WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

The Best Exhibition in the History of Society Held at Duncan--List of Prize Winners

"Better than ever before" was the general verdict of those who on Saturday visited the Cowichan agricultural, horticultural and poultry show at Duncan. In most classes the exhibits were more numerous than heretofore, but the all round quality was a decided advance on previous years. Especially was this evident in the fruit, which, in spite of the dry season, was of much better quality than last year. The fruit was not always quite as large, the growers having chosen that which was of good quality rather than the very large, forced fruit.

The most improvement was, however, shown in the exhibit of flowers. Last year this paper took occasion to criticize the flower exhibit rather adversely. This year, however, there could be nothing said but praise to those who in a dry season, and at this late period of the year, were able to pick such beautiful blooms as those shown, and also to display them to such decided advantage. Vegetables were not as numerous as last year, especially in those kinds which depend for their size on abundance of water. The squashes were not as gigantic, nor were the turnips and mangolds as large, although the quality was good.

Speaking of the horse exhibit, W. Swanton, V. S. of Vancouver, said that he had not yet judged at a country show where the horses anything like approached in either quality or numbers those shown at Duncan. Not only was there speed, but there were a number of well bred animals that would do credit to their owners in any of the big shows. The difficulty was that the farmers had not prepared their show purposes. In many cases their feet and legs were not in as good condition as they might have been if they had been looked after. The feet and legs of a horse are their principal features, and if these are wrong the animal is often disqualified.

Among the exhibits in the horse classes were several thoroughbred stallions, fine animals that have won prizes in other parts of the country, and undoubtedly do so again. G. H. Hadwin's hackney stallion *Endurance* won the praises of the judge as well as of the spectators. There were a number of fine brood mares, the first prize in the heavy class being taken by Mr. Jeffrey, while B. Wallace carried off the first honors in the lighter class.

To return, however, to the fruit, the apples were by far the most conspicuous part of the exhibit, and most prominent among these were the commercial exhibits. Of the plates of apples H. Bousall took first for a fine collection of autumn apples, while G. T. Corfield did likewise with winter apples. Some Wealthys shown by Wm. Dwyer were particularly well colored, and the fruit shown by W. C. Duncan in this class ran a close second. Some immense apples were shown by winter. Pippins shown by H. Drummond, The Blenheim Oranges, too, were very fine, both in quality and size, H. Bousall carrying off the first prize.

That the district is going in more and more for commercial fruit is shown by the fact that many of the older varieties which are not now looked upon with favor by up to date growers are being allowed to drop out of the exhibits, and apples like the Wealthy are taking their places. At the same time many of the Duncan growers claim that they can grow winter fruit equal to any in the country. The Ribston Pippin certainly looked very tempting, as did also many other varieties, there was this year an absence of spotty fruit, all the exhibits being particularly clean and firm.

In pears the Bartlett were much in evidence. They were indeed very fine shapely fruit, and the competition was very keen in this class. F. H. Maitland Dougall took first prize, with D. Evans & Sons a close second. Many of the other exhibits were just as large, and the fruit as good, but they were not as regular and well matched in color.

There were more prunes than usual, and they were fine. There was some exhibit which was disqualified, which had a very fine bloom and were the most attractive of all to the general public. One or two of the exhibitors had evidently polished the fruit, for all the bloom was gone and they shone like mirrors. There were some very fine specimens also of the larger plums, Ponds' seedling being very noticeable.

Perhaps the exhibit that attracted more attention than any other was that of peaches. The color of this fruit was above reproach, and the plates of fruit looked extremely tempting. They were very large, the kind that almost fill a quart bottle. David Ford was the winner in this class, with C. F. Rivaz second. The outdoor grapes also indicated the capabilities of the district in the growing of the rare fruit.

Turning now to the vegetable, the quash shown by D. H. B. Holmes seemed to have defied the dry weather, although it was not as large as some shown last year. J. E. Hall and W. G. Hansen had a very fine exhibit of melons, which were not for competition. There were something like eight varieties, and the growers assured the writer that they had hundreds more like the ones shown, a really marvelous sight for this part of the country. Outdoor grown tomatoes were also in evidence, nicely packed from the gardens of Seymour Green, of Somers, and also from the Mount Sicker Sliding gardens. The carrots were large and shapely, and Mr. Bazett's purple top turnips were of excellent quality and size.

The potatoes were just as good as ever this year, the dry season seeming to have no effect on the tubers. The display was a large one, and the competition keen.

The judge of the flowers, A. W. Bridgman, had a difficult task when

he commenced the work of awarding the prizes for decorated tables. Miss M. Duncan was awarded first with a combination of lavender sweet peas and gypsophylla. Mrs. Walker coming second with white outdoor chrysanthemums set among wild maidenhair fern. The nasturtium effect by Mrs. Merton was a particularly pleasing table and attracted much attention from the visitors all of whom remarked on its originality and beauty. Mrs. E. G. Smith's table with red roses set in asparagus hardly did her justice for the roses were just beginning to look as if they had been off the trees too long. Lavender and sweet peas on the corners and phlox drummond in the centre with a green background and colored autumn leaves strewn on the cloth was the scheme chosen by Mrs. Dighton, and it made a pleasant variety from the often too formal decorations.

The sweet pea exhibit was good enough to be shown anywhere. There were four large displays which covered one large table. The first prize was awarded to Mrs. C. F. Walker with Miss M. Duncan a close second. The other two exhibits were also so good that it must have given the judge a bad few minutes in deciding which was the best. The arrangement of these as of all the other flowers in the show was in particularly good taste, a very great improvement on last year.

In the centre were the collections of wild flowers and the two collections of roses. The asters shown by Mrs. Harry Smith were very fine and tastefully arranged. There was also a fine collection of cactus and other dahlias grown by Miss Anderson.

In pot plants the fuchsias were very effective, drooping gracefully from upper shelves. The first prize for best collection of cut flowers was taken by Mrs. S. S. Dighton. These were set in a rustic box of cedar bark surrounded by vases and bowls of the larger varieties. The second best was a nice collection set up by Mrs. Holmes. There were not many samples of grain sent in and these did not attract much attention, a sure sign that it is not the feature of the neighborhood. One exhibit was very fine, some of it running from twelve to fifteen feet in height.

In the picture and needlework department there was not as much competition as last year. Mrs. Wallace took first prize for water colors, a fine little piece of sea and mountains, typically British Columbian. The pictures of game birds shown by Mr. Springett were even better than the water colors of his work, splendid panels showing ducks, pheasants and other birds. There was a fine head in sepia done by E. A. Leather and the photographs made by Miss R. Woods, some very artistic effects such as many painters would be proud to imitate.

In cattle most of the prizes were taken by G. T. Corfield, C. R. Young, Bazett and D. Evans & Sons, and were quite up to the average. Shows were better than usual and in this latter line the judge remarked on the typical sheep which were on exhibition. They were, he said, in rather poor condition, but this simply indicated that they had not been properly prepared for exhibition.

The gymnasia showed some very clever riding, but it was interfered with a good deal by the frequent showers which fell from time to time during the afternoon. These made it necessary to put off the school sports all together.

In all in all the show was a decided advance on previous years and indicates the development which is taking place in that community, one of the prettiest, most progressive and most wealthy in British Columbia. The following are the officials of the show, to whom is due much of the credit of making the affair successful: Executive Committee—J. M. Campbell, W. R. Robertson, A. A. Mutter, G. H. Hadwin, W. H. Elkington, J. G. Paterson, H. D. Evans, E. Stillwell, H. A. Norrie, Dr. K. Chester.

Honorary President, W. H. Haywood, M. P. P.; President, G. T. Corfield, Corfield P. O.; 1st vice-president, A. C. Aitken, Duncan; 2nd vice-president, H. Bousall, Chemainus; secretary-treasurer, Kenneth Duncan, Duncan.

The prize list was as follows: Roots and Vegetables—Best purple top turnips—Wm. Bazett; 2nd, Hall & Hanson. Best six mangolds, long—Wm. Forrester; 2nd, G. T. Corfield; 3rd, Miss M. L. Anderson. Best six mangolds, globe—A. S. Averill; 2nd, M. Edson & Son; 2nd, C. Bazett.

Best six carrots, long white—Mrs. Leath; 2nd, C. Bazett. Best six early rose potatoes—John Spears; 2nd, Wm. Forrester. Best six gold corn potatoes—C. Bazett; 2nd, F. C. Holmes.

Best six Uncle Sam potatoes—M. Edson & Son; 2nd, Wm. Forrester. Best six up-to-date potatoes—Wm. Bazett; 2nd, E. G. Smith. Best six any other kind early potatoes—Wm. Forrester; 2nd, Wm. Bazett. Best six carman potatoes—M. Edson & Son; 2nd, C. Bazett.

Best six any other kind late potatoes—C. Bazett; 2nd, Wm. Forrester. Best bush potatoes—E. G. Smith; 2nd, John Spears. Best six kohlrabi—Wm. Bazett; 2nd, Wm. Kingston. Best six onions, red—E. G. Smith; 2nd, Wm. Kingston. Best six onions, yellow—E. G. Smith;

2nd, D. Evans & Son. Best two red cabbages—Wm. Forrester. Best two drumhead cabbages—A. N. Parry; 2nd, T. A. Wood. Best two savoy cabbages—Seymour Green. Best two cauliflower—Wm. Forrester. Best six table carrots—A. N. Parry; 2nd, A. Dirome. Best six table beets, long—A. S. Averill. Best six table beets, turnip—A. S. Averill. Best six bunches of celery—Mrs. A. Peterson. Best six ears of sweet corn—Rev. D. Holmes; 2nd, Wm. Bazett. Best six leeks—D. H. B. Holmes. Best two cucumbers—Hall & Hanson; 2nd, D. H. B. Holmes. Best two vegetable marrow—Mrs. Haycroft; 2nd, A. N. Parry. Best two squash—D. H. B. Holmes; 2nd, Hall & Hanson. Best two Hubbard squash—D. H. B. Holmes; 2nd, Hall & Hanson. Best six tomatoes—F. Maitland-Dougall; 2nd, S. Carto.

**FRUITS.** Best collection fruit, commercially packed—G. H. Hadwin. This was a special exhibit of 110 given by W. H. Haywood, M.P.P., Duncan. Best five packed boxes apples, not less than three varieties—T. A. Wood; 2nd, John Spears. The first prize for this was 2nd, given by Pitt and Peterson, Duncan.

Best winter apples, 5 kinds, 5 each, varieties named—G. T. Corfield; 2nd, H. Bousall. Best autumn apples, 5 kinds, 5 each, varieties named—H. Bousall; 2nd, H. W. May. Best commercial apples, 5 plates—H. Bousall; 2nd, H. W. May. This prize was given by Wm. Forrester, Victoria.

Best packed box of apples—T. A. Wood; 2nd, Miss Robertson. Best apples, fall, Gravenstein—John Hesch; 2nd, D. Evans & Sons. Best apples, fall, Wealthy—Wm. Dwyer; 2nd, W. C. Duncan. Best apples, fall, twenty-oz. Pippin—H. Drummond; 2nd, H. Bousall.

Best apples, fall, four other kind—T. A. Wood; 2nd, J. Weismiller. Best apples, winter, Baldwin—G. H. Townsend; 2nd, John Lamont. Best apples, winter, Ben Davis—John Lamont; 2nd, John Hirsch. Best apples, winter, Blenheim Orange—H. Bousall; 2nd, John Hirsch.

Best apples, winter, Canada Renette—H. Bousall; 2nd, J. Weismiller. Best apples, winter, Gloria Mundi—F. Maitland-Dougall; 2nd, D. Evans & Son. Best apples, winter, Golden Russet—Mrs. Jackson; 2nd, James H. Hirsch; 2nd, H. W. May.

Best apples, winter, King—F. Maitland-Dougall; 2nd, W. C. Duncan. Best apples, winter, Northern Spy—Wm. Dodds; 2nd, D. Evans & Sons. Best apples, winter, Ribston Pippin—L. F. Norrie; 2nd, H. Bousall.

Best apples, winter, R. I. Greening—J. Spears; 2nd, L. F. Norrie. Best apples, winter, Spitzenburg—H. W. May; 2nd, H. Bousall. Best apples, winter, Yellow Bellflower—F. Maitland-Dougall; 2nd, J. Spears.

Best apples, winter, any other kind—F. Maitland-Dougall; 2nd, J. Hirsch. Best 12 Hyslop crabapples—Hall & Hanson; 2nd, F. C. Holmes. Best 12 any other kind—J. Lamont; 2nd, H. Bousall.

Best pears, 5 Bartlett—Mrs. H. Smith. Best pears, 5 Bartlett—Mrs. H. Smith. Best pears, 5 Bartlett—Mrs. H. Smith. Best pears, 5 Bartlett—Mrs. H. Smith.

Best pears, 5 Duchesse d'Angoulême—W. F. Thompson. Best pears, 5 Flemish Beauty—D. Evans & Sons. Best pears, 5 Louise Bonne—L. F. Norrie.

Best pears, 5 any other kind—J. Weismiller; 2nd, S. M. Dighton. Best 12 plums, Ponds' Seedling—T. A. Wood; 2nd, Mrs. E. H. Forrester. Best 12 plums, yellow egg—H. Drummond; 2nd, J. H. Jeffrey.

Best 12 plums, any other kind—Mrs. E. A. Leather; 2nd, T. S. Castley. Best 12 prunes, Italian—W. C. Duncan; 2nd, Mrs. H. Smith. Best 12 prunes, any other kind—H. E. Donald; 2nd, F. Maitland-Dougall.

Best 5 peaches—D. Ford; 2nd, C. F. Rivaz. Best 5 quinces—Miss Robertson; 2nd, Mrs. Haywood. Best 2 watermelons—Rev. D. Holmes; 2nd, T. A. Wood.

Best 2 muskmelons—Mrs. A. Peterson; 2nd, T. A. Wood. Best 2 watermelons—Hall & Hanson; 2nd, D. Evans & Sons. Best bunch of grapes—W. C. Duncan; 2nd, A. Longfield.

Best 1 quart of blackberries—C. M. Dighton; 2nd, F. Maitland-Dougall. Best 1 quart of raspberries—C. M. Dighton; 2nd, F. Maitland-Dougall.

**DAIRY PRODUCE.** Best 1 lb. fresh dairy butter, put up for table use—Mrs. Haywood; 2nd, Mrs. Haycroft. Best bouquet of flowers—1, Mrs. C. F. Walker; 2, Miss M. Duncan. Best arrangement of flowers—1, Miss M. Duncan; 2, Mrs. C. F. Walker.

Best collection pot flowers—Mrs. S. Castley. Best collection cut flowers—1, Mrs. S. M. Dighton; 2, Mrs. D. H. B. Holmes. Best 2 vases—1, Mrs. H. Smith; 2, Miss Drummond.

Best dahlias—1, Miss M. L. Anderson. Best sweet peas—1, Mrs. C. F. Walker; 2, Miss M. Duncan. Best roses—1, Miss B. M. Hall; 2, Mrs. T. S. Castley.

**JUVENILES.** Best work of Girls Under 16. Best sofa cushion—Miss Gertrude Kerr. Best pencil drawing—1, Miss Lorna Springett; 2, Miss Grace M. Stephens. Best loaf of bread—1, Miss Forrester. Best plain cake—1, Miss Gladys Speck.

Best work of Boys and Girls Under 15. Best writing—1, Jessie M. Hard; 2, Rupert E. C. Stephens. Best pencil drawing—1, Rupert E. C. Stephens; 2, Victor Jackson. Best writing—1, Peggy Jackson.

**CATTLE.** Best shorthorn bull—1, D. Evans & Sons. Best Jersey bull—1, G. T. Corfield. Best Guernsey bull—1 and 2, C. R. Young. Best Shorthorn cow—1 and 2, D. Evans & Sons.

Best Jersey cow—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, W. P. Jones. Best Holstein cow—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, L. V. Cuppage. Best Guernsey cow—G. H. Hadwin. Best grade milch cow—1, A. McKinnon; 2, A. S. Averill. Best milch cow (sweetstakes)—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, W. P. Jones. Best two-year heifer, purebred—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, D. Evans & Sons. Best two-year heifer, grade—1, F. B. Calcott. Best one-year heifer, grade—J. B. Nelson.

**SHEEP.** Best Shropshire ram—1 and 2, G. H. Hadwin. Best Southdown ram—1, D. Evans & Sons; 2, M. Edson & Son. Best Oxford ram—1 and 2, H. Bousall.

Best ewe lamb bred in district—1, G. H. Hadwin; 2, D. Evans & Sons. Best two ewes grade (large)—1, L. F. Norrie; 2, J. B. Nelson. Best two ewes grade (small)—1 and 2, D. Evans & Sons.

Best pure bred Shropshire ewe—1 and 2, G. H. Hadwin. Best Southdown ewe—1 and 2, D. Evans & Sons. Best pen of two Southdown ewes—1 and 2, D. Evans & Sons. Best two fat sheep—1 and 2, D. Evans & Sons.

Best three lambs half bred or grade—1, John Spears; 2, J. B. Nelson. Best ram lamb bred in district—1, G. H. Hadwin; 2, D. Evans & Sons. Best ram in show—1, D. Evans & Sons; 2, G. H. Hadwin.

**PIGS.** Best Berkshire boar—1, G. H. Hadwin; 2, G. T. Corfield. Best pure bred boar in show—1, G. H. Hadwin; 2, G. T. Corfield. Best pure bred sow—1, Peter Flett; 2, G. T. Corfield.

Best pig under 6 months—1, W. C. Duncan. Best pig under 6 months—1, Peter Flett; 2, F. M. Hale. **Horses.**

Best Clyde stallion—1, T. H. Maitland Dougall; 2, O. Graham. Best Clyde filly—1, John Hesch; 2, T. H. Maitland Dougall.

Best Clyde mare, four years and up—1 and 2, T. H. Maitland Dougall. Light stallion—1, G. H. Hadwin (Endurance). Brood mare, over 13 cwt.—1, Jeffrey. Brood mare, under 13 cwt.—1, B. B. Wallace; 2, Jno. Hesch.

Brood mare, championship—1, Jno. Hesch; 2, F. A. Maitland Dougall. Grade 3 years colt or filly, over 13 cwt.—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, J. C. McFarley. Grade 3 years colt or filly, under 13 cwt.—1, Edges; 2, G. T. Corfield.

Grade 2 years colt or filly, over 13 cwt.—1, Peter Flett. Grade 2 years colt or filly, under 13 cwt.—1, Robt. Barclay; 2, D. Evans & Sons.

Grade 1 year colt or filly, over 13 cwt.—1, J. A. Flett; 2, J. Weismiller. Grade 1 year colt or filly, under 13 cwt.—1, Robt. Barclay; 2, W. Kingston.

Foal served by Endurance—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, F. Maitland Dougall. Foal served by any other sire—1, F. Maitland Dougall; 2, G. T. Corfield. Foal sired by Bathgate—1, J. H. Castley; 2, B. B. Wallace.

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ROMAN HIPPODROME RACES—Three teams of thoroughbred horses  
ROMAN CHARIOT RACES EVERY DAY

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## POLITICS

### Liberal Committee Notices.

District committee No. 12 (Victoria West) will meet to-morrow (Tuesday) night at 8 o'clock in the corner of Craigflower road and Catherine street. All members are requested to attend.

District committee No. 11 being that part of the city from Government street west to the Victoria arm north of Esquimalt road, and coming to Queen's avenue north to city limits, and from Government street east to Cook street, will meet to-morrow night at the store on the corner of Bay and Bannard street.

Committee No. 8, Oaklands, from Cook street east to city limits, and Queen's avenue north, will meet at fire hall to-morrow night.

All other district committees are to report at the Liberal rooms, 1230 Government street, to-morrow night.

Smith Curtis at Nelson.

Nelson, Sept. 18.—With Joseph Patrick in the chair and Messrs. Bostock, Davidson and Smith Curtis as speakers, the Liberal rally in the Alice roller rink last evening was a decided success.

The feature of the evening was undoubtedly the straightforward and mainly way in which Smith Curtis tackled Mr. Davidson and his Socialist following.

With words, words, words, words and then more words, the many Socialists present were in no condition to digest the facts—the cold hard facts—offered them by the Liberal candidate, and they grew restless once or twice under the lash of common sense; but an appeal to their sense of fair play gained a better hearing for Mr. Smith Curtis and that gentleman's own ability to drive home his arguments, with his obvious absolute honesty, elicited hearty applause from friend and foe alike.

A second striking feature of the meeting was the absence of the Conservative candidate, Mr. Goodeve, who was expected to be present—but who failed to turn up. His absence was a disappointment to many, both Liberals and Conservatives, who desired to hear his side of the case, and his refusal to meet Mr. Smith Curtis weakened the confidence of his friends.

Game bantam hen—1 and 2, Mrs. H. Drummond. Bantams, any other kind, cock—1 and 2, Jones & Newbury. Bantams, any other kind, hen—1 and 2, Jones & Newbury.

Best pair cockerels—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, Jones & Newbury. Best pair ducks, colored—1, Mrs. A. McKinnon; 2, J. Weismiller. Best trio cockerels—1, Jones & Newbury. Best trio pullets—1, Jones & Newbury.

Best bushel spring wheat—1, D. Evans & Sons. Best bushel barley—1, T. S. Castley; 2, D. Evans & Sons. Best bushel rye—1, Jack Marsh. Best 6 ears field corn—1, W. C. Duncan; 2, T. Corfield.

Best work of stallage corn—1, E. G. Smith; 2, G. T. Corfield. Best purple top turnips—1, Wm. Forrester; 2, M. Edson & Son. Best 6 mangolds, globe—1, A. S. Averill; 2, G. T. Corfield.

Best 6 mangolds, yellow tankard—1, G. T. Corfield. Best exhibit of honey—1, Mrs. H. Smith.

A meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society will be held in the city hall on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

The huge crowd that failed to find enough seats in the rink appreciated the gentlemanly and quiet speech of the senator, who attempted an oratorical fireworks, but whose words car-

ried the conviction of honesty. Altogether the meeting was one of which Nelson Liberals may be proud, and which added greatly to the strength of Smith Curtis, the hard fighter who has always been on the side of public right.

Quebec Nominations. Montreal, Sept. 18.—The following nominations for the Commons were made yesterday: South Simcoe, Haughton Lennox, Conservative; Centre York, Dr. McLean, Liberal; Quebec Centre, A. Lachance, Liberal.

Rift Among Exclusionists. Vancouver, Sept. 18.—Secretary Gordon Grant, of the Asiatic Exclusion League, has resigned, refusing to be bound to the nomination of Joe Martin.

Socialist in Yale-Cariboo. Grand Forks, Sept. 18.—Charles Bunting, district president of the Western Federation of Miners, and for some time president of the local union, has been nominated by the Socialist party to contest Yale-Cariboo in the forthcoming general elections.

The nomination was secured by a referendum vote of all Socialist organizations in the riding, and Mr. Bunting received word yesterday that he had been the choice.

Post For Mackenzie King. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—The Free Press, the local government organ, announces that if W. L. Mackenzie King, the deputy minister of labor, is offered the Liberal nomination in North Waterbury, Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, London: Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, Clinton; Thursday, Sept. 24th, Toronto; Friday, Sept. 25th, North Bay; Saturday, Sept. 26th, and Sunday, Sept. 27, Toronto; Monday, Sept. 28th, Jackson's Point; Tuesday, Sept. 29, Toronto, where he may possibly speak at Massey hall; Wednesday, Sept. 30th, Cornwall. Should the premier accept any of the invitations to go west it will be a short tour, tions to go west it will be a short tour.

Enthusiastic For Mr. King. Toronto, Sept. 18.—A Berlin dispatch says: "Popular sentiment is so strong for W.