

ance sheets of this company are carefully guarded from the eyes of outsiders but it is known that the dividends paid in recent years have been at the rate of eight per cent., while large sums have annually been paid aside for future improvements in the plant. This is one of our infant (?) industries!

The added cost of farm implements due to the workings of the tariff tears with undue weight upon us farmers. Protection is not needed to ensure the continuance of the industry. Among the demands of the farmers' deputation to Ottawa last December was free trade in agricultural implements. The proposed reciprocity agreement offers relief to the extent of two and a half per cent. We farmers are as strongly opposed as ever to the continuance of any duties on agricultural implements, and will not be satisfied until this injustice is removed.

The greatest good to the greatest number is the principle that is supposed to underlie all legislation.

This principle was lost sight of when a duty on ditchers of 17½ per cent. was placed on farm machinery—especially on traction ditchers. The drains in all fields where needed would mean millions of dollars even to Ontario alone. The future of underdrainage, due to scarcity of labor, rests with the traction ditcher. These machines are not made in Canada. In the United States they cost \$1,200 to \$1,400. To this cost must be added the freight charges and duty which brings the total cost up to \$1,800 to \$2,200. Just why about \$300 should be added to the cost of the ditcher by the import duty is hard to understand.

Healthy competition between farmers results in better farming. Speaking to an editor of Farm and Dairy recently one of the competitors in the last dairy farms competition said: "It took me a long time to decide to go into that competition, but I am glad that I did. When I started to look around me I found flaws in my farming that I had never noticed before. When the judges came around and compared my farm with other farms I found places where I could improve that I would never have found out in any other way." Judges employed by Farm and Dairy to judge the farms entered in the farms competitions are successful farmers of wide reputation. Their visit to a competing farm alone is worth what little trouble and expense the competitor may be put to in entering the competition. The farms are judged by a scale of points that takes in all sides of farming. Weakness in any one, two, or many points need not deter anyone from entering. The farms competition is a great educator, and you will be well repaid for entering your farm in the Farm and Dairy Interprovincial Prize Farms Competition this year. Enter it now!

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Orms town, Que., Spring Show

W. F. Stephen, Huntingdon Co., Que.

One year ago, Dr. D. McCachran, Robert Ness, and other of the leading stockmen in the district of Beauharnois, situated in the western end of the province of Quebec, promoted a spring show. There were misgivings as to whether it would be a success or not. The second annual show was held at the village of Orms town on May 23, 24, and 25, and was as far ahead of last year's show as it was ahead of the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. Dr. A. McComick, the capable secretary, had the show well in hand, and was ably backed up by his assistants, D. J. Greig and A. S. Cunningham looking after horse interests, and Neil Sangster and R. R. Ness had the cattle end in charge.

The entries nearly doubled those of last year, there being 345 entries of horses, cattle 315, sheep 90, swine 45, and poultry 190. A number of the horses were stabled in the village, the balance in a tent fitted for the occasion. The 315 cattle were all housed in one large tent, and the beautiful white Ayrshires contrasted nicely with the choice lot of black and whites and the few Jerseys. The sheep and poultry occupied a tent together, and the swine one by themselves.

The display of live stock was the admiration of all. Many visitors were surprised to find such a grand array of choice home-bred and imported animals. Not the least admirer was the Minister of Agriculture for the province, Hon. J. E. Carson, who was delighted, on this his first visit to this part of the country, to see such a beautiful lot of live stock. The stock was all shown by farmers—no professional stockmen had animals on exhibit. Seventy-five per cent. of the stock was owned by farmers living in Chateaugay Co.

In horses, Clydesdales made the strongest showing, and were exhibited by Robert Ness & Sons, Howick; Dr. D. McCachran Orms town; Dr. J. Greig, and Nussey Bros., Bryansville; Taylor Bros., Dewetville; F. Cowan and D. Pringle, Huntingdon; Geo. Whites, Whites; Geo. Stewart and T. Irving, Howick; and many others. Ness & Sons won on aged stallion with Sir Spencer almost a model, and one of the finest horses that ever came into the district. Geo. Stewart won first in the three-year-olds with a good class horse, Royal Derwent. The young horse classes were all well filled with good things. In draught teams, R. R. Ness won first with a grand pair; one by Sir Spencer fashioned after the old horse. The light draught teams were a fine lot as was the cart horse class, with 11 entries. The two and three year old fillies made a very creditable showing.

The carriage horse classes were all well filled—from six to 17 entries in each class. Dr. J. Greig, Nussey Bros., D. McCaig, J. R. McCaig, and A. S. Cunningham were the leading exhibitors. The showing was largely done in the large skating rink, and it was usually filled with spectators.

DAIRY CATTLE
The cattle exhibit was the best ever held in the district. Ayrshires led with 175 head, shown by R. R. Ness, H. Gordon, J. W. Logan, P. D. McArthur, J. P. Cavers, R. M. Howarth, Wm. Brown, John Brown, Jas. McKill, D. T. Ness, W. T. Stewart, Geo. Finlayson, Wm. Hay, D. McKill, Chester Orr, Robt. Kerr, McNaughton Bros., G. Muir, C. Moe, in point of numbers in the order named. All the classes were well filled and contained from 6 to 18 entries in each class. Judge W. Drummond, of Ottawa, presided over the occasion, and many of his decisions were made on fine points.

In aged bulls, awards were: 1, (Continued on page 16.)



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