

## NEW NATIONAL LIVE STOCK AND DAIRY SHOW OFF TO GOOD START

Entries in Many Departments Exceed those of the Long Established Guelph Fair—Dairy Breeds Strongly Represented—Attendance Small—Where the Show is Weak.

THE National Live Stock and Dairy Show is off to a good start. If we may judge from the success of the first fair held on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition last week, the new winter fair is here to stay. True, the people were not there in as great numbers as was anticipated, and the financial deficit will be large, but as the merits of the show become better known and more fair goers will add the National Live Stock and Dairy Show to their list of fairs they "can't afford to miss." Bad weather during the first two days of the fair and the last also seriously interfered with attendance. The breeders of live stock, however, were there in even greater numbers, in many departments, than at the Canadian National itself. In important particulars the exhibits eclipsed those of the previous Ontario Provincial Winter Fairs at Guelph. The new fair has an advantage over the older one in that breeding class of fat stock, sheep and hogs are provided for in the prize list whereas Guelph, except in the case of horses, is almost purely a fat stock show, with little consideration given to breeding classes. This one factor served to bring to Toronto a record exhibit of cattle, sheep and swine.

## NOT A NATIONAL SHOW

When the subject of a National winter fair was first broached it was seriously questioned if such a fair could be made national in more than name only. It was feared that geographical difficulties stood in the way of a successful national show. Also it was seriously questioned if Toronto was the proper place for the holding of such a show. These fears were realized to a certain extent in the show of last week. It might better be called a provincial winter fair. In the dairy classes, for instance, there was not a single exhibitor from outside the province. In all other classes except beef cattle the same conditions generally ruled. In beef cattle the show assumed an international aspect, a couple of United States herds being present.

But whether the fair was national or provincial in character it was a success from the standpoint of enterprise. There were almost 300 dairy animals, 350 horses, 400 sheep and 300 pigs. The breeders will continue to come. The prize list is a generous one. The treatment accorded to the management was most courteous. With certain improvements there is no reason why the National Show should not appeal to visitors as well as breeders.

## JUDGING CONVENIENCES LACKING

The feature that will most seriously militate against the success of the new fair, which has made such a promising start, is the lack of a suitable judging arena. The horses and beef cattle, for instance, were judged in the street. There was not the live stock arena available for those who are so valuable for these classes judged. There was no room for seats to be placed. Practically all the space required for space in the arcade was required for the judging ring. Small as was the attendance this year, there was not a day when the ring was not surrounded, and many passed on unable to see. Even when a visitor did get a good (?) position near the fence of the ring, the narrowness of the enclosure made it impossible to see more than a few entries in any class.

So much for the horses and fat cattle. When we consider the dairy

cattle, the conditions were even worse. The dairymen rendered the show when first suggested, more substantial and systematic assistance than any of the breeders. They felt they were deserving of first consideration at the hands of the management. Instead, they were housed in the back rows of sheds that could be reached only by wading through mud, in many cases ankle deep, and then one would find difficulty in locating the judging. An editor of Farm and Dairy waded around fully 10 minutes before he finally located the judging in an empty cow shed. There were no signs to direct people to the judging shed, no seats for visitors in the shed except a couple of benches carried in by the breeders themselves, and insufficient lighting.

It was the universal opinion of the breeders and visitors that the future success of the National Show depends to a large extent on the selection of a suitable arena where people may sit comfortably and watch the judging, and in which the stock may all be housed. A November fair in this country can not be conducted with housing conditions that are adapted to August and September. Such an arena would be a valuable acquisition to both the Canadian National and the National Live Stock and Dairy Show.

## HORSES

Every one, or nearly every one, loves a good horse. And the horses at the National would appeal to the most critical. Heavy horses greatly predominated; more so perhaps than any previous winter fair in Canada. Canadian breeders were out in strength, such as Elliott, Bolton, T. H. Hassard, Markham, Graham Brown, Claremont, and numerous smaller breeders, being widely distributed among contestants. Jno. Garbhouse & Sons, Highfield, had almost all the Shires, their old rivals, Porter Bros., being well represented. Persons well represented and the standard was high. J. B. Hogye, Weston, had a long string of good ones, as had also T. D. Elliott, Bolton; Hodgkinson & Taylor, Beaverton, and T. H. Hassard. A few had individual entries. It will be some years yet before the "little fellows" will be as prominent in the Percheron classes as they now are in the Clyde sections.

## FAT CATTLE

Canadians get a bad set back in the Shorthorn classes. Two United States herds, Anoka Farms, Waukesha, Wis., and Carper, Chester, Ohio, were champions, and the majority of the red ribbons in the sections in which they competed. Their success, however, will be but a spur to the Canadian breeders.

Eyle Bros., Drumbo; Kerr & David, Balama; F. A. Watt, Elora; Geo. Amos & Sons, Moffatt, and several others. Hereford were shown most numerous by O. Clifford, Oshawa; Mrs. W. A. Hunter & Son, The Maple, Henry Reed, Mimosa, and Jas. Pappas Tyroconnell, Jas. Bowman, and Jas. Thos. Broadfoot, Ferguson, and Jas. Lowe, Elora, contested the Angus class. Co. McCrae's Gallows, as usual, were also.

## SHEEP AND SWINE

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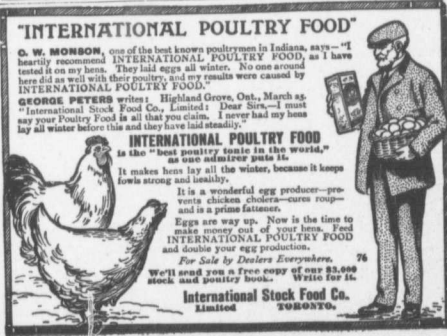
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