

New Brunswick's Provincial Exhibition.

The New Brunswick Provincial Exhibition, at St. John, opened under the most favorable auspices on the 14th, and continued to the 19th of September. Ideal weather continued from beginning to close. The meeting on the previous Saturday evening, officially opening the great fair, was addressed by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Sydney Fisher. In a happy vein he spoke of the progress and possibilities of agriculture in the Provinces by the sea.

Maritime farmers and manufacturers take a great interest in their exhibitions, as was in evidence at St. John, with full stables, pens and buildings. The exhibition management, under Manager Arnold, are worthy of congratulations, not only for successfully working up such a show, but carrying it to a successful issue. This is the third show it has been the writer's privilege to attend in four years (as the annual Provincial is held at St. John alternately with Fredericton), and a very marked improvement was noticed in quantity and quality of the exhibits. The entries in live stock almost doubled those of two years ago, notwithstanding the fact that Chatham exhibition, in the northern part of the Province, was going on at the same time.

In the agricultural hall the dairy department occupied one end, while the fruit and vegetables filled the other. Here was the buttermaking competition, conducted under the supervision of Dairy Superintendent C. W. McDougall. Eleven competitors entered the contest, some of them giving evidence that they were no amateurs in buttermaking. Ten entries of colored and eight of white cheese composed the cheese exhibit. In size, shape and quality all were up to the mark. There were seven exhibits of butter in boxes, and ten exhibits of print butter from factories. Eleven crocks and tubs, and nine lots of prints composed the exhibit of dairy butter. Much of it was fine in quality, scoring almost the possible number of points. Here we noticed a great improvement in the quality and make-up of the dairy prints. The usual display of cream separators were here on exhibition, each agent extolling the merits of his particular machine.

New Brunswick can always put up a good show of field roots and vegetables, and this time it was not inferior, for turnips, mangels, beets and carrots were of fine size and quality. The exhibits of collections of vegetables were much ahead of former years. The collection exhibited by John Maxwell, Upper Cambridge, containing almost everything in the vegetable line, was magnificent. Potatoes, which, by the way, are a fine crop in New Brunswick, made a fine display; the collection of C. W. Wetmore, Clifton, N.B., contained 48 varieties of fine specimens. New Brunswick still continues to export large quantities of tubers, the most popular varieties being the Early Cobbler and the Green Mountains.

We noticed some fine specimens of grain. Our old friend, Donald Innes, Tobique River, N.B., had an exhibit in almost every class, and swept up nearly all the red tickets. He was closely pressed by McIntyre Bros., Sussex, and Jos. McAlpine, Lower Cambridge. The exhibit of grain on the straw was good, but straw was shorter than usual.

The fruit exhibit would compare favorably, considering the earliness of the date, with many other of our Canadian fairs. The apples were large, well colored, and well matured. There were exhibits of individual plates, collections from individuals, and collections from counties. Queen's County took the lead, closely followed by King's, Sunbury and York. In individual collections, those of S. L. Peters, Queenstown; S. B. Hatheway, Fredericton; J. M. Colpitts, Mapleton, are worthy of mention. These were tastefully arranged, with glasses of small fruits, preserved in boracic acid, and intermingled between the plates. H. A. Delmaine, and others, had fine exhibits from the famous Annapolis valley of Nova Scotia. Two lots of peaches of good size and appearance were shown by Delmaine and H. S. Johnson, Wolfville. The exhibits of pears, plums and cherries were also fine.

HEREFORDS.—W. W. Black, Amherst, N. S., was the only exhibitor of Herefords, and had animals in almost every class. This herd contains as many fine specimens of the breed as can be found in Eastern Canada, and would compare favorably with many Western herds.

DAIRY CATTLE.

AYRSHIRES were out in largest numbers, there being about 130 animals on exhibition, and, we are pleased to say, of superior quality to those shown four years ago. Exhibits were on hand from the herds of Stonycroft Stock Farm, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.; McIntyre Bros., Sussex, N.B.; M. H. Parlee, also of Sussex; S. Creighton, Silver Falls, N.B.; Hampton Stock Farm, Hampton, N.B.; Jas. Barrett, Croucheville, N.B.; S. J. Goodliffe, Sussex, N.B., and C. A. Archibald, Truro, N.S. Competition was close, and Judge Stephen had to make many of the decisions on fine points. In aged bulls, Parlee's almost unbeaten champion, Lord Dudley, was again placed first; although seven years of age, he is little broken down. Stonycroft's Monkland Guarantee, just three years, made a close bid for first, and had fancy points been given precedence over size and substance, he would have been an easy winner. Hampton's Netherhall Nobleman, a bull of grand dairy conformation, was third, and Creighton's Castleglen of St. Anne fourth. Stonycroft's Monkland Victor was unplaced, as he is somewhat undersized for his age. These five aged bulls made a grand showing. In two-year-olds, McIntyre's Whitehall Sunrise was an easy first, of splendid type, but just a little too high up; he will improve with age. Barrett's White Heather Matchless came second. In senior yearlings, Stonycroft came first, with Stonycroft Chief, a bull of good quality, but somewhat plain. McIntyre's Togo of Springbrook was second. In junior yearlings, Archibald won first with a superior bull, of Osborn breeding, lately imported, Morton Mount South-rop. This bull also won the diploma over his older mates. Parlee was second with a lusty fellow, Sirdar.

In aged cows there was a strong class. Ten lined up—cows of good dairy capacity, every one of them. McIntyre's Maggie of Spring Brook, a cow of wonderful appearance as a producer, but lacking in a few fine points, was placed ahead, over Stonycroft's Old Gretna Trim, of true Ayrshire type, but lacking in size and shape of teat. Third went to Parlee's High Newton Sillerfoot, a trifle coarse, but a cow of great capacity; fourth to McIntyre's Emma of Springvale, carrying a large udder, but slightly pendulous.

In dry cows, four years and over, Stonycroft took first with Newhouse's Toshi, a large cow of exceptional quality, carrying almost too much flesh. In three-year-old cows, McIntyre's were easy winners, with White Lady, a beautiful cow, of grand quality and dairy type, swinging a fine vessel, with good large teats well placed (this cow also won the diploma); second, White Heather; third, Stonycroft's Barcheskie Marchioness. Dry three-year-olds, first Hampton's Aggie, of true type; second McIntyre, with Hazel of the Willows; third Goodliffe's Duchess. Cows 2 years old, Stonycroft's Barcheskie Emily won the red. Two-year-old heifers, like the preceding classes, were strong, eleven showing up. First went to Archibald's beautiful Gurta of Bellevue; second, Parlee's White Lady; third to McIntyre's. Aged herds—1, McIntyre; 2, Stonycroft; 3, Parlee. Young herd—1, Archibald; 2, Stonycroft; 3, McIntyre. Bull and three of get—1, Stonycroft, with Monkland Victor. Cow and three of progeny—1, McIntyre Bros.' White Lady. Best bull owned in New Brunswick—McIntyre Bros.' Whitehall Sunrise; 2, M. H. Parlee's Lord Dudley. Best female owned in New Brunswick—1 and 2, McIntyre Bros.' White Lady and Maggie of Spring Brook. Canadian Ayrshire Association's prizes: Bull and four of get—1, Stonycroft, with Monkland Victor; 2, Hampton's Netherhall Nobleman; 3, Parlee's Lord Dudley. Cow and two of her progeny—1, Stonycroft; 2, McIntyre, 3, Parlee.

HOLSTEINS.—The black and whites were shown by Logan Bros., Amherst, N.S.; Harding Bros., and W. S. Harding, Welsford, N.B. Logan Bros. maintain the strong character of their herd, which is of exceptional type and quality. In aged bulls their Artis Mercedes Posch easily won first and diploma—a bull of wonderful substance and vigor. Second went to Harding Bros. (a worthy son of Artis). Two-year-olds were headed by Logan Bros., with another son of Artis. Junior yearlings—Here Logan Bros. won with a choice animal, Mercena Vale, of Rettie breeding. Senior calves—1 and 3, Logan; 2, Harding Bros. Junior calves were decided on the same lines.

The cows were a fine lot. Logan's Jewel Sylvia was an easy winner—a cow of enormous capacity, is proving a great milk-producing machine. She also won the diploma. Second went to Harding Bros.; third to Logan. Logan won first and second in dry cows. Cow three years—1, Harding Bros.; 2, Logan. In the dry class, Logan won first. Cow two years—1 and 2, Logan; 3, Harding Bros. Heifer two years—1, W. S. Harding; 2, Harding Bros. Logan won first, second and third in senior yearlings, and first and second in

junior yearlings. Aged herd—1 and 3, Logan; 2, Harding Bros. Young herd—1 and 3, Logan; 2, Harding Bros. Harding Bros. had best bull and also best female owned by New Brunswick exhibitor. Logan Bros. won on bull and three of get, and cow and three of offspring.

DUTCH BELTED.—Sir Wm. Van Horne, from his farm at St. Andrew's, N.B., had a choice exhibit of Dutch Belted cattle, it being the first exhibit of the breed shown here. They were much admired. Among them were some fine specimens of the breed, notably the aged bull, Nicholas Corinhorn.

JERSEYS.—This breed is popular in the Maritime Provinces, and made a good showing. Josslyn & Young, Silver Falls; Walter McMonagle, and R. Robinson, Sussex, N.B., and H. S. Pipes & Son, Amherst, N.S., each had their quota on hand, and filled the classes well. The aged bulls made a strong class. First place went to S. Creighton's Brampton Champion, a trifle short, but of grand quality; second to McMonagle's Imp. Foxy; third to Pipes' (formerly unbeaten) Blue Blood of Dentonia (although seven years of age he is remarkably fresh); fourth to Robinson's Imp. Golden Lad. In two-year-olds, Josslyn & Young easily won with Silver Falls Pogis 40th of Hood Farm, a bull of St. Lambert breeding, of exceptionally fine type and form, of strong character and quality. He also won the diploma. Second went to Pipes' Brampton Financier. Senior yearlings—1, Pipes; 2, McMonagle. Junior yearlings—1, Pipes; 2, Robinson; 3, McMonagle.

The aged cows made a fine showing. First went to a rather small cow, of true Island type, owned by Robinson, Hood Farm Bonnie. She also won the diploma. Second and third went to Josslyn & Young's Dame Norton and Mollie of Brooklands; fourth, McMonagle. In dry cows, first Pipes, with Brampton Monarch Tena; second and third to Josslyn & Young's Lancy of Rosebank and Jennie Norton. Three-year-old cows—1 and 2, Josslyn & Young; 3, McMonagle. Dry three-year-olds—1 and 2, Pipes; 3, Robinson. The prizes in the junior classes were pretty well divided among the four exhibitors. Aged herds—1, Josslyn & Young; 2, Pipes; 3, McMonagle. Young herds—1, Pipes; 2, McMonagle; 3, Robinson. Bull and three of get, and cow with three of her progeny—Josslyn & Young. Best male owned by a New Brunswick exhibitor—1, Josslyn & Young; 2, McMonagle. Best female owned by a New Brunswick exhibitor—1, R. Robinson; 2, Josslyn & Young.

GUERNSEYS.—Two exhibitors put up a good showing of this breed—Roper Bros., of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and Walter McMonagle, Sussex, N.B. The former won most of the prizes, and have many animals of merit. The imported cow, Rosa of the Villet, although lacking a trifle in constitution, is of grand type and quality, and has a great vessel; she easily won first and diploma. Their aged cow, Dolly of the Willows, which took third place, is another good type; as is also Imp. Dolly of the Villet, first in dry-cow class. Cow three years, Imp. Juniper. Among the heifers worthy of note is Linda of the Willows, Omas Emma, Dottie of the Willows 2nd, and Jennie Maud, all winning first in their class. McMonagle won first and diploma with his aged bull, Hedwig's Nonpareil, who is still to the fore, and is standing his age well. His calves give promise of developing into grand animals.

FRENCH-CANADIANS were shown by Sir Wm. Van Horne, St. Andrew's, N.B., and Guy Carr, Compton, Que. The herd of the former was made up of excellent specimens of the breed, brought out in fine condition; while the herd of his competitor contained some good animals, though very thin in flesh. Most of the red tickets went to Van Horne's herd. His aged bull is a symmetrically-built animal, but excelled by the two-year-old, which is one of the finest specimens of the breed we have seen. The aged cow is one of merit, but had to give place to her daughter for the diploma.

SHEEP.

The sheep exhibit was well up to former years in numbers, and surpassed in quality. This may be said of the Down breeds.

LEICESTERS were shown by Albert Boswell and S. L. Boswell, Pownal, P.E.I., who had a high-class exhibit.

COTSWOLDS.—H. W. Corning, Chegoggin, N. S.; Donald Innes, Tobique River, N.B., and H. H. Churchill, N. S., divided the prizes among them. Some choice animals were noticed.

LINCOLNS.—A. and G. Boswall, P. E. I., had a fair lot of these on exhibition.

SHROPSHIREs were by far the largest and best exhibit. Logan Bros., Amherst, N.S.; Cephas Nunn, N. B.; G. Boswall, P.E.I., and Guy Carr, Compton, Que., divided the prizes, Logan Bros. taking the pen prize.

OXFORD DOWNS were exhibited by Edward Baker, Amherst, and J. E. Baker & Sons, Barronsfield, N.S., who had a fine lot. The latter took nearly all the red tickets and the pen prize.

SOUTHDOWNS were a fair lot. O. Nunn, Cephas Nunn and Robert Furness were the exhibitors, Cephas Nunn taking the pen prize.

HAMPSHIREs were shown by Cephas Nunn and Oliver Nunn.

SUFFOLKS were exhibited by P. H. Lane and J. L. Lane, P.E.I.

IN FAT SHEEP, Logan Bros., A. Boswall and J.