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The exhibitors and awards in cattle, sheep and swine are given below, the weight and selling price at the auction sale of each prize-winning entry being given in brackets immediately after the name of the owner:

Cattle.

Exhibitors.—W. & G. Whitelaw, Elora; J. D. Ferguson & Sons, St. Thomas; John Barr, Blyth; Geo. Amos & Sons, Moffatt; Jas. K. Campbell & Sons, Palmerston; John Brown & Sons, Galt; Oril Williamson, Jarvis; D. J. Lerch, Preston; Orville Burton, Claremont; Wm. Marquis & Sons, Sunderland; Wm. Hill, Goderich; J. H. Cruickshank, Chesley; T. A. Russell, Downsview; Andrew Hicks & Sons, Centralia; Geo. A. Guthrie & Sons, New Dundee; Jos. Stone, Seagrave; Rayside Watson, Teeswater; J. M. Gardhouse & Son, Weston; Harvey Real, Seagrave; Ernest Cochrane, Ayr; John Mitchell, Nashville; John Woodham, Jarvis; Alex. Dover, Aurora; J. E. Leask, Seagrave; Short Bros., Elora; Henry Wade, Pickering; A. Elcoat, Seaforth; Alfred Paul, Kirkton; Geo. Barrie & Sons, Galt; Hugh McGregor, Brucefield; Geo. E. Hicks, Centralia; T. L. Marquis, Sunderland; Pridham & Dulmage, Harriston; Byron E. Hicks, Centralia; Willie C. Wallace, Toronto; Adam A. Armstrong, Fergus; C. E. Meggs, Paris; Sprucedale Farm, Elder; A. White, Guelph; Jas. Cameron & Co., Fergus; W. J. Taylor, Varna; Jas. Thompson & Sons, Dobbington; R. J. Russell, Mt. Forest; J. J. Reid, Teeswater; D. S. Ferguson & Son, Galt.

Awards.—Pure-bred steer, 2 years and under 3: 1, J. D. Ferguson & Sons, (1,650 lbs. at 21 cents). Pure-bred steer, one year and under 2: 1, Barr, (champion pure-bred, 1,220 at 31) 2, Geo. Amos & Sons, (1,290 at 26); 3, Jas. K. Campbell & Sons, (1,360 at 26); 4, John Brown & Sons, (1,400 at 22). Pure-bred steer, under one year: 1—Oril Williamson, (first, Calf Meal Special, 1,070 at 33); 2, D. J. Lerch, (960 at 30); 3, Orville Burton, (1,010 at 23); 4, Wm. Marquis & Sons, (1,100 at 26). Grade or cross-bred steer, 2 years and under 3: 1, Jas. Stone, (1,510 at 26); 2, J. D. Ferguson & Sons, (1,610 at 23); 3, Wm. Hill, (1,370 at 18); 4, J. H. Cruickshank, (1,480 at 19). Grade or cross-bred steer, one year and under 2: 1, W. & G. Whitelaw, ("Black Hector," grand champion steer and champion grade or cross-bred steer, bought by H. P. Kennedy for \$967.50, 1,290 lbs. at 75 cents); 2, T. A. Russell, (1,170 at 32); 3 and 5, Orville Burton, (1,210 and 32, and 1,070 at 27); 4, Andrew Hicks & Sons, (1,510 at 25). Grade or cross-bred steer, under one year: 1 and 2, Guthrie & Son, (1,170 at 35, and 1,250 at 31) 3, D. S. Ferguson & Son, (1,220 at 29); 3, Stone, (890 at 31); 5, Watson, (950 at 25). Boys' Steer Feeding Competition: 1, J. M. Gardhouse & Son, (1,110 at 40); 2, Real, (1,020 at 30); 3, Cochrane, (950 at 27). Heifer, two years and under three: 1, Wm. Marquis & Son, (1,280 at 16); 2 and 3, Mitchell, (1,190 at 19, and 1,370 at 17). Heifer, one year and under two: 1, Lerch, (890 at 19); 2, Stone, (1,120 at 20); 3, Woodham, (970 at 19). Heifer, under one year: 1, D. S. Ferguson & Son, (champion heifer, 1,100 at 36); 2, Doner, (850 at 30); 3, Leask, (820 at 30). Calf Meal Special: 1, Williamson, (first-prize pure-bred steer, under one year); 2, Andrew Hicks & Sons, (1,190 at 25).

Lots of three.—Three pure-bred or grade Shorthorn steers, 1,000 lbs. and under: 1, Short Bros., (2,570 at 31); 2, Henry Wade, (2,720 at 23); 3, Elcoat, (2,520 at 19); 4, Paul, (2,260 at 19). Three pure-bred or grade Hereford steers, 1,000 lbs. and under: 1, Barrie & Sons, (2,760 at 22); 2, Paul, (2,720 at 22 1/2). Three pure-bred or grade Angus steers, 1,000 lbs. or under: 1, Guthrie & Son, (champion best three steers, 1,000 lbs. and under, (2,570 at 34); 2, Paul, (2,960 at 29); 3, McGregor, (2,890 at 14 1/2); 4, Geo. E. Hicks (not sold). Three steers, any breed or grade, or mixed breed, 1,000 lbs. and under: 1 and 3, Paul, (2,770 at 22, and 2,650 at 19 1/2); 2, T. L. Marquis, (2,580 at 22 1/2). Three pure-bred or grade Shorthorn steers, over 1,000 lbs.: 1, Russell (grand champion, best three cattle in the Show, 3,670 at 26); 2, Leask, (3,370 at 26 1/2); 3, Pridham & Dulmage, (4,250 at 17 1/2). Three pure-bred or grade Hereford steers over 1,000 lbs.: 1, Jno. Brown & Sons, (3,550 at 26 1/2); 2, B. E. Hicks, (3,870 at 20). Three pure-bred or grade Angus steers, over 1,000 lbs.: 1, Stone, (4,320 at 24 1/2). Three steers, any breed or grade, or mixed breed, over 1,000 lbs.: 1, W. C. Wallace, (3,600 at 22); 2, Adam Armstrong, (3,910 at 21). Three heifers, one year and under two: 1, Stone, (3,070 at 23); 2, Short Bros., (2,910 at 22); 3, Meggs, (2,750 at 15). Three heifers, under one year: 1, Short Bros., (2,600 at 25); 2 and 3, Paul, (2,300 at 23 1/2, and 2,460 at 22 1/2).

Carloads.—Carload 15 dehorned steers, under 900 lbs.: 1, White, (12,390 at 21); 2, Cameron & Co., (12,520 at 21). Carload 15 dehorned steers, 900-1,099 lbs.: 1 and 2, White (14,880 at 22 1/2, and 14,520 at 20 1/2); 3, Taylor, (15,640 at 15). Carload 15 dehorned steers, 1,100-1,299 lbs.: 1, Cameron & Co., (17,830 at 22); 2, Thompson & Sons, (17,910 at 15 3/4). Carload 15 dehorned steers, 1,300 lbs. and over: 1, Sprucedale Farm, (champion carload 15 dehorned steers, 22,050 lbs. at 21); 2, Thompson & Sons, (20,060 at 16); 3, R. J. Russell, (20,050 at 15 1/10). Farmers' carload: 1, Sprucedale Farm, (21,870 at 20 1/2); 2, Reid, (18,190 at 15 1/2); 3, Stone, (18,890 at 14 1/2).

SHEEP

Exhibitors.—John Houston, Chatham; A. Houston, Merlin; John Brown & Sons, Galt; A. Elcoat, Seaforth; T. Mason, Clinton; J. D. Ferguson & Sons, St. Thomas; C. E. Meggs, Paris; Robert E. Cowan, Galt; C. J. Brodie, Stouffville; J. S. Baker, Burford; Hampton Bros., Fergus; William Murdoch, Palmerston.

Awards.—Long Wools.—Pen three wethers or ewes, one year and under two: 1, John Houston, (485 pounds at 11 cents); 2, A. Houston, (405 at 12). Pen of three wethers or ewes, under one year: 1, Brown & Sons, (295 at 26); 2, John Houston, (375 at 19 1/4); 3, Elcoat, (295 at 20). Carload of 50 fat sheep: 1, Mason, (7,400 at 12); 2, A. Houston, (8,060 at 9). Carload of 50 lambs, wethers or ewes: 1 and 3, Ferguson & Sons, (5,370 at 18 1/4, and 4,450 at 18 1/2); 2, Meggs, (4,910 at 18 3/4). Pen of 10 lambs, wethers or ewes, under 100 lbs. each: 1, Meggs, (950 at 21); 2, Ferguson & Sons, (870 at 20 1/4); 3, Cowan, (815 at 19). Short Wools.—Pen of wethers or ewes, one year and under two: 1, Brodie, (340 at 24); 2, Meggs, (360 at 23 1/4); 3, Hampton Bros., (415 at 18 1/2). Pen of wethers or ewes, under one year: 1, Brodie, (265 at 34); 2, Meggs, (295 at 33); 3, Hampton Bros., (250 at 35). Carload of 50 fat sheep: 1, Ferguson & Sons, (5,720 at 10 3/4); 2, John Houston, (7,140 at 17 1/4). Carload of 50 lambs, wethers or ewes: 1, Meggs, (4,460 at 30 1/2); 2, Murdoch, (4,310 at 21 1/4); 3, Ferguson & Sons, (4,360 at 21 1/2). Pen of 10 lambs, wethers or ewes, under 100 pounds each: 1, Meggs, (905 at 41), 2 and 3, Brodie, (825 at 24 1/2, and 745 at 24 1/2). Pen of 6 lambs, wethers or ewes, under 90 pounds each: 1, Meggs, (475 at 36); 2, Murdoch, (455 at 29 1/2); 3, Brodie, (405 at 27).

SWINE

Exhibitors.—Henry Wade, Pickering; Joseph Stone, Seagrave; Thomas Chard, Lambton Mills; Nelson Boynton, Gormley; J. Lerch, Preston; J. E. Brethour & Nephews, Burford; Campbell Bros., Shedden; J. A. Cameron, Woodbridge; Wm. Boynton, Buttonville; J. K. Featherstone, Streetsville; G. Graham, Udora; Leo Chard & Son, Lambton Mills; S. Andrews, Goderich.

Awards.—Pen of 3 barrows, 170-225 lbs.: 1, Wade, (610 pounds at 31 1/4 cents); 2, Stone, (640 at 26). Boys' Hog Feeding Competition: 1, Thomas Chard, (650 at 35 3/4); 2, Nelson Boynton, (620 at 26); 3, J. Lerch, (570 at 25 1/4). Best pen of 3 bacon hogs: 1, Brethour & Nephews, (630 at 42). Tankage Special: 1, Lerch, (590 at 42). Pen of 10 hogs, 170-225 pounds: 1, Brethour & Nephews, (2,160 at 49 1/2); 2, Campbell Bros., (2,230 at 48); 3, Cameron, (1,960 at 30). Pen of 5 barrows, 170-200 pounds: 1, Wm. Boynton, (1,010 at 46); 2, Featherstone, (1,020 at 36 3/4); 3, Brethour & Nephews, (940 at 37). Davies' Annual: 1, Graham, (390 at 35); 2, Chard & Son, (1,550 at 30); 3, Nelson Boynton, (1,300 at 28). United Farmers' Co-operative Company Special for a litter of seven or more hogs 170-225 pounds: 1, Featherstone, (1,630 at 50); 2, Andrews, (1,490 at 35); 3, Brethour & Nephews, (1,410 at 31).

Conference about the Scrub Bull.

The matter of a scrub-bull campaign was the subject of a conference between officials of the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture at the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair last week. Among those present were Hon. Dr. F. S. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa; Dr. J. H. Grisdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa; E. S. Archibald, Director Experimental Farms, Ottawa; H. S. Arkell, Live-Stock Commissioner, Ottawa; W. R. Reek, Assistant Live-Stock Commissioner, Ottawa; Hon. Manning W. Doherty, Minister of Agriculture, Toronto; C. F. Bailey, Agricultural Commissioner, Toronto; Professor Wade Toole, O.A.C., Guelph; R. W. Wade, Director Live-Stock Branch, Toronto; John Gardhouse, President Ontario Cattle Breeders' Association, Weston. A plan was presented which would require the appointment of a special field man to direct a campaign for the elimination of the scrub bull in a few specified districts wherein the work would be concentrated. This special officer of the Provincial Department would work under the direction of the Ontario Cattle Breeders' Association, of which R. W. Wade is Secretary. It was planned that the agricultural representatives would play a very prominent part in the campaign, and it was estimated that \$12,000 would be the amount required from the Provincial Government for the first year. Quite a number of those present, especially from the Federal Department, had different ideas on the subject, with the result that no agreement was reached, except to appoint a further small committee consisting of one representative from the Ontario Cattle Breeders' Association, one from the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and a third representative from the Dominion Department of Agriculture. This committee, it is expected, will meet soon and bring in recommendations to both Federal and Provincial Governments.

Stockmen Meet Premier Drury.

On Friday, December 12, a large and representative delegation of stockmen and others interested in the proposed Eastern Canada Live-Stock Show, to be conducted at Toronto under the name of the Royal Canadian Winter Fair Association, waited on Premier Drury and several members of his Cabinet with respect to the grant of \$30,000 for ten years, which is asked of the Provincial Government for the prize money of the new Show. The delegation was received by the Honorable Messrs. Drury, Biggs, Doherty, Raney and Nixon, the Honorable Manning W. Doherty introducing the delegation and reading a letter from the Winter Fair Association setting forth their requests. This letter asked for a reply by December 15, in order that the by-law for \$1,000,000 to be submitted to the people of Toronto might be fully understood and backed by the support of the Provincial Government. W. A. Dryden, Brooklin, who headed the delegation, presented the need for a large live-stock and agricultural winter fair, after first making some congratulatory remarks, both with reference to Mr. Drury and his Government and also with reference to the appointment as Minister of Agriculture of the Honorable Manning W. Doherty. The financial aspect of the matter was presented by George Pepper, Toronto, who stated that the money would be used altogether for prize money, and that it was anticipated that the new arena would be completed in time for the Canadian National Exhibition in 1920, and that a prize-list would be provided for the Winter Fair in November or December following, amounting to \$75,000. It was also stated by Mr. Pepper that the City of Toronto is giving \$600,000 toward the cost of the new arena, and that private citizens of Toronto are subscribing an amount equal to \$400,000 spread over the next ten years.

Premier Drury received the delegation very frankly and stated that personally he thought Toronto could be made the home of a much better show than Guelph, but that the grant asked for was a large one and needed careful consideration, because the finances of the Province were not in any too good shape. Personally he was in favor of assisting the show with prize money to any reasonable extent, and wondered if it would be satisfactory to the stockmen if the Government would guarantee assistance up to \$30,000 a year for ten years should this amount be needed. It was pointed out by the stockmen that such a reservation might possibly be detrimental to the start of the show, but that the charter of the Association prohibited a greater surplus than \$10,000 from being accumulated at any time, and that if a surplus was accumulated which was not necessary for prize money, the Association would be glad to distribute any excess among three or four feeder exhibitions which might be designated by the Minister of Agriculture as worthy of such assistance. The manner of the Premier and that of his colleagues was especially frank and worthy of praise. Premier Drury stated that a Cabinet meeting to give final answer was not possible before Tuesday, December 16, but that an answer would be given then, and as nearly as could be judged this answer when announced will be satisfactory to the stockmen.

U. F. O. Live-Stock Business.

Probably the most remarkable development in Eastern Canadian agriculture during the year 1919 has been the business done by the Live-Stock Department of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company, at the Union Stock Yards, Toronto. In the short space of ten months and a half this first big venture of the U. F. O. Co-operative in marketing farm products has piled up a business of \$7,445,000, a truly remarkable achievement, and certainly far in excess of the highest expectation. Speaking with F. J. Fulthorpe, Office Manager of the Live-Stock Department at the Union Stock Yards, a representative of "The Farmer's Advocate" learned that live stock has been received from 300 different shipping points in Ontario, that as near as can be estimated at least 20,000 farmers have been served by this branch of the U. F. O. Co-operative Company. Altogether, more than 3,600 carloads of live stock have been handled at a cost of about three-quarters of one per cent. One farmers' club at Meaford has shipped as much as 124 carloads of live-stock to be handled by the U. F. O.; the total live-stock business done for this club amounting to more than \$296,000. Quite a number of clubs have done business with the U. F. O. in live stock alone amounting to more than \$100,000, from the 17th of February, when the live-stock department was first opened, to the 30th of November.

U. F. O. President Now an M. P.

R. H. Halbert, President of the U. F. O., has been conceded the victory in the recent North Ontario by-election, defeating Neil D. MacKinnon by a majority of approximately 250. The recount of ballots on Monday, December 15, will probably settle the issue so far as the majority is concerned, and the results may be announced before this is read. Mr. MacKinnon is a miller by trade, and resides in Cannington. He contested the riding as an Independent Unionist. Mr. Halbert is a retired farmer, and now resides in Uxbridge. It is expected that he will be asked to be relieved of his duties as President of the U. F. O. when the convention assembles this week in Toronto. Hon. Mr. Drury, who is Vice-president, will also probably wish to be relieved of his U. F. O. office, in which case a President and Vice-President will have to be elected.