

Poultry.

Over twenty-five hundred individual birds, besides eight hundred pigeons and a large entry of pet stock, is the record made by the Canadian National this year. Although this is a somewhat smaller entry list than in 1910, still, the quality was better than in previous years. Breeders experienced considerable difficulty in getting their young stock into show condition owing to the extreme hot weather early in the season, hence the decrease in the number of the young birds entered. Notwithstanding the time of the year and the adverse season, the entire display of poultry was a credit to Ontario poultrymen, and the National again stands in a class by itself.

The White Leghorns were out in largest numbers, with excellent specimens both as to quality and type. By way of criticism, we might add that the tendency seems to be to put this breed higher up on its legs, which in time will mean narrowing them up in the body, thus interfering with their utility qualities. The Brown Leghorns had the second largest entry list. The utility classes were out in strong numbers, every one being well filled, and competition was exceptionally keen in some of the classes. The Black Orpingtons had the largest entry list, while the Buffs had a smaller class than is usually seen at this show. In White Orpingtons there was a creditable showing of quick-maturing birds, having both fancy and utility points combined. In Rocks, the Barred were out in strongest numbers, with an entry list of sixty-eight birds. Special reference must be made to the pullet winning first, since she is considered to be the best Barred Rock pullet ever shown at any National show. The White, Buff and Pencilled varieties also had fairly large entries. All the Wyandotte class were pretty well filled. Type and quality was well illustrated in the Whites. The first-prize cock, owned by Mrs. Dawson, of London, was a Wyandotte all over, and at the same time an excellent utility bird. A combination of fancy and utility qualities is the ideal towards which our poultry breeders should strive, and this bird was an excellent example of what can be accomplished toward this end. The Rhode Island Reds, both rose and single comb, had large entries, and good birds were required in all sections to win.

Mr. Morton, of Carluke, Ont., won the bronze medal for best collection of Barred Rocks. The Black Minorcas, Hamburgs, Games and Bantams were well filled in all classes.

In ducks, geese and turkeys there was a fairly large turnout. Judging by the large list of Indian Runner ducks exhibited, this breed is rapidly gaining a foothold in Ontario poultry yards. The meat-and-egg-producing qualities of this breed seem to commend them especially. There was also a good display of Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen and Cayuga ducks. In geese, the Toulouse, Embden, Africans and Chinese were represented. There were forty-one turkeys, young and old, of the Bronze and White Holland varieties.

Joe Bennett, one of Ontario's popular judges, placed the ribbons on the Rocks, Asiatics and French breeds. Mr. Jarvis, of Grimsby, judged the Polish, the waterfowl and turkeys. Mr. Drevendstedt placed the awards in the Orpingtons (except black) and the Wyandottes. The Rhode Island Reds, Hamburgs, Black Minorcas and ornamental Bantams were judged by Mr. Tucker, of Concord, Mich. Mr. Card, of Connecticut, judged the Games, Game Bantams and rabbits. Mr. Bur-

gott, of Buffalo, placed the awards in the Leghorn classes. All the judging seemed to be done in a very satisfactory way, as far as the exhibitors were concerned. There might possibly be a little more uniformity of type and color in the standards adopted by the different judges when placing awards in certain breeds. Apart from this, there is very little complaint to find in the method or way of placing the awards.

Fruit, Roots and Vegetables.

The Horticultural Building was overcrowded, and two large tents had to be erected at the south side of the building in order to make accommodation for the exhibits. It was the general opinion of fruitmen present that this year's fruit show was the best ever held in connection with the Canadian National Exhibition. All classes were well filled, and the quality of the fruit was very superior, indicating that careful spraying and general care had been taken of the orchards from which exhibits were made.

Very fine, box-packed apples were shown by several exhibitors, prominent among which were C. G. Gregory, Port Dalhousie; F. A. Stewart, Homer; Q. Guthrie, Dixie; W. F. Bradley, Georgetown; W. E. Weese, Albury; Mr. Furminger, St. Catharines; H. Dempsey, Rednersville. These were judged by P. J. Carey, Dominion Fruit Inspector; W. W. Waddell, of Norfolk Co., and Mr. Dawson, of the Dawson Commission Company, of Toronto, and the show of box-pack, plate fruit and cones was of very satisfactory quality, showing marked maturity for this early season, and the color was developing rapidly.

Pears also made a good showing, the box-pack being largely composed of wrapped fruit. Some slack pack was noticed in both pears and apples, and, in awarding the prizes, preference was given to the diagonal pack over the straight pack.

Peaches and plums made an attractive display, but some of the fruit was showing signs of decay before the end of the fair, the former being shown in boxes and on plates, the latter on plates and in baskets which were filled very full to make a display.

A notable feature of the fruit show was an exhibit of the St. Catharines Cold-storage Company, demonstrating that it is possible to keep the most perishable fruit in good condition by this method.

The grape exhibit seemed to be rather crowded, and the entire fruit section might be improved by altering the arrangement, which, of course, would require more space than that at present available. It was unfortunate that a portion of the fruit had to be shown in a tent, as an exhibit always makes a better impression when it is all in one building.

Roots and vegetables were crowded into the tents, and, while they would have been seen and appreciated by a larger crowd had they been in the building, they made a very good appearance. The quality throughout was good, but, like the fruit, the size was somewhat smaller than usual, owing to unfavorable conditions of drouth and heat this season.

Dairy Convention for Ingersoll.

The Western Ontario Dairymen's Convention and Winter Dairy Exhibition will be held at Ingersoll, Wednesday and Thursday, January 10th and 11th, 1912. This decision of the executive committee was confirmed at a meeting of the directors held in Toronto September 5th. Cash prizes by the Association to the value of \$380, and a num-

ber of special prizes, including several cups by dairy supply associations, were donated for the winter dairy exhibition, which is one of the strong features of this annual convention. The dairy-herd competition will be continued along similar lines as last year, one hundred dollars in cash prizes being again offered by the Association. Frank Hems, the secretary and chief instructor, pointed out some of the difficulties encountered in keeping up the quality of dairy products this season. Fewer cases of adulteration have required to be dealt with this year than formerly.

It was thought advisable to perhaps employ one of the creamery instructors to give instruction at winter creameries during the coming winter, as it is believed that much good work could be done in improving the quality of winter butter.

Slight amendments to the Dominion Inspection and Sales Act, and the Provincial Cheese and Butter Act will likely be asked for at the coming sessions of Parliament.

Those present were Wm. Waddell, D. A. Dempsey, S. R. Wallace, W. S. Stocks, J. N. Paget, J. B. Smith, J. B. Muir, F. Hems, Sec.-Treas.; Geo. A. Putnam, Director of Dairy Instruction.

A Daughter Unwilling to be Courtied.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

In the issue of August 31st, I read an article by "A Farmer," entitled, "Might Court the Farmer's Daughter." As the writer is from Rainy River District, possibly we ought to make some allowance for his advice to "Rube," but in this district I do not think any farmer desires that his hired man court his daughter or accompany her on the piano. Therein lies the trouble with so many of the hired help of to-day; their cheek and brass. If they would only learn to know and keep their place a little better, they would not be quite so intolerable. Most of them are those 'bloomin' Englishmen, don't you know,' and if they were domestics in their own land, they wouldn't dare be so presuming and forward as they are in Canada.

I venture to say "A Farmer" is an Old Country man himself. Court the farmer's daughter, indeed! Yes, that is just it; they think they ought to be one of the family, entirely. Of course, I am only discussing this one point in the article, but it went so completely against the grain, I just had to express my views, too.

Peel Co., Ont.

A FARMERESS.

Essex Corn and Tobacco.

There is a very good corn crop in this section of the county, but the tobacco crop is not up to the average, owing to the long-continued drouth. We have 15 acres of tobacco and 15 acres of corn under test. We have the best crop of kiln-dried tobacco during three years' experience with it, but the nine acres of Burley is not as good as in former years. Owing to the very dry season, the commercial fertilizers have not had the expected influence on the growth. However, if warm, showery weather prevails during the next two weeks, the crop of Burley will improve wonderfully, and the county may yet turn off an average yield, at a good price. At all events, there is a good demand for the leaf, and good tobacco will sell at very profitable figures.

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BOOK REVIEW.

THE REPORT ON COUNTRY LIFE.

During the Presidency of Col. Roosevelt, a Commission was appointed to inquire into the conditions of country life in the United States, and to suggest lines of inquiry and action to Congress. It was under the capable chairmanship of Dr. L. H. Bailey, of the New York College of Agriculture, associated with such able men as Henry Wallace, of Iowa; K. L. Butterfield, of Massachusetts; Gifford Pinchot, of the U. S. Forest Service; Walter H. Page, editor of World's Work; Chas. S. Barrett, of Georgia, and W. A. Beard, of California. The country was covered by hearings at different places, and more than 115,000 replies by letter to inquiries were received. The final report, a most valuable one, was printed for use of Congress, but not for popular distribution; whether in a fit of economy, or because of the complaints, given publicly regarding organized interests, bringing pressure to bear on the farmer, disregard for his rights, and the monopolistic control of public utilities, has not been disclosed. There was a widespread call for the report. Fortunately, it has

now been made available in excellent book form, by Sturgis & Walton, an enterprising firm of publishers in New York, and deserves a wide reading, both in the United States and Canada. Although fairly prosperous and improving, it is disclosed that the farmer does not secure the returns to which he is entitled, considering the labor and energy expended, and financial risks assumed. Various remedies are suggested, some to be applied by the farmer himself, others by the Government, through education, tariff legislation, and the protection of areas that do not permit the sale of intoxicants for traffic from adjoining States. Attention is called to the folly of denominational rivalry and overlapping among country churches, and special emphasis is laid upon the value of farmers working together. Such practical subjects as soil depletion, farm labor and women's work, are covered. The book is available at 75c. net, or 84c. postage prepaid.

TRADE TOPIC.

Fall seed wheat, from crop that yielded 50 bushels per acre, grown on clay loam soil, is advertised for sale by City Dairy Farms, Ltd., Dentonia Park Farm, Coleman P. O., East Toronto.

GOSSIP.

Official records of 125 Holstein-Friesian cows were accepted by the American Holstein Association, from June 22nd to July 13th, 1911. This herd of 125 animals, of which over one-half were heifers with first or second calves, produced in seven consecutive days, 49,405 lbs. of milk containing 1,678.641 lbs. of butter-fat, thus showing an average of 3.39 per cent. fat. The average production for each animal was 395.2 lbs. of milk containing 13.389 lbs. of butter-fat; equivalent to 56.45 lbs. or 26.9 quarts of milk per day, and 15.6 lbs. of the best commercial butter per week. Among the full-aged cows, one more name is added to the list of animals having produced 100 lbs. of butter-fat in 30 days: High-lawn Hartog De Kol having produced 101.145 lbs. fat from 2,557.1 lbs. milk, the 7-day part of the record, 24,727 lbs. fat from 603.8 lbs. milk, having been previously reported. Woodcrest Homestead Princess gains a place in the 21-lb. list by a production of 21.513 lbs. fat from 585.7 lbs. milk; while the 20-lb. list is increased by the three following names: Shadeland Maplewood 3rd, 20.894 lbs. fat from 576.2 lbs. milk; Sara Jewel Hengerveld 2nd, 20.14 lbs. fat from 585.2 lbs. milk; and Trijntje

Hengerveld De Kol, 20.005 lbs. fat from 485.8 lbs. milk. Snowball Collie, Lady Kastra and Pontiac Yankee, produce above the 18 lbs. required to gain mention by name.

At the Canadian National Exhibition last week, in the class for Canadian-bred heavy draft fillies two years old, the first prize was awarded to A. Baldock, of Grahamsville, Peel County, Ont., for the bay filly, Nelly, bred by the exhibitor, and sired by the noted Clydesdale horse, Lord Scott, (by Marcellus, by Hiawatha), imported by W. J. McCallum, Brampton, Ont., and which caused such excitement in Western show-yards on 1909, by winning the grand champion prize at Brandon over the Winnipeg champion, and was exported back to Scotland in 1910, where it is stated he stands at 10 guineas, and is still owned by McCallum Bros. The filly referred to is up to a big size for her age, and has fine quality and action. W. J. McCallum writes from Glasgow that they have sold all of their July importation of 80 Clydesdales, and he is now in Scotland selecting another lot, which he expects to land in October, and which will be their third importation this year.