FARM AND DAIRY

The Edmonton Summer Fair

HE Directors of the Edmonton Fair are now congratulating themselves on the successful conclusion of the greatest fair in the his tory of their institution. The physical equipment of the new fair grounds equipment of the new hair grounds and the number and quality of ex-hibits places this western fair in the same class with the eastern fairs held at Ottawa and London. As an eviat Ottawa and London. As an evi-dence of the increasing support given this fair by the public, 't is neces-sary only to mention the attendance on the closing day. On Friday the paid admissions totalled \$12,882 as compared with \$7157 in 1916, and the compared with \$7157 in 1915, and the receipts at the gate were \$5,673.75, as compared with \$2,852.75 in the previ-ous year. Including passes and all the total attendance of the day was 20,121. On every other day of the fair, gate receipts established a new record.

The drawing card on the closing day was the automobile races. Eight of the world's great auto racers competed. The auto parade was another attraction. The cars were degreat attraction. corated and many fine designs were shown. In the class open to commershown. In the class open to commer-cial firms, James Ramsey, Limited, won-first on a float, the conspicuous feature of which was a huge clock, the hands of which were set at half past five, the daily time of the big store's closing. "The Originators of the Early Closing Movement," said the inscription. The whole parade was to the Farm and Dairy editor, who was in attendance, a remarkable de-monstration of the growth and de-velopment of the automobile business in the West

Dairy Cattle.

The four dairy breeds represented were judged by Mr. W. W. Ballantyne of Stratford, Ont. Holsteins held the numerical superiority, there being three exhibitors, J. H. Laycock of Okotoks, George Bevington of Winterburn, and the Duke of Sutherland of Hay Creek. These herds had prev-iously contended at Calgary, but the Bevington herd was in better shape than at the previous fair. J. H. Lay-cock had the first aged bull, and the senior and grand champion in his Korndyke Posch Postlac, a strong bull of excellent Holstein type. Prin-cipal DeKol, exhibited by the Duke of Sutherland, was second, and Bevington was third and fourth.

Laycock also won first on two-year old bulls, and on the senior calf, Beyington having the first senior yearling, and the best junior calf. In the milk classes, the winning in-

dividual was Bevington's "Duchess of Spring Hill," a cow with a splendid milk vein development, but in some respects inferor to "Princess of Hol-denby DeKol," Mr. Layeock's entry. Mr. Bevington was also successful in securing first on his cow three years old, heifer two years old, senior year-ling, and junior calf. The Duke of Sutherland had the best junior yearling helfer, and Laycock was first on senior calf.

Jerseya were exhibited by Jos. Harper and Sons, of Westlock, Alta., who had the largest exhibit and were the principal winners; S. Hyman; W. J. Williamson of Fort Saskatchewan and w M. Allyn of Morinvale. There W. S. Alyn of scornvale. There were some splendid ladividuals of this breed and they constituted one of the most attractive showings of the dairy section. "Pet's Kenntcky Won-der," shown by Harper, was the senior and grand champion. The female grand champion was "You'll Do." a wo year old heifer, also exhibited by

Harper. Robt. Ness of De Winton, Alberta, NODL Ness of De Winton, Alberta, was the only exhibitor of Ayrebires. His herd was in its usual good show condition, and he had entries in every class. Guernseys were exhibited at

July 26, 1917.

Edmonton for the first time this year. the Jean Duluth Farms of Wisconsin ue of the greatest hards on the con tinent, having a herd on hand. Two herds of Red-Polled cattle competed, Two the Jean Duluth herd of Minnesota and the Ellioit herd from Irma, Alberta. berta. As was to be expected, most of the ribbons went to the United States herd.

Sheep and Swine.

All the well known breeds of sheep ere represented, and among the well known eastern breeders, were Col. McEwen of Brantford, Peter Arkeil and Sons of Teeswater, and Wm. Bowman of Guelph. Among the Western men were Wm. Gilbert of Stoney Plains, Ball of Salisbury, Hoover of Bittern Lake, Smith of Camrose, Stew-art of Hastings-Coulee, Hutchinson of Duhamel and Campbell and Ottowell of Edmonton. McEwan divided honors in the Shropshires with Gilbert; in Oxfords Arkell had much his own way, and in Suffolks Bowman secured the major portion of the red ribbons.

There were no less than seventy-one entries in the Yorkshire classes, and Ball of Salisbury secured the largest number of firsts. Duroc-Jerseys were even more numerous with eighty-three entries. Tamworths and Hampshires were also well represented.

Beef Cattle.

Beef cattle are still more popular with fair visitors in the West than are dairy cattle and all three breeds were this year represented. In Shorthorns the great herd of J. G. Barron of Carberry, Manitoba, stood first in number of awards, but splendid exhibits were also made by Yule and lowes, Carstairs, and Wm. Robinson of Vermillion. In Aberdeen Angus the principal competitors were J. D. Mc-Gregor of Brandon, Man., Wm. Bow-man of Guelph, Ont., and W. R. Stewart of Hastings-Coulee. The Manitoba breeders secured both grand cham-pionships and three of the four champions

The showing of Herefords was the largest and best ever seen in Edmon-ton. The fact that several of the bulls on exhibition had cost their exhibitors thousands of dollars, added to the inrest. There were also, however, me of the finest cows of the breed in terest. aome of the nuese cows of the breed in Canada, these being "Miss Armour of Fairfax" shown by Chifford, "Beau Fairle" a three-year old from the champion herd of Hayfield, Manitoba, and "Beauty of Fairfax," a senior year-ling, recently imported by Fuller of them. Girvin.

Horses

In the borse classes, there was the usual fine entry of roadsters, car-riage, riding and draft horses, the lat-Plage, realing and draft horses, the new ter prodominating in point of numbers, The awards were placed by Mr. Robt, Graham of Ontario. Percherons made an unusually strong showing, although Clydesdules were well up to the standard

A satisfactory feature of the fair from the standpoint of the exhibitors was the large number of sales made during the course of the exhibition. Private sales of live stock must have totalled between \$35,000 and \$40,000. Of Of course, there was no pub-lic auction and our editor could get no accurate figures but probably the estimate is conservative. The biggest trade was in Shorthorns, and Yule and Bowes disposed of over \$8,500 worth of young stock, Another Shorthorn hibitor, Mr. J. Miller of Ashburn, Ont., sold all his available stock. Sheep and swine breeders did a particularly heavy business, as was to be expected in view of the high prices of pork and wool. From all standpoints, the Ed-monton Exhibition this year was a grand success.



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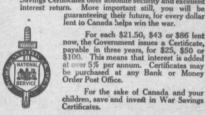
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