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### The Edmonton Summer Fair

THE Directors of the Edmonton Fair are now congratulating themselves on the successful conclusion of the greatest fair in the history of their institution. The physical equipment of the new fair grounds and the number and quality of exhibits places this western fair in the same class with the eastern fairs held at Ottawa and London. As an evidence of the increasing support given this fair by the public, it is necessary 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 receipts at the gate were \$5,673.75, as compared with \$2,852.75 in the previous 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 great attraction. The cars were decorated and many fine designs were shown. In the class open to commercial 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 last 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 demonstration of the growth and development 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. I. Laycock of Okotoks, George Bevington of Wintburn, and the Duke of Sutherland of Hay Creek. These herds had previously contended at Calgary, but the Bevington herd was in better shape than at the previous fair. J. H. Laycock had the first aged bull, and the senior and grand champion in his Kevndyk's Pouch Poulain, a strong bull of excellent Holstein type. Principal 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, Bevington having the first senior yearling, and the best junior calf.

In the milk classes, the winning individual was Bevington's "Duchess of Spring Hill," a cow with a splendid milk vein development, but in some respects inferior to "Princess of Holdenby DeKol," Mr. Laycock's entry. Mr. Bevington was also successful in securing first on his cow three years old, heifer two years old, senior yearling and junior calf. The Duke of Sutherland had the best junior yearling heifer, and Laycock was first on senior calf.

Jerseys were exhibited by Jos. Harper and Sons, of Westlock, Alta., who had the largest exhibit and were the principal winners. "Princess of Holdenby DeKol," Mr. Laycock's entry, W. M. Allyn of Morinville. There were some splendid individuals of this breed and they constituted one of the most attractive showings of the dairy section. "Pet's Kentucky Wonder," shown by Harper, was the senior and grand champion. The female grand champion was "You'll Do," a two-year old heifer, also exhibited by Harper.

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

Edmonton for the first time this year, the Joan Duluth Farms of Wisconsin, one of the greatest herds on the continent, having a herd on hand. Two herds of Red-Golled castles, owned by the Joan Duluth herd of Minnesota and the Elliott herd from Irma, Alberta. 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 were represented, and among the well known eastern breeders, were Col. McEwen of Brantford, Peter Arken and Sons of Teeswater, and Wm. Bowman of Guelph. Among the Western men, were Wm. Gilbert of Stoney Plains, Hall of Salisbury, Hoover of Bittern Lake, Smith of Camrose, Stewart of Hastings-Cooker, Hutchinson of Duhamel and Campbell and Ottawell of Edmonton. McEwen divided honors in the Shropshires with Gilbert; in Oxford's Erkel had much his own way, and in Suffolks Bowman secured the major portion of the rich ribbons.

There were no less than seventy-one entries in the Yorkshire classes, and Hall of Salisbury secured the largest number of frisks. Duroe-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 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 Yale and Boreas, Canairine, and Wm. Robinson of Vermilion. In Aberdeen Angus the principal competitors were J. D. McGregor of Brandon, Man., Wm. Bowman of Guelph, Ont., and W. R. Stewart of Hastings-Cooker. The Manitoba breeders secured both grand championships and three of the top champions.

The showing of Herefords was the largest and best ever seen in Edmonton. The fact that several of the bulls on exhibition had cost their exhibitors thousands of dollars, added to the interest. There were also, however, some of the finest cows of the breed in Canada, these being "Miss Armour of Fairfax," shown by Clifford, "Beau Fairlie" a three-year old from the champion herd of Hayfield, Manitoba, and "Beauty of Fairfax," a senior yearling, recently imported by Fuller of Girvin.

#### Horses.

In the horse classes, there was the usual fine entry of roadsters, carriage, riding and draft horses, the latter predominating in point of numbers. The awards were placed by Mr. Robt. Graham of Ontario. Percherons made an unusually strong showing, although Clydesdales were well up in 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 course, there was no public auction and our editor could get no accurate figures but probably the estimate is conservative. The highest trade was in Shropshires and Wm. and Boreas disposed of over \$8,500 worth of young stock. Another Shorthorn exhibitor, Mr. J. Miller of Ashburn, Ont., sold all his available stock. Sheep and swine business did a particularly heavy business, as was to be expected in view of the high prices of pork and wool. From all standpoints, the Edmonton Exhibition this year was a grand success.



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