

## The Western Fair Circuit

THE managers and directors of the western fairs received little encouragement to hold their fairs this year. They were told that their efforts were sure to meet with failure. They went forward with their preparations, however, and success has crowned their efforts in all the fairs to date. The leading fairs at Calgary, Regina and Brandon have all been marked by fairly full attendance and splendid displays of live stock. In some classes there was a falling off; in others the entries were of a higher standard of excellence than in any previous year; on the average the high standard of western live stock shows was well maintained. The splendid exhibits of dairy cattle bore testimony to the strong continued interest in dairying in Western Canada. The Calgary Fair.

Holsteins were well up to the standard. Carlyle Bros., Calgary; Joseph Laycock, Okotoks, and Geo. Bevington were the principal exhibitors, and divided the awards fairly evenly. Carlyle Bros. captured first in a strong aged bull class with Sir Admiral Ormsby, but the championship went to Sir Fyne of Golden West, a two-year-old shown by Laycock. Jacoba Johanna was grand champion female, from the new herd of the Bevingtons. Taking all classes into consideration, the awards could not well have been more evenly divided.

Rowland Ness, 125 Winton, Alberta, had things very much his own way in the Ayrshire classes and exhibited a line of animals that would have done him credit in any company. His champion bull was the well known Morton Main's Planet. His first cow was Lessnescock Pansy 2nd. Laycock & McDonald, of Calgary, and A. C. Anderson, of Springbank, also exhibited and managed to secure some of the first money, but the Ness herd was outstanding. The Ayrshire classes were weakened by the absence of J. J. Richards, Red Deer.

### At Brandon.

Holsteins at Brandon were the best ever seen at the fair, and were deserving of a more liberal recognition in the awarding of prize money than among the breeds that they received. There was a long line of exhibitors: George Bevington, Winterburne, Alta.; J. H. Laycock, Okotoks, Alta.; I. Glennie and Sons, Macdonald, Man.; G. T. Prouse, Ostrander, Ont.; A. B. Potter, Langbank, Sask., and Hamilton Bros., Brandon, Man. Some of the Calgary awards, as given by Prof. Hutton, of Lacombe, were changed by W. H. Gibson, of Indian Head. The aged bull, Count Tensen A, shown by Bevington, was given the championship, the Calgary champion not even getting in first money. The grand champion female was old Molly of Bayham, winner all over the West and East last year, and shown this year by Prouse, the only eastern exhibitor of Holstein cattle on the western circuit this year. The western breeders more than held their own with their eastern competitor.

Rowland Ness was the main exhibitor of Avshires at Brandon. Wm. Brad, Cook River, had a few in splendid condition, and R. H. Byers, St. Charles, Man., showed a few bulls. Ness got both championships.

Two Jersey herds competed—B. H. Ball & Son, Brampton, Ont., and Jos. Harper, Westlock, Alta. Usually the first herd has received practically all firsts. At Brandon, Judge Gibson gave Harper six firsts, and total awards were about equally divided. Both championships went to the Bull herd.

### At Regina

Practically the same cattle were shown here as at Brandon. Prof. Geo. E. Day, O.A.C., Guelph, sprung a surprise on all when he left Molly of Bayham out of the money, stating

that she was out of condition for the showing. He placed the championship with Jacoba Tensen, a senior calf, shown by Bevington. The male championship was again left with Count Tensen A. In Ayrshires, Roland Ness won practically everything for which he competed, his one competitor being the Earl of Pense, Sask., whose herd was not in show shape. In Jerseys, Bull did better under Prof. Day's judging, in some classes than under Harper, than they did at Brandon.

The dairy specials attracted much attention. For the best ten head of dairy cattle of any breed, Roland Ness was first with his Ayrshires, Bevington 2nd with Holsteins and Laycock 3rd with Holsteins. Special for best dairy animal, any breed, owned by member of Saskatchewan Cattle Breeders' Association—Madeline I. Kol, A. B. Potter.

### Items of Interest

THE eighth and ninth annual reports of the British Columbia Dairymen's Association have been combined in one volume, which is just to hand. The volume is attractively got out, is well illustrated, and is a credit to the Dairymen's Association of British Columbia.

A. P. Westervelt, Clarkson, Ont., and Geo. Pepper, Toronto, have been appointed commissioners on the new Federal Live Stock Markets Policy. Their chief duty will be the organization of an intelligent system for the promoting of the live stock industry and aiding in the marketing of live stock produce.

Results of experiments in crop production and fertilizers are now under interest, and bulletin No. 84 from the Dominion Department of Agriculture, containing a summary of results with forage plants will be of general interest. It contains the results of experiments with all standard field crops on the Experimental Farms of Canada. It should be of material assistance to farmers, especially in selecting the most productive varieties of the various crops.

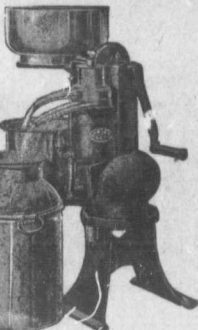
No stronger evidence could be offered for the patriotism of Canadian farmers than the way in which individuals and groups of individuals are coming forward with offers of machine guns. Just recently, for instance, the traveling staff of the local agents of the Cockshutt Plow Company of Brandon has signified their willingness to supply a machine gun and the president of the company has made similar donations. Other individuals and companies are coming forward with similar offers. Here is a great chance for a display of practical patriotism.

### Clean Collars for Comfort

Jos. Armstrong, Wellington, Co., Ont. HORSE collars should be scrubbed regularly. The dirt and grease on the horses should be cleaned to match. I insist that my teamsters scrub the collars as often as necessary, especially in hot weather, at least a couple of times a week. Everyone who has driven horses knows the rough, dirty accumulations that come on the collars. Every teamster does not seem to realize what discomfort these accumulations are to the horse. The shoulders of my horses are washed off with cold water every hot day. I have known teamsters who wash the shoulders at noon with alcohol as the dirt is quickly. This may be a little superfluous.

Sweet pads placed under the collars to save the horse's shoulders do no more harm than good. They too get hardened with accumulations of dirt that would otherwise go on the horse's collar and then to the neck. A strong brush with soap and water and a little elbow grease is necessary at frequent intervals.

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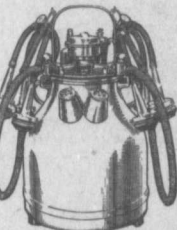
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## HATS OFF TO ONTARIO'S WHEAT FIELDS!

What looks like the largest wheat crop produced in Ontario for many years is now being harvested all over the province. There is a great increase in spring wheat. The weather has of an unusually low temperature has brought on the crop, and we do not believe there is a more smiling picture on the whole face of the globe than the wheat fields of Ontario at this moment, nor any sweeter music than the click of the four-horse binders at its work. All that is wanted now is for the rain to withhold for the next fortnight and thus to let every farmer get his reaper to work, his grain's stacked, then draws to the barn.

Equally encouraging is the Ontario crop of all other grains and everything points to a bountiful gathering.

In spite of the war, in spite of the slow-down in the Canadian wheat from a real estate and speculative point of view, and of restricted orders from the farmers there, this is to be a great fall for business in Ontario, and the situation of this magnificent crop will be felt before the first of September all over the province.

Every citizen of Ontario should take off his hat to the wheat fields and thank an all-wise Providence that sent them.

## OUR EXHIBITION ANNUAL

Is slated for Aug. 26th—in our readers' hands before the real opening of the Canadian National. Tell them of your exhibit. They will appreciate and you will profit. Last form closes Aug. 23rd.

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