



Canada's Forestry and Game Exhibit.

by two detectives, was shown gold nuggets from the Yukon to the value of \$50,000.

In the arts department Canadian artists made only a fair showing. But an interesting spot for Canadians was the transportation building. Here the Intercolonial Railway Co., of Canada, made a fine display, chiefly of pictures showing characteristic scenes along the Government railway. An attractive exhibit was that of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co.'s display. A model of the new palace steamer City of Kingston, lighted by electricity and showing the elegant fittings and accommodation of this boat, was the centre of attraction. At its side was a graphophone, from which an Irish voice in characteristic brogue described the trip and scenery to be met with on the company's boats sailing down the St. Lawrence. The display was deemed worthy of a grand prize by the committee of awards, and was ably and well looked after by Mr. Geo. Shepard, of Toronto.

A closing word in reference to Commissioner Hutchison and his energetic staff. Mr. Hutchison is to be commended for the business like and practical way in which he has looked after Canada's interests at St. Louis and other world's fairs. Some are disappointed because he has not catered more to the aesthetic and social side of exhibitions. But world's fairs are of every day occurrence and more countries than our own are coming to the view that unless there is business in it for them it is only a waste of energy and money to make exhibits at great international exhibitions. The business Mr. Hutchison had in view in going to St. Louis was to advertise the great agricultural resources of this country and to come into touch with prospective settlers. In this he has been most successful, as we believe the increased immigration from the central western states to Canada in the near future will show. J. W. W.

#### The Royal Show at Westminster, B.C.

Specially reported for THE FARMING WORLD.

The Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia held its annual exhibition at New Westminster on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of October. With the exception of a morning shower

the weather throughout was excellent, but in consequence of friction with Vancouver over lacrosse matters the latter did not take the same amount of interest in the show as in former years, with the result that a financial loss was sustained. New Westminster is about 12 miles distant from Vancouver and contains about 6,000 inhabitants only, consequently 90 per cent. of the attendance at the exhibition is derived from Vancouver, which has a population nearing 40,000, and as it costs 50 cents in train fare and the same for entrance to the show the question is being very seriously considered as to whether it would not be far better to hold the exhibition at Vancouver, following the example set by Toronto in regard to the old Provincial Exhibition of Ontario.

The entries were far in excess of former years, but numbers do not always constitute strength, neither do they warrant the assumption that the animals exhibited were superior in quality, a fact which is too often lost sight of or is not sufficiently borne in mind by those on whose shoulders the responsibility rests for building up the quality, style, shape, symmetry and general contour of the animals so exhibited. The object of the show is to bring out the best that the province can produce and thus create emulation and rivalry to still further increase the standard of excellence. To do this every possible means should be offered, and afforded by the society to accomplish the desired result; otherwise the show is not doing its duty to the province.

#### BEEF CATTLE

The Short horns were undoubtedly the prominent feature of the show in the bovine classes, both in quality and numbers, and although many of them had been there often yet there was a fair sprinkling of newly imported blood present to give more keenness to the competition in this breed than that of any other. The show taking place the week following that held at Victoria necessarily brought the same animals in the leading classes again into competition, and not always with the same result. In the aged bull class the verdict of last year was reversed, and justly so, as the animal that took first in 1903 had decidedly lost ground, whereas his rival had

made great improvement. There were two youngsters that should in a couple of years time outrival their present elders; that is if they are properly cared for in the meantime. There was also a very natty white heifer which attracted my attention—she was a little beauty, but she was overburdened with fat and too delicate looking for the breeding class, and would have been more at home at a Christmas fat stock show. Some of the females not included in the prize herd were to my mind superior to those that were honoured, but unfortunately their lord and leader did not come up to their standard.

The Herefords were few in number, being confined to two exhibitors, but formed a good all round, useful lot, yet capable of much improvement and necessarily so if their progeny is expected to take front rank in first-class company. The Polled Angus class was represented by one exhibitor only, and his cattle displayed a good deal of quality of the right sort and with care should prove to be progenitors of representatives of considerable note in future showings.

#### THE DAIRY CATTLE

were not at all up to show form, and many animals would have been best at home, as they detracted from the uniformity of the others and spoilt the classes as a whole. This was especially the case with the Jerseys, Ayrshires and Guernseys, and while the Holsteins were a much more level lot yet they require much building up in many ways before they could expect to be successful in a competition with first-class animals.

#### SHEEP

The sheep were fairly well represented, but the lack of competition in the classes spoilt the effect. The South-downs belonged to one exhibitor and

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