AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.

ASHCROFT, KAMLOOPS AND CHILLIWACK

To Ashcroft belongs the credit of holding the first agricultural and live stock exhibition in the interior. Arrangements were then made to hold the exhibition alternately in Kamloops and Ashcroft. For a number of years this was continued and to the satisfaction of both places, and most of the people and exhibitors interested therein. Vernon then came to the front and determined upon having an exhibition for the Spallumcheen and Okanagan districts. In connection with this show there has been held yearly in Vernon horse races and other sporting events, all of which have attracted thither a considerable crowd of people from all parts of the interior, the Coast, and the Territories. Last year the Inland Agricultural Association held its exhibition in Kamloops and at the annual meeting it was decided to abandon the migratory principle and break up the compact which had existed for several years previously and that each place, if it so desired, should hold an exhibition of its own. This year has witnessed the result of such a plan. To those residing in the western limit of the Yale district it is expensive going as far east as Kamloops, and those living beyond that city, like T. W. Graham, of Shuswap, and other exhibitors found it equally expensive to come west as far as Ashcroft. Notwithstanding this the Ashcroft show this year was in many respects the best yet held there. This, doubtless, was owing to the fact that a spirit of emulation took possession of the people residing in that vicinity, and they determined that, happen what would, they would make their show a success and that they did so those who witnessed the events of last Tuesday and Wednesday will readily testify. In whatever department a display was made it was better than its predecessors. Fine weather likewise favored the gathering and the attendance of visitors consequently was large. For a large district Ashcroft is a central point for the holding of annual shows, and as the country expands in its population the Ashcroft show, if properly handled, will always maintain its status and usefulness, notwithstanding the fact that the Kamloopians swarmed into a hive of their own.

So far as accommodation is concerned and the advantage of first-class grounds Kamloops has the advantage. It is the larger of the two places and within the limits of the city there are sufficient people who could make a very creditable exhibition, were they to work harmoniously.

There was much anxiety felt as to the result of this year's exhibition in each place, and now that both are over those who have attended these shows for the last half-a-dozen years can testify that it was another case of the Island and Mainland associations breaking away from each other. Victoria has always managed to gather exhibits there to make a good showing, whilst the New Westminster fair has been in every way an unqualified success. Ashcroft's accommodation, as already stated, is inadequate to the importance of such a show as it is now certain to develop into. Nor is the accommodation for visitors equal to any great emergency, but that can be rectified when occasion demands it. There are evidences of thrift and prosperity to be observed on every side throughout the town. Not a vacant house is to be seen, and since our visit of two years ago quite a number of new buildings have been erected. Trees are beginning to grow and green lawns are to be seen, whilst the immense amount of freight lying at the depot, destined for points up the Cariboo road, indates the position the place occupies as the point of departure and arrival for freight as well as persons to and from that famous country. Ashcroft, then, is prosperous, and in its steady-going way is to be found the secret of its present position.

OUTSIDE EXHIBITS.

The exhibits in Durhams, some of which were indeed lordly animals, by Walter Langley, W. Bose and J. C. Barnes, the latter's being a herd, were creditable to their owners and that section of the country. Mr. Langley's Herefords embraced some fine animals. He made a clean sweep in this division. In his herd are to be found some excellent types of this favorite breed. In graded stock the honors were divided between Messrs. Langley and Barnes. The latter exhibited a fine Galloway bull which commanded considerable attention. C. A. Semlin and Walter Langley divided the honors in prizes and exhibits in the Polled Angus division. This breed is becoming a general favorite in the upper country, those favoring the breed claiming that it possesses qualities such as none of its rivals have and which make the breed a desirable one for the interior. For the first time Walter Langley, J. P., made an exhibit of his fine herd. He is an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser and there are no better animals than his to be found in the Province.

In horses there were many very superior animals shown. W. J. Roper's imported thoroughbred coach horse is said to possess the best pedigree of any animal in the Province. His sires have won the highest honors in the ring and on the race track in England, amongst the rest being the coveted Derby. No animal on the ground attracted greater attention than this one. In the other divisions, as will be seen by the prize list, J. C. Barnes, W. D. Fearn, C. A. Semlin, W. McDonald, Chas. Pennie, E. Dougherty, R. J. Nesbitt, T. W. Graham, James Gannon, C. F. Cornwall and W. Bose carried off prize ribbons. The horse division was better represented this year than ever before.

Sheep were also out in greater numbers than heretofore. In Leicesters C. A. Semlin and W. Walker were the contestants. In Southdowns Edward Dougherty crossed swords with M. Semlin. The latter in Cotswolds, Shropshires and other classes carried off the highest awards.

In hogs there was also a good showing. For his aged Berkshire boar, Walter Langley took the red ribbon, C. A. Semlin securing all the others in the Berkshire class. In White Chesters there was a spirited competition between Messrs. Semlin, Langley, Barnes, and Graham, but all were awarded prizes.

In poultry there were not as many coops as there should have been. The birds shown by Messrs. Barnes, Burr, Evans, Dougherty, Bose, Graham, Cornwall, Semlin, and Parke were pronounced to be excellent, but there were not enough to make the contests interesting in the respective classes.

Extra pens and stalls had to be erected this year to accommodate the outside exhibits. Next year it is the intention to extend the enclosure to embrace several more acres and increase the height of the fence, a step rendered necessary by the fact that the number of exhibits outside are increasing yearly, and that it will be necessary to hold the sporting events inside the enclosure, in order to protect the society's pecuniary interests.

THE INSIDE SHOW.

In the hall, or exhibition building, there was to be seen the best showing of fruit yet made at Ashcroft. The principal exhibitor was T. G. Earl whose display almost covered a table on the west side of the building, extending to a distance of 54 feet. Mr. Earl's success as a fruit-grower is known all over the Province. He carried off this year no less than 35 prizes and a couple of silver medals. The showing made by other exhibitors was extremely creditable, fully demonstrating the fact that apples, pears, grapes and other fruit can be grown very successfully in and east of the Cascades. Long Shew's Alexander apples were much admired. In this division the other exhibitors were Chas. Pennie, Philip Parke, Walter Langley, C. H. Evans, T. Sewards, T. W. Graham, Wood & Campbell and others, whose names figure in the prize list as successful exhibitors. The Experimental Farm at Agassiz made a handsome display, there being fully 100 varieties on the tables placed there by Supt. Sharpe. They were neatly classified and correctly named and attracted a great deal of attention.

The dairy was not represented in very great strength, there being but three exhibitors, Messrs. Graham, Mrs. Mungro and Mrs. E. Dougherty, each of whom was awarded a prize for the display made.

In the vegetable division there was as much interest manifested as in the fruit display. It is proverbial that in the Ashcroft district there are grown the best potatoes which come to the market. The tubers on exhibition were mammoth in size, but, unlike the good people of Mission, they did not cook them on the spot for the benefit of those observing their appearance and size. E. Dougherty, as usual, made a very fine display. The other leading exhibitors were Messrs. Bose, Parke, Semlin, Woods & Campbell, Nesbit, Evans, Barnes, Long Shew, Graham, Cornwall and Alway, all of whom were awarded prizes.

Field produce was well represented by the exhibits made by E. Dougherty, Pennie, Parke, Graham, Wood & Campbell, Wm. Walker, Keatley, Semlin, J. Murray and Long Shew. Mr. Graham, of Shuswap, in this division, was the leading prize winner. He contributed a very creditable display, notwithstanding the fact that he had likewise a fine one at Kamloops. Mr. Graham's farm is one of the best worked in the Province, whilst as a fruit, root, vegetable, seed and grain grower he has no superior in the country.

In the floral department there was a pleasant departure from exhibits of former years. Mrs. J. W. Burr, Mrs. Philip Parke and Mrs. C. F. Cornwall's exhibits were especially good and reflected much credit on the taste and skill of these ladies in managing to make such a fine display as they did in foliage plants, pot flowers and bouquets. These three ladies with Miss Graham, whose tasty display was also much admired, were all prize takers.

The display of ladies' work was not a large one, but in quality it was very creditable. Miss Graham, of Shuswap, was the leading exhibitor and prize winner. Mesdames W. Shaw, Spears, Trimble, Burr, Wood and Parke were likewise exhibitors and prize winners.

In fine arts there were but few exhibits. The crayon painting representing Ashcroft, from the brush of Mrs. F. S. Reynolds, was a creditable work, as was also that of Mrs. Edwards in her painted cushion.

In the special prize division there were numerous entries. A glance at the list will give the names of the successful contestants in the various classes, amongst the number being W. Langley, Miss Dougherty, Miss Graham, Mrs. Burr, C. A. Semlin, T. G. Earl, Messrs. Barnes, Parke, Bose, Pennie, Evans, and Mrs. Mungers. The handsome and costly silver cups awarded by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dewdney for the best bred entire horse on the ground was awarded to W. J. Roper, of Cherry creek, for his coach horse stallion Monticello—an honor which he richly deserved.

The judges were: Cattle and horses—W. H. Keatley and G. Muse; sheep and pigs—John Campbell and W. E. Fisher; poultry and dairy produce—Mrs. Bedstock and F. C. Lawrence; vegetables and field produce—T. G. Earl and W. Higginbottom; fruit— T. A. Sharpe and E. Hutcherson. Mesdames C. P. and H. Cornwall adjudged the ladies' work and fine arts.

The society this year made a new departure in the matter of providing medals for exhibitors. These are of silver and are very pretty and were much appreciated by those to whom they were awarded, many preferring them to a money prize.

During the first, second and third days' athletics, racing and other sports took place, considerable money in this way changing hands. A social dance was held in the hall which had been leased by a number of young men from Lytton for this purpose. It was well attended. Everything passed off in connection with the show without a jar or angry word. As is always the case a jolly good time was indulged in and Ashcroft was stronger than that of the Thompson river partaken of, yet it was the best-natured crowd to be seen anywhere.

Much of the success of the affair is due to the ceaseless and untiring energy of the secretary, J. J. McKay, whose thoroughly methodical way of doing things generally is so well known and highly appreciated by those who have had the misfortune of his duties as secretary, which personage at all shows is the most important to pressmen and exhibitors of all others. Nor was the president, J. C. Barnes, and his associates as directors remiss on their duties. For the manner in which one and all discharged their onerous duties they were accorded votes of thanks at the

ANNUAL MEETING

which was held on Wednesday evening, and at which a considerable number of members were present. J. W. Burr and James Haddock, both of Ashcroft, were appointed auditors; president, Wm. Walker, Bonaparte; 1st vice do., Philip Parke, Cache Creek; 2nd do., T. G. Earl, Lytton; secretary, J. J. McKay; treas., W. B. Bailey, Ashcroft; directors, Edward Dougherty, Marden Creek; D. A. Stoddard, M. P. P., Clinton; C. H. Howes, Nicola; James Newland, Ashcroft; T. W. Graham, Shuswap; John Campbell, Spatsum; Walter D. Fearn, William Eynes, J. C. Barnes, Walter Langley, Basque Creek, Ashcroft; Charles Pennie, Pennies; and W. H. Keatley, Lillooet.

The constitution was amended by expunging the words "alternate each year with Kamloops," and substituting therefor the words "each year in the village of Ashcroft." From the financial statement submitted it was learned that the affairs of the society are in a fairly satisfactory condition and the future success of the association assured. Power was likewise given to the secretary to lease to responsible parties the buildings and grounds upon such conditions as to him may appear best in the interests of the society.

Mr. Walker, the new president, has been one of the most regular and consistent exhibitors at all the shows held either at Ashcroft or Kamloops. He well deserves the honor now conferred upon him. His associates are all able, well-known men, and from them good results may be expected next year.

Chas. A. Semlin, M. P. P., begged to be left off the board for the ensuing year. He had been a member thereof for seven years and thought he was well entitled to a year's rest. His wish was agreed to. Mr. Semlin, as will be seen by the prize list, is an extensive and successful exhibitor, and always takes a warm interest in the annual exhibition of the society.

This report cannot be concluded without expressing thanks to ex-President Barnes, Secretary McKay and all the officers of the society for their uniform kindness to the writer whilst in the performance of his duties. A day's outing amongst those we met in Ashcroft was like sunshine in a rainy day, renewing as it did old-time acquaintances and forming many new ones.

PRIZE TAKERS.

CATTLE.—Durhams—Best bull, three years old and upwards, W. Langley, W. Bose; best bull, two years old, J. C. Barnes; bull, one year old, J. C. Barnes; bull calf, J. C. Barnes; best cow, in calf or milk, J. C. Barnes, 1st, and 2nd.; bred two-year-old heifer, J. C. Barnes; yearling heifer, J. C. Barnes, 1st., and 2nd.; heifer calf, J. C. Barnes.

Hereford—Best bull, three years and upwards, W. Langley, 1st. and 2nd.; bull, two years old, W. Langley; bull calf, W. Langley; cow, in calf or milk, W. Langley; two-year old heifer, W. Langley; one-year old heifer, W. Langley.

Graded Stock.—Best milch cow, three years and over, W. Langley, J. C. Barnes; heifer, two years and under three, W. Langley, J. C. Barnes; heifer, one year and under two, J. C. Barnes, W. Langley; heifer calf, W. Langley, 1st. and 2nd.; bed, consisting of five cows or heifers over two years old, W. Langley, J. C. Barnes; herd heifers, one year old and under two, consisting of not less than five head, W. Langley, J. C. Barnes.

Galloways.—Bull, three years and upwards, J. C. Barnes.

Polled Angus.—Bull, three years and upwards, C. A. Semlin; bull, two years, W. Langley; cow in calf or milk, C. A. Semlin, W. Langley; one-year-old heifer, C. A. Semlin, W. Langley.

HORSES — Roadsters. — Best thoroughbred stallion, J. C. Barnes; mare, with foal at foot, W. D. Fearn, J. C. Barnes; three-year-old filly or colt, C. A. Semlin.

Draught.—Best stallion, W. McDonald; three-year-old gelding, Chas. Pennie.

General Purpose.—Best stallion for general purposes, E. Dougherty, R. J. Nesbit; mare with foal at foot, J. C. Barnes, T. W. Graham; mare or gelding, any age, James Gannon; two-year-old filly or colt, C. F. Cornwall; one year-old filly or colt, W. Bose; sucking colt, W. D. Fearn, saddle horse, W. J. Roper; walking horse, under saddle, C. A. Semlin.

SHEEP—Leicesters.—Best ram, one year old and upwards, C. A. Semlin, W. Walker; one year and upwards, C. A. Semlin, W. Walker; ram lamb, C. A. Semlin, W. Walker; ewe lamb, W. Walker.

Southdowns.—Best ewe, one year old and upwards, C. A. Semlin; ram lamb, E. Dougherty; ewe lamb, E. Dougherty, C. A. Semlin.

Cotswold.—Best ram, one year old and upwards, C. A. Semlin; ewe, one year old and upwards, C. A. Semlin.

Shropshires.—Best ram, one year old and upwards, C. A. Semlin; ewe, one year old and upwards, C. A. Semlin.

Other than those given above.—Best ram, one year old and upwards, C. A. Semlin; ewe, one year old and upwards, C. A. Semlin; ewe lamb, C. A. Semlin.

PIGS.—Berkshire.—Best boar, one year old and upwards, W. Langley; breeding sow, in farrow at the meeting or that has been within six months, C. A. Semlin; boar under one year old, C. A. Semlin.

White Chester.—Best boar over one year old, C. A. Semlin; breeding sow in farrow at the meeting or that has been within six months, J. C. Barnes, C. A. Semlin; pen of two sows, of the same litter, under 12 months, J. C. Barnes, T. W. Graham; fat pig of any breed, W. Langley, C. A. Semlin.

POULTRY.—Best two turkeys, J. C. Barnes, geese, trio, Mrs J. W. Burr, O. H. Evans; ducks, drio, E. Dougherty, P. Parke; pair Spanish, W. Bose, T. W. Graham; pair dorkings, C. F. Cornwall, C. A. Semlin; pair Leghorns, brown, W. Bose, 1st. and 2nd.; pair Plymouth rock, C. A. Semlin; pair Wyandottes, C. A. Semlin; pair any other kind, W. Bose, C. A. Semlin; single cock bred by exhibitor, C. F. Cornwall, W. H. Bose.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Pub butter, not less than 22 pounds, Mrs. Graham; cheese made in Province, exhibited by manufacturer, Mrs. Mungro; heaviest fresh twelve hen eggs, Mrs. E. Dougherty.

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS. — Fruits —Apples—Best 12 other russet, Wood & Campbell; best 12 Gravenstein, T. G. Earl; best 12 pippins, T. G. Earl; best 12 Alexandras, Long Shew; best 11 red streak, T. G. Earl, Chas. Pennie; best 12 Duchess of Oldenberg, P. Parke; best 12 any other variety cooking, W. Langley; largest number varieties shown by one exhibitor, T. G. Earl; best 12 any other variety winter eating, O. H. Evans; best 12 largest and heaviest, T. G. Earl; best 12 seedlings, T. G. Earl; best 12 Bent Delight, Northern spy, T. G. Earl; best 12 Spitzenberg, T. G. Earl; best 12 Smith's cider, Thos. Seward; best 12 Bannock, Thos. Seward; best 12 blue Pearmain, T. G. Earl; best 12 McIntosh, T. G. Earl; best 12 Pewaukee, Chas. Pennie; best 12 yellow Newton pippin, T. G. Earl; pears, best winter, 26 pounds, Long Shew; pears, best 12 Bartletts, T. G. Earl; pears, best 12 other variety, T. G. Graham; plums, best 24 blue, W. Langley; plums, best 24 other variety, C. Pennie; peaches, best 12, Wood & Campbell; grapes, best disb, not less than three bunches, T. G. Earl; melons, best brace water, Long Shew; melons, best brace musk, Long Shew; currants, best dish, Chas. Pennie; best collection fruits, T. G. Earl; for exhibitor taking largest number of prizes in Div. I., T. G. Earl.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, best peck round variety E. Dougherty, W. H. Bose; best peck kidneys, W. H. Bose; best peck St. Patrick, P. Parke, C. A. Semlin; best peck early rose, E. Dougherty, Wood & Campbell; best peck early sunrise, Wood & Campbell, R. J. Nesbit; best peck, pink eye, O. H. Evans; best peck, beauty of Hebron, Wood & Campbell, J. C. Barnes; best peck white elephant, W. H. Bose; best peck, not mentioned above, E. Dougherty, P. Parke; best sample of any kind, P. Parke; cabbages, best two, other than cattle, Long Shew, P. Parke; turnips, best six, Long Shew, T. W. Graham; parsnips, best six, P. Parke, C. F. Cornwall; onions, best twelve, P. Parke, C. A. Semlin; beans, kidney, best dish, J. Alway; corn or maize, best twelve heads, Wood & Campbell; corn, table, best twelve heads, O. H. Evans; beets, best six, O. H. Evans; celery, O. H. Evans; lettuce, Long Shew; squash, P. Parke; pumpkins, C. A. Semlin; vegetable marrows, Long Shew; tomatoes, T. W. Graham; cucumbers, C. F. Cornwall; cauliflower, C. F. Cornwall.

FIELD PRODUCE.—Best 25 pounds wheat, autumn, P. Parke; 25 pounds wheat spring, E. Dougherty; 25 pounds barley, chevalier, E. Dougherty, 1st and 2nd.; 25 pounds rough barley, Chas. Pattle, C. A. Semlin; 25 pounds hulless barley, T. W. Graham, 1st., and 2nd.; 25 pounds oats, white, E. Dougherty, Wood & Campbell; 25 pounds oats, black, E. Dougherty, T. W. Graham; 25 pounds white peas for agricultural purposes, W. Walker, W. H. Keatley; 25 pounds rye T. W. Graham; 25 pounds buckwheat, C. A. Semlin, T. W. Graham; 25 pounds tares, T. W. Graham, 1st and 2nd.; pocket of hops, not less than 5 pounds, C. A. Semlin, W. Bose; six mangold wurtzel, globe, T. W. Graham six mangold wurtzel, long red, T. W. Graham; six sugar beets, T. W. Graham; six carrots, white or yellow, P. Parke, C. Pennie; six carrots, red or orange variety, Long Shew, P. Parke; six kohl rabbi, T. W. Graham, 1st. and 2nd.; bale of hay, T. W. Graham, C. A. Semlin; timothy seed, best 10 pounds, C. A. Semlin; bale of timothy grass, best ten pounds, T. W. Graham; sanfoin seed, T. W. Graham, alfalfa seed, W. Walker.

FLORAL.—Best two hanging baskets, Mrs. J. W. Burr; fuchsias, 3 distinct varieties in flower, in pots, Mrs. J. W. Burr; foliage plants, 6 distinct varieties, in pots, Mrs. J. W. Burr; best geraniums, 6 in pots, Mrs. P. Parke, Mrs. J. W. Burr; best begonias, 6 in pots, Mrs. J. W. Burr, Mrs. P. Parke; bouquet of cut flowers, Mrs. P. Parke, Mrs. J. W. Burr; bouquet wild flowers, Mrs. P. Parke, Miss Graham; collection cut grasses, Mrs. P. Parke, Mrs. J. W. Burr; gentleman's button hole bouquet, Mrs. C. F. Cornwall, Mrs. J. W. Burr; collection house plants, in pots, Mrs. P. Parke.

LADIES' WORK.—Best crochet work, cotton, Miss Graham; assortment lace, hand made, Miss Graham; fancy drape, any kind, Mrs. W. Shaw; child's dress, embroidered, Mrs. C. Trimble; macramme or twine work, Mrs. W. Shaw; child's bigger rung, Mrs. Spears; embroidered cushion, Miss Graham, toilet set, Miss Graham; patchwork quilt, Miss Graham, Mrs. C. Trimble; plain work, Mrs. C. Trimble, Mrs. W. Shaw; darned stocking, Mrs. W. Shaw; loaf of bread, home made, Mrs. J. W. Burr, Mrs. A. Wood; assortment of seaed fruits, Mrs. P. Parke; Mrs. J. W. Burr; collection of ladies' work by any one exhibitor, Mrs. W. Shaw, Mrs. Graham; silver medal, Miss Graham.

FINE ARTS.—Best drawing, pencil or crayon, Mrs. F. S. Reynolds; best painted cushion, Miss Graham.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—J. A. Mara, M. P., most prizes taken by one exhibitor in cattle division, W. Langley; Thos. A. Sharpe, best 50-pound roll butter; open to unmarried ladies only, Miss Dougherty; Thos. A. Sharpe, best crock butter, not less than 10 pounds, open to unmarried ladies only, Miss Graham; C. A. Semlin, M. P. P., most prizes in Division L., one pair Plymouth rock chickens, Mrs. J. W. Burr; Messrs. E. G. Price and T. Earl, exhibitor showing in largest number of divisions, Buford sulky plow, C. A. Semlin. Hon. G. B. Martin, exhibitor showing best exhibit in Division I., T. G. Earl; Hewlit Bostock, best cow and calf, J. C. Barnes; Chas. Pennie, lady taking most prizes in div., Mrs. J. W. Burr; Chas. Pennie, lady taking most prizes in div., M.; Miss Graham; His Honor Lieut.-Gov. Dewdney, a silver cup, for best thoroughbred Hunter—Messrs. W. J. Roper; C. W. Riley, best single samples of apples, two brown Leghorns, P. Parke; Colonist P. P. Co., lady taking most prizes, Daily Colonist one year, value, Mrs. J. W. Burr; Kennedy Bros., exhibitor taking most prizes in div., I, Daily Columbian one year, value, T. G. Earl; Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., exhibitor taking most prizes in div., H., medal, T. W. Graham; John C. Barnes, best yearling colt, W. Bose; D. Hutcherson, for person taking most prizes in fruit, nursery stock, T. G. Earl; E. Hutcherson, person taking second largest number of prizes in fruit, nursery stock, Chas. Pennie; C. A. Semlin, M. P. P., best cheese not less than 10 pounds, to be of provincial make, one pair Dorking chickens. C. A. Semlin, M. P. P., best exhibit of vegetables by one exhibitor, a Leicester ram lamb, O. H. Evans.

SPORTS.

In the athletic sports on Wednesday, the 100-yard race was won by W. L. Heywood, of Vancouver, W. Murray being second. Boys' race, under 16, Frank Reynolds, Tom Raspberry; running long jump—Heywood, Deasy; hop, step and jump—Heywood, Murray; standing long jump—Heywood, Deasy.

HORSE RACES.

Half-mile single-dash—Scotty's Blue, James Barnes' Flora; quarter-mile dash —Scotty's Blue Dick, J. D. McKinnon's Joker; one-mile trotting-race, best 2 in 3—Chas. Haddock's R. J. L. Focault's Robbie Burns; half-mile race, best 2 in 3—Jas. Barnes' Fiddler, B. F. English's Black Cohen; saddle-horse race—James Barnes' Sorrel Dick, F. C. Lawrence's Slow Dick; consolation-race—James Barnes' Bay Mandy, D. McKinnon's Joker; novelty-race (special prizes by F. W. Foster), first race—horses led from finishing point to starting point, saddled, and run, picking up a small stick from the ground on the way, won by Indian Peter; second race—jumping hurdle, won by Wm. Cameron; third race—foot and horse race combined, horses tied at starting point, riders running from finishing point and mount, won by Indian Scotty, prize a pair of spurs. Quite a number of Indian races were run, special prizes being raised on the ground.

Mr. J. A. Mara, M. P., in the course of his address in opening the exhibition said that he regretted, as others in Kamloops had done, the inconvenience caused through the Ashcroft fair coming on almost the same date as that in Kamloops otherwise many more would have been present. He had been asked to convey to the Ashcroft people the good wishes those in Kamloops have for the success of the fair. He congratulated the exhibitors on the fine showing in all departments, especially in fruit, which he was sure could not be surpassed in any part of the Province. Mr. Mara spoke at some length upon the large quantities of dairy and farm produce brought into the Province, which required sending hundreds or thousands of dollars away every year, which, if circulated among the farmers here, would make them much richer. He was sure that the local demand could be met by the farmers. Kootenay had for some time been getting most of these supplies from the other side of the line, but he was happy to learn that the farmers of Okanagan, Salmon Arm and Shuswap were this year bestirring themselves, and only about one-fifth would be imported. Cariboo and Lillooet were flourishing mining districts, but they were using Manitoba butter and Nova Scotia milk. The exhibition was of much benefit in bringing producers and consumers together. He congratulated the president and the directors upon the success they had achieved, and he was sure tangible results would follow in bringing nearer the time when British Columbia farmers would keep the Provincial markets for themselves, and supplies would not be drawn from Manitoba and the Northwest.

KAMLOOPS.

The City of Kamloops has had its annual agricultural and sporting carnival. These were held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. It was the first under the new conditions which came into force this year, and there was considerable speculation as to the result. Everything was so thoroughly well arranged and the weather so favorable as to result in a large display of exhibits and a big turn-out of visitors, the receipts at the gate proving to be larger than at any previous exhibition. Kamloops is a very central place for holding an annual show. It is accessible by railway from west and east and from south which is unsensonable. Good roads radiate out into the country from the city and a considerable farming community is to be found contiguous to that centre of trade.

Then there is the fact that the exhibition grounds are excellent for the purposes for which they are utilized, whilst the other buildings are fairly good, but not now capable of accommodating the exhibits. Abundance of fresh water is to be had and as fine a racing track as there is in the country is to be found here.

Kamloops itself has progressed considerably since our last visit, three years ago. Its streets are wide, neatly kept and clean. A large number of beautiful villas have erected in the interim trees planted, lovely lawns and gardens set out and kept in perfect order. The city water service has been enlarged and this has afforded citizens the opportunity for getting all the water desired for domestic and other purposes. Kamloops is a wholesome city. Its climate is certain-to be found for people with weak lungs and run-down constitutions and the city is not far remote when it will become a health-seeking resort. Its inhabitants are a peaceful properous and progressive people and have good hopes as to the future of their city, which enjoys many desirable advantages.

THE OUTSIDE EXHIBITS.

In cattle there were several pens of very superior animals. James Mellors, and James Aird had some fine shorthorns on exhibition, and which were awarded prize tickets. They were from Ontario imported stock. There were a few Holsteins, owned by L. V. Bennett, J. T. Edwards and P. Walker. The Herefords were worthily represented by herds, the property of A. Gordon, H. Bostock and W. J. Roper. They were imported pedigreed animals. In graded stock, P. Walker, James Mellors, L. V. Bennett and W. J. Roper were the leading exhibitors, and proved quite a close contest. Mr. Bennett's Galloway cow was a fine specimen of that breed, and carried off the first prize. In the Polled Angus breed W. J. Roper made a clean sweep of the list. This herd is a valuable one, as it contains many fine blooded animals of various ages and both sexes.

In horses Messrs. Mellors, Hull, Scott, Aird, Armour, Bostock, Jones, J. T. Edwards, Bennett, Gordon, O'Rourke and Fortune were exhibitors and prize winners. It would be a difficult matter to find a better class of horses than were seen in the stalls on Thursday.

In equestrianship, Miss Graham was awarded the first, and Mrs. Walker the second prize ribbons for the most graceful and accomplished lady rider. Close upon a dozen entered for this contest, and it was only after prolonged riding about that the judges reached their decision as regarded the prize winners.

The display in sheep was a slim one. Messrs, W. McLeod, Fortune and J. T. Edwards had the competition all in their own hands.

Wm. Fortune is developing into a successful stock breeder, as well as a fruit-grower. In White Chesters, he had the field to himself, and J. T. Edwards in the any other kind class, was without a rival.

Poultry, as in many other divisions, was very slim in its exhibits. S. Armour, Wm. Fortune, W. McCauley, Mrs. C. H. Strutt, Rev. E. P. Flewelling, J. H. Woodside, and — Murray were the exhibitors.

Altogether the outside portion of the exhibition was a highly creditable one, quality considered. In the neighborhood of Kamloops there are many fine bands of horses, herds of cattle, sheep and swine. Several of the leading breeders and ranchers were not represented this year. Those who were are to be congratulated upon the excellence of their stock, and their success as prize winners, and the enterprise they displayed in bringing out their exhibits, and at a considerable cost in money, time and labor.

THE INSIDE SHOW.

As is always the case considerable interest centred in the exhibits of dairy produce, represented by P. Walker, S. Armour, W. A. Scott, Mrs. Munger and T. W. Graham.

The vegetable world was well represented in the exhibits made by V. D. Curry, A. Noble, T. W. Graham, J. T. Edwards, S. Armour, W. Fortune, H. Bostock, T. Shaw & Sons, and James Mellors. A. Gordon, Noble and C. E. Brown had some mammoths on show.

The interior has always been noted for the excellence of its cereals. This year's display in wheat, spring and fall, oats, barley, peas, buckwheat, timothy and other seeds was beyond that of previous years. The berry in each case was clear, clean and plump and free from any blemish. It is a surprise that, notwithstanding the dryness in the climate, the clearness and purity of the barley grown there, British Columbia brewers and maisters will continue to import American grown barley when our own is an infinitely superior one. Better wheat could not be seen anywhere. The oats were exceptionally good and must have weighed close upon 50 lbs. to the bushel. No better peas could be seen anywhere.

In the tuber department Rev. E. P. Flewelling, formerly of this city, carried off the red ticket against all competitors for the largest and best potatoes. These were grown in his own garden in Kamloops. This was a surprise to many of the farmers, as they did not expect to be beaten by a city clergyman in the potato class.

From the Salmon Arm and Shuswap Lake section there were truly astonishing exhibits as to number and size in the vegetable line, such as mangolds, cabbages, squashes, pumpkins, carrots, onions, celery and cauliflower. This is one of the most desirable sections of the Upper Country, if not in the whole Province and its capabilities as a farming locality have been proverbial for many a long day, but it appears to increase with the advance of years and becomes more prolific each year.

In fruit, which made a fine showing, the principal exhibitors were Messrs. Fortune, Graham, Guillieme, Mellors, Curry, McAulay, Ratchford, Bostock, H. Davis and A. Noble, and Mrs. A. McGuire. In this division there was a really fine display. Mr. Alexander's apples on the stand from the orchard of J. A. Mara, M. P., were equally as fine in flavor and size as those which which were so much admired, grown by Long Shew, at Ashcroft, and would have been awarded a red card had it not been that there were but six in the exhibit, instead of a dozen, as demanded in the rules.

The exhibits of apples, etc., made by Supt. Sharpe, of the Agassiz Experimental Farm, was the centre of considerable attraction, and elicited much comment from the visitors.

D. C. McLaren was the only exhibitor in the Provincial manufacture division. His display in the harness class, all of his own manufacture, was a complete and a very creditable one. He is a master in his business and deserves to be well patronized by his neighbors who dwell in the vicinity of Kamloops.

For the first time in the history of the Kamloop's Society, the display of flowers, embracing many kinds and varieties, was such an one as would do credit to a place many times the size of the city of Kamloops. Especially complete were the exhibits made by Mrs. R. H. Lee and Mrs. James McIntosh, Mrs. Geo. Munro, Miss Graham, Miss Beattie. Mrs. H. Davie likewise had flowers on exhibition. This was one of features of the show. The manner in which Mrs. James McIntosh had arranged the heads of deers, stuffed birds, skins, etc., made here a perfect bower of loveliness. Mrs. Lee well deserved the red ticket for her exhibit. It was really artistic in design and perfect in arrangement.

Not the least attractive in the inside department was the ladies' work, where was to be seen some beautiful, as well as useful articles prepared by the deft hands of the fair ones. The largest exhibitor in this division was Mrs. John Herod, formerly of Vancouver. Mrs. T. A. Spink, also lately of Vancouver, carried off a first prize. Mrs. John Robson, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Geo. Munro, Mrs. J. A. Mara, Mrs. T. S. Glassford, Mrs. M. P. Gordon, Mrs. James Mellors, Mrs. Aikins, Mrs. R. H. Lee, Miss Noble, Mrs. Wain, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Woodside were amongst those who made this division such an interesting section of the building. Many of the articles exhibited were exceedingly creditable. The fine arts were not by any means forgotten. The beautiful works exhibited from the brush of the talented Mrs. C. H. Strutt, Mrs. Maude Clarke, however, were justly admired and awarded high honors. V. D. Curry, Miss Maude Clarke, Mrs. R. H. Lee, Miss Julia Conway, Miss Mabel Beattie, W. R. Lang and Mrs. James McIntosh also made creditable exhibits in this division. The maple cabinet and the panel carving made thereon by Mrs. C. H. Strutt was a fine piece of workmanship, and considered the best by all odds in the building.

When our reporter left the special prizes had not been all awarded. Those which were decided appear in the prize list.

Whatever may be the belief to the contrary the fact is an incontrovertable one that sporting events, and especially horse-racing, attracts crowds which otherwise would not be present. This is especially the case in the interior, where there are so many sportsmen and swift of foot horses. On Thursday morning the events in this line began with firemen's contests. It was a case of the company against the other and each had warm supporters who laid their money in large sums on the men of their choice, and as both could not possibly win one set lost heavily in the result. These contests were held on the main thoroughfare of the city, and were witnessed by a large crowd of spectators, who seemed were greatly excited over each event.

THE SPORTS.

In the afternoon the racing part of the programme opened with bicycle races, which were well and honestly contested. So also was the flat race for young horses; but the trotting one was a farce, and should not have been allowed by the judges. There were other races outside the programme. The attendance was large and the presence of a band discoursing well-known and favorite airs enhanced the pleasure of the afternoon very much. In the evening there was a social hop in Raven's hall, which was well attended. On Friday there were more sporting events, such as horse-racing, a baseball tournament winding up with theatricals and dancing.

In the evening at the hotels were congregated crowds of people who were meeting old-time acquaintances and enjoying themselves generally. Everything was going on, as well as card-playing and games of chance, without any disturbance or angry demonstrations. The affair was brilliantly illuminated and the procession made by the bicycle club, with Chinese lanterns on their machines, was quite attractive. Here and there were to be observed, with big crowds listening to them, people playing instruments, singing Ethiopian and other melodies whilst several were engaged in selling preparations which they held would restore health and cure every illness. This class were successful in reaping in lots of money and enjoyed a rich harvest. It was a real holiday-making time and all were thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The hotels were equal to the emergency. Private houses likewise threw their doors wide open for the visitors, so that perfect satisfaction was heard on all sides as to the matter of accommodation.

President Bostock was most assiduous in attending to his duties, whilst Secretary Carment discharged his with ability and satisfaction. The other officers and directors were equally zealous in the work they had laid in hand. These were presidents Edwards and Bullman, treasurer Hull and directors Mellors, Smith, Furrer, Gordon, Curry, Clapperton, Graham, Moore, Noble, Jones; Fortune and Palmer.

Following were the judges in the various divisions: Cattle—Messrs. O'Keefe, Graves and Sullivan; horses—Messrs. Saul, McGaw, and Pemberton; sheep—Messrs. Roper, Woodland and McLeod; The same gentlemen also were called to judge in the pig division; poulty—Messrs. Hull, Davison and Curry; dairy produce—Messrs. Smith, Gagliotto and Harper; vegetables and field produce—Messrs. McIntosh, Munro and Palmer; fruit—Messrs. Curry, Edwards and Hutcherson; domestic and home manufacture—Messrs. Roper, Graves and Hull; fine arts—Messrs. Cunstall, Ridley and Mrs. R. E. Smith; ladies' work —Mesdames Mara, Graham and Smith.

As far as it was possible to obtain the same, the following is a list of the

PRIZE TAKERS.

CATTLE—Durhams.—Best bull, three years old and upwards, J. Mellors, James Aird; bred cow, in calf or milk, James Aird, James Mellors; heifer calf, James Mellors, James Aird.

Holsteins.—Best bull, three years old and upwards, L. V. Bennett, J. T. Edwards; bred cow, in calf or milk, James Aird, James Mellors; heifer calf, James Mellors, James Aird.

Herefords.—Best bull, any age, A. Gordon, H. Bostock; heifer calf, W. J. Roper.

Graded Stock.—Best milch cow, P. Walker, James Mellors; heifer, two years old and under three, L. V. Bennett, James Mellors; heifer one year old and under two, James Mellors, P. Walker; herd, consisting of five cows or heifers over two years old, James Mellors, L. V. Bennett; herd of heifers, one year old and under two, consisting of not less than five head, James Mellors; fat steer of any age, W. J