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## The Great Winter Fair

The Winter Fair at Guelph has be come a truly great inetitution. According to the turnstiles cver 35,000 people saw this show, which was held last week, December 5-9 inclusive Horses, cattle, sheep,swine, seeds and poultry, in still greater numbers than have ever been at Guelph before, wer on exhibition. There was an increa of 60 per cent. over last year in the number of cattle entered, there Leing 184 head on exhibition. There were
number 300 hogs, or 20 per cent. more than a year age. The sheep numbered 325 head, being a small margmover last year's entry. The dairy stable wa filled to its capacity, there being five more entries than last year. Ahbout 230 horses were stabled in the building. A great number of the entries especially of the lighter breeds, were housed in stables nearby wherever accommodation could be secured.

Notwithstanding the increased ar commodation provided lest year, an. some cther minor changes which had been effected lefore the show last week, in order to prcvide more room, the space available was taxad to the limit in every departm nt. More room limit in every departm nt. More room
is urgentlv needed. This can be had is urgentre needed. This can be hed
en the present site only by going upwards for $i t$. Were the space now ce cupied by the dressed carcass room the lecture hall and the Guelph City Fire Department available for exhibits on the ground floor, and a new site found elsewhere for the lecture room, ample accommodation could bo provided te meet the needs of the show for some time to come if advantage is taken of the space that another story over these parts wonid afford

## DAIRY CATTLE

Dairvmen mav well feel prond of the splendid exhibit made by the dairy cattle. These are reported in full elsewhere in this issue. A notable feature of the dairy cattl- this year were their uniform excellence, the prize meney being well shared by all exhibitors as may be seen ty referring tn the tabnlated results given along with the dairy report.
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Lovers of good beef and chamnion: of feeding cattle found much to iterest them in the splendid arrav of beof cattle, which, as previously mentionel greatly out-numbered those that were on exhibition last year. The individual exhibits, compared with those of former years, were of much greater uniform execl'eqce, there being no poor ones such as have been on rxhilition in past years. James Leask, of Greenbank, with his splendid steer "Roan James," was handed ont the champion award. A picture of this steer is given on page threa. He was the reserve champion at the great International Live Stock Exposition recently held in Ohicago.

## Horses

The entries in the heavy draught classes in the horse department have never before been equalled either in never before been equalled either in
point of quality or quantity. Clydespoint of quality or quantity. Clydes-
dales largely predominated. The Olydesdale exhibit at the last show was a source of general comment everywhere, but the horses shown last week were such as to outclass these of a year ago. Not a poor horse was to be seen in the lot and for the most part prizes were well distributed among the various exhibitors. Graham, Renfrew Co., Ltd., Bedford Park, and Smith \& Richardson, of Columbus, captured the cream of the Clydesdale awards.
The Graham, Renfrew Co., had the champion Clydesdale stallion, any age, he being Sailor King (imp.), a beautiful dark brown, white-pointed horse of splendid quality and action. The champion Clydesdale mare, any age, was Baroness Insch (imp), owned by Smith \& Richardson. She is a three-year-old and as fine as specimen of the
treed as one could wish for. Smith \& Richardscn had the champion Can-adian-bred draughter, any age, in Facination, a yearling of superior size quality and action. The champion Canadian-bred draught mare was Rosevelva exhibited by C. A. Towriss, Riverbank. Derwent Performer (imp), \& chestnut stallion foaled in 1903 and exhibited Ly G. H. Pickering, of Brampton, was the champion Hackney stallion. He was given an excectingly elose run for the honor by Chocolate King, own d by A. Yaeger, The Hackney mare championship was easily taken by Model Queen, exhibited by J. S. Husband, of Eden Mills.
All the mutton sher
All the mutton breeds were represented in the sheep department There was strong competition, save in Hampshires, in every class, particularly in the long wools,-Leices. ters especially. The exhibits showed improvement in quality over former years. The sheep were much over crowded in the space alleted to them The lambs killed ont a splendid lot of carcasses; the yearlings were perhaps too fat from the customer's stand point. From the present ideal follow ed in judging, the ideal animal alive is generally too fat for the consumier The champion wether was an Oxford cwned by Peter Arkell \& Sons. A Whed by Peter Arkell \& Sons. Th Southdown was reserve champion. The
Drummond trophy for the champion Drummond trophy for the champion pen went to five Lineolns, owned by
Gosnell, of Ridgetown. There four exhibitors Harding wor all Dorsets. R. H the seecnds, but two on foet, and first and two 3rd nrizes on carcasses.
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The pigs made us an exhibit the greatest that has ever boen at Guelph The Berkshires and Yorkshires wers The in particularly large numbers The Zenoleum Silver Cup went to pen of Yorkshires owned by J. Featherstone. The exhibitors in the Swine department are agitating for a change in the classification of the swine exhibits in forthcoming years. With cne exception they signed a petition asking for classification by weight, instead of by ege. It is difficult or practically imnossible to prove ace in pies and on this account much dissat pies and on this account much dissat-
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the leading exhibits apparently being over age.

## poultay

The Poultry department was greatly enlarged over what it had evor been in former years and the record of he ing the largest peultry show ever hel on the Continent was mado. Com petition in all classes was keen. Almost all of the breeds imaginable, or that are dealt with in the American Standard of Perfection, were on exhibition. Exhibits in the dressed poultry section were smaller than last year. The quality of the exhibits however, has never been surpassed The bulk of the exhibits were purchas. ed by Gunns, Limited, Toronto and Montreal, who paid the very satisfactory price of 25 cents a pound for the prize stuff, and 22 cents a pound for the balance.
An educational exhibit was made by the Pcultry department of the O.A.C. College. Models of desirable types of poultry houses were shown as well as specimens of fowl fattened in various ways; fresh and stale eggs, and eggs with other defects. Parts of birds in watcohol showing various diseases to
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which poultry is heir were alse on exhibition.

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The Seed department by far exceeded anything over seen at Guelph in former years. There was a remark
able increase in the exhibits in able increase in the exhibits in con nection with the Field Crops Comnection, there oats alon. intries. There was a merked advance in the exhibite
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