

as in a good one. An exhibitor's chances of winning prizes are just as good when roots are poor as when they are unusually good, for, as a rule, if one has good roots all are likely to have the same, and *vice versa*.

The display of honey was very fine, there being some ten or twelve tons in the building. This is becoming quite an important industry. One exhibitor informed the writer that he had over two hundred hives or skips, and would have about three hundred next year. He keeps about one hundred in a place, and one lot of about one hundred had made him some 7,000 pounds of honey this season.

The special prize of \$25 for the best and largest collection of roots, offered by John S. Pearce & Co., of this city, brought out a pretty fair competition, but the work of the judge was not at all satisfactory. His judgment was very severely criticized by all who took the trouble to examine and compare the several exhibits.

The Indians made a good and creditable display of roots and vegetables, together with specimens of their handiwork and craft, the squaws showing a lot of creditable needle and other work.

The horticultural hall contained some very fine and rare specimens of plants and flowers, but there is a great lack of interest and enterprise shown by the florists of this city in making any effort to make this most important and attractive department what it should be. They all seem to be pretty much of one mind and bent about this matter, and seem to take no interest and pride in trying to make the exhibition of plants and flowers interesting and instructive to the visitors. It seems a very great pity that there should be this lack and indifference, not only for the sake of the fair, but in their own interest and for their own sake. This department should be and could be made one of the most interesting and attractive features of the Western Fair by a little effort on the part of the florists. Why don't they do this? Are they so short sighted and indifferent to their own interests? As an advertising medium it is well worth the labor and expenditure.

The Montreal Exposition.

The Quebec Provincial Exposition, which opened on the 15th of September, was the most successful ever held in the city of Montreal. It was well patronized throughout, it being estimated that as high as sixty thousand persons visited the grounds in a day. The agricultural implements and machinery were exhibited in full motion. The Horticultural Hall was well filled, and worthy of special notice, particularly for the taste displayed in the arrangement of the plants and flowers. There was also a good collection of grains and vegetables. One of the most interesting and instructive object lessons to be seen on the grounds, and one which we had not noticed at any other exhibition, was the practical curing of ensilage. A silo of fair dimensions was constructed at the lower end of the stables; two ensilage cutters driven by tread power filled it with corn during the exhibition week. A large number of visitors availed themselves of this opportunity of viewing the actual filling of a silo.

Another interesting place, especially to those fond of history, was the Antiquarian and Historical Hall. This building is devoted to exhibits in connection with the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the city of Montreal. The articles exhibited formed a complete history of Canada since 1608, and included many valuable relics never before exposed to view. There were portraits of the Intendants of New France, the French and English Governors, and of many other persons who have performed their part in forming the destinies of Canada; also a good collection of antiquities, coins, relics, curiosities and ancient documents of great value.

STOCK.

The show of stock was exceedingly good. One Ontario breeder was heard to say that in this department the show equalled that of Toronto. The number of animals much exceeded that of any other year, all the available space being filled at an early date, and new stables had to be erected

to accommodate the immense entry in this department, this locality being most creditably represented in all the live stock classes, while these were supplemented by the majority of the prize-winners from the Industrial.

HORSES

The exhibit in the light classes was full, while that of the heavy breeds was well brought out.

In Thoroughbreds Dawes & Co., Lachine, had a fine exhibit, together with Irving & Brown, Winchester.

The carriage class was well represented, and the prizes appeared to have been evenly distributed among a number of exhibitors, of which Robert Ness (Howick, P. Q.) and Irving & Brown carried off the principal winnings in the breeding sections.

Hackneys.—Hon. M. H. Cochrane, of Hillhurst, made a good show of Hackneys. Both stallions as well as the grand mares he exhibits were especially admired.

In English Shire horses Messrs. Dawes & Co. swept everything.

Clydesdales were well represented, and the principal exhibitors were Robert Ness, Howick; A. Bell, Trout River; Thos. Irving, Montreal; D. Brims, Athalstan, and T. Cairns, Athalstan.

Percherons.—This class came up well to the front. Especially was the exhibit of the Haras National Company, Montreal, particularly admired; while that of Frank H. Black, of Amherst N. S., was of good quality.

CATTLE.

Ayrshires were by far the strongest class in dairy cattle, thus keeping up the claim that this part of Canada is the home of the Ayrshires. In several cases we noticed as many as twenty-five head in the ring at a time. The chief exhibitors were Morton & Sons, Hamilton; W. C. Edwards & Co., North Nation Mills; J. & D. Drummond, Petite Cote; R. Robinson, Howick; T. Irving, Montreal; D. McLachlan; W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains, and others.

Guernseys were chiefly represented by the herds of J. N. Greenshields, Isaleigh Grange Farm, Danville, P. Q.; and S. A. Fisher, Knowlton. The former gentleman made a magnificent display, and succeeded in taking the majority of the prizes offered.

Durhams.—This favorite breed was out in full numbers and were of the best quality. The prizes were divided between the herds of W. C. Edwards, Rockland; J. & W. Russell, Richmond Hill; W. B. Cockburn, Aberfoyle; H. & W. Smith, Hay; D. Brims, Athalstan; H. J. Elliott, Danville; J. Currie, Everton, Ont.; J. Oak & Son, Alvinston; D. P. McPhail, Vernon, P. Q.

Herefords.—This breed was represented by the herds of H. & D. Smith, Compton, P. Q.; Dawes & Co., Lachine, P. Q., and F. A. Fleming, Weston, Ont.

Polled-Angus.—Dr. Craik, Montreal; Dawes & Co., Lachine; Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst, all showed capital specimens of this breed.

Galloways.—In this class D. McCrae, Guelph, carried off most of the prizes, though disputed in a number of cases by a young breeder, J. Neilson, Lyn, Ont.

Jerseys.—The herds in this breed belonged to Dawes & Co., Lachine; Mrs. E. M. Jones, Brockville; Mrs. Crossin, Compton; W. A. Reaburn, St. Anne's.

Devons.—Messrs. Rudd, of Eden Mills, showed the only herd of Devons on the grounds.

Holsteins.—The principal herds on exhibition were those of J. C. McNiven & Sons, Winona, Ont.; J. Fletcher, Oxford Mills; A. & G. Rice, Currie's Crossing.

Other Breeds.—E. A. Globensky showed a pretty herd of Brittany dairy cattle. There was a herd of Kerry cattle, and also one of West Highland cattle on exhibition.

SHEEP.

There was a very fine show of sheep, including one breed which we rarely see in this country, the Black Faced Highland sheep of Scotland.

Cotswolds.—The principal exhibitors in this department were James Main, Milton; John Thompson, Uxbridge; R. St. Dennis, St. Norbert, and others.

Leicesters.—John Kelly, Shakespeare, received the most of the honors. Other exhibitors were David Baxter, North Georgetown; J. & D. Pringle, Huntington; Robert Allan, Melbourne.

Lincolns.—In this breed Gibson & Walker, of Denfield and Ilderton, Ont., had the only flock on exhibition, although E. Ouimet, St. Frances de la Salle, showed a few good specimens.

Shropshires.—The exhibitors were J. N. Greenshields, Danville; F. S. Weatherall, Compton; John Campbell, Hon. M. H. Cochrane—the former gentleman having just arrived with a fresh importation for this exhibition.

Oxfords.—This breed was only represented by J. A. Neilson, who had a full representation.

Southdowns.—T. C. Douglas, Galt; John Jackson & Sons, Abington, and R. Shaw, Glandford Station, showed specimens of this breed.

Merinos.—The prizes were taken by W. & B. Deo, New Sarum, and W. & J. C. Smith.

Dorset Horns.—In this class the awards were evenly divided between McGillivray & Tazewell, Uxbridge, and T. W. Hector, Springfield-on-the-Credit.

SWINE.

In Berkshires the principal exhibitors were S. Coxworth, Claremont; Geo. Green, Fairview, and others.

Suffolks were shown by R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe, and Joseph Featherstone, Springfield.

Chester Whites.—D. DeCoursey and H. George & Sons showed representatives of this breed.

Poland Chinas were exhibited by H. George & Sons and W. & C. Smith.

Yorkshires.—J. N. Greenshields was again to the front with a fresh importation. Joseph Featherstone was also an exhibitor.

The Midland and Central Fair at Kingston.

In late years it has been claimed that this city and locality has not given sufficient encouragement in point of attendance to justify any association holding an annual exhibition, therefore last season no show was held. However, if one could judge by the crowd that visited the grounds during this year's show, we think a different verdict might be arrived at, and we hope that the financial success of this year will enable the association to see their way to present a more attractive prize list in the live stock classes, and in the sections devoted to farm products.

Many complaints were also made in the rules and regulations relative to the length of time that the stock had to be on exhibition, and this doubtless had much to do with the small entry in the cattle and sheep classes. But from what we heard from members of the committee, grievances of this and other descriptions will be rectified before another show season is entered upon, at which time we hope to see much larger and better filled classes and sections.

In this part of the province, as elsewhere, the light-legged horses are in the largest numbers, and a number of good specimens were to be seen, the attractions of the fair being chiefly in the line of speed, at the trot and under saddle, in which several well contested events came off each day.

Altogether, as far as the representation in the breeding ranks, there was not by any means a large turnout, although some beautiful young things were on the ground, displaying in each case that properly conducted breeding is not by any means overlooked in this vicinity.

In the different classes of breeds of cattle there was but a meagre turnout. In the Short-horn class, which it is customary to place first in