

## The Maritime Winter Fair

### A Good Show—Large Attendance—Educational Features

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The third annual Maritime Winter Fair opened at Amherst, N.S., on the 14th December, and with steady cold, bright weather drew crowds of visitors from the surrounding country as well as a very representative attendance from almost every county in the Maritime Provinces. This attendance, coupled with the loyal support which the citizens of Amherst have always given their show, has greatly augmented the gate receipts over previous years and spread the benefits of a liberal live stock educational event among the people seeking information.

The programme of judging events and addresses was carried through on time and the audience, especially in the evening, were limited only by the size of the auditorium, which holds 2,500 people. Everyone deeply regretted the absence through ill-health of the show's founder, Mr. F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, and appreciated the great kindness of Hon. John Dryden and Dr. Mills, President of Guelph Agricultural College, in taking a whole week from their pressing duties at home to come down and take the places in the programme left vacant by the absence of Prof. J. W. Robertson and Mr. Hodson.

#### THE OPENING

Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Premier of New Brunswick, formally opened the exhibition with an address at the first evening meeting. He approved of the public policy of lending all possible assistance to agricultural education, and was glad to see the three Maritime Provinces united in a concerted effort through this show. He thought that we in the Maritime Provinces had not had our agricultural interests advanced by immigration as we should. The Dominion Government had never given the Eastern Provinces a proper share of attention in regard to immigration and he thought it was time for us to assert ourselves and get a share of the population that was flowing westward through us. He pledged the best efforts of his government to the development of agriculture.

Mayor C. A. Lusby, of Amherst, welcomed the distinguished politicians and visiting stockmen to Amherst. H. J. Logan, M.P., extended the welcome of Cumberland County. Col. H. M. Campbell, Vice-President of the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association, replied to these addresses.

Other addresses were made by E. Tiffin, general manager Intercolonial Railway; W. C. H. Guinmer, M.P.P., St. Stephen, N.B.; T. S. Rogers, Conservative candidate for Cumberland Co.; A. B. Copp, M.P.P., Sackville; and Rev. Father Burke, Alberton, P. E. Island, who all expressed their approval of the objects of the Winter Fair and their determination to assist it so far as they could.

Dr. James Mills, President of the O. A. College, Guelph, gave a thoughtful address upon some of the problems confronting the people of Canada. The most important one was, perhaps, how to improve on industrial ability. On the farm and in the factory, economy in production and excellence in quality were the essentials, and this called for skilled and intelligent workmen. So far in Canada we had not given our people very much help to become educated in technical matters. We had contented ourselves with giving a general education and special teaching, with the exception of medicine and engineering, has been neglected.

#### THE FARMING WORLD

It was glad to see more modern educational ideas gaining ground and he hoped to see fully equipped technical schools for every branch of industrial life. This show was a technical school for stockmen and he warmly congratulated the people of Amherst on their enterprise in supplying such a splendid building for the purpose.

#### THE EXHIBITS

While this feature cannot be considered as important as the purely educational part of the fair, sufficient exhibits and some, at least, of high quality, are essential to the success of the show. This year's exhibits showed a great improvement in quality of some of last year. This was true in every line.

#### CATTLE

The dairy cows for the two days' test numbered 21 as against 12 last year, and were a choice collection of cows. As at the Guelph Winter Fair, an Ayrshire made the highest pure-bred record, though here she was beaten by a grade Shorthorn that far outclassed any other cow in the test.

The test was conducted by the three popular and efficient dairy superintendents of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Messrs. H. Mitchell, J. F. Tilley and L. C. Daigle.

The figures given below show that the best cow in the test was a cow sired by a seven-months grade Shorthorn bull and out of a large, strong cow of unknown breeding, but evidently a mixture of Ayrshire and Shorthorn. This was a cow of great length and substance. Her owner stated that she had been developed under special dairy conditions, and her appearance indicated this.

The Ayrshire cow, which headed the list of pure-bred cows, was a splendid type of the breed with good udder and teats. In addition to drawing first prize in her class, she also won the special prize of \$50 offered by the Canadian Ayrshire Association to the Ayrshire cow, provided she made the best record of any pure-bred cow. As will be noticed, the figures of the best of the Ayrshires, the Holsteins and the Jerseys were very close.

#### BEEF CATTLE

These classes were not quite so largely filled as last year, but there was an absence of the large and old steer and an increase of the young, early maturing kind. The work done last year in pointing out the desirability of the latter kind over the former had the effect of

completely eliminating everything over 3 year old in the steer line from the show.

Shorthorns and Shorthorn grades were in the majority, though W. W. Black's splendid exhibit of twenty Hereford and Hereford grades brought the merits of this excellent breed well to the front. A 2-year-old Hereford heifer took the first place in the dressed carcass competition.

The honor of owning the best grade steer in the show was earned by a young man under eighteen years of age, Harold Vernon, of Minudie. He got with him the Giles cup, valued at \$50, as well as several other valuable cash prizes. The cup in question is held in trust by Mr. Vernon, as it has to be won three times by the same exhibitor. The steer was a yearling Shorthorn, showing a grand development of top with a minimum of waste. Chas. A. Archibald, Truro, showed some of the best Shorthorn heifers and steers of excellent conformation and well finished. F. L. Fuller, Truro, had a well finished Shorthorn heifer and got second place with her in the carcass competition. An undivided mention of the really meritorious exhibits would take too much space and we must pass them on with congratulations to all the exhibitors of beef cattle upon the improvement in quality, which two years ago shown at the Maritime Winter Fair.

#### SHEEP

In this class there was a full exhibit in nearly all classes and some very excellent types of mutton sheep were shown. The long wool breeds were not out and, with the exception of a few Leicesters, the medium wools made the display. The Chamcook Sheep Co., St. Andrews, N. B., had 40 entries, and their Southdowns were greatly admired. They carried off a good share of prizes. This company also showed Hampshires and Cheviots, the former a very fine exhibit. The appearance of the whole exhibit reflected great credit both upon the proprietors, Messrs. Came & McLay and upon the management of Mr. McLay as a shepherd.

The exhibit which drew the highest encomiums and awards, taken as a whole, was the flock of Shropshires belonging to Messrs. Logan Brothers, of Amherst Point. Every sheep in it was a topper and excellently brought out. The flock won a very handsome \$50 clock offered by M. S. Brown & Co., jewelers, of Halifax, for the best collection of pure-bred sheep owned by one exhibitor.

#### SWINE

This department contained animals that would stand well at any exhibition, and

#### DAIRY TEST AT AMHERST

Owner.	P.O. Address.	Breed of Cow.	Pays in Milk.	Lbs. Milk.	Lbs. of Fat.	Lbs. of Milk not Fat.
W. H. Boomer	Amherst	Grade Shorthorn	33	100.1	9.3	4.2
James E. Baker	"	Ayrshire	27	71.9	9.2	3.8
Logan Brothers	"	Holstein	12	108.1	8.8	3.2
James E. Baker	Barronsfield, N.S.	Jersey	48	65.6	6.1	3.5
H. S. Pipes & Sons	Amherst	"	72	70.9	6.8	3.4
Chas. M. Shipley	"	Grade Holstein	112	70.1	7.0	2.9
Chamcook Sheep Co.	St. Andrews, N.B.	Holstein	13	89.1	7.5	3.2
James E. Baker & Son	Barronsfield, N.S.	Jersey	71	71.9	6.2	3.1
H. S. Logan	Amherst	Grade Holstein	83	60.3	6.8	2.5
Fred. S. Black	"	Ayrshire	63	63.4	5.5	2.5
Logan Brothers	"	Holstein	85	75.7	6.9	2.4
J. B. Roper	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Guernsey	69	60.9	5.8	2.6
C. A. Archibald	Truro, N.S.	Ayrshire	62	68.8	6.0	2.7
H. S. Pipes & Sons	Amherst	Jersey	127	71.9	4.8	3.1
F. S. Black	"	Ayrshire	10	62.3	5.7	2.3
H. S. Logan	"	Holstein Grade	118	57.1	4.7	2.0
C. A. Archibald	Truro, N.S.	Shorthorn	75	58.1	5.0	2.1
H. A. Hicks	Westmoreland, P.Q.	Grade	33	49.8	4.9	2.1
Logan Brothers	"	Holstein	87	51.7	4.4	1.7
John B. Roper	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Guernsey	130	57.4	2.6	1.1
Logan Brothers	Amherst	Holstein	171	25.1	2.0	.9