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## Another Success for the Ormstown Spring Fair

Purely Agricultural in All Its Features, Its Popularity is Well Deserved

"I HAVE attended this fair," remarked an Ontario visitor to the Eighth Annual Spring Show at Ormstown last week, "every year since it was first inaugurated, and the wonder of how such a small district can produce such a great fair has continually grown upon me." Perhaps the secret of the fair's success was explained by W. J. Black of the Dominion Resources Committee, who was making his first visit to the fair, when he spoke of "the live stock atmosphere" that seemed to pervade the place. The people of the Beauharnois district, here long been live stock men, and they are all interested in good stock, particularly cattle and horse. Hence the popularity of a show that is purely agricultural, with the judging of the various classes the main attraction.

The evening performance was the "drawing card" with the townspeople. It opened with a fine parade, dairy cattle, for there was not a beef animal on the grounds, that entirely filled the big judging pavilion, the white coated attendants leading the choicest cattle that the district could produce. The rest of the evening was devoted to horse judging, the most popular events being the lady drivers and "musical chairs" played by riders on horse-back. This latter feature was introduced for the first time last year. Montreal polo players being brought to Ormstown for the evening performances. Some local farm boys entered and won from the visitors, so this year the local boys were given the field to themselves. The game, which might be made a feature of our winter air's performance, is played exactly as is the old parlor game that we all know as "musical chairs," except that the players are riding and when the music stops the rider has to dismount and sit on his chair. When two riders were going at full gallop for one chair developments were always interesting.

### The Horse Classes.

There were 150 draft horses and 165 light horses entered. The draft horses were all Clydesdales or Clyde-dale grades, something to be expected in a district where the stockmen are almost all of Scotch descent. Some of the principal exhibitors were R. Ness & Son, Howick; W. J. McGeorge, Ormstown; Steele Bros., Howick; D. A. McCormick, A. A. Nussey, and W. Nussey, of Brysonville. Many others had from one to three or four head on hand. The grand championships all went to the heavy stables. Burton Stanley was best imported stallion, but more interest centered in Spencer of the Briars, a Canadian-bred stallion by Sir Spencer, and the grand champion at the late Ottawa Winter Fair. Ruby Jen, a beautiful imported black mare, generally recognized as one of the finest in Canada, was champion Clyde mare.

Both sheep and swine pens were but scantily filled. In the former, Ager & Son, of Bowmanville, Ont., had a good exhibit of Dorsets, Cheviots and Southdowns, but local entries were few, and most of the buyers came to Ontario. In swine there were a few Tamworths, Berkshires, Yorkshires, Durocs and Chesters. Altogether sheep and swine entries totalled only 110 head.

### The Dairy Cattle.

But it is a dairy show that Ormstown is best known. Dairy cattle entries totalled 336 head, Ayrshires, Holsteins and Jerseys. There were a few of the first two breeds from outside points, but the greater portion came from within a few miles of Ormstown. The Jerseys were practically all from outside, one herd from Ontario and the other from the Eastern Townships.

Awards in the pure bred classes are given in full in this issue. The grade classes are worthy of special mention. Both Ayrshire and Holstein grade classes compared favorably with the corresponding pure bred classes; in fact, the Holstein grade milk classes were a more uniform and better bodied lot of cows than were the registered animals. These classes were a splendid argument for the use of good pure bred sires in grade herds.

Mr. W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, Ont., placed the Ayrshires, pure-bred and grade; Mr. F. R. Mallory, of Frankford, Ont., the Holsteins; and Prof. H. Barton, of Macdonald College, the Jerseys.

### The Ayrshire Classes

THE Ayrshire is at home in the Beauharnois district, and Ayrshires at Ormstown are always of outstanding merit. It is indeed questionable if any other fair in Canada ever had stronger classes than one or two that were seen at Ormstown last week. Many splendid individuals were left out of the money altogether, and from first to last, Mr. W. W. Ballantyne, who placed the awards, had his hands full. The uniformity of type, particularly in the milk classes, was wonderful. The exhibit was strengthened by the entry from quarantine, just before the fair, of one of the few importations from Scotland this year. This lot, selected in Scotland by Mr. Barr, of Archenburn, and imported by Mr. R. Ness, contained some of the finest young bulls ever brought to this country and several firsts fell to the new importation, among them the grand championship made award, which was given to Aberdeen Sir Andrew, a junior yearling, and as straight and nice an animal as one could well desire.

First place in mature bulls went to Gleahurst Terra Major, shown by Gilbert McMillan. He appeared in excellent fit, but won by only a small margin over Burnside Fannie Scusera, a bull with more quality, somewhat larger and more squarely in the hind quarters, but without the substance and fitting of the winner. The two-year-old class brought out one of the Ness yearlings, a very growthy straight-bull, and by the great Perfect Piece, Sunnyside Masterpiece, in second place, had a great depth and was particularly good in the hind quarters. A very large bull was shown by McMillan in the senior section in Goldpiece, a combination of the blood of Masterpiece, Perfect Piece, and Piece-asal.

Some of the female classes suffered because of the season at which the fair is held, many of the best Ayrshires of the district being timed to calve for the fall fair circuit. Mature cows in milk, however, brought out fourteen entries and a grand showing they made. First honors fell to Chapman-Johnny, owned by R. R. Ness, with Gordon a good second on Stonehouse Paney. One of the finest cows shown was Lochengrae Cherry, a grand big cow and first in her class for three years in succession at Ormstown. This year she won in the dry class and was reserve champion. Cavers had a very shapely, sweet heifer in his three-year-old Orange Blossom. Graded Ayrshire herds were as usual the most impressive exhibit of the fair, with five herds out.

The exhibitors were R. R. Ness, Howick; D. T. Ness, Howick; Peter McKArthur, Howick; J. P. Cavers, Ormstown; J. & C. Bantyn, Ormstown; J. Gifford, McMillan, Town; J. Jno. Logan, Howick; Peter Dickson, Ormstown; Geo. Hope, Allan's Cove.

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