

British Columbia Provincial Exhibition.

The Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia held their annual exhibition at New Westminster, Oct. 2nd to 6th, inclusive.

Fine weather prevailed throughout, with the exception of a few hours on the 5th, and the attendance was by far the largest on record, over 11,000 persons passing the turnstiles on the banner day (Thursday).

The exhibition was under the management of Mr. W. H. Keary, who may fairly be congratulated on organizing and carrying out the most successful exhibition ever held in the Province, and, in conjunction with the President, Mr. T. J. Trapp, and the board of directors, placing the Society in a sound financial position for future work. The exhibition was opened by the Hon. J. H. Turner, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, who, in his opening address, referred to the wonderful progress going on in agricultural development, and referred to the grand prospects for British Columbia farmers in particular, due to the splendid home market for all kinds of farm produce, on account of the development of the mining industry and consequent building up of new towns and cities. Mr. Turner emphasized the importance of individual effort amongst farmers, and promised the support of the Government to worthy agricultural enterprises.

The principal feature of the exhibition, beyond question, was the fine showing of Shorthorn cattle, due chiefly to the enterprise of two large breeders from Oregon—C. E. Ladd, of the Oak Hill Stock Farm, North Yamhill, Oregon, and W. O. Minor, Mountain Valley Stock Farm, Heppner, Oregon. Herbert Wright, of Guelph, Ont., also contributed a car of fine young Shorthorn stock, which were sold to various breeders of the Province. Besides these, the Provincial Dairymen's Association had a car of dairy stock on exhibition and sale, purchased for them in Ontario by Mr. F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, including Jerseys, Ayrshires, and Shorthorns. These were sold by auction during the exhibition, and it is noteworthy that while the Shorthorns and Ayrshires sold at a considerable advance on cost, Jerseys were slow sale at lower prices than the animals cost in Ontario. A few Berkshire and Yorkshire breeding pigs included with the cattle also sold well at an advance over cost to the Association. This, by the bye, was the first venture of the Association in stock importation, and will be repeated in the near future.

The competition for the agricultural district prizes for collections of fruits, grains, grasses, roots, etc., was small, as compared with the preceding year, although the Kelowna Agricultural Association made an exceptionally fine display of the products of Mission Valley in all the above-mentioned lines, including also hops, evaporated fruits, and tobacco (raw and manufactured), winning easily 1st premium. Other districts competing were Kamloops and Agassiz.

Stock judging was in the hands of Messrs. Jas. Bray, of Portage la Prairie, and J. B. Jickling, of Winnipeg. Their decisions were generally acceptable, and it is pleasing to add that the judges took occasion to publicly compliment exhibitors and officials on the straightforward manner in which the show was conducted, stating that it was worthy of remark that not the slightest attempt had been made to prejudice their judgment in any way.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns were a grand class, and although most of the prizes offered went to Oregon exhibitors, a most valuable object lesson was furnished to Provincial stockmen, both in quality of stock and as to fitting animals for show purposes. Mr. C. E. Ladd exhibited all together fifteen head, with Topsman 17847 at the head of the herd. This bull was bred by the Russells, of Richmond Hill, Ont., and exhibited by Capt. Robson at Toronto last year, winning the championship there, and since coming to the Pacific Coast has been a noted prizewinner. He headed the class for aged bulls and for best herd of one bull and four females over one year. Mr. Minor's herd was headed by the 2-year-old, Strathallan Chief, bred by W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Ont.; but probably the finest animals in it were the magnificent cows, Sallie Girl and Lovely of the Valley, almost perfect specimens of the breed, and in beautiful condition. All together, eighteen head of stock were shown by this exhibitor, and the prizes were about equally distributed between this and the first-mentioned herds; Minor winning the 1st for four animals the get of one bull, with home competition left out in the cold. It is satisfactory to note that two promising young animals from the above were purchased for the Patterson Ranch at Ladner's Landing.

Holsteins were a strong class, but, as a rule, in anything but show condition. W. P. Newlands, Eburne, showed fourteen head, taking 1st for aged bull with a fine rangy animal imported from Oxford Co., Ont. H. F. Page, Mission, carried off the herd prizes for bull and four females over one year and for bull with four of his get. His young stock were of good size and quality, and two cows, Aggie Clothilde and Matsqui Princess, were particularly strong in udder development.

Jerseys were not nearly so well represented as in the last three preceding years, so far as numbers were concerned; individual specimens of the breed, however, would be hard to beat anywhere. Shannon Bros., Cloverdale, were to the fore with Hammer's Stoke Pogis in the aged bull class, beating last year's prizewinner, Liverpool Boy, shown by A. J.

Street. The last-named, however, carried off both herd prizes, showing excellent young stock and the noted cows, Essie Gay and Wanda S. Mr. Roy Pearson took 1st prize for aged cows, deservedly, with a fine animal purchased some two or three years since out of the Street herd. She was in splendid condition, with remarkably good udder development, a credit to both owner and breeder.

In Ayrshires, the honors were divided between Messrs. A. C. Wells & Son, Chilliwack, and Jas. McCulloch; both showed excellent herds, in good condition, the last-named winning the herd prize for bull and four females.

Red Polled cattle were shown by J. T. Maynard, of Chilliwack, and from the Cogswell herd, Washington. These cattle handled well; were smooth and even, and had good dairy points as well, coming very near, indeed, to that long-looked-for general purpose stock. The bull, George Washington II., headed the Maynard herd, and traces back to noted prizewinners in Norfolk, Eng.

Polled Angus stock were shown by Mr. Alex. Ewen, New Westminster, with a good, well-proportioned bull, Pond Bob II., at the head of the herd; all of which were in good healthy condition, though not specially fitted.

In Herefords, honors were divided between the Kirkland Estate herd, Westham Island, and Messrs. Merryfield, Mt. Lehman; both showing heavy typical specimens of the breed.

Guernseys were decidedly weak, although J. W. Beebee, Agassiz, showed some stock with good udder development, but very poorly fitted.

As usual, some excellent milch cows were shown in the class for graded stock, 1st honors going to Mr. W. P. Newlands.

HORSES.

The show of horses was very much better than that of previous years, especially so in the heavy breeds. The Victoria Truck & Dray Co. carried off the honors in Clydes with an excellent bunch of eight animals, covering most classes; a fine black stallion, Newman, standing at their head. This lot also included the handsome mare, Loretta, with foal at foot; and, owing to their fine condition all through, showed to great advantage. Considerable credit is due to Mr. Jas. Bryce, manager for the Company.

In Shire Horses, J. W. Hollinshead, Ladner, showed a good-looking stallion, having plenty of bone, with good action; and J. A. Morrison, Mt. Lehman, showed a rather promising mare; in other respects, the class was rather poorly fitted.

In Suffolk Punches, J. M. Steves, Steveston, was again to the fore with a nice string of animals, which would have shown to much better advantage if better prepared.

Percherons were a strong class; 1st for stallion going to J. A. Morrison, Mt. Lehman, for a nice, active black—blocky, but fine. H. F. Page was a large exhibitor in this class, winning a number of prizes for young stock.

The Roadster classes were numerous represented, and included some excellent animals. J. W. Hollinshead showed a good string, of all ages; also F. Steves and J. T. Wilkinson. In the classes for Thoroughbreds and Standard-breds, J. Richardson, of Hastings, and J. T. Wilkinson were principal prizewinners; the first-mentioned showing King Patchen and eight of his get, all good. In the Wilkinson string were Colloquy and the two imported mares, Seabird and Red Girl, with a number of good-looking youngsters. M. S. Rose, of Vancouver, exhibited a couple of pacers, Primo and Carrie S. Notes on horseflesh would be incomplete without mentioning a nice, young, matched team of Clyde fillies shown by W. E. Butler, of Ingersoll, Ont., both the get of the good horse, Self Esteem, of Whiteside Farm, Innerkip.

SHEEP.

The sheep exhibit was largely in excess of any previous year, and embraced a number of very superior animals, especially in Southdowns and Shropshires. Here, again, outside competition has set a higher mark to be aimed at.

In Leicesters, G. W. Beebe, Agassiz; W. R. Austin, Sapperton, and H. Wright, Guelph, were exhibitors, the prizes being distributed between them, the flock prize going to Austin.

Cotswolds were shown by C. E. Ladd, Oregon, and J. Richardson, Provost Island, the Oregon flock winning the bulk of prizes.

In Southdowns, C. E. Ladd, Oregon, carried off many honors, including 1st for pen of ram and five ewes. J. T. Wilkinson was a keen competitor, and an extra good shearling ram was shown by H. Kipp & Son, Chilliwack.

Oxford Downs were also good. Shannon Bros., Cloverdale, showed a number of typical specimens, including the fine ram, Brant King Lingley II. J. Richardson, Provost Island, also showed strongly, and honors were well divided, Shannon Bros. winning 1st for 2-year-old ram, yearling ewes, ewe lambs, and pen of one ram and four ewes, and the three special prizes offered by the American Oxford Down Record Association. Richardson won 1st in all other sections of the class.

In Shropshires, C. E. Ladd showed some remarkably good, level sheep, in the pink of condition. E. A. Kipp, Chilliwack, had a nice lot, headed by a very heavy ram of English blood, going 240 lbs., which secured 1st in the class for two shears and over. The pen prize also went to this exhibitor.

Lincolns were well represented from the flock of A. C. Wells & Son, Chilliwack; fine, level sheep, with excellent wool and quality.

Dorset Horns were shown by J. T. Maynard, and Suffolks by J. W. Richardson; but the classes were poorly filled.

SWINE.

A capital all-round showing.

In Berkshires, Shannon Bros. were strong in all classes, winning a majority of prizes.

Poland-Chinas were worthily represented from the Banford herd, but competition was easy.

In Chester Whites, honors were pretty well divided between W. R. Austin, Sapperton, and J. Thompson, Sardis.

In Yorkshires, competition was lively between H. F. Page and J. Brannock, Chilliwack, the former winning out in most classes.

Tamworths were few in number, although J. W. Beebee, Agassiz, showed fine specimens, light in bone, and very symmetrical.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Every year shows progress in the quality of the butter shown; this was clearly evidenced this season, as all butter exhibits were carefully scored by Mr. Marker, of the Dominion Dairy Department, and there was great uniformity in the numerous exhibits. In the chief classes, 97 points out of a possible 100 were necessary to secure first prizes. The chief honors rested with the New Westminster creamery, with Cowichan creamery a close 2nd.

FIELD PRODUCE.

Grain exhibits, and indeed most classes in this section, were not up to the standard of previous years, owing chiefly to the destruction wrought by the plague of cutworms (*Peridroma saucia*) which prevailed in all districts of the Province during the growing season. However, the usual enormous squashes and pumpkins were on hand, and there was a fine all-round exhibit of potatoes—smooth, and not so much overgrown as to be useless for table purposes, a common fault some seasons.

FRUIT.

The exhibits in this section formed perhaps the most attractive feature of indoor exhibits, and were a revelation to visitors of the capabilities of the Province in this line. The display of winter apples was particularly fine, and included all the standard varieties, besides newer sorts, such as Salome, Jonathan, and Paragon, which are likely to prove valuable. A large percentage of the winning plates came from interior districts, notably Kamloops, Kelowna, Lytton, and Salmon Arm. The veteran fruit-grower, Thos. J. Earl, of Lytton, secured chief honors, winning, besides numerous prizes for single exhibits, the cup for best collection of winter apples, and special prize for collection of varieties. Other prominent prizetakers were: Mrs. W. Fortune, Kamloops; H. Kipp & Son, Chilliwack; J. Merryfield & Son, Mt. Lehman; and H. Chaplin, Kelowna. Special prizes were offered for packed fruit, pears, apples, and plums, and competition was very keen in these classes. In pears, a fine exhibit was made of fall and winter sorts. Plums were over, and not much in evidence; but Italian prunes, both fresh and evaporated, were shown in perfection.

A very prominent feature on the main floor was the large exhibit of fruits and field produce from the Dominion Experimental Farm at Agassiz. Apples and pears, in upwards of 400 named varieties, besides quinces, medlars, walnuts, chestnuts, and bottled fruits, made a remarkable collection. Besides these, over 200 varieties of grain, wheat, oats, barley and peas were on exhibition, classified and named, and as many varieties of potatoes. The whole was most tastefully arranged, and well-deserved credit was generally accorded to the Farm Superintendent, Mr. T. A. Sharpe.

MINERALS.

The exhibition of minerals of the Province was shown in a separate building, and while not so large as last season, was thoroughly representative of the enormous wealth of the Province in this direction. East and West Kootenays, Yale, Kamloops, Howe Sound, Pill Lake and Lillooet were all well represented; but perhaps the most interesting exhibit was from the comparatively new mining section of Mount Baker, partly on account of the great richness of the specimens, some of which assay upwards of a thousand dollars in gold to the ton of ore, and average much higher than in better known properties, but also on account of its being an unsettled question at present whether these claims are situate in Canada or the U. S. A., with a strong probability that they are in Canada, and immediately contiguous to the famous agricultural country of the Chilliwack Valley.

Simple Remedy for Cow-pox.

Take a portion of lard and mix with it common baking soda. Use all the soda the lard will take so as to leave the mixture of such a consistency that it can be applied to the affected parts. Often the remedy is not effective, because not enough soda is used. Apply soon as cow-pox appears, morning and night. Occasionally before applying the mixture, bathe affected parts with warm water, with a little carbolic acid in the water, using also castile soap so as to clean the parts, wipe dry and apply the mixture. Persevere in this treatment, and in a few days the trouble will subside. This has invariably been my experience.—*John Rule, in Jersey Bulletin.*