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THE OTTAWA WINTER FAIR.

The Eastern Ontario Live-stock and Poultry Show, as advertised in this paper, will be held in Ottawa January 16th to 20th, when \$9,000 in prizes for horses, cattle, sheep and swine, seeds and poultry, will be competed for. Poultry entries close January 2nd, live stock January 7th. Single-fare rates on the railways will be available. A favorable opportunity to see the capital city, and the show, which is conducted on similar lines to those of the Guelph Fair. For information, address the Secretary, D. T. Elderkin, Ottawa, Ont.

LIVE-STOCK CONDITIONS IN CANADA

The report on live stock for the end of November, issued December 9th, by the Dominion Census Office, gives statistics showing for the Provinces the per cent. number compared with a year ago, and their condition as compared with a standard condition. For the whole of Canada there is an increase of 3.31 per cent. in the number of horses, of 1.13 in the number of milch cows, of 2.11 in the number of swine, and of 8.02 in the number of poultry. The number of sheep has decreased by 1.55 per cent. in the year, and the number of live stock other than milch cows by 2.20 per cent. The Provinces which show the largest gain per cent. in numbers, are Saskatchewan and Alberta. Saskatchewan has made a gain of 12.53 per cent. in horses, of 4.09 in milch cows, of 6.03 in other horned cattle, of 4.26 in sheep, and of 21.38 in poultry; but the number of swine has fallen off by 5.39 per cent. In Alberta, the gain has been 8.59 per cent. in horses, of 1.05 in milch cows, of 13.10 in sheep, of 6.64 in swine, and of 22.70 in poultry; while the number of horned cattle other than milch cows has decreased by 6.12 per cent. Prince Edward Island reports small gains for all classes of farm animals, the largest being 4.41 per cent. in the number of swine, and 3.17 in poultry. Nova Scotia indicates small decreases for horses and swine, and small increases for milch cows and other horned cattle, and a decrease of 3.30 per cent. in the number of sheep. In New Brunswick, there is a decrease of 2.88 per cent. in the number of sheep, and small increases in horses, milch cows and swine. The number of poultry increased in the year by 2.32 per cent., and other horned cattle than milch cows by 4.20 per cent. Quebec presents small increases for horses, milch cows and other horned cattle, and a slight decrease in the per cent. number of sheep; but the increase in the number of poultry is 3.80 per cent., and of swine 4.10 per cent. In Ontario, there are decreases in the number of all farm animals during the year, excepting swine, where there is an increase of 6.20 per cent., and poultry, where it is 2.26 per cent. The decrease in horses is 0.45 per cent., in milch cows 0.42, in other horned cattle 12.30, and in sheep 5.02 per cent. Manitoba shows the gain in the number of horned cattle other than cows to be 5.80 per cent., but all other animals are less than a year ago, ranging from 0.45 for poultry to 1.83 for milch cows. British Columbia shows decreases of about 10 per cent. for swine and horned cattle other than milch cows, and 5 per cent. for sheep, and increases of 2.96 per cent. for horses, 3.78 for milch cows, and 15.56 for poultry.

By the standard condition of live stock is meant a healthy and thrifty state; and taking this condition as represented by 100, it is this year a fraction over for horses, milch cows and poultry, and a little under for sheep, swine and horned cattle other than cows. In Ontario, the condition of all animals exceeded the standard, except for sheep, which are 0.05 per cent. below; and in Manitoba, where it falls below by 4.36 per cent. for milch cows, by 13.20 for other horned cattle, and by 8.36 for swine.

On the question whether the supplies of fodder for live stock will suffice for the winter, 88 per cent. of the correspondents give an affirmative answer for hay, 94 per cent. for straw, 53 per cent. for silage, 84 per cent. for grain, and 61 per cent. for roots; but in the case of silage and roots, they are not widely grown in some of the Provinces.—Archibald Blue, Chief Officer.

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