

gress in farming seems to be rapid where progress in road construction is going ahead.

#### An Idea for Townships.

There is nothing to hinder townships from having better roads. The Department of Public Highways recommends that each such municipality employ a competent salaried man permanently in charge of roads and bridges under the township council. This would make it possible to work out a system which is impossible with the changing control and ideas of councils which change yearly. A road superintendent in each township would be a great help, and where such is appointed the Department pays 25 per cent. of his salary.

#### Crops Looked Well.

On the extended trip which took in the Counties of York, Simcoe, Dufferin, Peel, Wellington, Wentworth, Waterloo, Oxford, Perth, Brant and Halton, crops were found to be progressing fine. Spring grain, though late, was sending up broad, dark-green blades and growing rapidly. Fall wheat in the northern parts was very promising, but patchy in the south. Hay is likely to be short but is thickening up in the bottom. Corn and roots are going in late but in well-prepared ground. The show for small fruit is fine but apple bloom is very scattered. On the whole, farmers have done well with their work. There were no signs of lack of effort. Farms on the whole appeared to be well looked after and revealed the fact that rural Canada is doing its utmost toward a large crop this year.

#### The Value of Roads.

Good roads are here. The country needs more of them. They are being built primarily for the farmer's use. The automobile is revolutionizing things. In the near future a large majority of farmers will drive cars. Good roads will soon increase. This year 55,000 motor licenses were granted in Ontario, and the revenue from same was \$700,000. The Department of Public Highways plans to spend money so collected on the roads. Business and pleasure demand good roads and the farmer's business and his family's pleasure are of first consideration. Soon the benefit of good roads will spread until no one can answer where any road leads to. Remember again that public opinion determines progress in road making, not the proximity of stone and gravel. If the people want good roads all that is necessary is for them to make their desires known. The roads will ever follow the demand. And let it be understood that good roads, county roads and township roads, are being built to benefit the farmer and rural districts. Good roads help everyone to get a proper appreciation of the grand country in which we in Ontario reside. For business and pleasure they are a necessity.

### Quebec's Greatest Live Stock Exhibition.

The eighth annual Live Stock Exhibition held at Ormstown, Quebec, from June 6th to 8th, under the auspices of the Live Stock Breeders' Association of the District of Beauharnois, closed its gates for 1917 on one of the most successful shows ever held in Quebec. Light horses were the heaviest, 165 entries. Heavy horses including both the grades and the pure-breds, were 110 in number. Of the dairy cattle sections, Ayrshires were in the lead with 150 entries, Holsteins were only 15 below; Jerseys came out 55 strong, and the dairy grades ran around 75 head. The horses, both light and heavy, totaled 315, pigs 60, sheep 50, and poultry 200. There were no beef cattle shown.

#### Clydesdales.

The exhibitors of both the imported and Canadian-breds were: R. Ness & Sons, Howick; Steel Bros., Howick; W. Nussey, Howick Sta.; S. McGerrigle, Tatehurst; D. A. McCormick, Brysonville; W. Cullin, Brysonville; Kerr Bros., Howick; David Greig, Brysonville; Monette Bros., St. Thionthee; F. Beaulieu, Ormstown; R. T. Brownlee, Hemmingford; Arthur Mirro, Valleyfield; A. Hunter, Brysonville; W. J. McGerrigle, Tatehurst; A. Nussey, Brysonville; David Cavers, Ormstown; J. H. Nussey, St. Louis, and Taylor Bros., Ormstown (all of Quebec). Judge, Jno. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.

**IMPORTED CLASSES.**—In the imported classes the aged stallions were the first to come before Judge Gardhouse. The other imported stallions, in fact, gave Mr. Gardhouse very little trouble; a situation most of the shows will be finding exists this summer owing to the falling off of importations. The aged stallions were, however, a worthy lot all down the line. Ness' Baron Stanley by Baron's Pride was left above Taylor Bros.' slightly smaller sire, Baron Stockwell, also by Baron's Pride. Baron Stanley later received the championship ribbon. Third went to Caver's Lanark Lad, a good kind of sire by Scotland's Splendor, and fourth to S. McGerrigle's Baron Archie.

The winners of the third ribbon for pure-bred teams in harness, Cynthia and Gypsy, won first and second for Steel Bros. in imported yield mares, and Ness' Tyholme Viola, third.

Ruby Jen, Ness' grand champion of this and many other shows, took the first from S. McGerrigle's Conore in the brood mares, with Steel Bros.' Dunure Ruby and Torr's Countess third and fourth. They were as strong a quality lot of mares as any show-ring has seen for some time, Ness' winner, Ruby Jen, along with Woodside Rosebud won the pure-bred teams, and S. McGerrigle came in between with the two Canadian-bred mares Conore and Maple Leaf.

**CANADIAN-BRED CLASSES.**—The home-bred Clydesdales furnished the real competition of the Clydesdale

show. There is probably no other district in Canada where the falling off in importations is felt so little as in these three counties that make up the district of Beauharnois. Three-year-old stallions went to A. A. Nussey with Dan Spencer; second to Brownlee with Oakhurst Sir Spencer; third to Mirro and fourth to Steel Bros.

S. McGerrigle came first in one-year stallions on a get of Orphan's Fashion, one of the most noted sires of the district; W. Nussey second on a Baron Silloth's Heir colt, and A. Steel third.

Yield mares, in a good class of seven, were headed by S. McGerrigle's good Fyvie Gold mare, Flossie Fyvie; Steel Bros.' Flora Craigie second, and McCormick's Floss third. S. McGerrigle was first again in brood mares with Maple Leaf, another Orphan Fashion get; A. Nussey second with Maud Spencer; McGerrigle third; and W. Nussey fourth.

Three-year-old mares were headed by Ness' Woodside, the Canadian-bred champion of the show, with J. H. Nussey's Baron Bell second; Ness' Queenie third, and A. Nussey's Rose Spencer fourth.

In one of the best classes of the show Ness & Son were first in a class of twelve yearling fillies, Steel Bros. second, Hunter third, and McCormick fourth.

Canadian-bred sires are seen every day that compare favorably with some of the best that have ever left Scotland. Baron Silloth's Heir, an old-time champion and third in the aged-stallion class, scored a triumph over all competitors when five of his get won this special which has become a feature of the show. Another section which always fills the ringside at Ormstown is the graded draft teams, which are always chiefly made up of well-bred Clydesdales. The entries dropped to six this year, but these fully made up for the falling off in numbers by quality throughout. The standing in these was: Kerr, McCormick, Cullin and Greig.

The aged stallions were headed by Spencer of the Briars by Sir Spencer and champion of the Canadian classes. He was exhibited by Ness & Son. Second was Viscount of the Briars, shown by Monette Bros. and third, Baron Silloth's Heir, shown by W. Nussey; and fourth Beaulieu.

**Hackneys.**—The Hackney show was made up pretty much of the exhibit of T. B. Macaulay, Mt. Victoria Stock Farm, Hudson Heights, Que. They included most of his well-known string of championship winners.

#### Cattle.

**Holsteins.**—Holsteins, in this particular part of the province of Quebec, have gained in popularity considerably since the inauguration of this event in 1910. The upwards of 100 entries mentioned were almost 70 head in excess of the number of animals exhibited at Ormstown's first show. In comparison with the record show of 1916, the numbers were not in excess, but the quality of the entire exhibit this year was quite equal to numerous shows in many of Canada's largest Holstein centers. Awards were made by Fred. Mallory, of Frankford, Ont., who also filled the position in 1916.

The exhibitors were: Donat Raymond, Vaudreuil; J. J. Alexander, St. Louis; Alex. Younie, Huntingdon; Thos. Moore, Ormstown; Angus McNaughton, Huntingdon; David Cavers, Ormstown; W. J. Scott, Tatehurst; J. Graham, Brysonville; Jas. Rutherford, Ormstown; Neil Sangster, Ormstown; H. H. Craig, Howick; J. Helm & Son, Huntingdon, and Archie McNeil, Ormstown.

The lion's share of the awards went to Raymonds' entries, which were an exceptionally creditable lot in all sections and all brought out in the best of finish. His aged bull, Pontiac Korndyke of Het Loo, which, by the way, is the sire of the new world's champion junior two-year-old, was an easy first over a class of seven. He afterwards annexed the championship ribbon. Younie's Prince Ormsby 2nd, a good type of sire, stood second; Alexander's King Segis Ruby Walker third, and Moore's Lyndenwood Gano fourth.

The two-year-old bulls were a fair lot, with McNaughton's Gano Faforit Brave Boy first, Sangster's Hillside Sam Bonerger second, Winter's entry third, and Caver's fourth.

Scott and Dixon each had a lone entry in the yearling bulls, and won in the order named. In senior calves Raymond's entries were first and second, and Graham's third. The winner was got by the senior champion winner, and later took the junior champion ribbon. Scott was first in junior yearlings and Alexander second, while the junior calves went Winter, Rutherford, Moore and McNeil.

The dry cows four years old and over were the first of the female classes. They were a good, even lot, with Sangster's Lena of Pleasant Valley at the top, Helm's Artis Queen second; Craig third, and Younie fourth.

In dry two year olds, Raymond was first and third with Raymondale Pietje and Raymondale De Kol, and Sangster second and fourth with Lady Rhoda and Wilma of Pleasant Valley. Raymond was again first in senior yearlings, Craig second, Alexander third, and Helm & Son fourth. The junior yearlings went first and second Raymond, third Craig, and Sangster fourth. Senior calf: 1 and 2, Raymond; 3, Alexander, and 4, Helm. Heifer calf: 1, Alexander; 2 and 3, Raymond, and 4, Craig.

Cows in milk four years old and over made up the strongest of the female classes. Raymond's Francy Belle Wayne, champion female of the show, won over the same breeder's Korndyke Queen De Kol 6th, and both are capable of winning in the strongest competition. The former is an exceptionally sweet type of show cow, while the latter, although not quite so smooth, has considerably more size, and was showing after having just completed a 35-lb. official 7-day butter record. Third place went to a good commercial cow exhibited by W. J. Scott, and fourth to Alexander's Dairy Bess De Kol.

Raymond came in first again for three-year cow in

milk, with De Kol Plus Segis Dixie; Winter was second with Princess Eva of Pindale, and Alexander third with Lady Betty Minto.

Raymondale Geisk took first for Raymond in the two-year-olds in milk; Sitjke Manor Beet second for Craig, with Helm third and Alexander fourth.

Graded herds went first, Raymond; second, Alexander. Junior herds, same placing. For the get of sire, Raymond was first, Sangster second, Helm third, and Craig fourth. Progeny of cow, Younie was first; Sangster second, and Raymond third.

**Jerseys.**—B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton, Ontario, and Ruiter Bros., Cowansville, from the home province, were left alone to make up the exhibit of the Island breed. Bull & Son, as usual, had a string of carefully selected types of the breed, but Ruiter Bros. furnished fair competition in most of the classes, and carried away first for aged bull, first on dry two-year heifers, and also first on junior herd, bred by exhibitor. The red ribbon in all of the other classes went to the Brampton herd, with Ruiter coming in every now and again for a second or third ribbon. The two-year-old bull, Brampton Radiator, received the championship ribbon for males, and the three-year dry cow, Brampton Maitland B, the ribbon for females.

**Ayrshires.**—With the exception of the herd of J. & C. C. Ballantyne, Chesterville, Ontario, Quebec made up the entire showing in Ayrshires. In fact, the Ormstown district which, of course, includes Howick, furnished all the other entries, making in all eight full herds, a showing that is not often surpassed at any of Canada's largest exhibitions. R. R. Ness, of Burnside, has just strengthened his herd by an importation that landed at the show direct from the quarantine, and among this lot Judge W. W. Ballantyne, of Stratford, found the champion of the show.

The full list of exhibitors were: Jno. W. Logan, Howick Sta.; Hector Gordon, Howick; Gilbert McMillan, White's Station; J. P. Cavers, Ormstown; D. T. Ness, Howick; P. D. McArthur, Howick; Peter Dixon, Ormstown; R. R. Ness, Howick; Geo. Hope, Allan's Corners, and J. & C. C. Ballantyne, from Ontario.

The aged bulls, six in number, were a good lot of sires, each doing good work in their respective herds, but could not be said to be an even enough lot to make the usual strong showing seen in other years. Glenhurst Mayor, a stylish bull shown in good form, won for McMillan, and R. R. Ness' Burnside Fanny's Sensier by Morton Mains Sensier came in second; Crothead Lord Colwill won third for Gordon, and Hillside Perfection fourth for D. T. Ness.

Hobsland Record Piece, a newly imported bull by Perfect Piece, won the red in the two-year bulls for R. R. Ness, and Sunnyside Masterpiece, a nicely turned son of Masterpiece went in second for Logan. Cavers came third with a get also of Masterpiece, and Hillhurst Eloquence took fourth for Dixon. In senior yearling bulls R. R. Ness took the first, D. T. Ness second, and Hope third.

Eleven youngsters came out in the junior yearlings, and each and every one looked the part of a coming herd sire. Three youngsters from the new importations with Auchenvay Sir Andrew, in whom Judge Ballantyne found the champion of the show, went to the top for R. R. Ness. McArthur got in fourth and McMillan fifth. A grand, good lot of calves were still further down the line.

Senior calf went to McMillan, R. R. Ness second, D. T. Ness third, and Logan fourth.

Cows in milk, four years old and over, brought sixteen entries into the ring, and when they were finally lined up, so evenly were they graded, that a number of ring-side spectators were heard speculating as to the end the ribbons were to be awarded from. R. R. Ness' Chapmanto Henny, a good-sized, imported cow of sweet Ayrshire type, was left at the top and later, in a closely contested battle, took the championship from Gordon's dry matron Lockfergus Cherry (imported) and champion of 1916 exhibit. In his class, next to Chapmanto Henny came Gordon's imported Hobsland Pansy, a good prospect for class competition had she not been quite so long in milk. D. T. Ness' Flora was third, and Balmangan Vera (imp.), a breedly little cow just too old for the three-year-old class, came in fourth for Ballantyne.

Lockfergus Catharine, imported, went second to Lockfergus Cherry in the mature dry class; R. R. Ness' Catalino Belle third, and Cavin's May Blossom and Ryanoak Genevieve fourth and fifth.

Caver's came in again at the top of the class for three-year-olds, with R. Pringle second, R. R. Ness third and D. T. Ness fourth.

Cavers and D. T. Ness, who won in the order named had the only two entries for two-year-old heifers in milk, but the dry two-year-olds were out in force, making up one of the best classes of the show. First went to R. R. Ness' Burnside Baroness 2nd; second to Stonehouse Meg, shown by Gordon; third to Violet, shown by Cavers; fourth to Sunnyside Snowflake, a Logan entry, and Gordon was fifth.

The standing in a good class of senior yearlings was Gordon, D. T. Ness, R. R. Ness, P. D. McArthur. In junior yearlings R. R. Ness received first, second and third, and was also first and second for senior calf, third and fourth in the latter went to D. T. Ness, and fifth to P. D. McArthur. McArthur came in again for first and fourth in junior calves, with Logan second and D. T. Ness third.

Junior herds were: First, R. R. Ness; second, D. T. Ness; third, Gordon; fourth, Cavers, and fifth, Logan. R. R. Ness won for the graded herd, with Gordon second and Cavers third. Get of sire, R. R. Ness, Gordon, D. T. Ness, Cavers and Logan. Produce of cow, Gordon, Cavers and R. R. Ness.

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