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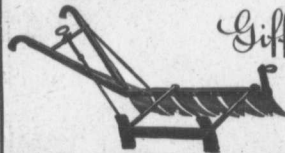
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The Ottawa Winter Fair

The Winter Fair held in Ottawa last week, was a vast improvement over all previous events of the kind held in Ottawa. This was due in a large measure, to the addition of an exhibition of horses that proved a most popular feature. There was a great increase in the number of entries in almost every section of the exhibition. The presence of the Governor-General, Earl Grey, who entered some horses, as well as of other distinguished people, including Dr. Falconer, the President of Toronto University, who delivered a masterly address, and of Hon. J. S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, as well as a decided increase in the attendance, contributed to make the exhibition much more successful than ever. This year, the people who attended the fair pronounced it a success and well worth seeing. This will help the show next year.

INCREASED NUMBER OF ENTRIES

Owing in part to the fact that the prize list had been increased by some \$2,500, or to a total of about \$7,500, the number of entries from the different classes was much larger than ever before. There were 80 horses and over 100 beef cattle showing at the exhibition of beef cattle being larger than the one at Guelph. In the dairy cattle test, a report of which is given in another column, there were 30 animals. The sheep classes were well patronized, about 75 animals being shown, which was more than double the number shown last year. About 2,500 birds were shown in the poultry section, an increase of 300 over last year.

A GREAT IMPROVEMENT

The first great improvement in the exhibition was noticeable when one entered the fair building. In past years, the fair was held in one end, or in about one-third, of Howick pavilion. This year, the whole building was used. The big pavilion contained the exhibit of horses. In the centre, was a large saw-dust exhibition ring. Around three sides of the building were some 80 stalls for horses. Over the stalls, on two sides of the building, were rows of seats, which permitted spectators to watch the judging in the judging ring to excellent advantage. While the judging was in progress, these seats as well as the space around the ring generally were well-filled.

SOME SPLENDID ADDRESSES

Some splendid addresses were delivered in the lecture hall. The speakers at the opening ceremony included Mr. Peter White, K. C., of Pembroke, the president of the show; Dr. Falconer, of Toronto; Hon. J. S. Duff, and Senator D. Derbyshire. The addresses delivered during the week included one on the "Pasturage and Whiskey, Its Effect on the Quality of Cheese, and the Feeding Value of Whey," by Prof. H. H. Dean, of Guelph; "Winter-feeding of Dairy Cows," by J. H. Grisdale, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa; "Proper Dairy Type," by D. Drummond, of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa; "Breeding and Rearing Chickens," by Prof. W. R. Graham, of Guelph; "Farm Weeds, Their Identification and Control," by S. S. Commissioner G. H. Clark, Ottawa; "What the Raising of More Shire Would Mean to Eastern Ontario," by A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; "The Economical Feeding of Bacon Hogs," by J. H. Grisdale, Ottawa; "Judging Bacon Hogs," by Prof. G. E. Day, of Guelph; "System in Horse Breeding," by John Gardhouse, of Highfield; "Feeding Horses," by John Bright, Myrtle; "How to Select a Heavy Draught Stallion and Unsoundness Frequently Found in Stallions," by Wm. Smith, of Columbus; "How to Make Rough Feeding Stuff Most Palatable," by Robt. Miller; "The Effect of Stack Ventilation on the Profitable Feeding of Beef Cattle,"

by J. H. Grisdale, Ottawa; and one on the judging of beef cattle, by Prof. G. E. Day. Several of these addresses are published elsewhere in this edition. Others will be given later.

THE SEED EXHIBIT

The seed exhibit was considerably larger and better than last year. The quality of the exhibits was much better than formerly. The location was such as to give it a good general appearance, consequently it attracted considerable attention. It is gradually dawning upon us that there is a good deal in seed selection. The display of oats from the field crop competition, which took place at Toronto, was a fine addition to the display of grains, corn and potatoes in the general classes.

There were some educational features put up by the Seed Branch, Ottawa, which were of note. Besides some charts and the mounted specimens of weeds there were several boxes of growing grains which illustrated the value of a good fanning mill selection of the seed which will be sown this spring. There were illustrations of hand selected plants as well. Some illustrations showing pure and adulterated seeds of red clover, timothy and alsike were also shown.

The exhibition afforded an opportunity for some of the exhibitors to find a ready sale for their surplus seeds. This was notably the case in seed corn. Several hundred bushels were ordered in the ear by eastern farmers, which took the corn exhibitors from Kent County.

The only feature of the exhibit which was undesirable, was that in a few cases, the professional exhibitor had tried to play a little fast and loose apparently. This will right itself in time. At present it is somewhat discouraging to those who put up the goods, they can swear they grew themselves.

FEEDING RESULTS

One of the exhibits most worthy of mention was that of Shorthorn cattle of the Central Experimental farm, representing two groups bred and fed under different conditions. The first group of steers was an average age of 20 months and weight of 1,135 lbs. cost \$46 to feed from birth to date, giving a profit therefrom of \$4 a steer. Each steer consumed in 12 months ensilage and roots to the extent of 14,729 lbs.; hay, 1,608 lbs.; meal, bran, corn, gluten, oats and oil-cake, 1,265 lbs. and skim-milk, 1,638 lbs. The second group steers consumed scarcely more than half what the others did, but their gains were fully in accordance. Their cost of feed was only \$28 and they had an average weight of 620 lbs. There was an ultimate loss of \$6 a head on them.

WINNERS IN THE HORSE SECTIONS

The principal winners in the draught classes of the horse exhibition, were Messrs. Smith and Richardson, of Columbus, who won first, third and seventh, on Clydesdale stallions foaled in 1905; January 1, 1906, in strong competition; first on Canadian bred Clydesdale or Shire mare, foaled in 1906; first and second on stallions, foaled in 1907; first on stallions foaled in 1905, which was won by their splendid stallion Black Ivory, and third in the same class. The championship for Clydesdale stallions foaled in 1905, was won by their President Roosevelt, the reserve championship going to Black Ivory. The championship for Clydesdale or Shire mares any age, was captured by Lady Glenlivet, Kawawa, owned by their President Roosevelt, the reserve championship going to Black Ivory. The championship for Clydesdale or Shire stallions in the same class, The Hatcher championship won by J. J. Black & Sons, of Winchester for Rillington Grandee. The first for heavy draught team went to Adam Scharf, of Commins's Bridge.

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