

Donnelly, 97.1, (flavor); 3, Geo Empey, 96.82, 4 & 5, J. K. Brown, Ethel, 96.82; H. G. Donnelly, Straffordville, 96.18; 6, B. F. Howes, Atwood, 96.16; 7, T. O. Flynn, 95.99, (flavor); 8, R. E. Hastings, 95.83.

Stilton cheese—1, Geo. Empey, 96.50; 2, H. E. Donnelly, 96.16; 3, C. A. Barber, Woodstock, 96.

Cheddar flats—1, C. A. Barber, 96.33; 2, C. J. Donnelly, 96.16; 3, Geo. Woodcock, 95.99. Silver cup was won by B. F. Howes.

BUTTER-MAKING CONTEST.

Close and high scores and a large number of entries combined to make the annual butter-making contest particularly interesting.

Awards.—Amateur class: 1, Miss L. B. Gregory, Iderton, 97.41; 2, Miss Alice Barber, Guelph 95.91; 3, Miss M. Bryden, Puslinch, 95.68; 4, Mrs. Walter Hall, Parkhill, 95.27; 5, Mrs. Wesley Dove, Pottageville, 91.18. Free for all: 1, Miss L. B. Gregory, 97.97; 2, Miss Ruth Patton, Richmond Hill, 97.60; 3, Miss Mary Jayne, Baltimore, 97.32; 4, Miss Laura Jayne, Baltimore, 97.10; 5, Miss Walter Hill, 96.10.

Professional Class: 1, Miss Laura Jayne, Baltimore, 97.25; 2, Miss Ruth Patton, Richmond Hill, 96.88; 3, Miss Mary Jayne, Baltimore, 96.80; 4, Miss E. Page, Toronto, 92.51; 5, Miss B. Page, Toronto, 89.58.

Some Special Exhibits.

In the new government building were located a few exhibits, which, because of their interest to those actively engaged in agriculture, drew large crowds of this class. One of these was the exhibit made by T. R. Arkell, of the Dominion Live-stock Branch. His sheep and wool exhibit was thronged throughout the exhibition, and served to interest many in sheep breeding. A model sheep barn, with portable outside yard partitions, was a feature admired and studied by thousands. It was a barn with four feed rooms in one end, a passage along one side and one large and one smaller pen inside, smaller pens to be made by use of portable partitions, and a large hay and straw mow on top. A model dipping outfit was another feature. Full fleeces of wool from all the breeds of sheep were shown, and a fine exhibit of wool from the Western Provinces made. The difference in staple of combing and clothing wools, Mohair and Turkish wools and all wools from different foreign countries, was demonstrated. The different stages of the manufacture of wool into worsted and ordinary woollen cloth was an interesting feature. Scoured wool, thread waste and shoddy were demonstrated, and the different qualities of wool, as taken from the various parts of the fleece, shown. Enlarged photographs of a representative of each breed decorated the wall, all going to make up one of the best educative exhibits of the show.

The Ontario Agricultural College had a bigger exhibit than ever before. Many were the people who stopped to look at the 282 eggs, the product of the best bred-to-lay barred Plymouth Rock hen at the College, as compared with the pile of 150 representing the average annual egg production of these hens as against 100 eggs, the average annual production of eggs for the hens of Ontario. Houses of different types were illustrated, and egg preservatives shown.

The Field Husbandry Department had its usual high-class exhibit, showing the approved varieties of grains and grasses, comparative yields, etc. Drainage and its advantages were the center of the Physics exhibit. Economic plant diseases and insects and their destructive work comprised the Botanical and Entomological Departments. Milk and its sources of contamination were shown in the Bacteriological section, and bees and honey were on exhibition for those interested in the Apilary.

One of the most appreciated exhibits was that made by the Provincial Secretary's Department, showing field products of the farms worked in conjunction with the various hospitals for the insane in Ontario. It was a revelation to most people to see the handiwork of the inmates, and, from their work and its results and from excellent photographs and a fitted room showing beds and cots, the new method of treating the weak minded was clearly depicted.

A small exhibit of cereals and fodder from the government demonstration farm at Monteith showed the possibilities of the clay belts 450 miles north of Toronto, as did also a pyramid of roots and vegetables from the Timiskaming district, 340 miles north of the Queen city.

Fruit.

Prof. J. W. Crow, of the Ontario Agricultural College, judged the fruit, and expressed the opinion that never before has the quality of apples, peaches, pears and plums at the Canadian National, excelled that of this year's exhibits. The color of the fruit was particularly high, indicating superb quality. Some codling moth was noticed in the apples, but the quality on the whole was surprisingly good, and was taken by many to indicate that the apples in Ontario are going to be rather better quality than was at

first anticipated. Peaches were beyond doubt the best ever seen at Toronto, and never have the plums been excelled. Little fault could be found with the pears or grapes, and a very creditable exhibit was that made by the fruit men.

Over sixty boxes of apples competed. The chief winners being W. E. Wesse, Carrying Place; B. Gutthrey, Dixie; J. Furminger, St. Catharines; G. Peart, Freeman; J. Davis, Thorold; Roy Williamson, Carrying Place; J. Stewart, Homer; and L. Prest, Stamford.

Boxed Pears were an attractive lot, twenty-four entries being on the table. T. Bunting, St. Catharines; A. M. Austin, Port Dalhousie; R. Cameron, St. Catharines; W. J. Furminger, St. Catharines; W. D. Woodruff, St. Catharines; L. Prest, Stamford; F. Stewart, Stamford; L. Gray, St. Catharines; David White, Bendale, were the chief winners.

Peaches in baskets had a delicious appearance, Niagara-district growers getting most of the money.

Machinery Row.

An exhibit of more than passing interest to agriculturists is that made by the various manufacturers of farm machinery and farm implements. Not for many years has there been such a number of firms with exhibits on the grounds, and the large tents were filled to overflowing. The popularity of the gasoline engine was seen at a glance, tent after tent containing different makes of this useful farm power. All kinds of concrete machinery were demonstrated. Cream separators and the mechanical milkers in actual operation drew crowds daily. Petrol and coal-oil engines were examined by thousands of people. Potato machinery of all kinds, along with plows, harrows, discs, cultivators, wagons and a full line of farm machinery and implements, windmills and spray pumps; road-building machinery and stable fittings gave the farmer an opportunity to compare and contrast and choose that which is likely to be best suited to his conditions.

Poultry.

The Exhibition management were rather unfortunate this year in having their fine poultry buildings destroyed by fire a few weeks before the opening of the fair, but they rose to the occasion, and by the time the fair was opened, a new temporary building was completed, which housed the exhibits very comfortably. As has been the case in recent years, much interest centers in the poultry at the Canadian National. Entries were not as large as last year in many of the sections, but on the whole a fair exhibit was made. All the poultry seemed to be a little off in condition. The old stock is moulting early, and a bird in the moult never shows to the best advantage. Amongst the young stock were noticed a number of immature birds, indicating that they had been late hatched. Upon inquiring of some of the well-known poultry men the reason for this, we learned that early in the season breeders had great difficulty in getting their eggs to hatch, the cause of which they were unable to ascertain. The different breeds and classes were put in about the same proportion in respect to each other as upon former occasions. Barred Rocks, White Wyandottes and Single Comb White Leghorns were the strongest numerically, and possibly also in quality.

Ducks were in the coops to the number of 135, but many of them were rather ragged in appearance, although some very fine specimens were included in the lot.

Geese made a good showing, over 100 being in the coops.

Turkeys were weak, less than 40 birds of both White and Bronze varieties competing.

The Canadian National comes at a season of the year when it is very difficult to have stock in the best possible condition. As is usual, pigeons and pet stock and the different varieties of bantams were very numerous. It may be interesting to readers to know just how the breeds compared as to numbers at the show. While this may not be a fair criterion of the popularity of each, it has at least some value in this respect.

From actual count of the birds in the pens, we make the following statement, showing how the utility classes sized up with one another.—Barred Rocks 78, Buff Orpingtons 34, White Wyandottes 85, Columbian Wyandottes 20, Partridge Wyandottes 31, Brown Leghorns (single comb) 64, Black Leghorns 18, Buff Leghorns 39, Single Comb White Leghorns 80, Rose Comb White Leghorns 18, Black Minorcas (single comb) 54, Anconas 12, Andalusians 26, Black Orpingtons 15, Rhode Island Reds (single comb) 68, Rhode Island Reds (rose comb) 14, Hamburgs 26, White Cochins 12, Buff Cochins 8, Spanish 12. There

were many other breeds, but these are a few of the most important.

The most important winners in Barred Rocks were J. Foster, Brampton; Woodview Poultry Yards, London; John A. Nash, London; George Osman & Son, Brantford; Morton & Son, Carleton Place; J. La Tour, Brighton, and Fred Hind, Toronto. In Buff Orpingtons J. R. Johnson, Milton; S. A. Coakwell, Toronto; Hugh A. Rose, Fonthill; Sir H. Pallatt, Toronto; J. W. Clarke, Cainsville. In White Wyandottes, W. Norris, Toronto; Dr. Nicolle, Maynooth; A. M. Cameron, Beaverton; G. Somers, Napanee; Woodview Poultry Yards, London; Gillespie Bros., Toronto. White Rocks, Harnelbel Farm, Islington; Fred A. Anderson, London; F. Dulmage, London; E. M. Durst, Benmiller, Buff Rocks, W. H. Beemer, Hamilton; N. McPhee, Hamilton; J. Fester, Brampton; J. La Tour, Brighton. Columbian Wyandottes, J. Cunningham, London; La Tour, Brighton; Lee, Mt. Forest; Eules, Brantford. Partridge Wyandottes, Woodview Poultry Yards, London. Brown Leghorns (single comb), Orr & Creedon, Paris; M. Hoover, Locust Hill; Henderson, Scarboro; Taber, Scarboro. Rose Comb White Leghorns, Edgar, Brantford. Black Leghorns, Switzer Mitchell, Buff Leghorns, Billings, Woodstock; Dalton, Toronto. Single Comb White Leghorns, Pearson, Cooksville; Thos. Greenfield, Humber Bay; Douglas, Mitchell; Woodlawn Poultry Yards, Toronto; Linscott, Brantford; Durst, Benmiller; Battle, Bowmanville. Rose Comb White Leghorns, Taber, Scarboro; Thorne, London; Hoover, Locust Hill. Black Minorcas (single comb), W. F. Brereton, Toronto; J. C. Dums, Carleton Place; Willoughby, Guelph; Faulds, London. Anconas, John A. Nash, London. Andalusians, Thompson, Brantford; Jas. Tilt, Deon; Switzer, St. Marys. Black Orpingtons, Rose Fonthill; W. C. Elliott, St. Catharines. Rhode Island Reds (single comb), Boomer, Toronto; C. Sawden, Toronto; Alt, Buffalo; Vogt, Toronto. Rhode Island Reds (rose comb), Vogt, Toronto.

Vegetables.

The vegetable section of the field-crop exhibit was up to the high standard set at former shows, and the classes were well filled with vegetables of high average quality. J. B. Lund, Vineland, made the awards, which follow:

Celery: 1, Jno. Harris & Son, Belleville; 2, W. R. Trott, London; 3, Chas. Dabbs, Mount Dennis; 4, G. W. Bycroft, London; 5, P. A. Bell, Humber Bay; 6, J. J. Davis, London; 7, Jno. Tizzard, Humber Bay. Tomatoes: 1, J. A. Humphrey, Stratford; 2, G. W. Bycroft, London; 3, F. F. Reeves, Humber Bay; 4, W. Trick, Ottawa; 5, J. J. Davis, London; 6, J. Cox, Eastview; 7, Jas. McConkey, Brantford. Onions: 1, Chas. Aymer, Humber Bay; 2, F. F. Reeves, Humber Bay; 3, G. H. Poole, London, R. No. 8; 4, Jos. Norris, Eagle Place; 5, Chris. Dent, Sarnia, R. R. No. 1; 6, Wm. E. Crandall, Ingersoll; 7, J. A. Farquharson, Ottawa.

The Million Passed.

As we go to press we learn that the total attendance at the great Fair exceeded the million mark by 9,000. The largest crowd gathered on Monday of the second week, when 154,000 people thronged the park and buildings. On four different days of the exhibition did the attendance soar above the 100,000 mark, viz., Wednesday 101,000, Saturday 112,500, Monday 154,000 and Saturday 105,000. At the closing directors' luncheon it was intimated that a building should be completed by next year to house the agricultural exhibits, and that next year the new eastern entrance is to be a reality. We also hope that the management will not forget the live-stock arena.

A Country Home.

Where grapevines twine about the trees,
And there form leafy bowers dear,
Where garden-plots and flowers and bees
Scatter their fragrance far and near;
Where fruit trees bend their weary backs
With golden, green, and ruddy loads,
The drying breeze its dust exacts
From endless, lonely, chalky roads.
Where ba-ab the calves beside the fence,
And timid, graceful sheep repose,
Where grunting swine assail the sense,
And night-worked felines calmly doze;
Where runs the lane, rail-fenced and straight,
With crooked cow-paths to the wood,
The corn-stooks piled in Autumn late
O'er else shorn fields as guards are stood.
Where low and red the setting sun
Leaves evening chillness in the breast,
Where merry times are soon begun,
And dance and cheer for welcome guest,—
Leave me a little while to go
Back to the scenes of early days,
Back to the scenes of early days,
The home where boyhood I did know
And life ran swift in happy lays.
Exchange.