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## FARM AND DAIRY

## Fair at Ottawa a Success

The Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show is making a strong and routry Snow is making a strong bid for the premier position among the Winter Fairs of Canada. The Annual Fair held at Ottawa last week was the most successful in its history. Decided advances Were made over previous fairs in the sec-tions for dairy cattle, fat cattle, and poultry. In the swine and sheep de-partments were found some of the best animals ever bred in Canada while the horses, from the visitors' standpoint the main attraction of the standpoint the main attraction of the fair, were strong in both numbers and quality. In this latter depart-ment, however, the older established fair at Guelph must still take precedence. dence. Eastern Ontario people are coming to appreciate what a splen-did educational institution is their fair at Ottawa, and the country attendance this year showed a decided advance over other years.

striking feature of the Ottawa A striking reature of the oftawa Winter Fair is the splendid accom-modation that is provided for both exhibitors and spectators. The fair building is easily the best of its kind in Canada. The large judging arena is easily seen from ev ry point in the surrounding galleries, and in addi-tion is well lighted and attractive. The Fair management seem to have solved the ventilation problem, as the air in the stables was almost as pure as out of doors. The dairymen particularly elated over the splendid new quarters that have been arranged for them. The accommo-dation for dairy cattle has been doubled since the last fair, and all the entries this year were easily housed and lots of room left for futeasily ure development of the dairy test. The exhibitors themselves have nothing but kind words to say for the management. They have done what, to our knowledge, no other fair association in Canada has done for ex-hibitors. They have provided com-fortable bedrooms and a kitchen where the exhibitors may cook their meals if they so desire. This latter meals if they so desire: This latter provision is especially appreciated provision is especially appreciated by the dairymen, who are on hand several days before the regular dining-room opens.

#### HORSES

The horse exhibit was pre-eminenty a Clydesdale show. There were few Hackneys, Thoroughbreds, and tandard Breds in the light horse classes, and a couple of Shires and Percherons in the heavy classes. All of the rest of the numerous horse exhibits were representatives of the Scotch draft breed. Prominent among Scotch draft breed. Prominent among the exhibitors were Smith & Richard-son, Columbus; Alliston Stock Farm, Chesterville; A. Watson & Son, St. Thomas; S. A. Devitt, Burketon Junction; and R. M. Holbby, of Man-pleasing feature of the Fair way of the pleasing feature of the Fair way of the state of the fair way of the mail exhibitors who are non-with one to three or four horses and interest in the judging was chiefdy Interest in the judging was chiefly

contred on the male championship. On Guard, an upstanding horse with lots of substance, style, and quality, imported by the Alliston Stock Farm imported by the Alliston Stock Farm last spring, was finally awarded the championship over Sir Spencer, Robt. Ness's well-known stallion. As one breeder expressed it, On Guard was just a little more "horse" all through Ness fared better in the female chamonships. His two-year-old filly, Lady McTaggart, winning over Alliston's Scot's Lady. The latter was possess-Scot's Lady. Ine latter was possess-ed of particularly fine quality, but did not have the substance of her younger rival. Another particularly nice mare was shown by Watson & Son of St. Thomas, she winning the championship for Canadian bred mares.

Shorthorns and their grades had things almost as much their own way

the beef cattle section as had Clydesdales their own way in th horse classes. As might be expected most of the exhibitors were from most of the exhibitors were fron Western Ontario, Pritchard & Slat tery and A. A. Armstrong of Pergu-being by far the largest exhibitors Other exhibitors were: H. C. Rus-sell; Peter White, Pembroke; Rat cliffe & Son, Beathton; and W. A Wallace, Kars. The quality of th-Wallace, Kars. The quality of the entries as a decided advance on last year. The champion steer, a year-ling owned by Pritchard & Slattery, was first in its class at Guelph. He was a low-down, thick-fleshed fellow with excellent handling qualities. He was, however, hardly as smooth over the shoulder or as full behind the shoulder as one would expect a champion to be. Herefords and Aberdeen-Angus were also represented In the former L. O. Clifford, Oshav had practically no competition. the latter, T. B. Broadfoot of Fergus was the principal exhibitor, A. A. Armstrong also having an entry or

#### SHEEP AND SWINE

The sheep exhibit compared very favorably with former years, both in quality and numbers. The long-wooled breeds showed decided imquanty wooled breeds showed uscrate provement, Rov's Drummond Cup winners, attracting chief attention. Several of the Chicago winners were also on hand J. & J. D. Campbell with their Shropshires; A. & W. Whitelaw with Leicesters; John Kelly with his Hampshires; and Baker and J. Lloyd Jones with South-downs. E. Brian & Sons had a nice exhibit of Cotswolds, and Joseph Linden of Lincolus. Competition Linden of Lincolns. Con was fairly keen in all classes.

A prominent exhibitor summed up the swine exhibit as "not so large as in previous years, but of more unies in previous years, bus of more form and higher quality." York-shires predominated, the herds of Brethour & Nephews, Burford: Alex. Dynes and R. Reid & Co., of Ottawa heing represented. E. Brian & Sons being represented. E. Brian & Sons had little competition in Berkshires. There were very few Tamworths. Grades and crosses were numerous, all of the exhibitors mentioned having a few.

### POULTRY

For convenience, good ventilation, and good lighting, the poultry quarters at this Fair surpassed anything provided at any other fair in Canada. The exhibit could not be missed by visitors, as a new entrance has been provided to the poultry quarters at provided to the poultry quarters at the end of the arena and directly op-nosite the main entrance to the Fair building. The exhibit itself was not so large as at the Gueloh Fair, but the quality of the exhibits would be hard to fault. American utility breeds were most largely represented, but it was noticeable that the newer fancy it was noticeable that the newer fancy breeds are taking a larger place at our fairs than are the old stand-bys such as Plymouth Rocks and White Wyandottes. This, however, is no reflection on the usefulness of our best known breeds.

## SERDS

The seed exhibit was arranged i the usual quarters at the entran. to the Lecture Hall. Through the cooperation of the Central Experi-mental Farm staff, the exhibits were arranged most artistically. The num-ber of competitive exhibits showed a slight falling off from last year, was larger than in any year previous to 1912. The quality of the grain was to 1912. The quality of the grain good considering the season. Grain entered in connection with the Stand-ing Field Crops Competition, was of good quality. Fairly particularly good quality. Fairly numerous entries of barley, spring wheat, and potatoes were noticed this year instead of the preponderance of oats that has characterized previous seed exhibits at Ottawa. Corn growers from South-western (Continued on page 8)

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