

## A Fine Live Stock Display at Ottawa

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Shakespeare, and A. Ayre, Bowmanville. Among the short-eared breeds, Oxfordshire were exhibited by Charles Bryan, Ridgetown, who had the first to himself. Shropshires were shown by J. L. Kelsey, Woodville; J. Lloyd Jones, Burford, and J. E. Brethour & Nephews, Burford. Southdowns were exhibited by J. ampton Bros., Fergus; J. Lloyd Jones, Burford; J. E. Brethour & Nephews, Burford; Geo. L. Telfer, Paris, and A. Ayre, Bowmanville. Dorset Horns were contested by W. E. Wright & Son, Glanville; A. W. Wright & Sons, Forest, and A. Ayre, Bowmanville. Hampshire and Suffolk broods were shown by Geo. I. Telfer, Paris, and John Kelly & Son, Shakespeare.

The same exhibit, while not so large in point of numbers as in some previous years, was the best yet in uniform high quality. It is regrettable, however, that this superior uniformity of quality was secured by the withdrawal of some of the smaller exhibitors of previous years. J. E. Brown, of Lepepaw, N. Y., covered the bacon honors with his Yorkshire. Other exhibitors of the breed were J. Kenneth Featherstone, Streetsville, Alex. Dyne, Ottawa, and D'Arcy Scott, Ottawa. Berkshires brought out W. W. Brownridge, Georgetown, and E. Bryan & Son, Ridgeway, and Chiltern Tamworths were contested by E. Bryan & Son, J. K. Feathers, Hornby, and J. K. Feathers, Streetsville.

### The Seed Exhibit

The seed department of the fair was given more room this year at the expense of space in the Lecture Hall. The move seemed a wise one, as in past years the Lecture Hall had never been filled. This year the lectures proved unusually popular, and the smaller lecture hall was taxed to its capacity on several occasions. The change, however, was not regretted.

## The Consolidated School and Community

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being made in that respect as in many others, there is still much lacking in the country school's. The most of them are not kept properly cleaned, sweeping is done when the children are not in the room, and the children are cold. The floors are cold, and the children, much, and no dusting, and are done except by the coat sleeves of the children. The heat is so badly distributed that pupils who are sitting near the stove have the upper parts of their bodies warm, while their feet may be freezing, and those who are 30 feet or more away are too cold to hold a pencil. In very few cases is any provision made for ventilation or for the use of pure air. The buildings are generally in the winter at their best, beyond description, in their disregard for health and comfort. In the consolidated school, with its clean, well-lighted rooms, with its abundance, its abundant supply of pure water, its sanitary, scientifically constructed toilet rooms, and its provision for recreation under healthful conditions, this is changed. In communities where the people are able to spend money and energy for the sake of developing calves into the most healthy and productive cows possible, it surely ought to be worth while to deal with the calves in the same manner. Calves, in our estimation, more important than boys and girls.

### The Public Attitude

Throughout this series of papers, it has been necessary more than once to refer to the attitude of the people generally toward these schools. A few definite words on that phase of the question may not be out of place here. In visiting the schools in In-

The Field Crop Competition display was not cramped for room, and it afforded an imposing lesson as to the value of good seed. All of the seed on exhibit in all departments was of almost unexpected good quality, as the past season was not a favorable one. The time of the year for the display was larger than last year. A surprising feature was the large amount of good seed corn grown east of Toronto. Most of these varieties, of course, were Flint. One well ripened variety was the one exhibited, grown only 20 miles from Ontario. The potato exhibit on the whole was good. Some of the bushel lots were excellent, but not a few showed signs of rot. With the exception of a few varieties that were diseased, the rains were well up to the mark. The same may be said of clover seed. Discoloration was the worst fault.

In the Poultry Department the vocabulary of the average livestock reporter fails him when he tries to deal adequately with this department; chicken men have a vocabulary all of their own. We were told, however, that there were almost 60 different breeds of poultry in the pens, with the well-known utility breeds predominating in point of numbers.

By far the greater proportion of the exhibits in this department, we are glad to say, came from Eastern Ontario, the city of Ottawa itself having a strong poultry club. The Live Stock Branch has an interesting display, showing in a graphic manner good and bad methods of handling eggs. Candler demonstrations were also given.

The lectures this year were unusually interesting and instructive. Lack of space, however, forbids that they be summarized in this week's issue of Farm and Dairy. In the next few weeks, however, all of the outstanding ideas presented during the lectures will appear in these columns.

diana and Illinois, every opportunity was seized of getting the opinions of the people, which was found to be almost universally favorable among those who had children in attendance at school. As would naturally be the case, those who had no children at school are not so enthusiastic as those near by. The chief objectors, however, are people who have no children attending school and who are, for the most part, opposed to anything that may even tend to increase the expense of the township. The primary purpose, however, of the visit being to get an accurate first-hand idea of the work of the schools, and the time being limited, it was necessary to select a few of the patrons. An effort was subsequently made to secure written opinions from a number of people in the county who have been more or less clearly conversant with educational matters. Of these letters, two have been quoted as samples. The township from which the first writes, had one consolidated school and 13 abandoned district schools at the time the letter was written. The township from which the other large building has been erected and the township is completely consolidated. In the township represented by the second writer, a large addition was made to the common school during the past summer. The first writer says, "We

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