

condition. The exhibitors were D. W. McKenzie, Nerepis Station, N. B.; Logan Bros., Amherst, N.S.; S. Dickie, Central Onslow; Chas. H. Ebbett, Lower Gagetown; Treadwell Bros., Mauderville; and A. McMichael, Harcourt, N. B. Dickie scored in aged bulls, with Treadwell 2nd, and McMichael 3rd. In 2-year-old bulls, Logan Bros. had an outstanding 1st in their elegant young bull, Piet Van Voran, one of the best we have seen out in recent years. He has excellent quality, fine dairy conformation, and combines beauty with all the indications of usefulness and quiet disposition, and was awarded the male championship; 2nd went to Dickie, and 3rd to McKenzie. Dickie had the 1st prize yearling bull, and Logan Bros. the 1st prize bull calf, McKenzie being 2nd in each case. Ebbett had the 1st prize bull calf under 6 months. In a capital class of cows, McKenzie's Electra won readily. She is a cow of great capacity, fine form and quality, and puts up a model shaped udder, with well-placed teats, and she comes of a good sort, her sire being Jacoba H's B. B., and her dam Clara Hampton, of similar character and quality, who, if fresh, would make it interesting for her doughty daughter, good as she is. Dickie had a grand cow for 2nd place. She is deep-bodied and level, has capital quality of skin and milk veins, but is dry at present. In 3-year-old cows, Dickie was 1st and McKenzie 2nd, with good ones both. Logan Bros. had a handsome cow for 3rd in this section, and also the 1st prize winner in that for 2-year-old cows. Dickie had the 1st prize 2-year-old heifer, and McKenzie the 1st prize yearling and heifer calf over 6 months. McKenzie's cow won sweepstakes as best female any age; and the prizes for herds, open to all, went 1st to McKenzie, 2nd to Dickie, 3rd to Logan Bros. The prizes for young herd were awarded as follows: 1st to Logan, 2nd to McKenzie, 3rd to Dickie. McKenzie won the prizes for best bull and best cow owned in New Brunswick.

GUERNSEYS.

R. H. Pope, Cookshire, Que., showed two useful bulls in this class, and won 2nd for aged bull and 1st for 2-year-old bull. Mr. E. R. Brow, Charlottetown, P. E. I., made a very fine display from his well-known herd, one of the very best in the Dominion, and won all the prizes for females for which he entered; also 1st prize for aged bull and sweepstakes for best bull any age, and for best female any age; also 1st prize for aged herd and for young herd. This herd has been strengthened during the last year by an importation of first-class females of fine dairy promise and superior quality, and now ranks among the choicest.

DAIRY GRADES

were shown in considerable numbers, and were of superior merit as a rule. The prizes were well divided between the following exhibitors: Wm. S. Dickie, C. W. Holmes, T. Cosgrove, Joslyn Bros., E. R. Brow, S. Creighton, and B. V. Milledge.

HORSES.

The show of horses was, as usual, limited in number, as compared with what is seen at Western exhibitions, and the average of quality will admit of much improvement, but there were some good specimens in most of the classes. Thoroughbreds were successfully shown by Dr. Gilchrist, Hackneys by R. McKay, Pictou, who had out the fine stallion, Kilnwick Fireaway, winner of a long list of prizes, and looking fresh and fine. W. W. Black, Amherst, won 1st for best Hackney mare any age.

Carriage horses were strongly represented from the stud of J. S. Sanborn, Lewiston, Me., who showed a number of very fine French Coaches. Other winners in this class were: J. D. Reid, Fredericton; Leonard Wright, Golden Grove; L. S. Sentner, Charlottetown; Peter Trainer, Kingston; and W. F. Dockendorf, North River, P. E. I.; B. V. Milledge and Thos. Clark, Simonds, N. B. Clydesdales were exhibited and prizes won by H. R. McMonagle, Sussex Corner, and Robt. Wood, Mt. Herbert, P. E. I. J. H. Reid, Fredericton, showed his excellent Shire stallion, and won 1st prize.

SHEEP.

The sheep shown at the Maritime Provinces exhibitions are not as a rule as highly fitted as those seen at Ontario exhibitions, and some are brought out in what may fairly be called discreditable condition, though for the most part showing good breeding and fair quality. A little extra feeding and attention to preparation would make them more creditable to their owners and more worthy of encouragement by the offering of higher prizes.

COTSWOLDS

were shown by David Currie and Donald Innes, Tobique River, N. B., the former winning first prize for 2-year-old ram, and the latter 1st prizes in all other sections of the class. They were evidently well-bred sheep, but in only very ordinary field condition.

LEICESTERS

were well represented by selections from the flocks of Albert Boswell, Pownal, P. E. I., and M. H. Parlee, Sussex; W. Mullin, Westmoreland Road, and W. M. Thurrott, Mauderville, N. B. The sheep were mostly in good condition, those of the first-named exhibitor being well fitted, and the exhibits as a whole of good type and quality. Mr. Boswell captured the 1st prize in every section of the class but one, and Parlee all the 2nd prizes but one. Mullin won 3rd for 2-shear ram and for ewe lambs; and Thurrott had the 2nd prize shearing ram.

LINCOLNS

were exhibited by F. G. Bovyer, Georgetown, P. E. I., who showed a good, useful lot, in fair condition, and of good quality and breeding. He was awarded all the prizes for which he entered.

OXFORD DOWNS

were shown by F. G. Bovyer, P. E. I., and Jas. E. Baker, Barronsfield, and F. S. Black, Amherst, N. S., each of whom had well-bred and well-fitted sheep of fair quality. Bovyer was 1st with aged ram and ewe lambs. Baker 1st with shearing ram and shearing ewes, and Black 1st with ram lamb and aged ewes, and 2nd with aged ram and shearing ewes.

SHROPSHIRE

of excellent quality and type were shown by Albert Boswell, Pownal, P. E. I.; Hon. D. Ferguson, Charlottetown; and W. B. Mowat, St. Andrews, N. B., who secured 3rd prize for ewe lambs. Boswell had first prize winners in each section, and Mr. Ferguson 1st in 2-shear rams and shearing rams.

SOUTHDOWNS

of fair quality were shown by Guy Carr, Compton, Que., who was awarded all the 1st prizes.

CHEVIOTS

were shown by R. H. Pope, Cookshire, Que., and Guy Carr, who had the prizes divided between them.

DORSETS

were shown by W. D. Smith, Hoyt Station, N. B., who had a few very good ones, and was awarded all prizes he entered for.

SWINE.

There was a fairly good show in nearly all the classes of swine, the quality in most cases being very creditable and the pigs in good condition.

BERKSHIRES

were well represented by the exhibits of J. R. Semple, Brule, N. S.; M. H. Parlee, Sussex; S. E. Frost & Son, Hampton; and Chas. E. Ebbett, Lower Gagetown, N. B. The entries of the two first named were the best type, and would compare well



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with most of those shown at leading shows in the West, being lengthy, smooth, and of fine quality. Parlee had the winners in aged boar, yearling boar, and boar under 6 months, in which section, as well as in yearling boars, Mr. Semple had no entry. Semple won 1st prizes for boar under a year, sow over 2 years, sow under a year, and sow under 6 months, and 2nd for aged boar, aged sow, and sow, under 1 year. Ebbett won 2nd on yearling boar, 1st for sow and litter, and 3rd for sow under 6 months.

YORKSHIRES

were well shown by J. W. Calbeck, Augustine Cove, P. E. I., whose hogs are up to the standard of the best in any country in type and quality, and were brought out in splendid condition. He captured seven 1st prizes and five 2nds. J. R. Semple, M. H. Parlee, C. W. Holmes, and Fred F. Holmes were also prizewinners in the class.

CHESTER WHITES

were shown by C. W. Holmes and F. T. Holmes, Amherst, N. S., who showed some really good ones and divided the prizes, six of the 1st prizes going to the former and three to the latter.

TAMWORTHS

were shown by C. W. Holmes and F. T. Holmes, Amherst; E. B. Brow and McIntyre Bros., Sussex, each of whom had excellent stock. C. W. Holmes won five out of the nine 1st prizes. McIntyre Bros. had the 1st prize yearling boar, and Brow the 1st prize boar under 6 months.

POLAND-CHINAS

were shown by C. W. Holmes, Amherst, who had some very good ones, and secured all the prizes he entered for.

DUROC-JERSEYS

were shown by Jas. E. Baker, Barronsfield, N. S.; Edward Baker, Amherst; and J. H. Reid, Fredericton. J. E. Baker won eight out of the nine 1st prizes, E. Baker one 1st and six 2nds, and J. H. Reid two 2nd prizes.

Two Manitobans on the C. P. R.'s New Stock Distribution Scheme.

To the Editor FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

SIR,—I must say that it is a surprise to me, for I always thought that whatever faults the C. P. R. might have, foolishness was not one of them. But unless they are prepared to furnish free more pure-bred sires than are now purchased, it will have exactly the opposite effect to what they seem in their foolishness to expect. Evidently the breeders of Manitoba and the N.-W. T. can not compete with them on those terms, and must go out of the business. Incidentally it also furnishes an excellent argument for the advocates of expropriation of all railways at their actual value, or whatever the Government may choose to pay; it does away with any theory of vested rights. Still, it is not without its hopeful aspect; it looks as though the C. P. R. was the one corporation that had a conscience, and as though that conscience had been awakened. We have all seen men whose consciences had been awakened do most extraordinary things, and the greater the sinner he had been, the more extraordinary things he did, but eventually he would settle down into a good Christian. I say, therefore, it is a most hopeful sign that the time is coming when even a C. P. R. man may be a Christian. But, if they want to make any restitution to the people of this country, let them give them free boots and shoes and groceries, and carry their produce and purchases at something like fair rates, and they will benefit a hundred people in that way for every one they will benefit with their bulls and boars, and injure no one, and the people will soon be able to buy for themselves all the stock they want. Or perhaps a more practical solution of the difficulty would be for them, instead of calculating closely how much freight any article would stand, would be to discriminate in favor of the better stuff. I refer to animals. If farmers knew that a car of first-class animals would be carried for 25% less than second-class, or 50% less than third-class, there would be more first-class and less third-class stuff shipped; and I might just say here that a community that does not take enough interest in its stock to keep pure-bred sires in their neighborhood will not go a few miles to a free pure-bred sire, if there is a good grade much nearer.

I would commend this matter to the careful consideration of the pure-bred stock breeders of Manitoba and the N.-W. T., that they may be prepared to discuss it intelligently at our annual meetings or sooner.

WALTER LYNCH,
President of Pure-bred Cattle Breeders' Association of Manitoba and N.-W. T.
Westbourne, Man.

To the Editor FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

SIR,—Of course it is a burning shame if the C. P. R. goes into the unlimited distribution of live stock. It is doubtful if it would help the C. P. R. to spend a few dollars improving the stock of the country, especially among that class of men who would never use anything but the worst kind of mongrel if they had to pay for its use. Possibly if they get the Toronto winners for nothing, they might use them, even if the feed and care they would get would result in two generations in a more useless brute than they have now. "Old Waugh's" ironclad cow has still long probabilities of an unhappy existence.

I still think it quite possible that it is a false alarm that the C. P. R. would think of competing with a known existing and well-established industry. If there are Toronto winners going free, I would like a few of them, and consider I am better entitled to them, after paying some \$3,000 in freight on foundation stock from the East in the past ten years, than some mangy foreigner who will probably eat his beast while fat as received, or starve it to death for want of food.

W. S. LISTER.
Middlechurch, Man., Sept. 20th, '99.

The Western Fair.

President Gartshore, of the Western Fair, which was held in London, Ont., from Sept. 7th to 16th, was able to state at a meeting of the Directors, on the closing day, that the exhibition had been a most gratifying success. Although not quite up to last year in attendance, which was abnormally large because of the railway rate war, the Board will have a nice surplus after paying a liberal prize list and generous contribution for specialties.

It was in 1896 that the Directors undertook a rearrangement and reconstruction of the live stock and machinery buildings, which improvement has spread to every department, except the main building, or "Crystal Palace," until it would be difficult to suggest a more perfect arrangement of accommodation for products and manufactures connected with agriculture. This is the verdict of visitors at the close of the exhibition. Perhaps the chief improvement this year proved to be the re-placing and uniting of the agricultural, horticultural, dairy, apiary, and poultry-appliance buildings, which were arranged into one continuous building, extending along the north half of the western margin of the ground. The horticultural department occupied the northern portion of the building, and was arranged so that the fruit tables were handsomely decorated with rich bouquets. All railing and other obstructions to visitors were removed so that the exhibits could be examined and compared by those who wished to do so. The exhibit of apples was smaller than usual, but of good quality;