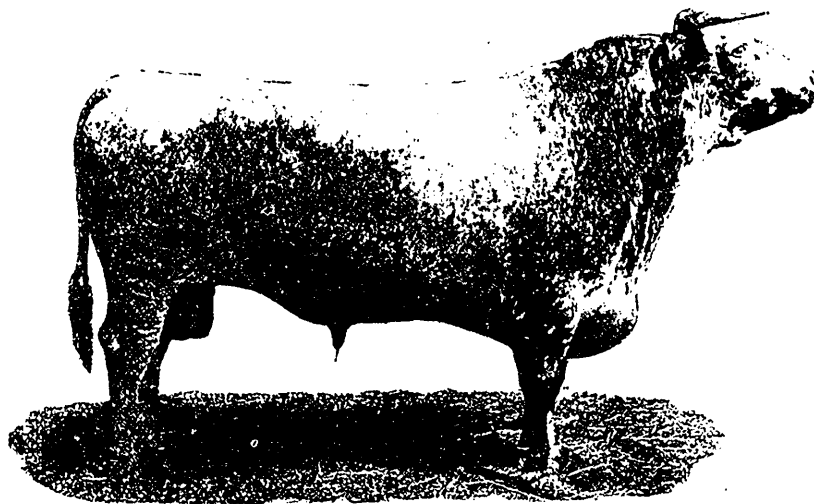


ART.

A number of Ontario artists brought or sent up pictures for exhibition, while the amount of native talent exhibited was remarkable.

should be plainly written on the prize-ticket, so that visitors may know who obtains the awards. The admission to the grounds, while still remaining at twenty-five cents, might be by



Gravesend Heir 2nd,
W. S. Lister, Middlechurch), First in Aged Durhams.

Where so much was admirable it seems invidious to find fault, but a few hints may not be amiss from a bystander. The official catalogue was incomplete, and will no doubt be better next year. It should include *everything*, and when the prizes are awarded the name of the winner

dated ticket available during the whole of that day, thus enabling a visitor to return to the city if necessary, and return in time for the evening's attractions. I think by such an arrangement the receipts would not be diminished, as a great many who go now only pay once.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Soft Butter.

HERBERT A. STEEL, King: We have a three-year-old cow with first calf, and have made butter from her twice; it is soft, and will not harden. Please explain cause.

ANS.—The trouble is probably caused by churning the cream at too high a temperature; cool the cream down to about 50°, or below that, and keep it at this temperature for two or three hours, so as to allow the fat globules time to harden, and use plenty of cold water when the butter breaks. If this does not do it, make the temperature for churning still lower. If all these precautions fail, and there is really a constitutional defect, try feeding cotton-seed meal. Feed at first about one-half pound of the meal a day mixed with other feed, and gradually increase the quantity until she is eating two to three pounds

per day. This will harden the butter, but it does not produce butter of so nice a flavor.

Prices for Hay and Apples.

JAMES MCLEAN, Camlachie, Ont.: We have a surplus of good hay in this county, and an enormous quantity of good winter apples. What are the prospects for good prices?

ANS.—The prospects for good prices for hay are not as good as they were last year, and prices will not be above average. Toronto firms no not expect to pay more than \$8 a ton for pressed hay on board the cars. There is an enormous apple crop in other places as well as Lambton county, and the prospects are that apples will sell for the export trade this fall at fifty cents a barrel, or even lower.