

does best on clay, though it can be made to succeed on any well-drained soil with ordinary heart and a fair supply of lime, which, if lacking, may be artificially supplied, and, no doubt, could often be, with profit, even sometimes on soil overlying a limestone rock.

The Vancouver Exhibition.

The first exhibition of the Vancouver Exhibition Association now stands a matter of history. The West Coast city has reason to congratulate itself upon its latest achievement, its first exhibition, which Sir Wilfrid Laurier officially opened. Were one to judge the exhibition by the standards already achieved by other exhibition associations, the Vancouver show this year could not be noted as being a great success, but considering that this is its initial fair, that the citizens had to be interested, the grounds bought, the buildings erected, and so much missionary work done, the management and directors are deserving of congratulations on their first efforts. The grounds where the fair was held lie eastward from the center of the city, and overlook the inlet which divides that portion from North Vancouver. The location is ideal, genuine as to situation and picturesque.

From an agricultural standpoint, the exhibition was not a real success. Aside from the light-horse exhibit, the live-stock showing was not a strong feature. The display of agricultural products was not of an overwhelming nature, perhaps owing to the earliness of the date. The light-horse show, the dog and the poultry show were striking features. The attendance was the most convincing evidence of the popularity of the exhibition. There was a long race programme, and the side attractions were numerous. Down the midway the barkers awakened such echoes among the trees as have surely never drifted that way before, and some of those gigantic cedars and firs must have felt dizzy-headed after witnessing the whirls of the merry-go-round machines.

Manager Roy performed his task well, and the Vancouver Exhibition Association may look forward to bigger and better things next year.

LIVE-STOCK EXHIBIT.

It could hardly be expected that the live-stock men would turn out in large numbers, as it was uncertain what accommodation awaited them. However, those who did show up were not disappointed; ample provision was made for the comfort of all.

The judges in the various classes of live stock were: Light horses, Dr. J. L. Oille, Toronto; heavy horses, Andrew Graham, Pomeroy, Manitoba; cattle, sheep and swine, Jas. Bray, of Portage la Prairie; poultry, Sharpe Butterfield, Windsor, Ontario.

HORSES.

The competition was found to be the greatest in the light-horse harness entries. A number of exhibitors from Vancouver and Victoria were found in the Standard-bred and Thoroughbred classes. W. Nicholl, T. J. Smith and J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson, all of Vancouver, were the largest exhibitors in the Standard-bred classes.

The exhibit of Hackneys was an interesting feature of the fair. D. C. McGregor, of Vancouver, was perhaps the largest Hackney exhibitor, and in the female classes he won most of the ribbons. Silpho Sensation, exhibited by Malcolm Stewart, of Vancouver, was the winning Hackney stallion in the aged class. Sky Pilot, owned by Jas. Bethwell, of Vancouver, was second. In the class for stallion under 16 hands, General of Cornwall, exhibited by W. Gyldenfeldt, of Seattle, was first. This horse received the stallion championship ribbon. Brilliant of Chanque, owned by H. M. Fleming, of Vancouver, stood second in this class.

In the female Hackney class, Warwick Dora, exhibited by D. C. McGregor, of Vancouver, won the championship prize and first in the aged-mare class. Culraven Extravagant Queen, shown by D. & T. Stewart, of Calgary, Alta., was second in this class, and reserve female champion.

S. R. O'Neil, of Vancouver, was the largest exhibitor of Clydesdales. He was the owner of the first and second Clydesdale stallions in the aged class, they being Rosendale and Crusoe. The former horse was given the championship prize. Royal Citizen, exhibited by the Inverholm Stock Farm, Ladner, stood third. But one other stallion was shown, and that was Dunure Wallace, owned by J. O. Trethewey, of Abbotsford. He stood alone in the three-year-old class.

The Inverholm Stock Farm had a few entries of Clyde dale females, they winning the championship ribbons in lone competition. Charlie, exhibited by Macdonald, Marpole Co., Vancouver, was the champion gelding. P. Burns & Co., Vancouver, won the team prize, with a pair of bay geldings, George and Chief.

CATTLE.

The Red Polls alone represented the beefing and dual-purpose breeds, while the Holstein and the Jersey breeds upheld the standard of the dairy cows.



Mowing Alfalfa on Mr. Parsons' Farm.

The exhibitors of Red Polls were: J. T. Maynard, of Chilliwack, and E. Henderson, of Victoria. The prizes as awarded were: Bull, 3 years old—1, J. T. Maynard. Bull, 2 years old—1, J. T. Maynard. Bull, 1 year old—1, E. Henderson; 2, J. T. Maynard. Bull calf—1 and 2, J. T. Maynard. Champion bull—E. Henderson. Cow, 4 years old—1, E. Henderson; 2, J. T. Maynard. Heifer, 2 years old—1 and 2, J. T. Maynard. Heifer, 1 year old—1 and 3, J. T. Maynard; 2, E. Henderson. Heifer calf—1, E. Henderson; 2, J. T. Maynard. Herd—1, E. Henderson; 2, J. T. Maynard.

DAIRY CATTLE.

The exhibitors of the Holstein breed were: J. W. Hollingshead, Ladner, and A. Davie, also of Ladner. F. Robson, of Meyne Island, was the largest exhibitor of Jerseys. The Glen Olbree Farm and F. E. Woodside, both of Vancouver, also exhibited animals of the Jersey breed.

Holstein Awards.—Bull, 2 years old—A. Davie. Bull calf—1 and 2, also bull championship, J. W. Hollingshead. Cow, 3 years old—1, A. Davie. Heifer, 2 years old—1, A. Davie. Heifer, 1 year old—1 and 2, A. Davie. Herd prize—1, A. Davie.

Jersey Awards.—Bull, 3 years old—1, F. Robson. Bull, 2 years old—1, Glen Olbree Farm. Bull calf—1, Glen Olbree Farm. Cow, 4 years old—1, F. Robson. Cow, 3 years old—1, F. Robson. Heifer, 2 years old—1, Glen Olbree Farm; 2, F. E. Woodside. Heifer, 1 year old—F. Robson. Herd—F. Robson.

all the prizes. P. H. Wilson, of Sardis; J. Richardson, Port Guichon, and A. Davie, Ladner, divided honors in the Shropshire classes, while in the Oxford Downs the competition lay between Alex. Davie and John Richardson.

Ontario Crops.

A statement regarding the condition of crops in the Province, based upon returns of correspondents, under date of August 15th, has been issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Fall Wheat.—Fall wheat is classed as a good crop, although more shrunken grain is reported than in any of the last two or three years, attributed largely to the dry weather when filling. From several localities come reports of smut in Dawson's Golden Chaff, but only a little rust is complained of. In some of the western and central counties hail storms did considerable injury to the growing crop in strips and patches, and the other crops also suffered from this cause. But, despite these various drawbacks, the average yield, as reported, will be high.

Spring wheat is steadily going out of favor, and, where grown, is confined chiefly to the "Goose" variety. The yields vary much, but will give a fair average.

Barley.—This crop will be a good one, generally speaking, although conflicting reports have been received, even from the same localities. A considerable portion was lodged, owing to heavy winds and rains. The crop was cut comparatively early; in a few cases before fall wheat.

Oats.—This crop was so badly knocked down by rainstorms that a considerable portion of it could be cut only one way by the binder. Some correspondents also complain of the uneven ripening of the grain, owing to the "lodging." In most localities the straw was short, but clean and bright. The bulk of the returns speak of the heads as being well filled, and the grain as plump.

Peas.—The pea crop has been rather disappointing, although in some cases remarkably good yields have been reported. The crop did not get a good start in the spring, owing to too much rain, and the dry, hot weather at blossoming prevented satisfactory podding. While the weevil was but little complained of, the presence of a green aphid was reported in most parts of the Province, which appears to have checked the vigor of the growing

vines, more especially those later sown, and, as a result, the straw is not so long or leafy as usual.

Hay and Clover.—This is relatively the best crop of the season, and would have been even better, but for close feeding on pastures last fall. In almost every instance new seeding did much better than old meadows. Most of the cut was housed in good condition. Clover was remarkably free from midge, and, as the second crop was looking well when correspondents wrote, the prospects for a good crop of clover seed were regarded as excellent. Correspondents speak of alfalfa as having made a splendid growth this season.

Corn.—The corn crop got off to a bad start,



First Farmer: "Well, John, what do you think of it?"
Second Farmer: "Not much, Hiram, but yet I think it'll pay to run it through the mill."

SWINE.

There were but two exhibitors of swine. J. T. Maynard, of Chilliwack, exhibited Yorkshires, while A. Davie, of Ladner, stood alone with his entry of Tamworths.

SHEEP.

The competition in the sheep classes was somewhat stronger than in cattle or swine. Dr. Watt, of Victoria, exhibited a fine flock of Southdowns, the only entries of the breed. J. T. Maynard, of Chilliwack, was the only exhibitor of Dorset Horns, while in the Cotswold and Hampshire classes John Richardson, of Port Guichon, won