

four years old or under. The classification provided for a section excluding dealers and butchers and another open. In the first the \$100 prize was won by W. E. Tees, of Tees, Alta., and the second by J. Rion, of Davisburg. In the open class the same competitors won respectively first and second prizes.

PUREBREDS.

Purebred Shorthorns—Steers three years and under four years; cows and heifers three years and under five: 1, J. Wilson, Innisfail; 2, R. K. Bennett, Midnapore; 3, A. H. Bolton, Gladys; 4, J. McKay, Andrews, Davisburg. Steer or heifer two years and under three: 1, John Ramsay, Priddis; 2, Bryce Wright De Winton; 3, John Ramsay; 4, Thos. Croxford, Airdrie. Steer or heifer under two years: 1 and 2, J. Ramsay; 3, J. L. Walters, Clive; 4, A. F. McGill, Lacombe.

Purebred Herefords—Steer or heifer three years and under four years: 1, P. M. Ballantyne, Lacombe; 2, S. N. Mace, Pekisko. Steer or heifer under two years: P. M. Ballantyne.

Purebred Galloways—W. E. Tees, of Tees, won all the prizes here.

Purebred Aberdeen Angus—Lew. Hutchinson, Duhamel, won everything.

GRADES.

Steer over three years: 1, H. Talbot, Lacombe; 2 and 3, W. E. Tees; 4, J. W. Fletcher. **Steer two years and under three:** 1, W. E. Tees; 2 and 4, S. M. Mace; 3, Jno. Ramsay. **Steer under two years:** 1, J. Ramsay; 2, W. E. Tees; 3, F. A. McGill. **Cow or heifer three years old:** 1, R. Knight, Millarville; 2, W. E. Tees. **Heifer under two years:** Jno. Ramsay, Priddis.

Best beef animal of any age, breed or grade—championship medal, John Ramsay, Priddis.

Herdman's competition—J. Ramsay, Priddis; H. Talbot, Lacombe.

BULLS.

The number of bulls was greater than last year and the quality and condition of the animals well up to the standard. Some fine animals were found among the lot, some 118 being catalogued. Before the bulls were put up for sale they were judged and placed in their respective classes.

Shorthorns—Three years and over: 1, H. Talbot, Lacombe; 2, J. Hogg, Okotoks; 3, D. Sinclair, Innisfail; 4, Jno. Duncan, Innisfail; 5, H. J. Scott, Innisfail. Two years and under thirty months: 1, T. Kurp, Lacombe; 2 and 3, Wm. Sharp, Lacombe; 4, Jas. Wilson, Innisfail; 5, S. R. English, Lanuke. Thirty months and under three years: 1, A. H. Bolton, Gladys; 2, A. S. Fowler, High River; 3, D. Martin, Gladys; 4, R. S. Fowler; 5, A. H. Bolton. Eighteen months and under two years: 1, J. L. Walters, Clive; 2, 3 and 4, J. Sharp, Lacombe; 5, J. Wilson, Innisfail. Yearlings and under eighteen months: 1, S. R. English, Lanuke; 2, 3 and 5, W. P. Williams, Fort Saskatchewan; 4, J. Robinson, Innisfail. **Championship Shorthorn**, H. Talbot.

Herefords—Three years and over: E. B. Randall, Lacombe; 2, G. Phipps, Cochrane; 3, H. W. Watkins, Olds; 4, W. E. Tees. Two years and under thirty months: 1 and 2, Palmer; 3, A. Fletcher, Mound. Eighteen months and under: 1 and 2, S. Mace, Pekisko; 3, 4 and 5, O. Palmer. Yearlings and under eighteen months: 1 and 2, S. M. Mace; 3, P. M. Ballantyne. **Champion Hereford**, S. M. Mace.

Aberdeen Angus—Three years and over: 1, Alex. Shaw, Medicine Hat; under two years: 1, Geo. G. Melson, Olds; 2, T. Croxford; 3, L. Hutchinson; 4 and 5, W. G. McClure, Innisfail. Two years and under three years: 1, F. R. Cathro, Calgary; 2, G. G. Melson. **Champion Angus**, Geo. G. Melson, Olds.

Galloways—W. E. Tees, of Tees, Alberta won all the prizes in this class.

BULL SALE

This was the tenth annual auction sale of bulls. The sale was very successful and the prices realized very encouraging to all stockmen. Ninety-six animals were sold and the average price realized was \$96 for Shorthorns, \$111 for Herefords, \$99 for Aberdeen Angus and \$75 for Galloways. Last year the average was: Shorthorns \$108, Herefords \$101, Aberdeen Angus \$121 and Galloways \$50.

The ranchers and stockmen who attended the show were very much impressed with the quality of the animals, and in every instance the price paid was satisfactory. The largest purchaser was J. A. Markle, inspector of Indian Head Agencies, who purchased thirty bulls for his wards on the various reserves. The highest price, \$205, was paid for the Shorthorn bull Carnation's Hero, offered by James A. Hogge, of Okotoks, and purchased by A. Sullivan, of Olds, Alta.

Some of the herd averages were: James Sharp, \$111 for five head; Wm. Sharp, \$109 for five head; Jas. Wilson, \$122 for six head; A. S. Fowler, \$73 for eight head; A. H. Bolton, \$79 for six head; Geo. G. Melson, \$93 on four head; S. M. Mace, \$139 on five head.

SHEEP PRIZES

Shropshires—Ewe and wether shearing and over: 1, Dick Brown, Calgary; 2 and 3, H. W. Watkins, Olds. Ewe or wether lamb: 1, 2 and 3, D. Brown, Calgary. **Championship**, D. Brown.

Purebred Suffolks All prizes won by H. W. Watkins.

And a herd of—All prizes won by H. W. Watkins. **Grades and crosses**—All prizes won by H. W. Watkins.

Carload of not less than 20—1 and 2, H. W. Watkins. Best sheep, any age—Dick Brown.

SWINE AWARDS

Berkshires—All prizes won by W. E. Tees. **Yorkshires**—All prizes won by W. E. Tees.

Grades—Barrow or sow over 6 and under 12 months: 1, 2 and 3, H. W. Watkins. Barrow or sow under 6 months: 1 and 2, W. E. Tees; 3, H. W. Watkins. Best pen three bacon hogs: 1, H. W. Watkins; 2, W. E. Tees; 3, Thomas Crawford. Carload lots: W. E. Tees. **Grade championship, best bacon hog**: H. W. Watkins.

W. Dryden, of Brooklyn, Ontario, made the awards in the cattle, sheep and swine classes.

CARCASS COMPETITION

The carcass competition was one of the most interesting features of the fair, and one that held many educational values to stockmen and every one concerned. In the class for purebred or grade steers, John Ramsay won first on a two-year-old steer. His live weight was 1,650 pounds, and he dressed 1,035 pounds. I. W. Fletcher, of Airdrie, had second animal, live weight, 1,425, and it dressed out 836 pounds; S. M. Mace was third, his steer weighing 1,190 pounds and dressing out 733 pounds. John Ramsay, Priddis, had fourth and fifth prize steers.

In class two for purebred or grade cow or heifer, there were 13 entries. Thos. Croxford, of Airdrie, won first: weights: live, 1,080 pounds, dressed 653 pounds; second, Richard Knight Okotoks live weight 1,470, dressed 897; third, S. M. Mace, Pekisko: live weight 1305, dressed 796; fourth, James Wilson, Innisfail: live weight 1,300, dressed 826; fifth, A. H. Bolton, Gladys: live weight 1,195, dressed 706.

For purebred or grade sheep—H. W. Watkins, of Olds, won all the prizes.

For dressed swine—Purebred or grade, medium thick: W. E. Tees won the four prizes.

Purebred or grade, bacon type—H. W. Watkins won all the prizes.

JUDGING COMPETITION

In connection with the other events a judging competition was held on heavy horses, light horses, sheep and beef cattle. T. O. Clark, of Irma, an associate graduate from Guelph O. A. C., secured the highest number of points, thus winning the championship medal. Mr. Clark returns this fall to complete his course at Guelph and it is to be hoped he again returns to Alberta. The following are the results:

Heavy horses—T. O. Clark, Irma, Alta.; L. Y. Evarts, Wetaskiwin; G. A. Stauffer, Lacombe.

Light horses—W. T. McClure, Innisfail; T. O. Clark, A. B. Parks, Calgary.

Beef cattle—L. Y. Evarts, T. O. Clark, J. B. Parks.

Sheep—G. A. Stauffer, W. T. McClure, T. O. Clark.

Swine—T. O. Clark, G. R. Stauffer, W. T. McClure.

Medicine Hat Spring Show

On March 30th Medicine Hat witnessed its second annual spring horse show. Medicine Hat has ever been the centre of great ranching country, and judging from the exhibition of purebred horses at the show it is ever destined to be the centre of one of the greatest stock-raising districts of Western Canada. Much credit is due Mr. Rae, the president of the agricultural society, for his enterprise in interesting the stockmen whose herds roam over those vast fenceless areas, and for untiring efforts in laying out the nucleus of one of the greatest exhibitions of its size in the province.

There was perhaps a greater showing of Clydesdales than of any of the other breeds, although there was a fair representation of Percherons, Suffolks, Shires and Standardbreds. Messrs. Jacques Bros., of the Suffolk horse ranch of Lamerton, Alta., showed their Suffolks and this bunch of sorrels proved to be quite an attraction. Hamilton & Hawthorne, of Simcoe, Ontario, exhibited a string of eight Percherons, while Jenkinson, of Medicine Hat, was the lone exhibitor of Shires.

The Clydesdale exhibitors were mostly local importers and breeders, and the interest centered about the ringside when these horses underwent the criticisms of the judge. In the class for four-year-old imported stallions and over, five horses lined up before the judge. Terrell Dauntless, a horse of good size and exhibited by H. Gobbett, of Medicine Hat, was the favorite of the judge. Gay Ronald, another bay recently imported by W. S. Currie, stood second; a horse owned by the Canadian Land Company was third, while "The Major," another horse exhibited by Currie, was fourth. The latter, while not in show condition, possessed great Clydesdale quality. Despite his unfitted condition, many Clydesdale judges would have given him a place nearer the top of the class.

Six horses entered the ring in the three-year-old class. Baron Balinhand, owned by J. Ross, of Seven Persons, was the winner and the sweepstakes horse of the show. This colt was a general favorite, and showed splendid Clydesdale conformation. Helmsley, owned by Cargill, of Medicine Hat, stood second, and Ronald's Expectation, exhibited by Currie, was third. J. Pearson, of Medicine Hat, owned the winner in the two-year-old class, and also the sweepstakes horse in the Canadian-bred class. Allen and Van Cleave, of Happyland, Alta., exhibited a good string in the Canadian-bred classes. W. S. Currie recently imported a carload of Shetlands, and they were on display at the fair.

Record Prices for Dressed Carcasses

Seven beef animals, five sheep and fourteen hogs were entered for competition in the block test at this year's Winter Fair at Regina, though the number was not so large as last year, the quality and finish of the animals showed decided improvement. Exhibitors are commencing to realize that a prize winner must be a choice animal well fattened by months of careful feeding. Some of the beef animals were of excellent type, but lacked the wealth of deep, mellow flesh required to win a prize in the block test. The mutton carcasses were all of prime quality and finish but some of the hogs were too thin.

At the auction sale of the carcasses the competition among the butchers and provision merchant was remarkably keen. All of the carcasses sold at high prices, and the prize winners brought record figures. The average price for beef was 11 cents per pound, with 11½ cents per pound paid for the prize carcasses. The second prize steer carcass brought a total of \$109.50. The average price for hogs was 11½ cents per pound with 12½ cents for the prize carcasses. \$21.55 was the price paid for one of the prize winning hogs. The mutton carcasses sold as high as 17½ cents per pound, and the first prize carcass brought a total of \$16.55. The five mutton carcasses, including one small lamb weighing only 45 pounds, brought an average of \$13.38 per carcass. This is one more argument in support of the effort now being made to induce our farmers to raise more sheep.

The percentage of dressed meat to live weight in the prize winners was as follows:

Beef steers—			
Prize.	Live weight.	Dressed weight	Percentage
First	1600	1033	64.6
Second	1490	932	62.5
Third	1165	714	61.3
Fourth	1570	947	60.3
Fifth	1085	614	56.6
Beef heifers—			
First	1430	860	60.1
Second	1250	715	57.2
Mutton—			
First	176½	97½	55.1
Second	142	73½	51.4
Third	177	97	54.8
Fourth	165	90	54.5
Fifth	93	45	48.4
Hogs—			
First	225	176½	78.2
Second	230	187	81.3
Third	237	196	82.7
Fourth	202	162½	80.2
Fifth	210	159½	75.7
Sixth	222	181½	81.5

Events of the Week.

The Liberals of Manitoba, at a convention held last week in Winnipeg, selected T. C. Norris, of Griswold, leader of the party, and laid down a platform on which the party will make its appeal in the next provincial elections.

A measure respecting gold coinage was adopted by parliament last week. It provides that the Canadian gold coinage are to be of precisely the same weight, fineness and quality as the gold coins of the United States. The issue for the present will be of five and ten dollar gold pieces.

The Western land offices are doing a rushing business this season. Lethbridge and Moose Jaw seem to be taking the lead in number of entries. At the former over a thousand entries were made in March, while in the latter 2,917 quarter-sections were taken up in the month. These figures are about 150 per cent. greater than those for March, 1909.

A party of 30 families, comprising some 170 people reached Calgary, where they will settle on the improved farms of the Canadian Pacific Railway under the "ready-made farms" scheme recently inaugurated. The farmers, who were chosen from over a thousand applicants, were men of a high-class of British settlers. They were all evidently well-to-do; in fact the party brought with them some \$150,000 in ready money, as well as many carloads of baggage and farming supplies. They will settle in the irrigated country south of Calgary. It is expected that 100,000 emigrants will be received from Britain during 1910. The total immigration for the year is expected to run close to 400,000.

The Miller anti-gambling bill was practically killed last week in the House of Commons. The Miller bill is a measure prohibiting betting in any form, whether on race track or in connection with any sporting event. The measure has attracted a good deal of attention in the country and seems to have been supported by a majority of those who have discussed the question, so that despite strong interests opposed to it the bill passed the committee stage and was expected to be made law by the Commons. However, the introduction of an amendment based on the English law, limiting the duration of race meets and providing more stringent measures to prohibit off-track betting, was accepted by the House, and the sweeping proposals of the Miller measure practically thrown out. It is probable that the measure will be re-introduced at the next session of parliament.