

The Victoria Exhibition.

The Victoria Exhibition has again passed into history. For fifty years the citizens of the British Columbia capital have witnessed a function which has grown in importance, until, this year, the Jubilee Exhibition, held during the last week of September, surpassed all previous standards. Most great achievements are attained through strenuous efforts, and the endeavors of the B. C. Agricultural Association, of Victoria, to make its exhibition this year greater and better than before has borne testimony to the foregoing fact. Fifty years ago is a far cry, and few then entertained hopes of Victoria ever having an exhibition that would call out so many people to pay tribute to such excellent agricultural displays. At this exhibition, the fruit display was one of the leading features of the fair. The largest part of the main building was devoted to the fruit and floral exhibits. The quality of the fruit this year in the Province is excellent, and the display was much in advance of that of any preceding show. The fruit-growers of the Province are taking advantage of the instruction given by the fruit experts recently employed by the Government, which accounts for the noted improvements in quality of the fruit produced.

There were many other commendable features to the exhibition—many that are worthy of special commendation. Among these was the poultry exhibit and the machinery display. William Coates an expert poultryman, of Vancouver, was the poultry judge, and his comment regarding the feathered display was most favorable. Mr. Coates believes that British Columbia has one of the best climates in the world for the rearing of poultry, and he hopes to see the day when this Province will export eighty thousand dollars' worth of poultry products, instead of import them, as she did last year.

The exhibition in general was threaded with educational features, a tone that might lend popularity to some of our Eastern exhibitions. Judging competitions, judging demonstrations in live stock, fruit-packing demonstrations, and lectures on a variety of subjects, made of the exhibition a school of instruction. Dr. J. G. Rutherford, from Ottawa, delivered a lecture on tuberculosis, in which he complimented the people of British Columbia in taking a leading part in the eradication of this dreaded disease from their herds.

LIVE STOCK.

Comparison with the live-stock exhibits at Victoria during the last few years, shows that the live-stock exhibit at this year's show has been very far in advance of any previous ones. The individual exhibitors have been more numerous, and the numbers of animals in the various herds greater than last year or the year previous. This year it is pleasing to note that many exhibitors came from outside points. From Alberta, from the mainland of British Columbia, and Oregon, came breeders to match their animals against those of their Island neighbors.

The competition for supreme honors in the draft classes of horses was most interesting, while the rivalry in the light-horse classes was almost equally as great. The horse show, held in the Horse show Building the last three days of the exhibition, was the best yet in the history of the association.

The exhibit of dairy cattle always is a notable feature of a British Columbia exhibition, and the exhibit of this class was in keeping with previous records. One thing lacking was a suitable ring in which the live stock should have been judged. It is not fair to the exhibitor, the spectator, nor the judge, to have the animals paraded before some stable door for inspection, instead of in a suitable ring. A large circus occupied the best place on the grounds—a location more suitable for the judging of live stock than the parading of clowns.

Dr. Gronside, of Guelph, Ontario, made the awards in the light-horse classes that entered the competition in the Horse-show Building. Alex. Innis, of Clinton, Ont., judged the draft horses; J. E. Brethour, Burford, Ont., Hackneys and dairy cattle; Thos. Russell, Exeter, beef cattle, sheep and swine.

HORSES.

Anyone who guessed that British Columbia cannot breed good horses, guessed wrongly. The champion animals in the Clydesdale classes were all Canadian-bred, and the most of them were bred in the Pacific Coast Province. There were plenty of imported animals that would make good winners, but here the competition was too strong for them to achieve premier honors. In the draft classes, the competition was the strongest among the Clydesdales. Among the exhibitors were Captain Watson, Westholm; Pemberton Stock Farm, Pemberton; S. R. O'Neil, Vancouver; the Guichon Estate, of Port Guichon; Shannon Bros., Cloverdale; A. D. Patterson, Ladner; the Government Farm, New Westminster, and J. Savage, West-mild.

In the aged-stallion class, Capt. Watson won with Baron Craigie, a Canadian-bred horse of much quality. Later he was given the Clydesdale

championship, and the ribbon for the best draft horse on the ground. Dean Swift, shown by the Pemberton firm, stood second in the aged-stallion class, and O'Neil third and fourth, with Gartly Guarantee and Rosendale. The latter horse might easily go a notch or two higher under different ruling. In the three-year-old class, first went to J. A. Tretheway, of Abbotsford. The two-year-old class possessed the reserve Clydesdale champion, an entry that pressed hard for the most-coveted ribbon. This was Prince Elert, bred and owned by the Guichon Estate, possessed of much quality, and a general favorite. Duke of Fife, shown by M. Dougall, of Duncan, a weighty colt, stood second, with Royal City, owned by Pemberton, third. The yearling class had three entries, all owned by D. Savage.

The female classes were stronger than the stallions. Nellie Garrick, shown by Pemberton, was the winner in the brood-mare class. Moss, of Saanich, had second in Kate's Fashion, while the Government Farm stood third with Nan. The yearling class had some fine entries. Pemberton had first on Bog Head Timms, Patterson second with May Queen, and Watson third and fourth with Aries Flower and Nancy of Brechenhill. The latter mare looked worthy of higher ranking, as she has much size. In the three-year-old class, Lily of Grandview, owned by Shannon Bros., headed the list. She was bred by the exhibitors, and later was given the female-championship prize. Watson had second prize with Festive Maid, while May of Ballyette, owned by the Government Farm, was third. Shannon Bros. won first and second in the two-year-old class with two home-bred fillies. Watson was third with Craigie Winsome. Reserve went to Lady Dean, owned by Pemberton.

Shires.—W. W. Hunter, of Olds, Alberta, and A. Davie, of Ladner, B. C., were the exhibitors of Shires. Mr. Hunter had three entries in the aged-stallion class. Windridge Boy, four years old, having much weight, was given first honors. Davie won all the female prizes, without other competition.

Percherons.—In the Percheron classes, Hunter, of Olds, again had the champion horse, a four-year-old, but recently imported. His two entries won first and second in the aged-stallion class. J. McCallum, of Trochu, Alberta, was third with Bayard. A. C. Ruby, from Portland, had the only entry in the Percheron two-year-old class. A. Davie exhibited one or two entries in the mare classes.

Belgians.—There were but two Belgians shown. In the two-year-old stallion class, A. C. Ruby and W. W. Hunter each had an entry, the former winning with a massive sorrel colt.

Hackneys.—In the Hackney classes there were some strong entries, and especially among the female classes. In the stallion class, McGregor, of Vancouver, won with Holland Prince. Drysdale Prince, owned by J. Tamboline, of Westham, the champion at Seattle last year, was second, while C. Moses, of Duncan, had the third animal in Silpho Sensation. McGregor won in the mare class with Warwick Dora.

CATTLE.

In British Columbia, the dairy stock usually makes the best showing, and at Victoria this year this was particularly the case. In the Holstein classes there was the strongest competition, animals of excellent merit being forward. Bishop & Clark, of Victoria, and H. Bonsall, of Victoria, were perhaps the two strongest exhibitors. A. Davie, Ladner, and Roper Bros., of Victoria, had some good winners forward. Bishop & Clark won first in the aged-bull class, and first and second with their cows. They also won the aged-herd prize, and the female championship. H. Bonsall had the champion bull in his winning two-year-old; he also secured the junior herd prize.

Joseph Thompson, of Chilliwack, won practically all the prizes in the Ayrshire classes, as he was out with the only herd. His Ayrshires would stand to win in strong competition, being animals of high merit. A. C. Wells & Son, of Chilliwack, only showed their aged bull, on which they received the championship prize.

In the Jersey classes there were a number of individual entries, and fine animals filled the classes. A. H. Menzies & Son had the fullest entry, winning the herd prize and the champion female ribbon. Quick Bros., of Victoria; R. P. Grimmer, Peter Reid, and Joseph Sayward, all of Victoria, figured in the prizemoney in the Jersey classes.

There were two herds of Red Polled cattle. J. S. Maynard, of Chilliwack, and E. Henderson, of Victoria, were the owners. Maynard was the breeder of many of Mr. Henderson's best animals, thus the rivalry was not so keen. Henderson had the champion male, while Maynard captured the herd prize and the championship on female.

Joseph Tamboline was the biggest exhibitor of Shorthorns. Watson Clark, of Victoria, exhibited one animal, a two-year-old bull, on which he won the male championship. Tamboline secured the remainder of the prizes, having entries in most of the classes.

Wm. Banford, of Chilliwack, was the lone ex-

hibitor of Guernseys, but had some splendid animals in his herd.

Two special prizes, given by the B. C. Dairymen's Association, were both won by Bishop & Clark, of Victoria. They were for the best four cows bred and shown by owner, and for the best junior herd bred in British Columbia. A. H. Menzies secured the two second prizes.

SHEEP AND SWINE.

There was an excellent showing in the pure-bred classes of both sheep and swine. Thomas Russell, of Exeter, who made the awards, remarked that all the entries were of a most creditable nature. John Richardson, of Port Guichon, was the only exhibitor in the Cotswold breed. A. C. Wells & Son, of Chilliwack, exhibited Lincolns, while W. M. Banford, Chilliwack, had the only entries in the Leicester classes. In the Suffolk breed, Joseph Thompson, of Chilliwack, stood alone; while J. T. Maynard had the only entries in the Dorset Horn breed. When it came to the Shropshires, P. H. Wilson, of Chilliwack, and G. H. Hadwen, of Duncan's, divided honors. The former entries were in somewhat better show condition, and, therefore, won the championship prizes. In the Southdown classes were three exhibitors, G. T. Higginson & Son, Chilliwack; H. D. Evans and A. T. Watt, of Victoria. Higginson won the pen prize, with A. T. Watt a good second. In Oxford Downs, A. Davie, of Ladner, and John Richardson, of Port Guichon, were the two entered with flocks. Davie won the championship and pen prizes. W. Grimmer and John Richardson exhibited Hampshires, where honors were about equally divided.

The special donated by Vancouver Island Flockmasters' Association, for best ram, any age, any breed, raised in British Columbia, was won by A. Davies with his Oxford Down.

The special donated by British Columbia Stock-breeders' Association, for best ram lamb and two ewe lambs, any short-wool breed, bred and exhibited by the owner, was won by P. H. Wilson with his Shropshires; second, A. T. Watt, Victoria, on Southdowns. Special for best long-wool trio—1, A. Davie; 2, A. C. Wells & Son, Chilliwack.

There was not as large an entry of swine as of sheep. In the Yorkshire classes there were two herd entries, Joseph Thompson, of Chilliwack, and the Braefoot Farm, Victoria. The Braefoot Farm owned the champion herd and the champion sow. J. Thompson had the championship boar.

W. M. Banford, Chilliwack, and A. Davie, Ladner, exhibited Tamworths. Davie owned the winning herd and the champion boar, while Banford won most of the sow prizes.

A. C. Wells & Son, of Chilliwack, had the only Berkshire on exhibition. J. T. Maynard exhibited a number of the Essex breed. Joseph Thompson won the two special prizes offered for the best bacon hogs.

Autumn Work and Weeds.

"The harvest is past and the summer is gone," but weeds, like sin, are showing up in all directions. They are not confined to the country. They are seen on the vacant lots of village, town and city—a menace to the cultivators of the soil next year. Most of them have matured seed by this time, and much of the seed is shed on the ground, to make trouble in field, garden and lawn another year. Still, a good deal can be done even yet to offset the spread of the seed. The trouble is everyone is so busy gathering in the late crops, and attempting to get the autumn work done, that some things are neglected, and the destruction of weeds is one of these neglected features all too frequently.

Many roadsides are at this season of the year badly disfigured because of many of these weeds. Some of them may have been cut once, but they have come on a second time. This is true of burdocks, sweet clover and ragweed. If the mower were run along once more, and the weeds so cut were raked up and burned, much good would be accomplished. Some roadsides are too rough. In such cases, why not relax the herd law, and allow stock, especially sheep, to pasture them down. One municipality in Western Ontario has hit upon the novel method of leasing the roadsides for pasture. Anything seems better than the indifferent enforcement of the law now in existence, which requires the road overseer to look after the weeds on the roadsides. Generally speaking, they are not doing it.

There are many waste places on the farm where weeds are seeding, such as the banks of ditches, wet places in fields, around old buildings, and elsewhere. These should be cut down, raked together, and burned. Another source of danger is the scattering of screenings from the grain that is being cleaned for market or prepared for grinding about the farmyard, when some of the weed seeds are likely to get in the stable manure.

Gardens which have been neglected since the harvest came on, are also overrun with more or less weeds at this season of the year.

Much of the ragweed is ripening its seeds now, and plenty of it could be kept from seeding in