

Canadians to the Front at Chicago

Never before in the history of the International Live Stock Exposition has there been such a truly marvellous exhibit of live stock, as at the Eleventh International in Chicago, which closed last week. It was the biggest ever. The exhibits were increased 26 per cent. over last year. The entries included 1,194 cattle, 1,191 horses, 1,163 sheep, and 807 hogs.

During the first three days of the show much interest was manifested

on the part of exhibitors and spectators in speculating as to who would win the Grand Championship. Roan James, the yearling Shorthorn steer of James Leask, Greentank, Ont., won a great victory on the second day of the show, when he was placed at the top of a class of nine of that breed of yearlings by the trio of judges—J. E. Robbins, Horace, Ind.; John R. Pomson, Dover, Kan.; and H. M. Kirkham, London, England. By this winning the Canadian steer beat "Benefactor," the great representative of the Kansas Agricultural College. "Good Stock," the Iowa State College representative, stood third. With the placing of this great class of Shorthorns the chances of the Canadian steer for the Grand Championship honors grew much brighter, for in beating "Benefactor" he put away one of the strongest competitors for the honor, and it was the first time "Benefactor" had ever known defeat.

However, when the climax was reached for the award of the premier honor, three were in the running, viz., "Shamrock II.," an Iowa calf-grade Angus; "Roan James," the Shorthorn from Ontario; and "Pur-de-Shorthorn," exhibited by the Kansas Agricultural College. Judge Carden, from across the water, after a great deal of deliberation, placed the red ribbon on the calf "Shamrock II." He is a calf of extreme blockiness and smoothness, firm and thickly covered with flesh. He won the coveted prize largely on the phenomenal weight he carried for his age. Reserve to him and a close second was the good "Roan James."

THE CLYDEDALES

In the following classes Graham Bros., of Claremont, Ont., made a splendid showing:

Yearling fillies (15 in class)—First went to "Village Princess," owned by Graham Bros.

Two-year-old fillies—Second, "Eddie McQueen," Graham Bros.; twelve entries in the class.

Three-year-old fillies—First, Pearl of Fairfield, Graham Bros.; 19 entries in the class.

Mare four years or over—Fourth on Dinah MacQueen, Graham Bros.

Stallions two years and under three years—Nine handsome animals faced the judges. There was much difficulty in placing the first prize horse.

"Baron Chapmanton," owned by Graham Bros. This is a very smooth, handsome, highly-finished colt. He was first and champion at Winnipeg.

Man, in July, and also first at the Canadian National, Toronto.

Stallions three years and under four years.—First, Barcn Ivy, (Graham Bros.). He was first at Toronto.

Four animals, any age, got of one sire. There were five different entries. The class was comprised of horses of all sizes. Here again Graham Bros., were outstanding winners; their entries were sired by MacQueen.

Two animals, any age, produce of same dam.—The same five exhibitors drew up. The judging was rather easy because of the previous awards. Graham Bros., first.

Canadian exhibitors won a fair share of the prizes, fillies by "Ogilvie's Matchless McQueen," winning in the yearling class and coming second among two-year-olds.

SHIIPS

Canada and Wisconsin figured mostly in the prizes awarded on sheep. Among those awarded were the following: Grand Championship in Sheep, Huntley Feed Farm, Beaconsfield, Que.; Hampshire Sheep Championship, Bank Bros., Wisconsin.

marvellous to behold. Two of their classes comprised in number 124 and 77 respectively. There was the grandest Percheron display in history.

18 Per Cent Tuberculous

It has been well known in recent years that tuberculosis exists to a considerable extent among the cattle of the United States, especially among dairy cattle, and that where no adequate steps have been taken for the suppression of this disease it has increased in prevalence and extended to hogs. During the past two years the Department of Agriculture has made special investigations to determine the prevalence and extent of tuberculosis among cattle of various parts of the country, and has studied methods of eradication. The Bureau of Animal Industry has given active aid to state and municipal authorities and to individuals in suppressing this disease.

As the District of Columbia is under the jurisdiction of the Federal



One of the many fine Jerseys shown at Sherbrooke Exhibition last Fall

A feature of the Jersey exhibit at the Great Eastern Exhibition this year was the large number of calves from Vermont shown by T. E. Bronson, East Hardwick, Vermont, was second in his class. This bull was a leading prize winner in Vermont this fall. The Warder's calves are a strong, even lot of great promise.

Each year the Ontario Agricultural College sends a stock-judging team of five men to compete against teams representing the leading Agricultural Colleges of the United States. Despite the fact that the representatives on the team this year were practical men well trained, they did not win a high place, coming seventh. The team from the Manitoba Agricultural College was fifth. The Guelph team scored high, making 4,883 points, this being very close to the score of 4,940 which was first last year. Had the students from Ontario the opportunities for seeing prize stock such as Americans make special efforts to see and study they would be in at the winning because our Ontario students are better stock men and have coaches second to none.

NOTES ON THE SHOW

Wm. Montgomery, famous Scotch Clydesdale breeder, was at the show. He and his brother Andrew, usually come over the ocean especially to be present at the International.

Interviewed by a representative of Farm and Dairy, Mr. Richard Carden of Ireland, said: "The classes which I have passed upon, as well as others I have seen have more than met my expectations. It is a great show. I shall have hard work in the Championships, for it is very close indeed. The eight or 10 tops in each class are exceptional animals."

Percherons and Belgian horses were

Government, it was thought well to undertake the eradication of tuberculosis from the cattle of the District both in the interest of a wholesome milk supply and as a demonstration of what could be accomplished by certain methods of dealing with the disease. A cooperative arrangement was entered into with the Commissioners of the District, whereby all the cattle in the District were tested with tuberculin and those that reacted were slaughtered under inspection. Condemned cattle were appraised before slaughter, and reimbursement was made to the owners from Department funds on a scale depending upon the result of post-mortem examination. Over 18 per cent. of the cattle in the District gave reactions to the tuberculin test, and in 98½ per cent. of these the lesions of tuberculosis were demonstrated on post-mortem examination. All new cattle brought into the District have to be submitted to the tuberculin test, and it is also proposed to repeat the herds at intervals so as to detect any cases that may have developed since the first test. As a result of this work the cattle of the District are already practically free from tuberculosis, and it is believed that by continuing the tests for a reasonable time the disease will be completely eradicated from the cattle of the District.—Secretary James Wilson, in 1910 Report.

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