

STOCK AT THE TORONTO INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The late Toronto Exhibition has been a great success, particularly in the displays of stock, which have hardly ever been excelled in the province. From all quarters it has given great satisfaction, though among the live stock there was a great lack of classification, especially among the horses, sheep and pigs.

The display of sheep, as a class, was never so good before in Canada, no really poor animals being present, but many of superior merit. In Cotswolds a large number were exhibited, and the quality never was better. Messrs. John Snells & Sons showed eleven, and especially worthy of note among the display was a yearling ram which won 1st in his class, and is a very promising animal. James Russell, of Richmond Hill, Ont., showed 24 head, which were very successful in the show ring, taking five firsts out of seven offered, including flock prize. They also won the silver medal for two best fat sheep for exportation purposes, competing with the Downs.

This last prize certainly is a very creditable victory for the Cotswolds over the Downs, as many people consider the Downs' chief excellence their mature qualities; the aged ram, which took 1st in his class, is a typical specimen of a Cotswold, and was greatly admired. We believe he is one of the best sheep we ever saw. His aged ewes are very good, winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their class. Their lambs were also very promising. Messrs. Beatty & Miller, of Clairmont, Ont., exhibited 26 head of first class animals. Their yearling ewes were specially worthy of mention, winning 1st and 2nd in their class. They have recently been imported from England, where they won 1st in their class at the leading shows, including the Royal. In the yearling ram class they had a grand display, and won 3rd on the sheep which won 2nd at the Royal show of England, and 1st at the Bath and West show of England, beating the sheep which beat him at the Royal. They also showed a two shear ram which was a prize winner in England and won 2nd in his class in Toronto. C. T. Smith, of Acton, Ont., exhibited 7 head, which were not in high show condition, but were a very good lot. F. W. Stone's herd consisted of 2 aged rams, pair of aged ewes, 2 shearling rams and pair of shearling ewes, other exhibitors showing some very nice specimens. The Leicester's were in large numbers and very good in quality. W. Whitlaw, of Guelph, showed 13 head, winning 1st on aged ewes, 3rd on aged rams, 2nd on yearling ewes, 3rd on ewe lambs and 2nd on pair fat wethers. John Kelly, jr., of Shakespeare, showed 17 head, winning 1st and 2nd on aged rams, 1st and 2nd on shearling rams, 1st on ram lamb, 1st on ewe lamb and 1st on pen. We think this one of the best lot of Leicesters we have ever seen. His lambs were especially good. Wm. Summers showed 32 head, which were a fair lot of sheep, but not prepared for exhibition. Andrew Mungy showed 8 head, winning 2 on breeding ewes and 2 on ram lambs. Though there were several other breeders, the above may be said to have made the finest display. In the Lincoln class, Andrew Murray showed 13 head, which were very good, and won 2nd on shearling ram, 1st on ram lamb, 1st and 2nd on breeding ewes, 1st on yearling ewes and 3rd on ewe lambs, also 1st on pens. The other premiums were divided up among several other exhibitors, C. S. Smith, of Acton, taking several important ones. For several years the Lincoln and Leicester classes have been badly mixed up, some of the exhibitors (but not all) entering the same animals in each class, and showing them where the best chance of a prize occurred; this practice has been going on for several years among a certain class of breeders.

The Southdowns were well represented, being many in numbers and good in quality. H. H. Spencer, of Brooklyn showed 11 head, among which was his stock ram, which was bred by himself. He is four years old and has been shown each year at the Provincial and never beaten, and again took first in his class here. Mr. Spencer's yearling ram was also worthy of special notice, winning 1st in his class; this sheep has just arrived from England, being bred by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Mr. Spencer also won 1st on aged ewes and 1st on pen of Southdown sheep.

Robert Marsh, of Richmond Hill made a fine exhibit of 20 head, among which were two superior shearling ewes, bred by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, winning 1st in their class. These aged ewes were also of high merit. Mr. Pearley, of Paris, had 23 head on exhibition, which were very creditable, though thin in flesh. F. W. Stone exhibited 21, but not prepared for show purposes. Robert Shaw, of Benton Station, showed 9, and succeeded in carrying off several prizes. In this flock there were some very nice animals, but the exhibit was not as even as that of some others. John Jackson, of Abington, showed a very nice flock of 14. Thos. Wilkinson, Burton Station, exhibited a very even flock of 14, and won several prizes. J. C. Douglass had on view a very good flock of 11 head. Messrs. Lee & Hood, and Beatty & Miller, each made exhibits in this class. The Shropshire class was never so well represented in Canada. Messrs. Beatty & Miller showing an extra good lot of 36 head, and succeeded in carrying off the greater part of the prizes offered to this class, including 1st for best flock. All the animals shown by these gentlemen were recently imported, and some of them were show sheep in Great Britain. H. H. Spencer, of Brooklyn, exhibited 12 head, winning several prizes, including 2nd flock prize and 1st on aged ram. This animal was especially admired, and many pronounced him the best sheep of the breed present. Mr. Rolph, of Markham, had on view a flock of 7 head, which won a share of the premiums. In the fat sheep class, Mr. George Hood, made a very fine exhibit, Wm. Whitlaw and Mr. Spencer also showing some good ones.

The exhibit of Wool was not up to the standard; the notice of the prize was not given early enough in the season; most of the breeders had sold their wool before the prize was made known.

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Dominion Agricultural Exhibition.

This was the name given to the Quebec Provincial Agricultural Exhibition this year. A grant of \$10,000 was specially made to it, besides the usual donations to agricultural societies. The Exhibition was held in Montreal on the 14th and 10 following days of September. We took advantage of a cheap excursion trip from Toronto, the fare from Toronto and return being \$6.

We arrived in Montreal between 11 and 12 o'clock p. m. Every hotel was crowded. We went to the Intelligence Office to try to procure a bed, but after going to several places and finding all full, the best accommodation we could find at any of them was to sit on a chair in a passage. We did not relish this much, so at midnight we went to the house of one of our subscribers, rang the bell and asked permission to lie on the floor. We obtained a good night's rest on a sofa, and repaired to the Exhibition on Wednesday morning.

The grounds are located in a fine, large, level space on the side of the mountain and convenient to the city. The Montrealers have erected a fine lot of buildings, which were handsomely decorated with flags. On the side of the mountain that overlooked the grounds the leaves of the trees were tinged with beautiful autumn tints that are too grand for artist to depict or pen to describe. The scene was grand and pleasing.

The attendance of visitors at the Exhibition was very large; between 50 and 60 car loads of visitors from the States arrived in one day. The citizens had planned to give the visitors many additional attractions, such as the presence of the Governor-General, military and naval display, regatta, boat, horse and foot races, hurdle jumping, lacrosse matches, processions by daylight and torchlight, illuminations, fireworks and a balloon ascension. The weather was fine, and visitors and citizens were pleased. We believe it has been a financial success. Scarcely an accident of any kind occurred worth mentioning; we only saw one drunken person, and very few robberies were committed. Two suspicious characters were observed and followed by the police in disguise; they

were seen to take a pocket-book from a lady's pocket, and were arrested before the lady knew she had been robbed.

There was a good display of general stone wares in the main building. The best agricultural display consisted in horses. There were some fine Clydes, Percherons, French horses, racers, hunters, ponies and donkeys. The horse ring drew by far the greatest share of attention. The hurdle jumping gave great amusement, especially when an occasional horse and rider tumbled together.

The horse stalls were the best we have ever seen at any exhibition, and are a pattern to be followed in Ontario. They are built with two double doors at each stall; the doors open inwards, and thus the top doors can be left open and the horses seen by visitors.

The Alderney stock were well represented. Many beautiful animals in this class were much admired.

The Ayrshires were much more numerous than any other class, and there was a strong competition in every instance for the honors; but for some reason or other three of the best herds in Quebec were not represented by a single animal.

From this point we presume our Quebec friends (or enemies) may take exception at our further description, for, from the name "Dominion Agricultural Exhibition," something better should be expected, but nevertheless we feel it our duty to write the facts as near as we could obtain them.

We did not see over a dozen Shorthorn cattle on the ground. We heard that only one person exhibited in this class. There were only 5 Gallo-ways, 5 Devons, and 2 Herefords.

Cotswolds and Leicesters were very meagrely represented, and the quality was not at all equal to what would be seen at any exhibition in the West. There were a few very fine imported Southdowns. G. Whitefield, of Rougemont, exhibited 12 West Highland sheep. This class is not known at the western exhibitions. These sheep have rather pretty-looking faces, and long, curled, heavy horns. Their faces are black, having distinct white spots on them. The carcasses appear small, and the wool, if wool it might be called, was more like coarse hair than the class of wool our western men would wish to raise.

Swine.—There were a few red pigs exhibited. These pigs have red hair and a red skin, but there being no ticket on the pens, and no catalogues furnished, we found it difficult to ascertain who were the owners of different exhibits, as we cannot speak the French fluently enough to understand what these people say, and we generally got a jerk of the shoulder when asking for information. The raising of the Frenchman's shoulders implies no, or he does not know. The latter we found to be the case when enquiring about anything pertaining to agriculture.

The only exhibitors of stock from Ontario that we met were Mr. Main, of Malton, and Mr. Featherston, of Trafalgar. They exhibited swine and poultry, and cleaned out the poor Frenchmen in a shameful manner. In these two classes alone they carried off 50 prizes, and took \$500 in prizes, besides making sales to the amount of \$200 more. They informed us that if they had been up to Middlesex, and purchased a few of the Lincolns, Cotswolds, and Leicesters, they could have about cleaned them out in those classes also. They said, further, that Ontario farmers could have taken nearly every prize offered for agricultural products, if they had turned out.

The Agricultural Hall was a good building, made of good lumber, and the bare lumber was the principal thing to be seen.

A few Brazilian exhibits of cotton, rice, cocoa and ore were the most conspicuous on one side, and Prince Edward Island occupied a corner with dried and canned fish, grain, leather, &c.

The dairy products were in this building, and made a very small display. The roots were a very small show. Grain was rather better represented. Manitoba had a good building in which to make its display. There was a good collection of the