

house, and that the side on which Lord Ashtown was sleeping, was blown out, and it is a marvel that he escaped unhurt. He was present at the Show this week, and received many congratulations on his miraculous escape. His lordship is one of the famous French family, the most eminent member of which was possibly the noted linguist, who was Protestant Archbishop of Dublin.

In spite of all these things, Ireland is more prosperous than she has been for many years. The co-operative movement has been the salvation of Irish farmers. It was in 1892 that Sir Horace Plunkett began the movement which is indissolubly associated with his name. There was not then a single creamery in Ireland; to-day there are no less than 331 co-operative creameries scattered up and down the country, with a great many credit bank societies and other institutions aiming at the improvement of agriculture in every practical way. The International Exhibition, presently being held in Dublin, is a splendid evidence of the state of things in the rural districts. In a very real sense, agriculture is the only indigenous industry in Ireland. Belfast prospers amazingly through her shipbuilding, but this is not because of advantages, but in spite of many natural disadvantages. All her coal and iron has to be imported from this side of the channel; yet the enterprise of the citizens has overcome many difficulties, and Belfast stocks has been the resting-place of some of the greatest ships that sail the sea. It is ten thousand pities that fuller attention is not given to those things which are fitted to be beneficial to the prosperity of the country, and less to the multitude of evil influences which disturb the country. Sir Horace Plunkett has been removed from his post as Vice-President of the Irish Board of Agriculture for reasons which will not bear examination. He has done more to pro-

mote the best interests of Ireland than any living man, but, because he dared to write the truth concerning Ireland's bane, no stone was left unturned to drive him from office. It is a sad chapter in Irish politics, and almost makes one despair of the future.

August is closing down, and harvest is far away. In some districts there is no prospect of any harvest. Oats are green as leeks, and barley is an irregular crop, except on the best of land. Potatoes have rarely appeared so uncertain. It is not that there are indications of disease. The absence of heat has prevented the spread of the blight, but the absence of sunshine has prevented the ripening of the crop, so that he would be a bold man who would prophesy the ultimate issue of this most speculative of all the agricultural crops. Very heavy rains, with high winds, have in many districts levelled the grain crops, and the self-binders will be hard put to it to make a satisfactory job this season. Straw was soft with the excessive moisture, and the winds made play with it, to the destruction of much that was indispensable. On the other hand, there is no scarcity of bulk, and fodder is likely to be abundant during the ensuing winter. Roots are an indifferent crop. What is of them, in many places is excellent, but the drills are woefully irregular, and much land is yielding little. The cost of carrying stock during the ensuing winter is likely to be heavy. Markets for fat stock are fairly good; for stores, there is also a good demand, and Irish cattle are meeting a fine trade. One dealer, whom we met this morning on board of the Irish boat, maintained that it was a poor trade. The margin, he insists, is too narrow, and the cattleman makes heavy losses. It may all be true, but our travelling companion would never have impressed us that way. He looked a highly prosperous man, and doubtless he is so.

Irish hunting horses do not appear to be as strong as they used to be. Thoroughbreds are in greater favor, and possibly a deal of money will be dropped in the business. There is no more unsatisfactory piece of horseflesh than a weedy Thoroughbred, and a very large proportion of them are weedy. A genuine Irish hunter is very nearly the beau-ideal of a horse. This year's Dublin champion, Chatterbox Ino, is a case in point. He is a superb chestnut five-year-old, a model in shapes, perfect in manners, and a fine galloper. He was bred in Ireland, but his owner is Mr. John Drage, from the Northampton hunting area. Mr. Drage also owns the first-prize lightweight hunter, another chestnut named All Gold, a full brother to Chatterbox Ino. They are got by a Thoroughbred sire named Hackler. Some Thoroughbred horses are noble sires of hunters; others are of small value in that respect. A fine sire is Royal Meath, a son of Hermit, one of the greatest Derby winners of all time. In the north of Ireland, a horse named Mascarille left much good stock, but one of the best sires of hunters in the north was the late Nat Morton's Hackney stallion, Yorkshire Post. When put to a good Irish hunting mare, with possibly some cart blood in the back crosses, and Thoroughbred on top, old Yorkshire Post scored strongly. One of the finest heavyweight horses ever seen in Mr. Morton's stable was a Stormer, bred in this way. Mr. Morton sold him to an English hunting man who hated Hackneys like poison. After he had had him a while, this gentleman agreed to buy the horse, and when the deal was finished he asked his breeding. All the satisfaction he got from Mr. Morton was that he would ride the horse with far greater pleasure if he never knew how he was bred. Imagination goes a long way.

"SCOTLAND YET."

The Fifth Dominion Exhibition, Sherbrooke, Que.

On Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, in the City of Sherbrooke, Que., the fifth Dominion Exhibition was formally opened by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, amid a downpour of rain, but with all the pomp and ceremony customary on such occasions. Quebec being the Minister's native Province, and his farm and constituency being situated in the Eastern Townships, he expressed gratification at having the honor of opening the exhibition in the chief city of this famous region.

The management had gone to great expense in erecting an addition to the grand-stand, a number of new buildings, and a large number of cattle stables, and all were filled to overflowing. For fruit and flowers, three large tents were erected, which served the purpose splendidly. Entries were much in excess of former years, especially in cattle and sheep. The management did all in their power to make things pleasant and agreeable for the exhibitors, and things passed off very smoothly. The stock train of 28 cars that came through from Toronto Exhibition by Grand Trunk, reached Sherbrooke early Friday morning, and the stock was soon unloaded. That shipped by Canadian Pacific did not come through so quickly, hence in some classes the judging had to be delayed.

For the first few days the weather was most unfavorable. It had rained off and on all week, making the ground very wet and muddy, and lessening the crowd very materially, consequently the gate receipts. The races had to be called off the first two days, which was disappointing to the lovers of a "horse trot."

In the Main Building were represented many of the manufactures of the Province and the Dominion, as well as many exhibits which concern our farming population. The Quebec Central Railway had a most interesting exhibit of asbestos, copper ore, chrome ore, soapstone, lime, and many other products of the mines along their lines of railway. The Ottawa Experimental Farm had a very tastefully-arranged exhibit, which was of value as an educator in connection with nearly all lines of farming, especially illustrating the value of cow records. The Seed Branch at Ottawa had a most interesting exhibit, illustrating the wisdom of using good seed. Alongside of this, the Canadian Seed-growers' Association had an equally valuable exhibit, showing how pedigree seed may be produced by the breeding plots. The attendants, Mr. Cote and L. Geurin, were ever ready to give information. The Canadian Dairy Supply Co., of Montreal, had a most interesting exhibit of dairy supplies. The model "Green Mountain" stave silo attracted much attention. The milking machine was also in evidence.

The fruit exhibit was not quite up to former years, owing to the lateness of the season; it was more noticeable with the winter fruits than the fall apples, as the former were somewhat immature, but it was a good exhibit of fruit, and mostly all grown in Quebec. P. E. Paquette, Rougemont, Que., had one of the choicest exhibits of apples packed in boxes for export that it has been our lot to see; neatly wrapped in gilt paper, they were very attractive. Grapes and plums were not a large display. The former were good samples, but the latter were rather small. The excellent exhibit of plums, pears and apples from the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, was much admired.

The vegetables, while not so large as we have seen, were of fine quality, especially the potatoes, while the exhibit of celery, cauliflower and cabbage was excellent. D. E. Taylor's collection of vegetables was a magni-

ficent one, and most tastefully arranged. Grain, while not a large display, was of excellent quality, and most of the wheat would grade No. 1 Manitoba Hard.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

In the Dairy Building were cream separators, and all pertaining to the dairy; and also the butter and cheese exhibit. The majority of exhibits were from Quebec Province, and most of the prizes went to Quebec. The quality of both the butter and cheese was pronounced superior by the judge. Quebec Province is making rapid strides in dairying.

The farmers' exhibits of maple sugar, syrup and honey were most attractive, that of maple sugar and syrup put up by Mr. Goddard, South Stukely, in pyramidal form, with a bust of King Edward in maple sugar crowning the top, being very neat, and attracting much favorable comment. Sherbrooke being in the center of the maple-producing section of the Province, naturally the exhibit was a high-class one.

But it was in the live stock where they excelled, there being over 750 exhibited—a large number more than last year. These were in charge of Directors John Blue (dairy cattle) and J. A. Cochrane (beef), and their assistants.

LIVE STOCK.

AYRSHIRES.—These made the largest and best display of all the dairy breeds. Upwards of 150 head were shown, and it was pronounced by Ayrshire men as the best exhibit for some years. All were from Quebec Province but one herd. The exhibitors were: R. R. Ness, Howick; Hector Gordon, Howick; John Blue, Capleton; W. D. Parker, Hatley; G. S. Wintle, Richmond; P. A. Gouin, Three Rivers; Harold M. Morgan, Ste. Anne de Bellevue; Gus. A. Langelier, Cap Rouge, and A. Hume & Co., Menie, Ont. The judges had many close decisions to make, and did their work carefully and satisfactorily. They were D. Drummond, Ottawa, Ont., and Jas. Boden, Danville, Que., Jas. Bryson, Brysonville, being referee.

In aged bulls, six lined up, and all good ones. Ness won first with Barcheskie King's Own; Langelier second with Sir Oliver of Woodroffe; Blue third with McGregor of Glenora. In the two-year-olds, Gordon won with a fine dairy-type bull, Auchrainbrain Abram; Morgan's Monkland Guarantee second, and Blue's Mitchelton Champion third. Like the two-year-olds, the yearlings were a good lusty lot. Ness again won with Netherhall Goodtime, a uniform fellow; Hume second with Lessnessock Royal Monarch; Blue third with Castlemain's M. C.; Gouin fourth with Lord Belmont. Ayrshire senior bull calves—Parker first, Hume second, Blue third, and Gordon fourth. Junior calves—Morgan first, Blue second, Gordon third, and Blue fourth. Ness won the championship diploma with his aged bull. Eighteen cows lined up, and possibly no show-ring in Canada has seen a more even lot of Ayrshire females with fewer faults. Hume's Eva of Menie won here again, and later obtained the diploma; Ness' Emma of Nethercraig second; Gouin's Garclaugh Longhomer Maggie third; Morgan's Burnhouse's Lady Flora fourth. The three-year-old cows were not quite as choice, but a good lot. Hume's Pride of Hume Farm won here, also, and was in better form than in Toronto; Ness' Barcheskie Lucky Girl, second; Blue's Miss Prim, third; Gordon's Barcheskie Sybil, fourth. Heifers, two years old, in milk—Gordon's Whitehall Duchess 2nd took the red ribbon, and was worthy of it; Ness' Monkland Maid, second; Blue's Netherlea Reba, third, and Hume's Bargower Snowdrop, fourth. In the dry class, Ness

won first and second with Bargocho Silver Bell and Monkland Lady Mary, the leading champion heifers at Ayr, Kilmarnock and the Highland Shows in Scotland this season. They are the making of strong cows, and are of grand type. These and the first and second prizewinners in the milk class of two-year-olds were imported by R. R. Ness this season. Hume won third and Morgan fourth in the dry classes. In senior yearlings, Ness won first, Gordon second, Morgan third, and Parker fourth. In junior yearlings, Morgan won first, Gordon second, Hume third, and Ness fourth. In senior heifer calf class, Ness won first and second, Morgan third, and Gordon fourth. In the junior calf class, Hume won first, Gordon second, Blue third and fourth. Best three heifer calves under one year—First, Ness; second, Gordon; third, Blue; fourth, Parker. Best two bull calves under 1 year—First, Gordon; second, Blue; third, Parker; fourth, Hume. Best cow and two of her progeny—First, Ness; second, Blue; third, Hume; fourth, Gouin. Bull and two of offspring—First, Ness; second, Hume; third, Blue. Aged herd—First, Ness; second, Hume; third, Gordon; 4th, Morgan; fifth, Blue. Young herd—First, Ness; second, Hume; third, Gordon.

JERSEYS.—Jerseys were the next to Ayrshires in numbers. The exhibitors were: E. P. Ball, Rock Island, Que.; H. W. Edwards, Coaticook, Que.; R. W. Frank, Kingsbury, Que.; B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton, Ont., and David Duncan, Don, Ont. The latter's herds were brought out in fine shape, standing the journey from Toronto well. Honors were decided by H. G. Clark, of Norval, Ont. In aged bulls, Imp. Fereor, owned by Bull & Sons, and second at Toronto this season, was placed first. He is a bull of the right stamp for a dairy sire, and showing strong Jersey character. They also landed second place with Imp. Arthur's Golden Fox, Ball coming third with Pearl Golden Crown. Two-year-olds were a good lot. Duncan's Lady Belvoir's Chief won first, Bull's King's Winged Fox second, and Ball's Prince Lambert third. Yearlings were a strong class. Here Bull & Son won first and second, Edwards coming third. In bull calves, Bull & Son were first and second, and Duncan third. Diploma for best bull, any age, was won by Bull & Son, with the yearling, Brampton Aylesbury. The Jersey cows were a strong class, but not as fine a string as at Toronto, for there were a few inferior animals among them. Here Bull & Son led with the Toronto first-prize cow, Sweet Eyes, an Island-bred cow, showing strong Jersey type, coupled with grand dairy form. Second place went to their Brampton Monarch Ina; third to Duncan's Marjoram of Markham. Three-year-old cows also made a good showing. Bull won first with Catalino of St. Martin's, a Toronto winner, and third with Brampton Betty; Duncan second with Fairy Queen of Don, another Toronto winner. Heifer, two years old—Bull first with Brampton Blue Fly, a sprightly heifer; second, Brampton Nameless, Duncan winning third with Rosetta of Don, second at Toronto. Yearlings were a fine class of youngsters. Here the Toronto decisions were completely changed, Bull winning first, second and third places with Brampton Ruby Light, Manitoba Queen and Brampton Mary Jane. Bull won in the senior heifer calf classes, Duncan second, and Ball third. In the junior calf class Duncan won first and second, and Bull third. Bull's Sweet Eyes won the female champion diploma. Bull & Son won first and third with aged herds, and Duncan second. Bull also won first, and Duncan second, with young herds.

HOLSTEINS.—About seventy head of the Black-and-Whites were out, and in pretty good form. Ex-