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his last public appearance on the hooks at Easter. Jas. Rennie & Son, Blackwater, as usual made an excellent display, both in pure-bred Shorthorns and grades, winning all the first prizes he competed for in the pure-bred steer classes, and first for heifer under two years with his charming red yearling, which stood well in the winning in a class of 32 at the Chicago International Show in December last. Jos. Stone, of Saintfield, who here made his first bow as an exhibitor at a provincial show, made a splendid record, winning first for the best three export steers with a capital trio, one of which also won first prize for the best single steer sired by a pure-bred Shorthorn bull. This steer also won the sweepstakes for best grade steer any age. He is a model butcher's steer, with a grandly-packed back and ribs, and in the hands of his new owners, Rennie & Son, who know so well how to bring him forward, will be a hard one to down next year. A few really representative and typical Galloway heifers were shown by Col. D. McEneaney, Guelph, which were the only pure-bred cattle forward besides Shorthorns.

THE MILKING TRIAL.—Seventeen excellent dairy cows were forward to take part in the two days milking trial, fourteen of which were Ayrshires and Ayrshire grades, four Shorthorns and grade Shorthorns, and one pure-bred Holstein-Friesian. The latter, a seven-year-old cow, named Lady Colantha De Kol, bred by Mr. G. W. Clemons, Secretary of the Holstein Association of Canada, and owned by Mr. Neil Sangster, Orms-town, Que., won the championship over all, yielding in the two days 151.8 pounds of milk, testing 3.4 butter-fat, a remarkable record, considering the circumstances, the cow having been two days without water en route to the show, and the weather outside registering below zero. Lady Colantha is a cow of medium size for the breed, of handsome appearance and desirable show-yard type, but with fine handling quality and splendid udder development.

SHEEP.

The sheep exhibit was somewhat larger than it was last year, and was also of good quality. The exhibitors, nearly all from Western Ontario, were as follows: Snell & Lyons, Snelgrove, Cotswolds; W. E. Wright, Glanworth, and J. H. Jull, Burford, Oxfords; Lloyd-Jones Bros., Burford, and N. Wilson, Cumberland, Shropshires; James Bowman, Guelph, Suffolks. Had the other breeders from the west who intended to show been able to get a car, the sheep section would have been a much more interesting one. We understand that A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; J. T. Gibson, Denfield; R. H. Harding, Thorndale, and Telfer Bros., Paris, who had entered respectively Leicesters, Lincolns, Dorsets and Southdowns, were unable to show on account of the snow blockade on the G.T.R. branch lines.

SWINE.

The Eastern Ontario Winter Fair made, everything considered, a very creditable show in swine. They were mostly of the approved type, and were well brought out. Yorkshires were well represented from the herds of J. E. Brethour, Burford; R. Reid & Co., Hintonburg; J. G. Clark, Ottawa, and Mr. Ormiston. Berkshires were shown by Snell & Lyons, Snelgrove, and Reid & Co., Tamworths by Reid & Co., and grades by Reid & Co., and H. Stewart, Burford.

The English Shire Horse Show.

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This year's show, February 23rd to 26th, at London, holds a record in respect to the number of entries made, the aggregate entries being 862. The yearling stallions numbered sixty-two, the winner being Messrs. Thompson's Desford Challenger. In two-year-olds, Tatton Monarch won first honors for Mr. J. B. Brooks, the breeder being the Earl of Egerton. The three-year-olds were an excellent class of 121 in number, Lord Rothschild's Girtton Charmer being given rightly the first place. The four-year-olds numbered 59. Out of these nineteen were selected for the final contest, and the winner was readily found in Lord Rothschild's reserve champion horse of 1903, Birdsall Menestrel, a horse of grand and even action, with fine bone, the Earl of Egerton's Tatton Friar winning second. Stallion between five and ten years old had two classes, according to height. Messrs. Forshaw won in both, with two nailing good horses, Captstone Harold and Nailstone Cœur-de-Lion. The veterans' class for stallions above ten years old was one of the sights of the show. No less than twenty-five of these grand stud animals came out to contest for the awards, resulting in a popular and thoroughly-deserved win for Mr. Peter Stubb's Blaisdon Conqueror, ten years old, of great substance and power.

In the two-year-old filly class of seventy-five entries, Lord Rothschild's Rickford Farewell won, followed by Prospect, sent by H. M. the King.

The contest for the champion honors, which took place before H. M. the King, attracted an immense crowd of deeply-interested people, and the display given by the contestants was of a very high order of merit. The Junior Champion Cup for stallions went to Lord Rothschild's Girtton Charmer, and his lordship repeated this by winning also, with Birdsall Menestrel, that for

senior stallions, and then concluded a very successful show by taking the Society's Challenge Cup of 105 gs. with the last named horse. Lord Rothschild also won the champion cup for the younger mares with Rickford Farewell, the corresponding cup for the older mares going to Messrs. Thompson's Desford Countess, to which also went the Society's Gold Challenge Cup, Mr. J. H. Bryars being r. n. for these with Monk's Polly.

The National Stockmen's Convention.

Representative stockmen and farmers from every Province in the Dominion assembled in the City of Ottawa, March 7th to 11th, for the consideration of questions affecting the stock-breeding and kindred industries of the country. The holding of a national convention of this nature met with general approval, and the call for delegates representing breeders' and farmers' associations was gladly accepted in all parts of the country, with the hope that the discussion of the subjects listed in the programme might lead to more satisfactory conditions in many respects. If no other benefit should accrue from the meeting than that of a better understanding of some of these questions by delegates from distant parts of the country it will have served a good purpose. The gathering was strongly national in its spirit, optimistic, self-reliant and determined in its purpose to work out the destiny of the Dominion according to high standards and ideals. The men of the Maritime Provinces and those of the Prairie and Pacific Provinces met those of old Ontario and Quebec, and comparing notes found that differences of opinion supposed to exist on minor points were capable of compromise without damage to the dignity or interests of either, while all were agreed upon the fundamental principles of equitable representation, and the furtherance of the best interests of a United Canada.

Mr. F. W. Hodson, the Dominion Live-stock Commissioner, who was mainly instrumental in securing the convention, presided at its sessions.

Among those present were: Ontario—Hon. John Dryden, Toronto; John Bright, Myrtle; Robert Miller, Stouffville; H. Wade, Geo. Davies, Gerald Wade, H. M. Robinson, W. L. Smith, Toronto; W. G. Pettit, Freeman; W. D. Flatt, Hamilton; D. C. Flatt, Millgrove; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston; T. A. Graham, Claremont; Thomas Teasdale, Concord; W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford; Wm. Jones, Zenda; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; John Gardhouse, Highfield; A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; R. J. Mackie, Oshawa; J. E. Brethour, Burford; Charles Calder, Brooklin; Thomas McMillan, Seaforth; James Mitchell, Goderich; George Pepper, Toronto; F. M. Wade, Toronto; G. W. Ellis, Toronto; M. Richardson, Caledonia; G. W. Clemons, St. George; Col. D. McCrae, Guelph; D. O. Bull, Brampton; P. Christie, Manchester; Col. J. A. MacGillivray, Uxbridge; William Smith, Columbus; J. Lockie Wilson, Alexandria.

Quebec—Robert Ness, Howick; C. A. Gigault, Hon. Mr. Garneau, Hon. Wm. Owens, Montreal.

Nova Scotia—E. B. Elderkin, W. W. Black, C. Craig, S. J. Greeman, all of Amherst; F. L. Fuller and C. A. Archibald, Truro.

New Brunswick—C. H. Giles, Fredericton; P. C. Powys, Fredericton; W. W. Hubbard, St. John; C. F. Rogers, Woodstock; H. M. Campbell, Apohaqui; Hon. T. A. Peters, Fredericton; M. H. Parlee, Sussex.

Prince Edward Island—J. W. Callbeck, Augustine Cove; Rev. Father A. E. Burke, Alberton.

Manitoba—G. H. Greig, S. J. Thompson, V.S., Winnipeg; James Yule, Selkirk; W. W. Fraser, Emerson; Andrew Graham, Pomeroy; Stephen Benson, Neepawa; Walter Clifford, Austin.

Northwest Territories—J. A. Turner, Calgary; A. B. McDonald, New Oxley; G. Harcourt, Regina; Hon. W. Beresford, and C. W. Peterson, Calgary.

British Columbia—J. R. Anderson, S. T. Tormie, V.S., Victoria, and G. H. Hadwin, Duncan.

After considerable discussion, the following resolutions were endorsed by the convention, and it is presumed will be acted upon by the different breed associations at their next annual meetings:

"That all records now existing be amalgamated into one national record, based on the general standard as understood by the owners interested in each breed. That where amalgamation takes place every animal at present registered in any herdbook of the present standard be accepted free of cost. In all cases the rules and regulations governing registration in any national record shall be decided by resolution of the duly qualified members of the association representing each particular breed, at a meeting called for the purpose, subject to the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, in accord with the statute. That steps be taken forthwith to organize record associations for breeds of live stock not now recorded in any Canadian live-stock register."

"That the meeting recommend that in the nationalized record associations representation on the Board of Directors be given the breeders of each Province, on a basis of the number of registrations, with a minimum of one representative from every Province or amalgamated Provinces or Territories from which at least the sum of \$25 is received annually in registration fees."

It was resolved: "That animals for breeding purposes may be admitted free of duty when pure-bred and registered in the authorized books of record in the Dominion, or of the country in which they originated, and when owned by a bona fide resident of the Dominion. That the Dominion Government be requested to provide for affixing a proper seal, signifying their endorsement of the registration. That in the opinion of this convention pure-bred goats imported for breeding purposes should be allowed to enter Canada on the same terms as other pure-bred animals imported for like purposes."

"That the Dominion Minister of Agriculture be requested to assume the administration of National Live-stock Records, under the provisions of the Act in that behalf."

"That the committee urge upon the Dominion



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