

gard to feeding, etc., which makes the work interesting. And there lies a great secret; for who minds work when one's interest is right in it? That is where I think my friend Rube is lacking. It appears to me, from his mentioning the fact of having worked for twenty-five men, and cannot say a good word for any, that he is one of the undesirables who would grumble if they struck a good place. "Rube" might take the advice of "A Farmer," writing in August 31st issue. It's pretty good, and it might make him like farming

a little better. The same applies to "Anon," in the September 7th issue. He is hitting the employers pretty hard—almost too hard. Of course, I know there are farmers who, when they get a man, will work him early and late, and then pray for it to rain nights and Sundays, so that the hired man can rest. But a good man needn't stay in such a place. There are plenty of farmers who will give good pay to get such a man, and treat him right, in the home and out. I have found out that one never loses by consider-

ing his employer's interests first. And there are many farmers who will put themselves out to oblige their hired help. I know mine will; he has done chores alone lots of times so I can get away early. Maybe "Rube" will put me down in his sarcastic way as one of those poor mortals who haven't enough brains to look after their own interests, but I think differently.

"A HIRED MAN."

## BIG CROWDS AT THE CENTRAL CANADA.

Last week saw the Capital City crowded with sightseers, it being the week of the twenty-fourth annual Central Canada Exhibition. The weather during the first four days of the show was clear and bright, and while a trifle cool was as near ideal as possible. From the opening day until the exhibits left the grounds crowds of people pressed their way through the turnstiles, and so far as attendance goes this year's show was a record-breaker, a fact which caused a pleasant smile to light up the faces of those whose business it is to look after the financial end of this great industrial exhibition. No fair can progress without the necessary funds, and if crowds are any indication of prosperity, the Ottawa Fair management should feel quite safe in launching out and increasing the magnitude of this great Central Fair.

The grounds are large and well arranged to accommodate the crowds, but the management would do well to follow the example of the management of the Canadian National, and put down a few cement walks. The new grand-stand was entirely completed for this year's show, and is a magnificent structure of steel and cement, with a seating capacity of about twelve thousand. The nicely arranged dairy building, with its cold-storage apartments and the rooms devoted to practical buttermaking, created much interest during the entire show. Ottawa is situated in a section of country devoted largely to dairying, and it is very fitting that the fair management should make this one of the strong features of the annual exhibition.

The Manufacturers' Building had every inch of space filled, and every appliance for comfort and convenience in the modern household, from the simplest kitchen utensil to the most costly drawing-room furniture, was to be seen. The Machinery Hall was crowded more than ever with a splendid display of up-to-date farm implements and machinery, and the fair seemed to bring consumers and producers together and stimulate business.

As on previous occasions the Midway was a "Big Screech." Scores of side shows and fakir's stands were there, and the shows of interest to men and advertised as such were very numerous. This is certainly an objectionable feature, and while they are a source of revenue, no prominent exhibition should countenance the presence of such obnoxious and degrading features. Innocent and instructive amusement should be encouraged, but anything of a questionable character should be excluded from the grounds.

Lee Hammond, the daring aviator, made flights in his biplane twice each day, and this proved to be one of the great attractions of the fair. He seemed to have perfect control of his machine, and treated the crowds to some sensational flying at a great altitude, from which he would descend as gracefully as a bird to the point from which he began his flight.

Again the need of accommodation for judging of the breeding classes of live stock was felt. Crowded into a small ring, with a stand having only a very limited seating capacity, the instructive work of placing the awards cannot be followed with the interest it deserves. None of our large Canadian shows have as yet furnished a special judging pavilion, but it is to be hoped that they will each have one of these necessities in the near future, and it only remains to see who will be first.

### Cattle.

Ottawa is situated in the center of a great dairy section, so it is reasonable to expect that the greater number of animals at the show would be found in the dairy classes. The exhibit this year was very strong in some of the dairy breeds, particularly Ayrshires, which made the best showing of any one breed at this or any of the former Ottawa exhibitions. French-Canadian cattle were also out in large numbers, and showed marked improvement over former years. Other dairy breeds were well represented, but the competition was not so keen as in the foregoing. The beef breeds made rather a small exhibit, no Herefords or Galloways being out, and the others were present in small numbers, so that the competition was not very keen.

### BEEF BREEDS.

**SHORTHORNS.**—The honor of the this breed was upheld by individuals from the herds of W. C. Edwards & Co., of Rockland; W. A. Wallace, of Kars, Ont.; Theodore Scobie, of Scobie, Ont.; and A. H. Foster, Twin Elm, Ont. None of the exhibitors had a full herd out, and the animals had not been fitted, but were only in grass condition, and, considering the fact that the unfavorable weather of the past summer caused a shortage of good pasture, the cattle were in very fair condition. Edwards' newly-imported bull, Bapton Mandoline, bred by J. Deane-Willis, was senior and grand champion bull, and Goldie 51st, owned by the same firm, was made senior and grand champion female, the junior and reserve going to Wallace's yearling, Pansy 6th, a nice heifer, got by Brilliant Star. Awards:

Bull, aged—1, Edwards, on Prince of Orange; 2, Foster, on King Arthur 4th; 3, Scobie, on Crown Prince. Bull, 2 years old—1, Edwards, on Bapton Mandoline; 2, Wallace, on Gloster 20th. Bull, 1 year old—1, Edwards; 2, Scobie; 3, Wallace; 4, Scobie. Bull calf—1, Scobie; 2, Wallace; 3, Foster. Cow, aged—1 and 2, Edwards, on Butterfly Girl and Pine Grove Missie 5th; 3, Scobie, on Jessie Jones 2nd; 4, Wallace, on Augusta Queen. Heifer, 2 years old—1 and 2, Edwards, on Goldie 51st and Duchess of Gloster 21st; 3, Scobie. Heifer, 1 year old—1, Wallace, on Pansy 6th; 2 and 3, Edwards. Bull, senior and grand champion—Edwards, on Bapton Mandoline. Bull, junior champion—Edwards, on a Missie bull, by Gold Sultan. Senior and grand champion female—Edwards, on Goldie 51st. Junior and reserve champion female—Wallace, on Pansy 6th. Herd, bull and four females, under 2 years—Wallace. Herd, special—Edwards.

**ARBERDEEN-ANGUS.**—J. A. McLeod, of Plainville, Ont., was the only exhibitor of this breed of cattle, and showed fourteen head of very useful animals, fresh from their winnings at Quebec and Sherbrooke. These cattle were only in good breeding condition, but made an attractive exhibit. The aged bull, Ballytine King, was the champion bull at Sherbrooke, and was made champion here. A very strong two-year-old bull and an attractive yearling bull were features of the exhibit. All the prizes were awarded to this herd, which consisted entirely of home-bred stock.

**GRADE BEEF CATTLE.**—Aged cow—1, Wallace; 2, Scobie. Heifer, 2 years old—1, Scobie; 2, Wallace. Heifer, 1 year old—1 and 2, Scobie. Champion grade female—1, Wallace. Grade herd—1, Wallace.

The awards in all the beef breeds were made by Joan Miller, Jr., of Ashburn, Ont.

### DAIRY CATTLE.

**AYRSHIRES.**—Always the feature of the Ottawa Exhibition, this year found Ayrshires forward in larger numbers than ever before, and with the increase in numbers came a corresponding improvement in quality, and the competition was keen throughout, not a single section being weak, while many of them were exceptionally strong. Ayrshire breeders will look back with pride on the record made at the Central Canada Exhibition of 1911. The class for aged bulls brought out five good ones, three of them being animals from herds shown at Toronto this year.

Netherhall Milkman, the Toronto champion, was placed first, and afterwards made champion bull of the breed. He typifies extreme dairy type, with great constitution. Barcheskie Copestone, in second place, is an exceptionally good bull, as was also the third-prize bull, Morton Mains Penryn. Two-year-old bulls brought out two high-class individuals, Hobbsland Gipsy King finally winning over Auchengrain His Eminence, the first-prize yearling at this show last year. Both are grand bulls, but the former is a little straighter in his lines, and showed more constitution.

The female classes were all strong. In fact, it is difficult to single out any one class for special mention. The aged cow class brought out some very high-class, heavy-producing animals, Ness' Auchengrain Fancy 9th winning first place, and was afterwards awarded the female championship. Lima of Cherry Bank made a good leader in the class for three-year-olds, while Toward Point Curly, a very sweet and breezy heifer, carried off the honors in the two-year-old class. Yearlings were a strong entry, and the trim Cherry Bank

Queen captured the red over Lessnessock Jess, who took second money. Alfred Kains, of Byron, made the awards, and the exhibitors were:

P. D. McArthur, North Georgetown, Que.; R. R. Ness, Howick, Que.; G. D. Mode, Vankleek Hill, Ont.; Hector Gordon, Howick, Que.; D. Cumming, Russell, Ont.; and D. A. McFarlane, Kelso, Ont.

**Awards:** Bull, aged—1, McArthur, on Netherhall Milkman; 2, Ness, on Barcheskie Copestone; 3, Mode, on Morton Mains Penryn. Bull, 2 years old—1, Ness, on Hobbsland Gipsy King; 2, Gordon, on Auchengrain His Eminence. Bull, 1 year old—1, Gordon, on Bruce; 2, Ness, on Morton Plains Planet; 3, Gordon, on Whitehill Free Trader; 4 and 5, McArthur, on Cherry Bank Dandy Jim and Jupiter of Hickory Hill. Bull calf, senior—1, McArthur, on Bloom of Maple Hill; 2, Ness, on Burnside Bloomer King; 3 and 4, Gordon, on Stonehouse Chieftain and White King; 5, Mode, on Bonnie Dae Guarantee. Bull calf, junior—1, Gordon, on Stonehouse White King; 2, Ness, on Star of Alfa; 3, Cumming; 4, McArthur, on Reliance of Elm Shade. Champion bull, any age, McArthur, on Netherhall Milkman.

Cow, aged—1 and 3, Ness, on Auchengrain Fanny 9th and Orange Blossom; 2, Gordon, on Barcheskie Bluebell; 4, McArthur, on Prim of the Willows; 5, Gordon, on Lessnessock Pansy; 6, Ness, on Hillhouse Blossom. Cow, 3 years old—1 and 4, McArthur, on Lima of Cherry Bank and Queen 3rd of Elmshade; 2 and 5, Gordon, on Blossom of Lancaster and Kirkland Nellie Bly; 3, Ness, on Burnside Lady Pearl. Cow, 3 years old, Canadian-bred—1 and 2, McArthur, on Bright Smile of Elmshade and Cherry Bank Jean; 3, McFarlane, on Pearl of Kelso; 4, Ness, on Adilax 5, Cummings, on Katie of Russell. Heifer, 2 years old, in milk—1, 3 and 4, Gordon, on Toward Point Curly, Hobbsland Pansy and Palmerston Pursie; 2, 5 and 6, Ness, on Orange Blossom, Barcheskie Orange Blossom 4th, and Burnside Violet. Heifer, 1 year—1, McArthur, on Cherry Bank Queen; 2 and 3, Ness, on Lessnessock Jess and Grange Ivy; 4, Gordon, on Stonehouse Brown Queen. Senior heifer calf—1 and 2, Ness, on Burnside Orange Blossom and Burnside Diana; 3, McArthur, on Cherry Bank Luna 2nd; 4, Gordon, on Stonehouse Snowdrift. Junior heifer calf—1, Gordon, on Stonehouse Leading Lady; 2, McFarlane, on Daisy Queen of Kelso; 3 and 4, McArthur, on Cherry Bank Milkmaid 2nd and Cherry Bank Gem. Dry cow, aged—1, 2 and 3, Ness, on Finlayson Maggie 3rd, Nellie Burns, and Barcheskie Lucky Girl; 3, McFarlane, on Stately of Kelso. Dry heifer, 2 years old—1, Gordon, on Palmerston Hyacinthe; 2 and 3, McArthur, on Cherry Bank Milkmaid and Cherry Bank Amaryllis; 4, Mode. Champion cow, any age—Ness, on Auchengrain Fanny 9th. Aged herd—1, Gordon; 2, Ness; 3, McArthur. Junior herd—1, Ness; 2, McArthur; 3, Gordon.

**HOLSTEINS.**—This breed was placed by Lorne Logan, of Brockville, Ont., and exhibits were made by N. Sangster, of Ormstown, Que.; W. F. Bell, Britannia Bay; W. J. Parnell, Springroad, Que., and Mr. Mansfield, of Manotick, Ont., the latter two showing only one animal each. Glenwood, a rather plain bull, led the class for aged bulls, only three being forward. The classes for bulls were not well filled, nor was the competition edged. The female classes furnished more good animals, and the aged cow class brought out a half dozen high-class dairy cows, every one of them showing signs of being a producer. Verona, the second-prize cow in Toronto this year, was placed first. She is a cow of remarkable dairy type, has a fine, well-balanced udder, and displays every indication of being an exceptionally heavy milker. This was the best class of the exhibit.

**Awards:** Bull, aged—1, Parnell, on Glenwood; 2, Bell, on Jem Tensen Sylvia Prince; 3, Mansfield. Bull, 2 years old—1, Sangster, on Pleasant Hill Korndyke Pontiac. Bull, 1 year old—1, Sangster, on Samson De Kol King. Bull calf, senior—1, 2 and 4, Sangster, on Merrill of Pleasant Valley, Sparling of Pleasant Valley, and Milton of Pleasant Valley; 3, Bell. Junior bull calf—1, Sangster; 2 and 3, Bell. Champion bull, any age—Sangster, on Pleasant Hill Korndyke Pontiac.

Cow, aged—1, 2, 3 and 5, Sangster, on Verona, Rhoda's Queen, Madam Dot's 3rd, Princess Pauline De Kol, and Olean Patroness; 4, Bell, on Camille Ormsby. Cow, 3 years old—1, Bell, on