

SEEDS AND VEGETABLES.

Seeds may be classed as good—some of the soft wheats being above the average. Vegetables in such a district as this could not fail to be good and some bundles of corn that stood an enormous height drew much attention. Tomatoes were very good, also lettuce and carrots. The prize for the best collection of vegetables was won by A. G. Tait, of Victoria, with a good spread.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Miss Rose, of Guelph, judged the dairy produce and gave demonstrations in testing and buttermaking every day at the De Laval stand in the main building. The Victoria Fair is now palpably in good and capable hands, the interest of the stockmen, and others is fully awakened, the public attend in large crowds and get a continuous afternoon's enjoyment every day in the racing, broncho busting, Kloochmen's races and the half mile long parade of stock whilst that much-vexed question of side shows is well handled, being placed apart from the business portion of the fair and free from suspicion of any impropriety but still attractive, judging from the business they seemed to do. Dr. Tolmie and Mr. Sharp and their associates must be heartily congratulated upon the success attending their untiring efforts, and courtesy both before and during the progress of the Exhibition.

New Westminster Exhibition.

Taken all through, the weather, that very important consideration in an outside show, was kind to the management of New Westminster Exhibition, October 1st to 5th, only part of one day being unpleasantly wet. As might be expected from the proximity of a large city like Vancouver, and the reputation attained by the fair in past years, the attendance, except on Thursday, was good, but the B. C. electric made no adequate arrangements to cope with the extra traffic until Saturday.

The amusements provided by the management included lacrosse games, culminating on Saturday in the substantial defeat of Tecumseh at the hands of the Salmon Cannons by twelve to six; balloon ascensions and parachute descents, all safely accomplished, Scottish dancing and races, and a jiu-jitsu wrestling match which appeared to end in a fiasco—so far as definite results were concerned.

In the livestock sections Clydesdales and Dairy breeds of cattle were the outstanding features, while indoors the exhibits of the products of various districts of B. C. and of Edmonton and Strathcona, Alta., formed the piece de resistance. No poultry were in view, but a fair number of dogs were benched and some of the cracks of the Province were to be seen.

The judging staff were:—

Heavy horses, Drs. Tolmie, of Victoria, and Sanierston, of Vancouver. Light horses, Principal W. J. Black of Manitoba Agricultural College; dairy breeds, Prof. Rutherford; beef breeds, Mr. Maris of Portland, Oregon; dairy produce, Miss L. Rose, of Guelph; vegetables and seeds, W. C. McKillican of Calgary; fruit, Prof. Henderson of Moscow Agricultural College, Idaho; embroidery and art, Miss Lediard, of Winnipeg.

Except in certain classes of the horses no fault could be found with the awards and the horse classes are noted in rotation below.

Mr. Keary and his staff are to be congratulated at the success attending their efforts in spite of some disappointments from a few exhibitors who were unable through lack of help to bring their stock to the grounds.

An innovation both interesting and instructive was the tethering of the winners in the dairy classes at the ringside on Friday and the short addresses of Prof. Rutherford in which he explained the reasons for his awards and drew attention to the good points and defects of each animal.

HORSES

The heavy section was very well represented, particularly in the aged stallions and yeld mares, two exceptionally good classes. There were a few absentees from those out at Victoria, but Turner's string from Calgary more than compensated and competition was keen.

It was nearly 3.30 in the first day before Drs. Sanierston and Tolmie were able to start their duties and nine stallions entered the ring. Shannon Bros. "Brown Spots"; Webster's "Earl Seaham"; Vassey's "Royal Citizen"; Pemberton's stud "Dean Swift"; Vassey's "Premier Prince"; Mercer's "Kilfillan Chief" and "Colonial"; A. Ewan's "Baron Lee", and "Royal Sceptre".

The two first and two last were not shown at Victoria, but the middle five were there and it will be remembered that "Dean Swift" then led from "Kilfillan Chief" and Earl Seaham. "Dean Swift" came out not in such good shape as the previous week, his trotting action being not nearly so good and it could only have been this that led to his getting no better than fourth. "Kilfillan Chief" too, was not in the same order as before and could not get placed. The judges agreed as to fourth and fifth positions but by five o'clock were still divided upon the placing of the first three and called in Principal Black who was then judging the light classes in another ring. After some delay Mr. Black arrived and ultimately placed them in the order given above. The class undoubtedly offered a difficult problem but we cannot quite agree with the final decision, for the Shannon Bros. entry, though he appeared a good mover when leaving and meeting one, and was exceptionally well coupled, yet his side action was undoubtedly faulty, especially when walking, thus giving one a strong impression that in the stifle he was not "above suspicion." "Earl Seaham" showed to much better advantage than at Victoria, but there are those who would not put him above "Dean Swift." "Royal Citizen" was beyond doubt the grandest mover of the bunch, his hock action first class, and had his pasterns been more the style the market demands, the judges might have made a worse mistake than in giving him better than third place.

"Premier Prince" is a beautifully balanced horse and was in rare bloom, but he lacked the action of his stable companion. "Brown Spots" is a three-year-old by Drumflower by McGregor and his grandam was the dam of "Baron's Pride." He was purchased in the old country by J. A. Turner, of Calgary, on order for his present owners Shannon Bros. As said above he is a horse of exceptionally good conformation.

Two and three-year-old stallions.—Two only were out, Turner's "Acme King" and Mercer's "Bulls Eye." The latter, though a most promising two-year-old was up against something of exceptional merit in "Acme King," who rightly secured the

judges' favor. He was imported by his owner last spring and at Winnipeg defeated two H. A. S. winners being placed reserve for the grand championship for best draft stallion, when we noted him as above the ordinary. His list of winnings should be long.

One and two-year-old stallions.—Turner had three and the Pemberton stud two. "Baron's Craigie" was first. He is by "Baron's Gem" out of "Mont-rave Geisha." This colt took first at Winnipeg and first and gold medal at Regina. The Pemberton colt "Lord Roberts" won at Victoria and is a colt that should win often in the future. "Hill Crest Sentinel" (Turner's) we did not fancy so much as his "Baron's Advocate" who, though younger and rougher, looked full of promise.

Stallion foal of 1907.—This was a repetition of the Victoria show and the Pemberton entry "Dean Carrick" again beat the Inverholme "Citizen's Best."

Brood mares with foal at foot.—Vassey here introduced "Bridesmaid" by "Two in One" by "Marmion," a peculiarly marked mare whose undeniable quality around the ground probably enabled her to beat that grand mare of the Pemberton Stock Farm, "Nellie Carrick."

The Yeld Mares.—This was the most interesting class of the heavy division and at first glance by no means easy to place. Turner's "Proud Beauty" a former winner here, was rightly put first and is a big made black with heaps of room through the heart and of very fine frame indeed and of sweet quality. The Inverholme roan "Lady Cherub" thoroughly deserved second place and lacked only the superior weight of "Proud Beauty." Watson's "Miss Wallace" could not expect, in such company, to go better than third, though a few partisans audibly expressed other views. She is not of the sterling stamp of the other two.

Fillies one and two years old and filly foals of 1907 had only one in each section shown.

Suffolk Punches were few, one stallion and two yeld mares and one filly.

Shires.—O'Neill's again was the only one of this breed.

Percherons.—Three stallions were out, one each of Anderson's of Agassiz, Beharret's of Matsqui Prairie, and MacLachlan Bros. The quality was not despicable by any means and they were placed as named. Heavy draft and argicultural classes were not so well filled as might have been expected though the quality was good.

For the Champion stallion in the heavy classes any age, two only appeared, Shannon's "Brown Spots" and Turner's "Acme King." The issue here could never have been in any doubt and "Acme King" secured the ribbon with ease.

The female championship also fell to the Bal-greggan stud with "Proud Beauty."

Three, the gets of one sire fell to the credit of "Baron's Gem" who was represented by "Baron's Craigie," "Baron's Black Bess" and "Baron's Advocate."

LIGHT CLASSES.

Hackney stallions, three years and over, made a good class but Mercer's "Diamond City" with his very fine action could not be beaten, and he took premier position from Shannon's chestnut, and Sangster's Black Hadison's horse that was third at Victoria, being placed fourth, though many could not find the fault for which the judge is reported to have moved him down. The light classes were not shown in a regular ring but in the track in front of the old building, and this was not the best of places, since the crowd continually drew in too close and barriers were lacking to keep a space clear.

Mares, three years and over.—"Lady Jubilee" again annexed first place for Turner, she has unquestionable breed and quality, and is a daughter of the champion stallion "Jubilee Chief."

"Rosamond" who was first for fillies two years and under, and later the championship for light breeds, is a fine youngster, very true to type and may prove something quite out of the ordinary next year. She is by Commodore and her grandam was the dam of Denmark.

Standard-bred Stallions were headed by Marshall's "Red Tom" a frequent winner in the Province and a horse who was shown in excellent condition.

Gentlemen's Saddle horses were not easy to place as one of the best in the ring refused to show himself properly and lost points for manners. E. R. Rickett's light chestnut, under the circumstances, was without doubt the best and deservedly took first. Montgomery's Black and McPherson's Bay were second and third though we would have probably reversed this order in view of the specially good manners and easy points of the last named and the lack of marked superiority of Montgomery's horse over McPherson's.

CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LIGHT CLASSES.

In stallions there were six out and Marshall's "Red Tom" took the award with Turner's young Hackney "King Maker" reserve. Mercer's "Diamond City" was here given a back set, but we cannot see why, for he appears without blemish whilst "Red Tom" is undoubtedly straight in his pasterns behind, is not a pretty mover and, we understand, has no mark on the track.

Mares.—Turner's "Rosamond" led from her stable companion "Lady Jubilee," two very high class entries these, and placed as at Winnipeg. "Rosamond" certainly looks a good thing for her owner and should win often in the future.

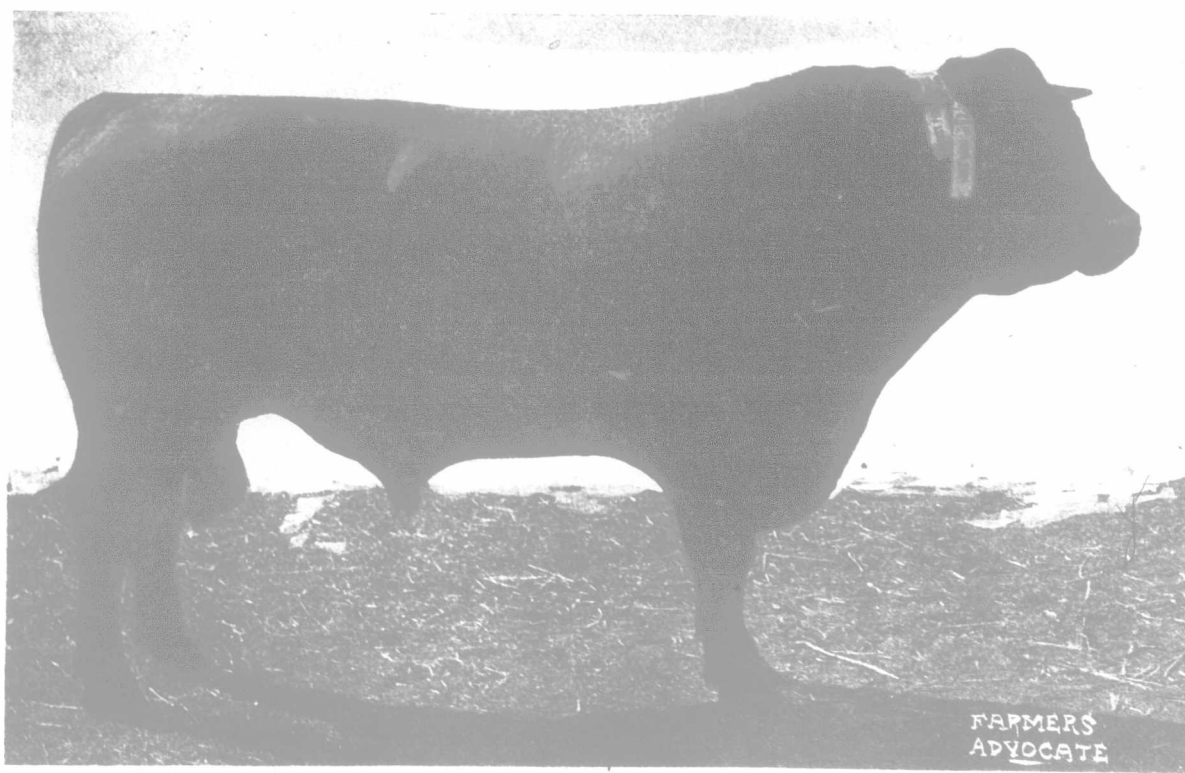


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