

culture, which certain smooth-talking individuals, knowing the "hankering" of the general public after something new, are endeavoring to take advantage of.

If the seedless apple is as its promoters claim for it, why was not some of this year's fruit placed on exhibition, so that it could be seen. The seedless apple, if it is any good at all, should mature as early as those with seeds to be of any use in this country. But only samples of the fruit preserved in jars were shown.

It could not be handled nor examined closely, and might have been made of wax, for all the onlookers could tell. If it is genuine and what it is claimed to be, let everything be brought into the light. Compare the fruit with the other fruit on exhibition or grown in this country, and if it measures up in quality and is satisfactory in other ways, the fruit grower will soon take it up, and reliable agricultural journals will advocate it.

But with such evidence as is now at hand, reliable papers cannot but characterize the seedless apple "boom" as a "fake" of the worst kind, and caution their readers to beware of spending their money on a thing that gives so little promise of an adequate return.

Editorial Notes

Congratulations to the management of the Canadian National Exhibition upon another successful show.

The agricultural and live stock features have again demonstrated that they form one of the chief attractions of Toronto's great fair. More people come from a distance to see the live stock than any other part of the show.

The management of the fair would do well to guard against allowing special displays of articles for sale among the regular exhibits. Both in the fruit and agricultural halls there were special displays for selling goods. These may be all right in their place, but they should not be given prominence among regular exhibits.

Hon Mr. Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, is at present in Northern Ontario in search of a suitable place to locate a pioneer farm. It is his intention to locate this farm, if possible, beyond the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific line. There are estimated to be 16,000,000 acres of arable land in that district suitable for agriculture.

A delegation representing the Eastern and Western Dairymen's Associations and the dairy cattle breeders' associations waited upon the Mayor of Toronto during the Fair, and asked the city to erect a suitable building for holding winter dairy exhibitions. The same building could be used for the horse show and the horticultural exhibition, and could be utilized in other ways.

"The King of Shorthorndom"

This was the term applied by more than one of the speakers to the distinguished guest, whom the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association did itself honor in entertaining on the evening of Sept. 5. And the term, as applied to Mr. Wm. Duthie, is not mere flattery. He well deserves the high position among the breeders of the "red, white and roans" which every one present willingly and freely accorded him. Wherever the people's cattle are known, and where are they not known, Collynie and Tillycairn and the kine that roam over their verdant hillsides and rich pastures are no strangers. Duthie breeding and Duthie Shorthorns are sought for the world over, and the man who has brought them to perfection well deserves the title of uncrowned king in this particular sphere.

But to return to the banqueting table at the Queen's. There was a feast of wit, wisdom and witchery, and one felt as if he would like to vacate the sanctum and become one of the prosperous throng, the breed-

Arthur Johnston, James Russell, Wm. Linton and Peter White.

The association's committee in charge of the arrangements were: President W. G. Pettit, Capt. Robson, R. Miller, A. W. Smith, J. M. Gardhouse and Henry Wade, to whom belongs the credit of having brought together one of the most representative gatherings of stockmen every held in Canada. From the east and from the west, from Canada and from the United States they were there to do honor to one whom it is a delight to honor. President Pettit presided, and had as assistant toast-masters, R. Miller, Hon. John Dryden and J. M. Gardhouse.

Dr. Bell Honored

No one has received a more signal appreciation of his worth than that accorded Dr. A. W. Bell, formerly assistant manager of the Toronto Exhibition, now manager of the Winnipeg Industrial, on Sept. 7th on the grounds. Dr. Bell and his work have always been held in the highest



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ers and owners of the "red, white and roans." To hear old timers in the business tell somewhat of the beginning of Shorthorn history in Canada was an inspiration that would almost wean a dairyman over to beef-making. In fact, all the addresses were inspiring and of a particularly high order, considering that they were largely of an impromptu nature throughout. Specially pleasing was the address of the guest of the evening. He referred to his former visit to Canada twenty-eight years ago, when he assisted in judging Shorthorns at the last provincial exhibition held in Toronto, and expressed his surprise at the improvement made in the exhibits, both of live stock and other products. The progress which Canada, as a whole, had made in that time was most remarkable.

In addition to Mr. Duthie some of those who spoke were: Sir Wm. Muloock, Hon. Mr. Monteith, Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Mr. Dryden, W. K. McNaught, W. K. George, Dr. Andrew Smith, Dr. Rutherford, President Creelman, Prof. Curtiss, Prof. Cummings, A. H. Sanders, R. Miller,

esteem by exhibitors of horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and dogs at Toronto, and advantage was taken of his presence here to show him in some tangible way how his services are appreciated by those who know their value. Dr. Bell was made about \$500 richer by the event, and carries back to the west the good will and support of eastern breeders in his work in building up a great exhibition in the Prairie City.

Good Matter Held Over

Owing to the report of Toronto Fair in this issue, we are not able to publish the second of the series of articles by the Hon. John Dryden on "Agriculture in Ireland," as was announced. This will appear in next issue, together with other good matter crowded out of this issue.

Reports of London, Ottawa and other fairs will also appear next issue.