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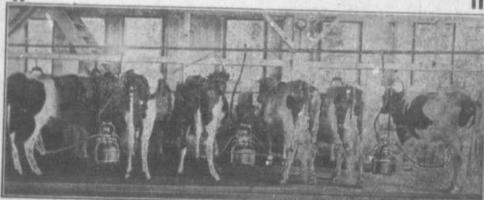
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Banner Year for the Western Fair, London

THE London Fair was bigger and better than ever this year. The heat was intense and the humidity added to its oppressiveness, but this did not deter the crowds, which kept pouring in in greater numbers than in any former year. Although rain threatened and there were several showers, the judging was carried on without interruption. Several thousands of soldiers are at present encamped at London, and no doubt their friends took advantage of cheap rates to visit them and the Fair. This however, did not account for all the increase. The healthy growth of the western fair has not been checked by present unsettled conditions.

The display of agricultural products was a credit even to the Western Fair. There were several displays of farm products, besides produce entered in the competition. The farm at the London Hospital for the Insane had, as usual, a large and very attractive exhibit, which included grains, vegetables, and fruits. The local branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture had an educative exhibit of field, orchard and garden products, fruit production, the whole displayed with a view to educating the visitors along the lines of improved agriculture. Two farm exhibits contributed by Lovesholm Farm and Hillcrest Farm deserve special mention, as they point the way to what might well be considered the fair boards, namely, a prize for the best farm exhibit.

The Central Experimental Farm of Ottawa had an educational display, consisting of models of farm buildings and equipment, beekeepers' outfits, grains, and new hardy varieties of apples raised on the farm at Ottawa. There was also an instructive exhibit of commercial fertilizers, showing their constituents.

Live Stock

The live stock exhibit was well above that of any former year, both in numbers and quality. The amount of stock shown has more than ever taken the amount of barn space available, but breeders are hoping that by next year fuller accommodation will be provided. The entries in the sheep sections were greater than ever. N. Park, from Norwich, in Cotswolds, and J. Lloyd Jones, Burford, in Shropshires, won the majority of the frisks in their respective classes. In Southdowns, Col. McCaw, London, captured the big end of the awards. Pigs were well up to last year, with more competition in Tamworths and Yorkshires.

Heavy Horses

The Clydesdales were placed by J. M. Gardhouse, Weston. Some of the heaviest exhibitors were T. D. Elliott, Bolton; Wm. Hogg, Thamesford; W. J. Batty, Brooklin, and Wilkinson & Gunn, London. Elliott's Ayden Blend (Imp.) won the sweepstakes ribbon as the best Clydesdale stallion at the show. Hogg's Royal, a Cawdor cup winner, was the champion female. In Percherons, Elliott's trade, the Toronto Grand Champion, added to his laurels by winning the sweepstakes ribbon. J. M. Gardhouse, who also judged Percheron classes, recommended that for this breed all entries in pure bred classes should be registered to prevent horses of good Percheron type showing doubtful breeding from being shown.

Beef Cattle

Shorthorns and Herefords were both judged by Jno. T. Gibson, Denfield, alternately, giving better satisfaction to the Shorthorn than to the Hereford breeders. In the Shorthorn aged bull class J. A. Watt, Elora, with his Toronto champion, Gainsford Marquis, won over A. F. & G.

Auld, Guelph, with their Burnbrae Sultan. Watt did not show the old bull in the championship section, leaving the way clear for Gainsford Perfection, who besides winning the two-year-old section, defeated the Auld bull for championship honors. Mitchell Bros., Burlington; D. A. Graham, Wyoming, and R. Duff & Sons, Myrtle, each made a good showing, and won considerable prize money. In the Hereford section, O. Clifford, Oshawa, won first in the two-year-old and championship sections with Lord Fairfax. Startling made when the first prize calf at Toronto went to fifth place, and the first prize aged cow and grand champion female was placed fourth. In man and T. B. Broadfoot had the best of it, the former winning the championship with his aged bull, Beauty's female sweepstakes with his yearling heifer.

Holsteins

As usual, the Holsteins had the largest number of entries of any breed. The sections were all well filled, especially with the young calf, 12 yearling heifers and 10 competition calves being lined up in the type young stuff section. In the aged cow section 12 animals were lined up, dry cows being shown, Curries Crossing, Fred Rowe, Curries Crossing, won the male championship with his aged bull, Prince Abbecker Mercena, who held third place at Toronto. R. J. Kelly's inhibited by Houtje Calamity, ex-her class and champion female, G. T. Prouse, Ostrander, had the best and, winning first in the yearling and considerable second and third money of other sections. W. S. Shearer, Listowel, won the 12 head exhibition. Gordon Gooderham, Clarkson, won first with his graded herd, Segie's Pontiac Posch. Elias Snider, Burgessville; Abrogast Bros., Selkirkville; C. C. Kettle, Wilsaville, and L. H. Lipsit, Stratfordville, made strong showings. The awards were made by Geo. Lairdlaw, Allentown, who gave good satisfaction. All told, the Holstein exhibit indicated an increase in number, an improvement of type, with a large supply of younger animals and continued improvement.

HOLSTEIN AWARDS

Bull, 5 yrs. and over: 1. Prince Abbecker Mercena; 2. Lipsit; 3. Prouse; 4. Snider.
Bull, 2 yrs.: 1. King Segie Pontiac Posch; 2. Gooderham.
Bull, 1 yr.: 1. Abrogast Bros.; 2. C. C. Kettle; 3. Trebilcock; 4. Prouse; 4. Kettle.
Senior bull calf: 1. Rowe; 2. Lipsit; 3. Rowe; 4. Kettle.
Junior bull calf: 1. Snider; 2. Oline and Carroll; 3. Lipsit; 4. Snyder; 5. Prouse.
Cows: 4 yrs. and over: 1. Kelly; 2. Gooderham; 3. Abrogast Bros.; 4. Prouse; 5. Snider.
Cow, 3 yrs. old: 1. Gooderham; 2. Abrogast Bros.; 3. Gooderham; 4. Kettle; 5. Snider.
Heifer, 2 yrs. old: 1. and 2. Gooderham; 3. Lipsit; 4. Snyder; 5. Prouse.
Heifer, 1 yr. old: 1. Prouse; 2. Shearer; 3. Snyder; 4. Snider.
Senior heifer calf: 1. Kettle; 2. Shearer; 3. Oline & Carroll; 4. Abrogast Bros.; 5. Rowe.
Junior heifer calf: 1. Kettle; 2. Lipsit; 3. Lipsit; 4. Lipsit; 5. Snyder.
Bull, any age: 1. Prince Abbecker Mercena; 2. King Segie Alastra Calamity; 3. Abrogast Bros.; 4. Prouse; 5. Snider; 6. Kettle.
Best four calves, graded and owned by exhibitor: 1. Kettle; 2. Lipsit; 3. Rowe; 4. Snyder; 5. Shearer.
Ayrshires

Ayrshires made an excellent showing at the Western Fair. Most of

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