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GOSSIP.

\$16,000 IN PRIZES FOR WINTER FAIR.

In the revision of the prize list for the coming Ontario Winter Fair at Guelph, the Executive Committee made many additions with a view to encouraging exhibitors to bring out still better exhibits, and so to make the Winter Fair of 1910 greater in educational value and attractiveness than any of its predecessors.

On looking through the new prize list, and beginning with the horse department, it will be noticed that two new sections have been added to the class for Canadian-bred Clydesdales and Shires; one section is for stallion foaled in 1910, and the other for mare foaled in 1910; the prizes in each section are—1st, \$15; 2nd, \$12; 3rd, \$8; 4th, \$5. A section is added for pure mares foaled on or after January 1st, 1909, with prizes of—1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. There are now two sections for Standard-bred mares instead of one. They are for mares foaled previous to January 1st, 1908, with prizes of—1st, \$25; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10; and for mares foaled on or after January 1st, 1908, with prizes of—1st, \$20; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$5. Additions have been made to the Pony class for Shetland Pony stallion, any age—1st, \$20; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5; and for Shetland Pony mare, any age—1st, \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$5. The Championship class includes new sections for Hackney mare, any age, and for Standard-bred mare, any age. Grand champion awards will be made for the best Clydesdale stallion, and for the best Clydesdale mare. Winners of championship prizes will receive special ribbons, instead of cash prizes.

Important changes have been made in the Beef Cattle Department. Formerly, Herefords and Aberdeen-Angus competed together, as also did Galloways and Devons. The latter breed has been dropped from the list, and of the remaining three breeds, each has its own class. The sections are the same as last year, and the Fair Board gives \$128 in prizes to each class. The prizes for Herefords are made very attractive by the addition of \$220 from the American and Canadian Hereford Breeders' Associations. The Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association is also prepared to add 50 per cent. to all the prizes won by animals sired by Hereford bulls in the open class for Grades and Crosses. The heifer prizes for beef Shorthorns have been increased by \$7 in each of the three sections.

The National Lincoln Sheep Breeders' Association has doubled the amount of special prizes for Lincoln sheep, bringing the total up to \$100.

The most noticeable change in the Dairy Cattle Department is the increased grant made by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. They have added \$375 to the regular prizes for Holsteins, so that exhibitors of this breed will now compete for \$510. The Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association has also in-

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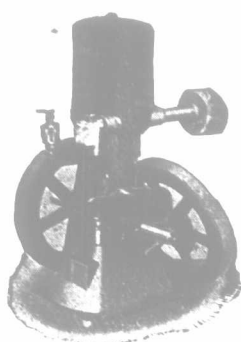
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increased its grant, and has added specials of \$50 in each of the three sections, if animals making the highest scores are recorded in that herdbook.

Classes have been added to the Poultry Department for Anconas, Silver Duckwing

Leghorns, Gray Japanese Bantams, both Golden and Silver Duckwing Game Bantams, and for White Chinese Geese. Rhode Island Reds have been included in the dressed poultry, and a class has been added for those of 12 Fatted Dressed

Cockerels, with prizes of—1st, \$15; 2nd, \$12; 3rd, \$9; 4th, \$6; 5th, \$3.

The Counties of Wellington, Halton, Brant, Norfolk and Ontario are offering special prizes in the different live-stock departments to amateur exhibitors resident of their respective counties.

Prospective exhibitors are reminded that the dates of the Fair are December 5th to 9th, 1910. The prize lists are now ready for distribution, and may be had free on application to A. P. Westervelt, Secretary, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

A TRACTION CULTIVATOR.

In these days of high-priced, scarce labor, and consequent costly production, there has arisen an almost universal demand for farm motors, which will do most kinds of farm work, to replace horse teams and the man required to operate with them. One of the newest machines of this kind to be patented is the McKinney Traction Cultivator, devised by a Georgia inventor. It is said the machine has been tested, and will be placed in the market for next year. It is made for one-row and two-row work, the latter weighing 3,500 pounds. It is mounted on three wheels, the two main ones being six feet apart, and the third being a small steering wheel in the rear. The main wheels may be locked separately so that the machine may be turned either to right or left at will, turning a half-circle upon the stationary wheel as a center. The machine is controlled by a single lever, and requires no special skill to manipulate. It is to be hoped that this machine may fulfil all that is hoped for it, for, undoubtedly, a satisfactory machine of this type has a large place waiting for it.

MEHAREY'S CLYDESDALE SALE.

At the Butler House, Ottawa, on Friday, October 14th, 1910, as announced last week, Wm. Meharey, of Russell, Ont., will sell by auction 20 head of newly-imported Clydesdale fillies, 2 and 3 years of age. The unprecedented demand now in evidence everywhere for horses of good size, and the record prices being offered and paid, with positively nothing in sight to indicate any falling off in either demand or price, is a guarantee of safe investment to the farmers of this country in breeding stock of the draft breeds. This sale is one of the very few that will be held this year, for the good reason that never was the available supply of fillies so low in Scotland. One thing certain, those that took advantage of the signs of the times a few years ago and purchased a filly or two, are now reaping the benefit, and we do not know any easier way to make money than by buying at just such sales as this. Sometimes the fillies are not looking their best after the inevitable shipping fever and long sea voyage, but \$400 for a filly out of condition, and \$200 for one conditioned, is big profit for the man who does the feeding.