

Central Canada Exhibition

If large crowds and a gradually increasing interest throughout the week count for anything, the Central Canada Exhibition, held at Ottawa, September 18th to 26th, sets a new high-water mark in the history of the Association. It has been learned that at least everything in drawing crowds does not depend on a high covered stand and night performance. There are many things that would have tended to make the fair even more successful, but the damage done by fire cannot be repaired in a season, when other necessary buildings are being constructed. The new structure for ladies' fancywork and fine arts is a credit to the grounds.

It was a well-balanced show in most respects. If any feature stood out too prominently, it was the howling side-show artists and game-of-chance men. They were present from east and west and south. Poultry, dairy products and Ayrshire cattle were noticeably strong. Sheep, and some classes of horses, were the weakest parts of a fair live-stock display. In Shorthorns, it was a battle between Senators Edwards and Drummond. In Clydesdales, the competition was mainly between Smith & Richardson, of Columbus, and Robert Ness, of Howick. George Pepper, of Toronto, was to the front with high-steppers and jumpers. A string of two hundred ponies from across the line was a center of attraction.

DAIRY CATTLE.

As in previous years, the center of attraction in the live-stock exhibit at the Central Canada Exhibition of 1908, was the Ayrshire ring. The champions of the summer and fall shows were there, to form one of the greatest lots of Ayrshire cattle ever got together on the continent. Those from the stables of Robert Hunter & Sons, of Maxville, Ont.; R. R. Ness, of Howick, Que., and Alex. Hume & Co., Menie, Ont., were sufficient to make a creditable show in themselves. But there were high-class specimens, including grand champions, from Sherbrooke Fair, from such breeders as Senator Owens, of Montebello, Que.; Hector Gordon, P. D. McArthur, and J. W. Logan, of Howick, Que., and R. C. Clark, of Hammond, Ont. Some of these had not very large herds, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in quality. The Howick men have made purchases that give them a nucleus which in time should result in herds fit to win in any showing.

Although only two breeders, Brown Bros., of Lyn, and J. H. Caldwell, of Fallowfield, Ont., competed in the Holstein classes, cattle of superior quality were the rule.

For the third time in as many weeks, representatives of the fawn breed from the Channel Islands, owned by three of Canada's most prominent Jersey breeders, fought for supremacy. Animals from each of the stables owned by D. Duncan, of Don; B. H. Bull & Son, of Brampton, and Wm. McKenzie, of Toronto, had many admirers. The top prizes were pretty evenly distributed, while, of the total, Duncan took 17 cards, Bull & Son 15, and McKenzie 6. McKenzie got the grand-championship award for bull any age on Pearl of Kirkfield; Bull & Son, the grand championship for female any age on Brampton Primrose, and Duncan the award for herd consisting of 1 bull and 4 females over 1 year.

BEEF CATTLE.

In numbers the Shorthorns were greatly below what was expected. The competitors included only three breeders: W. C. Edwards & Co., of Rockland; Sir Geo. Drummond, of Beaconsfield, Que., and Wm. A. Wallace, of Kars, Ont. It was a battle royal between the Senators, with Senator Edwards on top with bulls, and Senator Drummond in the lead in most of the female classes. The placing of Drummond's herd over Edward's came as a surprise to many of the ringside spectators. The latter's bull had won the red card, and few had counted on Drummond's excellent aged cow and a good heifer being of such strength to outdo Edward's very fine herd. The classes comprised representatives of two or sometimes three, competitors. Awards were made by R. Sangster, of Lancaster, Ont.

Polled Angus and Galloways, Herefords, were shown by H. D. Smith, Hamilton, Jas. Browman, Guelph and D. McCrae, Guelph, respectively.

SHEEP.

The exhibit of sheep, in point of numbers, was rather disappointing this year, due, to a great extent, to the failure of several of the Western importers and breeders to get a through passage for their exhibit, owing to some misunderstanding with the railway companies. The long wools had not a single representative; the medium-wools being represented by Southdowns, Shropshires and Hampshires only, the Southdowns being in the majority, from the well-known, and high-class flocks of Sir George Drummond, of Beaconsfield, Que., and George Allan, of Paris, Ont.

SWINE.

The swine exhibit was one of the best seen at Ottawa, for several years, the long row of pens being well filled, and the quality of animals shown in the various classes exceedingly high, representing to a great extent the herds out for competition at Toronto and London.

HORSES.

In the breeding classes of horses, the entry at Ottawa this year was considerably below the average

numerically, very many of the old familiar faces of exhibitors of past years being conspicuous by their absence, the Clydesdale and mixed class of Belgian, Percheron and Suffolk Punch being decidedly the best filled. The Shire, Hackney, Thoroughbred, Standard-bred and Carriage or Coach classes had very few entries, as had also the French-Canadian classes; nevertheless, what was lacking in numbers was, in nearly every class, made up in quality, a condition very satisfactory, inasmuch as it shows the increased interest being taken by breeders and exhibitors, particularly of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, in bringing out their animals in a condition and of a quality fit to meet all comers.

The Clydesdales were not out in so great numbers as in some former years, consequently the entries in most of the classes were small.

Mr. W. F. Kydd, of Simcoe, Ont., placed the awards. In the class for imported Clydesdales, the principal exhibitors were the well-known firms of Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont., and R. Ness & Son, of Howick, Que. Also, a number were out for honors from the late importation of C. W. Barber, of Gatineau Point, Que. Other exhibitors in this class were: Adam Scharf, of Cumming's Bridge, Ont.; W. Allin, of Aylmer Road, Ont.; Senator Owens, of Montebello, Que., and T. B. Macaulay, of Hudson Heights, Que. In the class for stallions four years and over, the entries were all from the Columbus stable, first prize going to the intensely flashy and beautiful-going son of Marcellus, President Roosevelt, a horse of striking appearance and grand, smooth, conformation; second going to the grand, good horse, Sir Henry, a son of the great sire, Prince Thomas; third to Duke of Walton, by Sir Everett, with mighty little to choose between him and Sir Henry, both being horses of splendid style, quality and action. In stallions the championship went to President Roosevelt. The female championship was awarded the Ness Stable on its entry Amulet.

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The Saskatchewan government has appropriated the sum of \$500 to be applied to assist in bearing the cost of making a display of Clydesdales at the Chicago International Exhibition. Should the breeders decide to avail themselves of the offer selections will be made from the stables of R. H. Taber, W. H. Bryce, P. M. Bredt, and possibly A. & G. Mutch.

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At a meeting of the committee of recommendations of the Canadian Pony society, it was decided to ask the management of the Toronto Exhibition to offer prizes in the breeding classes for Shetland, Welsh, Hackney, and in harness and saddle classes according to heights up to 14.1. The suggestions are intended to apply at other Canadian exhibitions where ponies are shown.

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At the annual meeting of the North American Galloway-cattle Breeders' Association, held in Toronto during Exhibition week, officers were elected as follows: President, R. Shaw, Brantford; Vice-president, N. Boyd, Carberry, Man; Secretary-Treasurer, D. McCrae, Guelph. Directors—W. Duff, Rockwood; H. D. Irwin, Markdale; J. Tees, Tee, Alta.

MARKETS

There is a feeling in the grain trade just at present that some active movement, either up or down, is likely to occur very shortly. The indications at this writing are for a downward trend. The situation in southeastern Europe, which was a prominent factor in the wheat markets last week, has apparently additional influence. The new crop is pouring through all primary markets on this continent in increasing volume, and speculators in touch with the situation seem inclined to believe that a slump is imminent, we say inclined to believe, meaning rather that the talk among operators is for lower prices. What they think and believe sometimes is a different thing. All the same the indications are for weaker markets. For the past week or more the influences operating in the markets have been almost purely speculative. When prices slump a little exporters begin to buy, their buying and that of the regular speculative element, tend again to force values up a little, then selling is the order and prices slide back again to near or a little below the former low point. As a general rule they have sagged.

The export demand for wheat is good and there is little piling up at the lake terminals. The situation in the winter wheat country has been a bull element of some prominence for some time, rain having fallen in nearly all parts of the country except where it was needed. It is believed, however, that reports of drought damage have been exaggerated. Take the world over, there is a tendency to regard present prices as a trifle high, higher than harvest returns and new crop prospects warrants. Some talk of a drop to around 85 shortly.

Prices as we go to press are as follows:

1 northern.....	97½
2 northern.....	94½
3 northern.....	93
No. 4.....	89½
No. 5.....	86½
No. 6.....	78½
Feed 1.....	70½
Feed 2.....	65
No. 2 white oats.....	37½
No. 3 white oats.....	36½
Feed.....	36
No. 3 barley.....	51½
No. 4 barley.....	49½
Rejected.....	46
Feed.....	45
No. 1 N. W. Flax.....	118
No. 1 Manitoba.....	116

OPTION QUOTATIONS.

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	May.
Wheat.....	97½	95½	91½	96½
No. 2 Canadian Western oats.....	37½	37	36	39½
Flax.....	118			

PRODUCE AND MILL FEED.

These are wholesale prices at Winnipeg:—

Net per ton—

Bran.....	\$20.00
Shorts.....	22.00
Chopped Feeds—	
Barley and oats.....	24.00
Barley.....	23.00
Oats.....	27.00
Oatmeal and millfeed.....	11.00
Wheat chop.....	22.00

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

Fancy fresh made creamery bricks.....	27	@	28
Boxes, 14 to 28 lbs.....	25	@	26

DAIRY BUTTER—

Extra fancy prints.....	24	@	25
Dairy, in tubs.....	20	@	23

CHEESE—

Manitoba cheese at Winnipeg.....	13½	@	13½
Eastern cheese.....	14	@	14½

EGGS—

Manitoba, fresh-gathered; f.o.b. Winni- peg.....	20	@	23
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HAY.

Prices are on the track in carload lots at Winnipeg:

Prairie hay, baled.....	\$ 6.00	@	\$ 7.00
Timothy.....	10.00	@	12.00
Red Top.....			9.00
Hay, in loads, local market.....	9.00	@	10.00

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bushel.....	30	@	40
Carrots, per cwt.....	50	@	55
Beets.....	50	@	55
Turnips, per cwt.....	40	@	50
Man. celery, per doz.....	25	@	35
Cabbage, per cwt.....	55	@	60

HIDES (Delivered in Winnipeg).

Packer hides, No. 1.....	7	@	8
Branded cow hides.....	7½		
Bull hides, No. 1.....	6½		
Country hides.....	7½		
Calf skins.....	9½	@	10½
Kip.....	7	@	8½

MISCELLANEOUS.

Manitoba wool.....	6	@	7
Territory wool.....	8	@	9
Seneca root.....	28	@	29
Beeswax.....	20	@	25

WINNIPEG LIVE-STOCK.

There is not much change to note in live-stock prices other than a slump of half a dollar in hogs. Export steers are steady at \$3.75. There is a fair supply coming in. Butcher stuff is quoted at \$2.25 to \$3.25; export cows, \$3.25; at cows and heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; calves, \$3.57 to \$4.00. Hogs, \$6.75. Sheep, \$5.50. The slump in hogs is due partly to heavier deliveries and in part to a falling off in demand.

TORONTO.

Trade in this market is fair and prices steady. Offerings are good in bulk and quality. Export steers are the same as quoted last week, there is little change to record in any quotations. Exporters, \$4.50 to \$5.00; export bulls \$3.50 to \$4.25 choice butcher stock, \$5.00; picked lots, \$4.75 to \$4.85; medium, \$4.15 to \$4.30; feeders and stockers, \$3.60 to \$3.85; calves, \$3.00 to \$6.50. Hogs, \$6.15 to \$6.40. Export ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.50; lambs, \$4.40 to \$4.20.

CHICAGO.

The cattle trade has been nominally steady, choice grades being in good demand, while trash was neglected. The sheep house market was uneventful. Six dollars bought choice western lambs, but buyers did not insist on such severe sorts as earlier in the week, consequently the net results to the speculator were satisfactory. Country buyers were numerous, but few thin lambs were available.

The extreme range of cattle was from \$3.35 to \$6.70; hogs, from \$5.30 to \$6.25; sheep, \$3.25 to \$5.00; lambs, \$4.75 to \$6.00.