

The Montreal Exposition.

The Quebec Provincial Exposition (Sept. 11th-19th) followed the Toronto Industrial, and had equally good weather until Thursday of the second week, when threatening droppings no doubt prevented a number of visitors from attending who had left their visit until that time. This, however, was not to blame for a much reduced attendance, compared with last year, during the principal days. The grounds, too, suffered a large fire in August, when the main building and some of the stock sheds were wiped out, but this we can hardly charge with a decided falling off in exhibits noticeable in many classes. The buildings are mostly replaced in good form, although some of the herds had to camp under canvas, which was not objectionable. There was considerable complaining among exhibitors regarding the management of the show. Especially do we refer to some exhibitors of dairy cattle who came from the West to compete in the dairy test, which was provided for financially largely by Breeders' Associations, but which commenced and dropped as though a cyclone had struck it. The test was entered by Messrs. G. W. Clemons, St. George, Ont.; C. J. Gilroy, Glen Buell; and A. Hoover, Emery. The cows were milked the first time, the milk weighed, and samples bottled; but the Deputy Dairy Commissioner at Ottawa, Mr. Chapais, who had agreed to conduct the test, came to the show empty-handed, and as no tester and other equipment had been provided by the Fair Board, he resigned his charge before the third milking took place, and so the test was abandoned. Another grievance of the exhibitors, especially of beef breeds of cattle, and of sheep, was the incompetency of the judges.

The daily parade of prize animals was cheerfully entered into by exhibitors, and was appreciated by the visitors. This is a feature which every show should encourage. The special attractions and most of the sideshows were in a location apart from the grounds proper, reached by way of a bridge over the street. This arrangement has its commendable features. The machinery and carriages were also in this quarter, and were fairly good.

HORSES.

Clydesdales were shown by Messrs. Sorby and Davidson, both of which were in Toronto, as well as Robert Ness, Howick, and McGerrigle Bros., Ormestown. They were judged by Mr. Alex. Galbraith, who gave, as is his custom, satisfaction. Grandeur kept his Toronto position as best horse any age, and was followed by Lawrence Again, a horse of much quality and good substance, shown by Mr. Ness. McGerrigle Bros. showed MacInnis, a good horse imported by Graham Bros., which stood 3rd. The prizes in the different sections were fairly well divided up, the most of the best ones going West. The two Eastern lots were good Clydes throughout, hardly as highly-fitted as were the Ontario showings.

A yearling daughter of Grandeur was decided to be the best mare any age, but was closely followed by Davidson's two-year-old filly.

Percherons are always in evidence at shows within access of the Quebec French population. This year some 4 mature stallions competed and a few younger ones, as well as a small exhibit of mares. Of both sexes there were a few fairly good specimens, well brought out. It is plain to be seen that they are not on the increase. The sweepstakes horse, Clodius, shown by Thos. Dobbie, Lachute, Que., is a smooth, handsome gray, with good action, some 1,700 pounds in weight.

Heavy Drafts over 1,350 pounds were not numerous and generally indifferent specimens, except a few grade Clydes shown by McGerrigle Bros.

French Coach.—French Coaches were represented by a small number of useful horses. They resemble the German Coach considerably in style and action, with, perhaps, a little less weight. They seem to have good middles as well as good ends. Robt. Ness had the two best stallions, one a very handsome black, Mallot, the winner of 3rd prize at the World's Fair.

Hackneys.—Hillhurst Farm had the bulk of this class, shown in their Toronto lot, except a couple of mares disposed of at that show. Princess Dagmar took the medal for best mare, and her foal for best Canadian-bred Hackney. Barthorpe Performer won the medal given by the Exhibition Association, as well as that given by the Hackney Association. Saxlingham Fireaway, a very good brown horse, imported by Stericker Bros., Springfield, Ills., and shown by J. E. Hebert, St. Johns, was alone in the aged section; and Donacana, a three-year-old chestnut of good quality, shown by Osborne & Hardy, Montreal, won 2nd in his section.

Standard-bred Trotters were not as numerous as might have been expected at this Eastern show, near where so many light-legged horses are reared. The principal exhibitors were: J. P. Dawes, D. & J. Greig, and Dominion Stable Co. Each had out a small number of quite good animals. The best mature stallion was Pacholet, a powerful horse with rapid action.

Thoroughbreds.—The largest exhibitor of this class was J. P. Dawes, Lachine, who took most of the best prizes. He had out almost a full class of well-fitted, good animals, a credit to any show. John Newman, Lachine, showed a desirable sort of mare and foal, upon which he secured 1st on each and sweepstakes on the mare.

Carriage horses made a good showing, but saddlers were not striking in numbers nor quality.

R. M. Wilson and D. Dalton, Delhi, had a carload of carriage and road stock down and did fairly well with them. The principal exhibitor, however, was T. D. Buzzell, of Montreal, who brought out a lot of well-fitted harness stock. Roadsters were kept low in number by cutting off all, except young stock, that were below 15 hands 2 inches.

The "Canadian" Class.—A breed of nicely-topped roadster horses known as "Canadian" were shown by a few Quebec exhibitors. They appear to be a mixture of blood, without much regard to quality of limb or action. They are rather pony-built, and have flowing manes and tails. They are not likely to supplant any of the recognized breeds now in Canada.

CATTLE.

The show of cattle was not up to that of last year in total numbers, but the competition was no less interesting, exhibits being uniformly well up in quality.

Shorthorns.—There was nothing of special note except those already mentioned as competing in Toronto. The exhibitors here were Messrs. J. I. Davidson, J. S. Crerar, James Russell, R. S. Nicholson, and James Leask. The cattle have already been described, which need not be repeated, but the placing of the awards was so different from that of the Toronto judges it would weary our readers to go over the details. It was quite evident that the judge was out of his element among the beef breeds. We believe, however, that most of the herds came in for a fair share of the tickets, and even those receiving more than they deserved were as loud in their disgust at the judgment as the men not so fortunate. To give one example: Mr. Leask's Toronto sweepstakes bull, two years in succession, was turned down by the 4th prize calf at the former show. Such glaring changes were common in the judging.

Gallogays.—Messrs. McCrae and Sibbald were the only exhibitors. The old herd 1st prize went to Sibbald's stock, while the tables were turned in the young herd contest. Both herds were good and creditably brought out.

Polled Angus.—The exhibition of the Doddies was undoubtedly the best seen in Canada for years. The exhibitors were: James Bowman, with twelve head; Wm. Stewart & Son, eight head; D. M. Wilson & Son, six head; and R. H. Pope, with some eight animals, most of which were brought out in nice form. The prizes were fairly well divided up, some falling where they were least deserved; for instance, a thin-backed cow, with snags of horns, was placed 2nd, ahead of two or three grand animals that would have been creditable to any showing.

Herefords comprised the herds shown in Toronto by Messrs. H. D. Smith, and D. M. Wilson, of Compton, the prizes being fairly well divided.

Beef Breeds were a good lot of different breeding. Mr. Leask secured, as he deserved, the leading prizes, with Bowman's polled grades next in order, while Hereford grades came in for a share of the glory.

Devons were represented by thirteen head, shown by W. J. Rudi, in good form. They seem to combine the beef and dairy characteristics in desirable proportions.

THE DAIRY BREEDS

had, to a large extent, the field in numbers at this exhibition. While the Eastern men can themselves turn out excellent stock, the West was fairly well represented in some of the classes. In fact,

Holsteins were all from the West, and all had been shown in Toronto; Messrs. Gilroy, Hoover & Son, and G. W. Clemons being the exhibitors. These herds have already been commented upon. They all stood well in their classes, as well as in the milk test at the former contest, and were the only ones to enter the test at this show, but the petering out of the contest left their standing as found in Toronto. The exhibitors' herd prize was secured by Hoover; breeders' herd, by Clemons; male sweepstakes, by Gilroy; and the best female was found in Clemons' yearling heifer.

Jerseys had about as keen competition as any sort shown. W. A. Reburn & Co., St. Anne's, were out with some twenty head of well-fitted, good cattle, and won many good prizes. The breeders' herd prize came their way, as well as first on two-year-old bull and heifer calf. James Smith, Highfield, had out some nineteen head, and captured the exhibitors' herd prize, as well as sweepstakes on aged cow (Signal Rosa May, that was never beaten), and other first prizes. Wm. Rolph, Markham, had some twelve head forward, and had his Toronto sweepstakes bull turned down to third place by F. S. Peers, Mount Morris, N. Y., who judged all the dairy breeds except Holsteins. The male sweepstakes award was here taken by Violet's Leo, a yearling shown by W. Wicks, of New Toronto. The Trappist Fathers contested in this class, but failed to secure any notable winnings.

Ayrshires are about as much at home at Montreal as in their native Scottish county. The exhibit, however, of this year did not come within a considerable distance of last year's contest, as no Western herds were down to fight the battles. None of the seven herds present were shown in Toronto this year, so that we have an entirely new lot to speak of. Perhaps the proudest man among them at the end of the contest was Mr. D. Drummond, of Petite Cote, who showed twelve head and secured five firsts and a good share of second prizes. The best young herd prize was among them, as was also second on old herd. Nelly Osborne, the

World's Fair victor, was among them and kept her old place, as she deserved. James Drummond was also out with a herd of fifteen good animals, but as his cows usually freshen in the spring his awards were not so numerous as those of some of the others. D. McLachlin's twenty head bore away the breeders' herd prize, and the sweepstakes on Silver King was by common consent correctly placed. David Benning had out only eight head, of mostly young stock, and his winnings were of no mean order. First, second and third on heifer calves, and first, second and fourth on bull calves under six months means something of importance in such company, and that is what he won, as well as third on yearling bull. R. Robertson, Compton, had out thirteen head. He won second on breeders' herd, as well as other merited awards. Wm. Wylie, Howick, P. Q., showed eleven head, winning, among other prizes, first and second on two-year-old bulls—sons of Silver King and Lord Stirling. Messrs. Dawes & Co. proved to have the best three-year-old cow in milk. Their exhibit comprised nine creditable animals. Mr. J. Johnston, Compton, was out with a few choice imported cows and some good young stock, comprising some thirteen head. He won first on yearling heifer and other awards.

Guernseys are becoming a strong class at Canadian shows. On this occasion three very good herds were forward and divided the spoils. Hon. Sydney Fisher, Knowlton, Que., had a useful lot of cows and some young stock. He captured the breeders' herd first prize and third on exhibitors' herd. Messrs. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, have not been long with the Guernseys, but they have an excellent start for a herd. The first prize for exhibitors' herd came their way, as well as silver medal on female. Isaleigh Grange, Danville, Que., had some fine representatives of their reputable herd forward, and won sweepstakes on bull any age, as well as second on breeders' herd.

"*Canadians*" seldom show up at any show west of Montreal, but here they come out in strong competition. Some seventy-five head were present upon this occasion. They are smaller and finer-boned than the Jersey, but have something of the same outline. There are among them blacks, browns, and fawns, which should be solid of whatever color they are. Up till this year they could be registered by having a certain number of crosses and by scale of points, but from this time forward only the produce of registered stock will be recordable. It is claimed for them that they will give more butter on poor feed than any other sort, and they are exceedingly hardy. Mr. Arsene Denis, St. Norbert, had the best exhibit forward.

Dairy Grades were a moderate class, the best cows being of Ayrshire strain.

SHEEP.

As in the past, all the classes, "with the exception of the Shropshires," were represented by Toronto winners, which captured all the best prizes, a noticeable feature being that the majority of the breeds were represented only by Western Ontario breeders. The sheep industry seemingly does not receive the attention which it should by the farmers of this Province (Quebec)—a country in many parts particularly adapted to sheep-raising, which, if undertaken rightly, would become one of the most profitable industries. The judging was exceedingly slow and incompetent. Dissatisfaction was heard on all sides that it was not done earlier in the week, the awards not being completed until Friday, the last day of the fair.

Cotswolds were a very good class, and were represented by C. T. Garbutt, Claremont, Ont., who was forward with nineteen head of fine quality and in capital trim. This flock won all the best prizes, with the exception of aged rams, his grand imported ram having to take second place to a sheep of less than half his value. Among the Quebec breeders, Mr. Chas. Robinson, Odelltown, Que., was the strongest exhibitor, showing nineteen head of very fine quality, but rather undersized and thin in flesh. Arsene Denis, St. Norbert, Que., also showed several head in this class, of average quality and fit.

Lincolns.—Messrs. Gibson & Walker showed a grand lot, some twenty head in all, of No. 1 quality and capital finish throughout. This flock secured all the firsts and seconds, with the exception of aged ram, this prize being awarded to Arsene Denis, St. Norbert, Que., on a fine large ram, but not possessing the quality of the former. Messrs. Denis and Clavis Ouintment, St. Francois de Sales, Que., divided the remaining honors with flocks which needed toning up by the use of sires of better quality of fleece and the introduction of more size.

Leicesters.—Mr. Kelly, of Shakespeare, Ont., was again forward with his Toronto winners and made a clean sweep. David Baxter, North Georgetown, came next on a flock of fair quality, but in field flesh compared to their competitors. H. Lamarche, St. Esprit, Que., also showed some half dozen head, completing the list of this class.

Oxfords.—Smith Evans, of Gourlock, Ont., was the only exhibitor. His flock comprised several exceedingly fine individuals, the shearing ewes being a model pair. His shearing ram was one of the best we have seen, very square, even and thick, of grand quality, and standing very wide on legs of great bone, while his pen of imported lambs drew much attention, and were certainly noteworthy for their great size, good quality, and general good Oxford type.

Hampshires were represented by a pen of good ones, owned by John Kelly, Shakespeare.