

The Greater St. John Fair.

The New Brunswick Provincial Exhibition, held this year at St. John, was in many ways one of the best shows ever held in the Province, though the lateness of the season prevented the splendid display of field grains and field and garden vegetables and fruits which have usually been a very strong feature of New Brunswick shows. The grounds and buildings were in splendid condition, everything being bright and clean, and the lighting system equipped with Tungsten lamps was a great advance on any system of illumination hitherto used. A very effective scheme of decoration was used in the main building, and the many industrial exhibits were displayed in a way that harmonized with the general effect, thus making an unusually bright and attractive scene. The attendance surpassed even the high mark made at the Dominion Exhibition of two years ago for an equal number of days, and the many visitors seemed especially well pleased with the various features. The industrial exhibits this year showed among other striking exhibits a complete shoe-making establishment in operation with the most modern machinery. A special and pleasing feature of the industrial department was a comprehensive display of "The made in St. John exhibits." Few people had heretofore realized the extent and variety of the local manufactures; the range extending from the heaviest iron works to the finest fabrics and jewelry. The City of Moncton also came out with an admirable display, showing the industrial activity of that enterprising town. The amusement features, including a twice daily airship flight, were of a high class throughout, and assisted in drawing unusually large crowds from outside points.

The live-stock features, with the exception of poultry, were stronger than usual; the exhibit of dairy cattle having been heretofore unsurpassed in the Maritime Provinces, and it was pleasing to note that nearly all the animals were better fitted than at previous shows. The strongest feature was the Ayrshire class, with over one hundred and sixty entries, making exceedingly close competition in every section, and emphasizing the honor secured by the winners.

HORSES.

Thoroughbreds, though few in number, were of high quality. Samuel Jones, St. John, with a magnificent brown stallion, Previous, this year took first over the hitherto unbeaten Waterlight, owned by Geo. W. Fowler, Sussex, and of the three very excellent mares shown, E. C. Woods, East St. John, won first. Peter Clinch, long known as a Thoroughbred breeder, took the honors for brood mare with foal by her side, with a Kentucky-bred mare of excellent quality.

The Hackney class contained some excellent individuals, R. A. Snowball, Chatham, taking first on both aged stallions and two-year-olds. The second prize in the aged class went to John Jackson, St. John, on Stampede, a horse imported some years ago by the Government, that has left some splendid stock in the Province. In the aged-mare class, R. A. Snowball, with his old imported mare, the mother of eleven magnificent colts in as many years, and yet possessing all the style and action of a four-year-old, was easily first.

Standard-breds were not out in large numbers in the breeding classes, but showed up well as roadsters. H. C. Jewett's Axbell took first honors in the stallion class. In females some very excellent mares and young things were shown.

In the heavy breeds the Clydesdales had the most entries. Six aged stallions faced the judge. First place and also championship went to Baron Squires, a son of Baron's Pride, of excellent quality, shown by McFarlane Bros., Fox Harbor Point, N.S.; second to R. A. Snowball, Chatham, for a stallion of good style and substance; third to McFarlane Bros., for Vanderbilt; fourth to H. C. Jewett, on the well known old Sorbie Boy, by Up-to-Time, and fifth place to Baron Corning, an imported horse, owned by The Fraser Lumber Co., Plaster Rock. The only two-year-old stallion was a recently imported colt of splendid size and quality, Dunbar Crag, a son of the noted Baron of Buchlyvie, and out of a mare by Montrave Marquis. Many of the horsemen backed this colt for champion of the show. He is owned by G. C. Cossar, of Glasgow, Scotland, sent out for his boys' Training Farm at Lower Gagetown, N.B. The aged mare class had seven entries, mostly imported mares, showing size and quality. R. A. Snowball, Chatham, took first with a mare of good substance and conformation and quality, and second with her mate; 3rd went to a young mare owned by W. W. Black, Amherst, and 4th and 5th to the Fraser Lumber Co., Plaster Rock.

Shires were represented by two yearling stallions and two yearling fillies. Samuel Jones, St. John, got 1st on a growthy, thick colt; Edward Hogan, St. John, took 2nd, and owning both fillies got the awards in their class.

The Percherons shown were not relatively so classy as the Clydesdales, but were good useful horses. In aged stallions, H. C. Jewett, Fredericton, took 1st with Gresham, a good all-round horse. The St. John Milling Co. got 2nd on Mathurin, a Belgian type horse, and Jamieson & Walker, Sussex, N.B., 3rd with Glaneur, a horse showing more of the old-time Percheron style than usually seen at present-day shows. Charles Symes, Minudie, N.S., showed a mare and one-year-old filly, taking 1st prize on each, and E. A. Chamberlain, St. John, showed a brood mare with foal and got the award.

Some very stylish turnouts were shown in the Carriage Classes, and good movers, Standard-bred and otherwise, in the Roadster Class. In the Commercial Class the Dominion Express took off all the awards with their hitches.

The draft horses were nearly all of Clydesdale type, some excellent teams being shown.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns were not out in usual force, only two herds being shown. C. A. Archibald, Truro, N. S., brought 12 animals, just off the pasture, he said, as other work was pressing, and only at the last moment did he arrange to come out. The herd is headed by his white bull, Prince Ideal, a son of Cicely's Pride, a massive yet smooth bull, with some good calves to his credit. He was first in his class and champion. In the cow class he took 1st and 3rd prizes, and got a fair share of the awards on young stock. He got also 1st on aged herds and 1st for cow and two of her offspring. R. A. Snowball, Chatham, came out with an even lot, headed by Sun Robin Sailor, a bull that is getting some good stock. He got 2nd on aged cows, and 1st on all the younger classes, except in calves. He had the champion female, and took 1st on young herds.

The Fraser Lumber Co. showed an imported bull of dairy breeding, which, while not quite so thick as his competitors, was of excellent quality and of good beef form, taking 3rd prize. They also showed a yearling bull of much promise.

W. W. Black had the only Hereford herd, but brought in fine fit, and a worthy representation of this excellent beef breed. His grade Herefords made an excellent showing, and got most of the awards in the fat classes.

Wm. A. Pinckney, Yarmouth, N.S., was the only exhibitor of Devons, and got all the awards. They had hardly the finish which visitors to an exhibition like to see.

The Ayrshire class was the banner feature of the show. McIntyre Bros., Sussex, N.B., took the highest awards, but all the exhibitors shared. They included M. H. Parlee, Lower Millstream, N.B.; Prescott Blanchard, Truro, N.S.; Retson Bros., Truro; Easton Bros., Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Clifford Creighton, St. John, and John A. Hughes, Petitediac.

McIntyre Bros., Sussex, had a fine string of good things, headed by imported Grange Kelly, a bull of great constitution, weight and milking prepotency. He was bred by John Slater, of Scotland. He got the championship and won first with two of his get. As a yearling in 1910 he won first at the Dominion Exhibition and reserve to grand champion. Morton Mains' Lady Nellie, an imported cow, from the herd of Robert Osborne, of Scotland, won 1st in her class, and got the female championship, as well as 1st for cow and two of her offspring. She was closely tied in style, quality and milking ability by her stall mate, Flows Jean, also an imported cow, bred by Hugh Mair, of Scotland, brought to the Province two years ago by the late A. H. Thomson. This herd included a splendid lot of young animals, all of which—with the exception of an imported bull—were got by either Grange Kelly or by Sunrise, the bull which took the reserve championship at Toronto a few days ago, having been sold by McIntyre Bros. last June.

Prescott Blanchard, Truro, brought out his herd in fine form, and came in for a substantial share of the money. He got 1st on dry cow, 2nd on senior bull calf, 2nd on three-year-old cow, 2nd on Canadian-bred cow, 2nd on senior heifer calf. Reserve female championship and 2nd on senior herd were also his. He was also in the awards on many other classes.

M. H. Parlee, Lower Millstream, took 2nd place in aged bulls with his imported Howie's Special, a bull of great quality and splendid dairy form. He took 1st on senior bull calf, 2nd on junior bull calf, 1st on junior heifer calf, and many other awards.

Easton Bros., Charlottetown, P.E.I., came over with a herd of seventeen, headed by imported Howie's Crusader, a bull of great quality, strength and milking form, taking 3rd place in his class. His yearling get, Sandy Bond, took 1st prize in very strong competition; a senior yearling heifer took 2nd; junior yearling heifer 1st, and a number of other awards, showing the excellence of his breeding qualities. This herd got 2nd on dry cow, 4 years old; 2nd on dry cow, 3 years old; 1st and 4th on heifer 2 years old; 2nd on bull and three of his get, and 2nd on cow and two of her offspring. In the herd prizes the 3rd place in senior herds and 2nd in junior were taken by Easton Bros.

Retson Bros., Truro, came out with a useful herd, founded on their own importations, taking 1st on Canadian-bred cow 3 years, and getting into the money with their senior yearling bull, a fine growthy chap of excellent dairy form, their aged dry cow, dry cow 3 years old, and junior yearling heifer. Clifford Creighton, St. John, while not having a full herd, had some excellent individuals, taking 1st on two-year-old bull, with a stylish milky-looking chap that will be heard from later. He was in the awards with heavy competition in the dry cow classes, taking 1st on three-year-old with a cow of great promise. He took 1st also on two-year-old cow, 2nd on two-year-old heifer, 3rd on senior yearling, and 4th on junior heifer calf. John A. Hughes, Petitediac, is a new exhibitor, and entered some very good youngsters, taking 3rd and 4th on junior bull calves.

The Holstein entries included some good herds. J. D. Irving, Buctouche, made his initial entry at a St. John show with a lot of good stuff brought out in fine fit. He took 1st in all the bull classes down to junior yearling, where he took 3rd, and his bulls got the championship and the reserve. In females he took 1st and 4th on aged cows, and the female championship; 1st on three-year-old cow, on two-year-old cow, on senior yearling heifer, 1st and 3rd on junior yearling heifer, 1st and 4th on senior herd, 1st on young herd. His two-year-old bull, Lord Seaview Rooker, won the championship, and his senior yearling bull was the reserve to championship. He also came into the money with several other entries. Lea & Clark, Victoria, P.E.I., brought 22 pure-breds and 7 grades. They got 1st on junior yearling bull with a very nice mellow-handling smooth bull of their own breeding, 1st and 4th on junior bull calves, 1st and 3rd

on Canadian-bred cows, 1st on dry cows, 1st and 3rd on senior heifer calf, 1st and 2nd on three animals, the get of one sire; 2nd on aged herd, and 3rd and 4th on young herd. A notable and creditable fact in connection with the whole herd of 29 head is that, with the exception of two imported, every animal has been bred by themselves within the last eight years. Harding Bros., Welsford, brought out 18 head, with their aged bull, who was champion at Toronto two years in succession. He took 2nd place, and their other bull took 3rd. Their senior bull calf took 1st in his class, and is a particularly promising youngster. If no accident befalls him he will be heard from later. They got 1st on two-year-old heifer, and 1st and 4th on junior heifer calf, besides getting into the money somewhere in almost every section, including 1st on young herd, 1st on cow and two of her offspring, and 2nd on aged herd. John A. Hughes, Petitediac, got 3rd place with a junior yearling bull that has much promise.

The Jersey class brought some choice offerings. H. S. Pipes & Sons, Amherst, with 23 animals, headed by imported Fereor, and a cow bred by B. H. Bull & Son, had everything of their own breeding, and were very successful with it, taking the following firsts: Junior yearling bull, senior bull calf, junior bull calf, and one on all the yearling and heifer calf classes, besides 1st and 3rd on young herds, and 1st on bull and three of his get. They also got many awards in other classes. Josselyn & Young, St. John, got a good share of the prizes with some splendid commercial stock. They took firsts on two-year-old bull, aged cow, aged dry cow, and all the awards in three-year-old dry cows, 1st on two-year-old heifer, on three-year-old Canadian-bred cow, and the female championship, 1st on senior herd, 1st and 2nd on cow and three of her offspring, and coming second in many of the other classes, including the young herd.

Clifford Creighton, St. John, had not a large herd, but some choice individuals. His aged bull, Brampton Phra, of B. H. Bull & Sons' breeding, took 1st in his class and the championship. He came into the money in many other classes, and will no doubt have some fine offerings later on.

The Guernseys were well represented with two good herds. H. W. Corning, M.P.P., Yarmouth, N.S., came over with a herd in good fit, headed by Island Prince of Hillside, who took 1st as aged bull and the championship. He is also the sire of everything in the herd under two years of age, and these bespeak his value as a breeder. His two-year-old bull, Fillmore's King, bred at Wellesley Farm, Mass., took 1st as a two-year-old, and brings an excellent strain of blood to back up Island Prince's foundation. He took also the following firsts: senior and junior bull calves, two-year-old cow, junior heifer calf and young herd. He got 2nd place on his aged cow, Dairymaid of Hillside, 2nd on three-year-old cow, 2nd on senior yearling heifer, 2nd on junior yearling, 2nd on senior heifer calf, 2nd in aged herd, and on Canadian-bred cow, and was in the money with other entries.

Roper Bros., Charlottetown, P.E.I., had an especially strong herd in females, taking 1st on aged cows, aged dry cows, three-year-old dry cow, two-year-old cow, senior yearling heifer, junior yearling heifer, senior heifer calf, cow and two of her offspring, and Dolly of Willow was female champion. They also took the aged herd 1st, and in bulls 1st on senior and junior yearlings. In nearly all other sections they also came into the money.

In dairy grade classes the Holsteins of Lea & Clark got most of the first prizes, with a lot of fine young cows of their own breeding.

SHEEP.

While it could not be said that this department was as large as it should be, there were some very good flocks and individuals.

Lincolns were shown by Albert Boswall and A. D. Boswall, of P. E. Island, and Chas. Symes, Minudie; the first named taking most of the awards. He also got a good share of the money in the Leicester class, where Retson Bros., of Truro, and S. L. Boswall were his competitors.

In Oxford Downs, Burdu Goodwin, Baie Verte, N.B., and Jas. E. Baker & Sons, Barrowsfield, N.S., divided the honors pretty evenly, both with very good offerings.

There were only two flocks of Shropshires, and both from Prince Edward Island—Cephas Nunn, Winsloe Road, and Geo. B. Boswall, Southport,—both with good stock, and breaking very evenly on the money.

Southdowns were well brought out by Cephas Nunn and J. E. Baker & Sons; Nunn, with most entries, getting most of the awards.

Cephas Nunn had a monopoly of Hampshires, and some very good sheep among them.

Suffolks were shown by Albert and A. D. Boswall; Dorsets by Cephas Nunn and Geo. L. Boswall, and Cheviots by Charles Symes and Geo. A. Symes, Minudie, N.S.

SWINE.

An unusual feature of this exhibition was the absence of Berkshires. Yorkshires were the strongest class, and the display of sows with litters was unusually strong, and the litters remarkably large, several having over the dozen of thrifty healthy pigs. J. W. Callbeck, Augustine Cove, P.E.I., was the largest exhibitor of Yorkshires; H. W. Corning, Yarmouth, of Chester Whites; Chas. Symes, Minudie, N.S., of Poland Chinas, and Jos. E. Baker & Sons of Duroc-Jerseys. No Tamworths were shown.

POULTRY.

The reduction of the prize list resulted in a much smaller exhibit than at the Dominion Fair of two years ago, outside exhibitors not coming in. R. I. Reds, White Rocks and White Wyandottes were the strongest utility classes, the Barred P. Rocks not this year taking their usual strong lead.