

be a good housekeeper as I might wish to live with them during part of the year. The farm is conveniently located on one of the most public roads in the county. There is a schoolhouse on the adjoining farm, and a railway half a mile distant. If I succeed in getting such a man as I want, I would like him to look me up a few Shropshire ewes and a few Shorthorn heifers, and perhaps a few hogs.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. D. KIRK.

The above letter was received a few days ago. Any person wishing to apply for the position had better communicate direct with Mr. Kirk. As Mr. Kirk may require a few Shropshire ewes and a few Shorthorn heifers, it might be worth while for some of the breeders to communicate with him. Everything possible will be done to make the GAZETTE of service to the live stock breeders and agriculturists.

Provincial Fat Stock, Dairy and Dressed Poultry Show, London, Dec. 11th to 15th.

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS.

At a meeting of the sub-executive of the Provincial Winter Fair, held in the Tecumseh House, London, on Saturday, November 25th, it was decided, if possible, to commence judging in the sheep, swine and poultry classes at 3 o'clock, December 12th, instead of at 10.30 on Wednesday, December 13th, as previously announced in the prize list and elsewhere. This change was thought desirable in order to complete the judging as early on the 13th as possible. It is expected that a large number of officers, directors and members of the various Farmers' Institutes throughout the province will attend the exhibition, and it will be better for all concerned that the judging be completed at as early a date as possible.

EXHIBITORS IN DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

The Forest City Business College, of London, Ont., is giving as a special prize in the Dairy Department the fine silver cup which was by error advertised in the prize list to be given by Mr. John S. Pearce. This cup is offered as a sweepstake prize for best cow or heifer.

Prize, before becoming the final property of any exhibitor, must be won twice in succession, or on three separate occasions by him.

An Opportunity not to be Neglected.

There are the best of reasons why every one interested in Live Stock of various kinds should make it a point to spend at least a couple of days at the Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show, which will be held in London, Ont., from December 11th to the 15th.

This exhibition has steadily pushed its way onward from small beginnings, until now it stands unexcelled, not only as an exhibition of fat stock but also as an educator, inasmuch as the block test, which, it is needless to say, is the only satisfactory method of determining which carcass is the most deserving of the prize from a consumer's point of view, has this year been extended to the sheep department, and will, next year, include cattle as well. It will thus be possible now for those interested to see sheep and swine judged alive and then to compare the order in which the experts will place the carcasses when dressed. This will be not only interesting but most instructive. In fact no one who feeds animals can afford to neglect the opportunity thus provided of acquiring information so vital to their business. The judging in every class will be done by competent, selected men, the first animals to appear in the ring being sheep and swine, which will be judged during the afternoon of December 12th, and on the two following days. The cattle will be in the ring at 10 a.m., December 13th. Sheep and swine entered in the block tests will be slaughtered during the first and second days of the show.

ILLUSTRATED ADDRESSES.

In order to utilize the dressed carcasses to the best advantage, the judges and other experts in the sheep, swine and poultry classes will deliver addresses, using the carcasses to illustrate these, and will point out desirable and undesirable points and explain the reasons why they are so. In connection with the export trade in bacon these addresses will be especially valuable. In the poultry department the selection, feeding, killing, dressing and packing poultry, both for home markets and the export trade, will be extensively demonstrated, and a cramping machine will be on hand, besides many other machines so generally useful to the poultry keeper. The dressed poultry will be judged by Mrs. Gilbert, wife of Prof. Gilbert, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, one of the best and most critical lady judges of dressed poultry in Canada.

DAIRY.

A novel feature in this department will be the working of a gasoline engine, by means of which a cream separator will be run, on December 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th at 9 a.m. In order to properly carry out the dairy test, all cows must be in their stalls by 2 p.m. on the 11th.

VALUABLE PRIZES OFFERED.

The prize list is a most generous one, totalling over \$5,300. There are sweepstakes prizes offered for every variety of cattle, sheep and swine, for which regular prizes are given, while in the dairy classes there are two

sweepstakes and several specials, and there are also sweepstakes for fowls, turkeys, geese and ducks, besides a number of specials. In addition to all these, every exhibitor of cattle, sheep and swine, who wins prizes, has it in his power to receive an additional ten per cent. if he furnishes the secretary, within fourteen days after the close of the exhibition, with a detailed statement showing how his animal or animals were bred, fed and looked after from birth to the time of the show; while, as a further inducement, the exhibitor of cattle who furnishes the most valuable information will receive an extra prize of \$5. By this means it is expected that most valuable information will be elicited on the question of breeding and feeding cattle from birth to the block.

MEETINGS OF ASSOCIATIONS.

During the evenings while the show is in progress the Dominion Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations will hold their annual meetings. The cattle breeders meet on Monday the 11th at 7.30 p.m.; the swine breeders on Tuesday evening and the sheep breeders on Thursday. At these meetings special experts will give suitable addresses. J. S. Woodward, Lockport, N.Y. will give an illustrated talk to the cattle breeders on "An Ideal Dairy Cow." Prof. Day will speak to the swine breeders on the requirements of the home and foreign markets for pork products, while the subject of Prof. Craig's lecture to the sheep men will be an "Ideal Mutton Sheep" with illustrations. The judges in the block tests will also address the meetings. On Wednesday there will be a joint public meeting at night when Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. John Dryden, Prof. Robertson, Dr. Mills and others will speak on suitable topics.

There will also be a very large meeting of members of Farmers' Institutes on Friday, December 15th in the City Hall, at which all speakers, who are to attend Institute meetings during the winter, are expected to be present to hear an address from Mr. A. W. Campbell, Provincial Instructor in Road-making on the subject of "Road Improvement." All delegates who attend this and all the other meetings will have their expenses paid until they return home.

CHEAP RATES.

Any one who wishes to attend the Show can do so at a low cost, as all railroads have arranged to give a single fare rate from December 11th to the 15th, good to return until the 16th. Judges and exhibitors can by securing a certificate from F. W. Hodson, secretary, get a single fare rate from December 7th to 15th inclusive. These tickets are good until the 19th. The freight rates for exhibition stock are also on a single fare basis, and men in charge