

ling and senior calf classes, with Howie's Crusader and Lessnessock Scottish Thistle, though many would have placed their Lessnessock Bella Prince at the top. Ness won the remaining first prizes in the bull classes, and took sweepstakes with Barcheskie's King's Own. It was a difficult task placing the cows, three years and over, and before finally deciding, the judge, Prof. Gris-dale, ordered them to be milked out. When finally lined up, the order was Monkland Dorothy, a tidy, deep-bodied cow, a nice handler, with fine withers, large udder, teats well placed, but lacking a little in heart girth. Bargower Moss Rose, strong in constitution and handling, but somewhat deficient in size and shape of udder, was second. Both were Ness' entries. The third placing was Lessnessock Stylish Hillhead, which was fresh last November, or she would have done better. Ness also showed Howie's Orange Lily, which many preferred for first place, and whose most serious fault is a slight lack of refinement about the head. Ness won the two-year-old section with Burnside Cherry, and Hunters got second with Lessnessock Lady Kate; also third on Ardgon Carntyne Fourth.

The female championship was awarded to Ness on Burnside Cherry, with Monkland Dorothy reserve. Ness won the aged herd; Hunter the young herd; Ness the breeder's herd, and three the get of one sire.

JERSEYS.—One of the penalties which an exhibitor must accept when he has the misfortune not to meet competition, is that the comparative merits of his stock are not dwelt upon very exhaustively. This is the fate of the Bull exhibit of Jerseys. Messrs. Bull & Sons are extensive breeders, at Brampton, Ont., and although they had some forty head at Edmonton and Calgary, they did not draw upon the stock they are preparing for Eastern fairs. The journey in the intense heat wore off some of the bloom on the Jerseys; otherwise they made a creditable show. During the exhibition several head changed hands, as already mentioned; included in the purchasers being the Lieutenant-Governor, the Attorney-General, and Mr. John A. Turner.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS NOTES.

It would almost seem as if we had got transported down South, so hot and dry it has been during the past three weeks, with not even a shower to lay the dust from the 12th to the 27th of June—scorching heat, which finished up on July 7th with the thermometer reaching 92 in the shade. Such excessive heat is foreign to our part of Canada, and is usually followed by a thunderstorm, and the one that materialized on July 2nd was most severe, although little damage was done in this section. The rainfall was most welcome, and was the heaviest since the month of May. Already may be seen the effect of the moisture on vegetation, and especially pasture lands, which had become very short and bare, particularly so on high, gravelly land and bare clays. The drouth was even worse than last year, as there was no soiling crop ready to feed to the cows, consequently the milk flow has decreased much below the normal at this time. In some sections the make of butter and cheese has decreased at least 30 per cent. These conditions are not simply local, as they extend well into the Eastern Townships, and cover a larger area than last year. Farther east they have had more rain, consequently the crops are farther advanced.

Hay will not be more than a two-thirds cut, but the quality is superior. Already much clover has been cut and put in, in fine condition. Timothy is still in bloom, and with the rain of Tuesday will make some growth yet. Grain is coming on slowly, and at best will be short in the straw, and in some sections will not be over half a crop. Corn is coming on slowly also, but is a good color, and with the moisture now in the soil should make quick growth, as this is the "corn" month. Potatoes have done better than was expected, only the hot weather has made the potato beetle active, and the farmer had to be very active also with the Paris-green spray, in order to combat the ravages of the beetle. Root crops are weak, as it was late before the root crop was sown; much of the seed did not germinate owing to the dry weather, consequently there are many misses.

The crop of small fruits, while large, was not up to the average in quality, as the hot, dry weather tended to mature the fruit too rapidly, therefore the fruit was smaller than would otherwise have been. Where the apples were not sprayed there has been a thinning out of the fruit by dropping from the tree, and we fear

there will be a number of bare apple trees this fall in the unsprayed orchards.

Prices of dairy products have been well maintained, although the make is not quite as large here, on account of the condensary and the Montreal market taking a much larger supply of milk and cream than in any previous season. W. F. S.

THE ROYAL SHOW AT NEWCASTLE.

The 69th annual exhibition of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the first week in July, was one of the most successful in its history, both as to attendance and the character of exhibits. Time and space admit of but a brief summary of the awards in principal classes as this issue goes to press.

Clydesdale entries, for the first time at a Royal, were more numerous than Shires, or any other breed of horses. There were no prizes for stallions older than three-year-olds, in which class Messrs. Montgomery were first with Rycroft, by Everlasting; J. T. Peacock second with King Harry, by Silver Cup; Seaham Harbor Co. third, with Silver Stamp, by Silver Cup. In a good class of two-year-old colts, R. Brydon was first with Bonnie Buchlyvie, by Baron of Buchlyvie. This colt was the champion Clydesdale stallion. The second was Mr. Graham's On Guard, by Prince Sturdy; third, J. Kilpatrick's Baron Belmont, by Baron of Buchlyvie. In the yearling class the Montgomerys were first with a colt of Baron's Pride, and Mr. Kilpatrick second with a son of Marmion. In the brood mare class, Stephen Mitchell was first and second with Royal Ruby, by Baron's Pride, and Minnewawa, by Hiawatha. The champion female was J. Ernest Kerr's Nerrissa, the first-prize two-year-old, a daughter of Baron's Pride. She was also the champion female.

Shires were championed by Lord Rothschild's Halsted Royal Duke, the first-prize two-year-old, by Lockinge Forest King. The champion female was Mr. Bradley's first-prize mare, Halstead Duchess 2nd, the dam of the champion stallion.

The champion Hackney stallion was Sir Walter Gilbert's two-year-old, Flash Cadet, by His Majesty, and the reserve Mr. McKerrrow's first-prize three-year-old, King of the West. The champion mare was R. P. Evans' brood mare, District Maid, by Rosador.

In the Shorthorn cattle class the first-prize aged bull and male champion was Sir Richard Cooper's Chiddingstone Malcolm, a roan three-year-old. Second went to Tarrel Uxor, a red and white roan bull, shown by Geo. Campbell, Harthill, Aberdeen. His Majesty the King was third with Royal Windsor, the winner last year. In a class of 40 senior two-year-old bulls, Geo. Harrison was first with Pride of Tees; the King second with Evander; Mr. Rothwell third with Lord Brilliant. In the junior two-year-old class, John Handley was first with Rosedale Favorite; Arthur Bassett second with Tehidy Robin Hood. In the senior yearling class, Mr. Harrison's Duthie-bred Collynie Champion was placed first; A. T. Gordon's Count Fascinator second; F. Miller's Royal Duke third. Mr. Gordon was first in junior yearlings, with a son of Newton Crystal. Cows in milk were led by Lady Graceful, shown last year by Mr. Rothwell, and this year by Mr. Maden. Mr. Harrison was second with the white cow, Dalmeny Rosemary. In a class of sixty two-year-old heifers, His Majesty the King had the first in the unbeaten Marjorie, the female champion of the breed; second was the white Snowdrop, by Silver Mint, shown by Mr. Leon. In a class of 58 yearlings, W. T. Garne & Son were first with Village Belle, by Village Beau; Mr. Hosken was second, and Mr. Maden third. In the dairy Shorthorn first-prize cow, Gift II, went to Lord Rothschild's first-prize cow, Gift II.

In a great show of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, D. M. McCrae, Stenhouse, was first and champion with his grand aged bull, Everlasting of Ballindalloch. Mr. Cridlan was second, with Everwise. For cows in milk, Lord Mendale was first with the Glamis-bred Velozia, the reserve female champion, the champion being Mr. Kennedy's Eurota, the first-prize three-year-old cow.

The champion Galloway bull was the Duke of Buccleugh's aged bull, Romulus, and the champion female, T. Biggar & Sons' noted Flora Macdonald, the first-prize cow and the champion of last year.

In a good display of Ayrshires, Jas. Howie had first and second aged bulls, in Howie's Reliable, a two-year-old, and Nethercraig Spicy Sam, respectively, the former being made champion. In the milking cow

class, A. & W. Kerr had first and third, in Old Graitney Soncie VII., and Soncie VIII. Mr. C. Douglas was second with Holehouse Duchess V.

Reference to the sheep and swine classes must be held over for next issue.

NOTES FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

The season so far has been favorable to good crops. It was quite late before farmers got through seeding, but weather conditions have been splendid since, and crops have done extra well.

Hay gives promise of being an abundant crop; oats also look well; potatoes and turnips growing well, although just at present it is very hot and rain would be welcomed. Pastures have been good and cows are doing well, but flies are pretty bad. Butter and cheese are keeping up in price. The meat supply is short. Lambs are being put on the market at \$4 or more each. There is promise of a good fruit crop. Strawberries are ripening, and will be plentiful. Garden crops are good, with no cutworms as yet, but potato bugs are getting right down to business as usual.

King's Co., N.B.

H. T. HAYES.

FAIR DATES FOR 1908.

July 21st to 24th.—Highland Society Show, at Aberdeen.

July 21st to 24th.—Regina.

August 29th to Sept. 14th.—Canadian National, Toronto.

August 29th to Sept. 5th.—Sherbrooke, Que.

Sept. 2nd to 10th.—Nova Scotia Provincial, Halifax.

Sept. 11th to 19th.—Western Fair, London.

Sept. 12th to 19th.—St. John, N. B.

Sept. 18th to 26th.—Ottawa Central.

Sept. 22nd and 23rd.—St. Thomas Horse Show, St. Thomas, Ont.

Sept. 22nd to 25th.—Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Sept. 29th to Oct. 3rd.—New Westminster, B. C.

Nov. 28th to Dec. 10th.—International Live-stock Exposition, Chicago.

REV. DR. BURKE.

Rev. Father Burke, of Alberton, P. E. I., the able contributor of our widely-appreciated "Maritime Letter," has recently received from his Alma Mater, the University of Laval, from which he graduated with high honors in 1885, the Degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Burke is a man of extraordinary versatility. Not alone in the service of the Church has he won eminence. As a publicist he is actively concerned in all the larger affairs of state, while of agriculture he has long been a stalwart champion. It is easily within the mark to say that through sheer vigor of effort, combined with intellectual vitality and generous devotion to the numerous causes that appeal to him, he has become the foremost figure in Maritime Canada to-day.

ALBERTA PORK COMMISSION.

The Alberta Department of Agriculture announced last month the personnel of the commission that is to inquire into the pork industry of the Province. It consists of three men, A. G. Harrison, Edmonton; Francis Bower, Red Deer, and R. A. Wallace, High River. The object of the investigations is to get authentic information for the department as to the existing state of affairs, and to advise as to the Government's establishment and supervision of packing plants in the Province.

Prof. R. Harcourt, who has spent several months studying the problems of agricultural chemistry, and the methods in vogue at German and British institutions, is expected to resume his work at the Ontario Agricultural College in September.

By reports received at Toronto from the Ontario staff of dairy instructors, it is estimated that the make of cheese in the Province, up to July 1st, is, on the whole, less than for 1907. The average decrease is officially estimated at 5%. In other respects, the conditions are reported as showing improvement over previous years.

Seventy-one deaths and 2,624 persons injured is the record of July 4th celebrations in Chicago. Some day the Americans will learn that fireworks and explosives are a poor means of demonstrating patriotism.

TRADE TOPICS.

WESTERN CANADA FARM LANDS. Improved, partly improved, and raw prairie, close to towns, railway, churches and schools, and most favorable terms of payment—cash, or crop—are advertised for sale in this paper by Tracksell, Price, Anderson & Co., Regina, Sask. Write them for pamphlets, maps and particulars.

WHERE TO SPEND A HOLIDAY.—A glimpse at the booklet, "The Lake of Bays," issued by the Grand Trunk Railway, is sufficient to turn the attention of the tired worker who is looking forward to a rest and a pleasant holiday, to this delightful spot in the Georgian Bay District. The Lake of Bays is 145 miles north of Toronto, and in the very

heart of some of the finest scenery to be found in Canada. First-class accommodation is to be had also, either in Huntsville, the chief town of the district, or in the farmhouses scattered along the shores of this beautiful lake, or along any of the other lakes with which this whole section of country abounds. Cottages are also available for those who prefer to spend a more private holiday.

But why enumerate the advantages. Suffice it to say that if you are in doubt as to where you are to spend your holiday, you will do well to obtain from the Grand Trunk Company a copy of this booklet. Ask at your nearest Grand Trunk Railway Agency for a copy of the "Lake of Bays" descriptive pamphlet, or apply to the Huntsville and

Lake of Bays Navigation Co., Huntsville, Ont.

One hundred men are wanted by the Columbia Hay Press Company, of Kingsville, Ont., to sell the Columbia Hay Press, the capacity of which is stated in their advertisement to be 50 tons in 10 hours. Readers interested should look up the advertisement and write for fuller particulars.

THE STANDARD BUGGY COMPANY, St. John, N.B., are making for themselves an excellent reputation by the superior class of goods they turn out in their several specialties, carriages, sleighs, cutters, harness, fur goods, etc., and the moderate prices quoted, quality and fin-

ish considered. They report satisfactory results from their advertisement appearing in "The Farmer's Advocate," having received orders from many and widely distant localities through this medium. Their aim is to sell direct to the users, thus eliminating all unnecessary expenses.

GOSSIP.

JUDGES AT TORONTO.

Mr. James Weir, Sandilands, Lanark, Scotland, will judge Clydesdales at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, this year. It has been resolved to depend upon home talent for the judging of Shorthorns, and Mr. W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont., has consented to act.