

Western Fair a Big Success

Large Crowds, Ideal Weather, Attractive Exhibits and Splendid Entertainment

THE 49th Annual Exhibition, held under the management of the Western Fair Association, London, was a very successful event. Large, attractive exhibits in all classes open for competition were admired by crowds of visitors at all times during the fair. Ideal weather prevailed.

That the Western Fair is patronized largely by her home people was evidenced by the large number of automobiles of all makes and sizes which were brought into the grounds.

General Exhibits.

There were many fine exhibits, but space will permit the mention of but few of the agricultural building a large, well-ordered display of grain and vegetables grown in Northern Ontario was particularly noticeable. These samples demonstrated the great possibilities of our North Land.

Very striking was the Middlesex county spread of native fruits. The Ontario Vegetable Growers also presented a nice showing, particularly of potatoes, some "Rogue" class, smooth tubers being displayed that could not this year be duplicated very readily in Ontario.

The Department of Agriculture displays were very fine and attracted much attention. The Local Branch, in charge of Mr. Finn, the District Representative, is worthy of special mention.

From the different branches under the Dominion Department of Agriculture were shown model types of farm buildings; results of soil and grain experiments; different qualities and fleeces of wool, with illustrations as to the proper care of them; the results of good and bad handling of eggs and the profits derived from them when rightly cared for; and the different practical appliances that dairymen are using in cooling and caring for milk with suggested improvements on old methods. These with other exhibits, all intended to help the cause of agriculture, marked this Fair as one of the best.

In the Manufacturers' Building were many very fine exhibits. Possibly the most appealing were those of the London Bread Co. and Hunt's Diamond Flour Co. The Bread Company had a true model of a British warship decorated with their products, and the Flour Company a beautiful cast of an old Dutch grist mill and water wheel. A pleasing and instructive display of many different machines and implements operated by Hydro power was the centre of much attraction.

Live Stock.

The display of the different classes of live stock was generally conceded to be the best in the history of the Fair. Not only was this true of the numbers shown, but also of the quality, manifested. Old breeders and judges were heard to remark that they had never seen the equal at the Western Fair. Homes were out in good numbers in all classes, and the competition was very keen. Many fine specimens of the different breeds were to be seen, and the judging was watched with great interest.

In Beef Cattle all breeds were represented, and the classes fairly well filled. As to the quality of the exhibit, one needs but mention that the herds of such breeders as Robt. M. Ewen, Byron; James Bowman; Guelph; John Garbhouse, Highfield; Kyle Bros., Drumbo; Mitchell Bros., Burlington; G. E. Reynolds, Elora; and T. O. Clifford, Oshawa, were represented.

The Sheep and Swine classes were all well filled with entries of very classy animals. Shropshires and Cots-

wolds led in numbers in sheep and Yorkshire and Berkshire in swine.

Dairy Cattle.

Judging by the numbers shown and the merits of the individuals, the most notable part of all the live stock exhibit was the dairy cattle. Each of Canada's three great dairy breeds were out in large numbers, and seldom have animals of more true type and evident producing ability been led into a show ring. That the province of Ontario is the breeding ground for high-class dairy animals is being conclusively shown at our leading exhibitions, and the gathering at the Western Fair placed the standard of excellence considerably higher than ever before.

Holsteins.

Many of the exhibitors at the Canadian National went direct to London, but their numbers were swelled by four other breeders. These were; E. Stipe, St. Thomas; Cline and Carroll, London; Wm. Pack and Son, Byron, and J. E. Turner, Carleton Place.

In aged bulls Bailey's champion bull at Toronto still held first place, but was followed by a new competitor in the large, deep-girthed and leaguy bull, Sir Reginald, owned by Cline and Carroll. This animal comes from a very milky strain, and carries the indication of being able to perpetuate them.

Gordon Gooderham brought out a young bull, Hengerveld DeKok Pasch, which captured first honors in two-year-olds. He is a very straightforward animal, of great depth and capacity, showing also much quality. Arboresc Bros. were a close second with King Secis A. Calamity. This animal shows remarkable depth and length, and is a big constituted fellow of milky type. He was slightly out of condition from a very heavy season's work, yet held his place here as well as in Toronto. Prince Colanthus Coady A. Hulet's yearling bull, again took first in this class. He is a youngster that would be hard to beat. His length, straightness and great heartirth are almost a model in Holstein type. Dymond's Smithdale K. Colanthis was second. He showed also great quality and good form.

The calf class was a very interesting one, there being 31 entries, displaying wonderful quality, finish and character. Hulet's junior champion, Prince Bonheur Abbecker, was first, and Arboresc's King Segis A. Schilling second.

The aged cows in milk made a very imposing group. Eight of these matrons lined up, all displaying producing ability and good form. H. Dymond's Bonny Staple took the red ribbon. She is a very graceful, deep-bodied cow with large capacity, and carrying an evenly quartered and well-veined udder. Arboresc's Gladys P. Artie came second. This is a type cow of good character and possessing strong indications of big production, Mr. Fred Row reneaded his triumph in Toronto with Dutchland Chantry in the three-year-old class, Mr. R. J. Kelly coming second with Bell's Darkie.

The highest honors in two-year-olds in milk went to Hulet on Elmdale Changizur Pearl and second on Valentine of Forestrest, both very type individuals.

The other female classes were very closely contested and the judging followed with much interest. Considerable interest centred on the senior calf classes, when Bailey's Countess Hengerveld was ranked in first place. She is a youngster in good fit and a milky type. Hulet's Pauline Colanthis Reho took second. She is a deep, full-chested, straight set. The

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