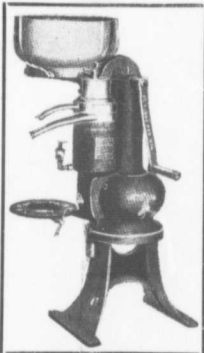


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Canadian National Exhibition

Visitors to the great Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto this year, as usual, found much to entertain and instruct them. The educational features, so far as agriculture was concerned, were, perhaps, ahead of anything ever before attempted at Toronto. In addition to the usual features, such as the various exhibits of live stock, fruit, vegetables, dairy products, and so forth, there were exhibits of great educational value, which were arranged under the direction of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

These included displays from the Ontario Agricultural College, showing the results of drainage work and experiments with field crops and corn, and tobacco from Essex County. The Director of Dairy Instruction had on exhibition samples of milk, which showed the effect of cow hairs, straw, hay, flies, dust and so forth, that had been placed therein. In each case the resultant product was repulsive and disgusting to that extent where any one who gave thought to the matter on seeing the display, would never again allow milk to become contaminated with these things, if at all possible to avoid it. The Fruit Branch had a fine display of fruit, showing the great perfection to which a wide variety of fruits can be grown in Ontario. The grain and sheep exhibits in connection with the field crops competition, were very tastefully arranged, and attracted much attention.

British Columbia had a very fine display of her fruit. Alberta had on display grains and other products from that province. The West Indies were represented by a very interesting and attractive exhibit of her fruit, vegetable and nut products, as produced on the several isles of the West Indies.

INFORMATION ON COW TESTING

The Dominion Department of Agriculture were represented in the Dairy Building by officials of the Dairy and Cold Storage Branch—these in charge of cow testing. Many enquiries about cow testing work were answered, and many farmers were made acquainted with this great work through the display made by the Department.

The dairy cattle exhibits, with the exception of the Guerneys and grades, are reported elsewhere. The Guerneys were all shown by the Trettheway Model Farm, Weston, Ont. These cattle are a fine lot, and were much admired by those who passed through the stables.

The beef cattle exhibits, especially the Shorthorns, were well up to the standard. There was keen competition in the Shorthorn classes, where representatives from two great western herds—those of Sir Wm. Van Horne, and H. L. Emert, East Selkirk, Man.—met the old and well-established herds of the Red, White and Roan from Ontario herds.

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In heavy horses, with the Clydesdales, as usual, was the main exhibit. These were not as strong as they have been in previous years, so far as the aged stuff was concerned; the younger classes were well filled with a very choice lot of stuff. The principal winners were made by Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont. Their aged stallion, Mikado, was of a right fleshy sort, a good mover, and of fine quality, though of upstanding type. There was only a small showing of Shires, while Percherons were represented by three main exhibitors; two or three others exhibited individuals. The light horses and harness classes, each and all, were well represented.

The weather on several days of the fair was anything but favorable. Rain fell in torrents at times, yet notwithstanding it, the people came in crowds and the attendance was well up to the average, if not in advance of previous years.

Ayrshires at Toronto

It has been many years since the exhibit of Ayrshires at the Canadian National Exhibition has been so few in numbers as was the case this year. Fanciers of this famous Scottish dairy breed, however, had nothing to be ashamed of in the display made of their favorites. The well known and old time exhibitors, Alex. Hume & Co., Menie, Ont., and William Stewart & Son, Menie, Ont. were on hand as usual. Hector Gordon, Howick, Quebec, for the first time in three years had his Stonehouse herd in the fray. The Trettheway Model Farm, Weston, Ont., also showed a number, while Holborn Bros., Mount Forest, Ont., and James B. Ross, Streetsville, Ont., each had an individual entry. The large herds of R. R. Ness, Howick, Que., Robert Hunter & Sons, Maxville, Ont., and Peter McArthur's herd, were greatly missed.

Most notable among the Ayrshire exhibits were the junior and senior championship bulls. Both of these animals, owned by Hector Gordon, are worthy of a great deal of note. Both were very fine animals, the Senior and Grand Champion was Hillhouse Bonnie Scotland. He is an animal most difficult to fault. He is of strong dairy and Ayrshire type, as good as can be in the heart girth, of straight lines both top and bottom, deep barreled and well-balanced. The junior champion, Auchbrain His Eminence, is a bull over which any Ayrshire breeder would become enthusiastic.

The aged cow class, an illustration of which is reproduced elsewhere in this issue, numbered eight entries. Gordon's Bargenoch Blue Bell, which carried off the premier award, is a big strong cow, of rugged constitution, with a good barrel, a splendid udder, and the very best of teats. Her udder was not as level as some Ayrshire men would like, but was capacious, and the teats were large and well placed. She was, perhaps, not showing at her best, as she was not in the best of bloom, due, no doubt, to having been newly imported. The second prize cow, Monkland Snowdrop 4th, also owned by Gordon, is of the very best of quality, and possesses a good handling skin, a fine udder and is good throughout. Not having been fresh it was somewhat against her. If showing at her best, she would, undoubtedly, have been the first cow of the lot. The awards as placed by Judge A. Kains, Byron, follow:

Bull, three years old and over—1, Wm. Stewart & Son, Queen's Messenger of Springhill; 2, The Trettheway Model Farm, Drogan Mains Guarantee; 3, Alex. Hume & Co., Lessness; 4, Royal Prince.

Bull, two years old—1, Hector Gordon, Hillhouse Bonnie Scotland; 2, Alex. Hume & Co., Spicey Sam Jr.; 3, Wm. Stewart & Son, Queen's Messenger of Springhill; 4, Holborn Bros., Mount Forest, Duke of Tanglewyld.

Bull calf, under one year old—1, 2 and 3, Gordon, Stonehouse Bell and Boy, Stonehouse; Earl an Stonehouse Prince; 4, Hume, Royal Scot.

Bull calf, calved after January 1st, 1910—1, Wm. Stewart, Sandy; 2, Gordon, Stonehouse Cheerful Boy; 3, Stewart, Prince.

Senior and grand championships, (male)—Gordon, Hillhouse Bonnie Scotland. Junior champion—Gordon, Auchbrain His Eminence.

Feminine senior and championship—Gordon, Bargenoch Blue Bell, Junior champion—Gordon.

Cow, four years old and over—1 and 2, Gordon, Bargenoch Blue Bell and Monkland Snowdrop; 3, Stewart, Bonnie Laurie 65th; 4, Hume, Princess Ena.

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