

America produces as many winners at New York, Boston and Kansas shows year by year, so it need not cause wonder that the Western Fair poultry exhibit is of a very high order. The classes this year were, as a rule, better filled than ever before, and in many sections it took better birds to win. The Brahmas, both light and dark, had the Toronto winners forward, with a few additions, and the same may be said of the Cochins, the sections of the latter being better filled than at the Industrial.

visitors to the fair can be interested in more substantial ways than by the cheap fake side shows that go far to mar the excellence and high character of our best exhibitions.

An exhibit that attracted considerable attention was that of Grimm's fruit evaporators, of various sizes, for drying apples and other fruit. Their smallest size, No. 1, which sets on an ordinary stove, will do a half-bushel of prepared fruit in 12 hours, and the No. 4 machine will dry 25 bushels in

last mentioned being an exceptionally sweet calf. The best thing in Hall's herd was a lusty bull calf, bred by W. W. Black, Amherst, N. S.

Only a few Aberdeen-Angus cattle were present, and the general quality was only fair. D. M. Wilson, Moe's River, had the best of the argument in this class, though some good cattle were shown by Mr. Adams, of Kincardine, N. B.

Dairy cattle made a much better showing than the beef breeds, and the quality was much superior. Ayrshires were well represented, and were specially strong in young stock. M. H. Parlee, Sussex, N. B., had the strongest exhibit, but S. Creighton, Silver Falls, N. B., was a close competitor. Other exhibitors were Messrs. Jeffries and McMonagle, both from Sussex, N. B., and F. S. Black, Amherst, N. S., who had the sweepstakes female. Parlee got the herd prize, both old and young, while Jeffries had sweepstakes bull. In the young herd competition there were four strong entries, and it was extremely difficult to decide the awards.

Jerseys were a very good lot, the principal exhibitors being S. Creighton, Silver Falls, N. B.; F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, Que.; Dr. Gilchrist and W. Mullin, St. John, besides a number of scattered entries. Creighton took the red ticket for aged herd and bull any age, while Wetherall was first for young herd and female any age.

Gaenseys were few in number, but of very fair quality, especially in the younger sections. Dawson and McMillan, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; W. W. Hubbard and McMonagle, Sussex, N. B., were the exhibitors.

Holsteins made a good showing. Logan Bros., Amherst, N. S., were strong in females, while McKenzie, from New Brunswick, had an exceptionally good bull, bred by Messrs. Rice, Currie's Crossing, Ont.

The horse department, on the whole, was weak, light horses predominating, but heavy horses having the advantage in quality. Dawson and McMillan showed a very fine draft team of Shires, while W. W. Black, Amherst, N. S., had a capital team of Clydes. Black, also, had the only Hackneys on the grounds. Turnbull, of St. John, had a specially good French Coach stallion, which won first as Coach stallion and also as Carriage stallion in harness. Dr. Berryman, St. John, showed a horse of splendid quality in the latter class, but the judge considered him somewhat under size.

The sheep exhibit, as a whole, was not up to the mark. M. H. Parlee, of Sussex, N. B., showed a good flock of Leicesters. He had a capital yearling ram bred by A. W. Smith, of Maple Lodge, Ont. C. Nunn, from Prince Edward Island, showed some very good Shropshires. Cotswolds, Oxford, Southdowns, Dorset Horns and Cheviots were also represented, but there was little among these to awaken enthusiasm.

In the hogs there were only a few animals of outstanding merit. M. H. Parlee showed some good Yorkshires and a few fair Berkshires. Holmes showed Berkshires, Yorkshires, Tamworths, Chester Whites and Poland-Chinas. W. W. Hubbard, Sussex, N. B., showed Tamworths, and some very good ones too; while the balance of the entries were scattered among several exhibitors.

The poultry exhibit was remarkably good, the classes being well filled and the general quality excellent.

Agricultural products made a rather light showing, the most notable features being the exceptionally fine exhibit of roots, and an attractive exhibit from the Experimental Farm, Nappan.

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At the Top.

Mr. G. C. Caston, of Simcoe Co., Ont., the well-known authority on horticultural and agricultural subjects, writing this office under date of Sept. 10, 1900, concludes as follows: "Wishing you every success in the publication of what is freely acknowledged to be the very best agricultural journal in the Dominion, I am, etc."

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A GROUP OF PRIZEWINNING DORSET HORN SHEEP.

From the flock of Major McGillivray, Uxbridge, Ontario, comprising the first-prize aged and shearing rams and aged and shearing ewes at the Toronto, London and Ottawa Exhibitions, 1900, and first-prize shearing ewes at the Royal Show, England. These latter are on the right of the engraving, and were raised by Mr. T. C. Attrill, Bowcombe Farm, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, England.

Langshans were somewhat disappointing, as were the colored Dorkings, but the Silver-Grays were strongly represented. The various varieties of Plymouth Rocks were strongly represented, and it is claimed that the thirty-odd Barred birds were of better average quality than the 144 shown at Toronto. The Wyandotte classes were all well filled, with the exception of the Blacks. The Golden and Silvers made a really grand showing. This useful breed bids to rival the Rocks for farm purposes. Both Javas and Dominiques were slimly represented. The excellent egg-producing qualities of the Leghorns make them ever popular. The Buff variety, the most recent addition to the family, has sprung into popularity with a rush since they are quite as good layers as the Whites and Browns, and are at the same time somewhat larger, making them more profitable to kill. The Toronto winners got nearly all the money, and many good birds were left unplaced. The White variety showed up rather poorly, as the old birds were rather deep in moult, and the young birds were apparently too youthful. Rose Combs were better represented than at Toronto. Black Spanish have apparently lost their grip, but the Minorcas are taking their place. Some New York winners were included in the list of entries. Hamburgs, Andalusians, Polands, Games, Houdans and Bantams were well represented by high-scoring birds from some of the leading pens of Canada.

There was about the usual display of Bronze and White Holland turkeys; Pekin, Rouen and Aylesbury ducks; Toulouse and Bremen geese, and a nice exhibit of pheasants, as well as other classes of pet stock. The show, on the whole, was a great success, and quite filled the capacious building set apart for it.

HORTICULTURAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND DAIRY.

These departments are all displayed in one well-arranged building especially prepared, affording each class of products appropriate placing. The fruit, which included grapes, apples, pears, plums, peaches, quinces, etc., was classified on tables down the center of one half of the main hall, so that visitors could closely examine and compare the various specimens. There was a slight falling off of apples as compared with last year, but other fruits were both good and up to par. Along each side of this portion of the hall, the flowers, palms, etc., were prettily arranged, giving the horticultural department a very pleasing effect.

The display of roots, potatoes, corn, squash, onions, and other vegetables was apparently about equal to that of former years. These too were classified so as to produce a good effect, occupying the center section of the hall, extending at right angles to the main portion of the building.

The dairy produce, dairy machinery, honey, incubators, and an exhibit of grasses, grains and vegetables from New Ontario occupied the south half of the main range. There were 138 cheese shown, as compared with 145 in 1899. The general appearance and average quality of the exhibit was good, and the prizewinning entries scored well up to the perfection mark. They were judged by Mr. Alex. McLaren, Stratford. Both creamery and dairy butter classes were light, 10 entries being the largest for creamery and 5 for home dairy sections. The scores ran from 97 for best creamery down to 87 for poorest dairy. As a rule the packages were neat and suitable for marketing purposes, but still too many of the dairy crocks displayed efforts to improve the appearance by figuring the surface. This is a mistake, as the greater the surface exposed the more quickly does the butter go off flavor. Prof. H. H. Dean placed the awards.

The dairy machinery included the National, Alexander, Melotte, and DeLaval separators. The fact that the separators in operation and the incubators hatching chickens were always surrounded by crowds of spectators is evidence that

the same period of time. Their Champion evaporator for maple syrup and sugar also attracted attention.

There were three exhibitors of honey, each of whom made attractive displays in various conditions. The awards were about equally distributed amongst them.

THE JUDGING COMPETITION AT THE WESTERN FAIR.

In the judging competition at the Western Fair at London, for the prizes offered by the Massey-Harris Company to young farmers and farmers' sons under twenty-five years of age, the work of the competitors was judged in the beef cattle classes by Messrs. A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, and James Snell, Clinton; in the dairy classes by A. W. Smith and N. Dymont, Clappison's, and in the sheep classes by W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove, and James Snell.

In the beef cattle classes, the 1st prize was won by James A. Watt, Salem, whose age is 14 years. Second prize went to his brother, Robert Watt; 3rd to J. T. Devitt, Freeman; 4th to B. C. Gilpin.

In the dairy classes the awards were: 1st to C. E. Rogers, Dorchester; 2nd to H. Noel Gibson, Delaware; 3rd to B. C. Gilpin, Salford.

In the sheep-judging competition the prizes were given, 1st, to H. Noel Gibson; 2nd to B. C. Gilpin; 3rd to T. B. Duncan, Thorndale; 4th to F. H. Silcox, Iona.

St. John Exhibition.

The St. John Exhibition was no doubt a comparatively successful one so far as attendance was concerned, but the unfortunate arrangement which caused both the St. John and Halifax fairs to be held at the same time had its effect upon the exhibits, and perhaps nowhere was this more noticeable than in the live-stock department.

In beef cattle, Shorthorns, Aberdeen-Angus and Herefords were represented, and the general quality of all the breeds left much to be desired. The best thing, by all odds, in the beef classes was the thick roan Shorthorn bull shown by C. W. Holmes, of Amherst, N. S. This bull was bred by Harry Smith, of Hay, Ont., and would be a creditable exhibit in any showing. Holmes carried off the bulk of the prizes, his opponents being G. A. Fawcett and B. M. Fawcett, of Sackville, N. B. The latter two herds contained some very good things, but were not well fitted; in fact, they had received no fitting at all in many cases.

Herefords were present from the herds of W.



LEICESTERS THAT WIN.

Two ewes over two years, first at London and Ottawa; two shearing ewes, first at Toronto; two ewe lambs. First-prize shearing ram, Toronto and Ottawa. First-prize Canadian-bred flock at Toronto. First-prize open flock at Ottawa, 1900.

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W. Black, Amherst, N. S.; D. M. Wilson, Moe's River, Que., and W. H. Hall, a New Brunswick man. Competition was keen between the Black and Wilson herds, and honors were pretty evenly divided. Black captured the herd prize, and Wilson had best bull any age and best female any age, the

freight managers that carloads of pure-bred stock will be carried from this Province to British Columbia at \$150 per car, and for long, palace horse cars, \$225 a car. This is a reduction of \$50 all round.