

had provided good music by various bands, and the ever attractive cowboy and his bucking bronco. The races included several good events each day which during the afternoons drew the crowd from the buildings to the track to watch the performance of their favorites.

The main building is a large building, well laid out and prettily decorated. The fruit, flowers and vegetables made the most conspicuous showing here and supplied a most delectable fragrance. The exhibits made by the Chilliwack and Cowichan districts and by the Agassiz Experimental farm were the noticeable features of this part of the display. The industrial exhibit was not as large as found in other Canadian fairs but the stoves and ranges, carriages and farm machinery made a creditable showing.

In this building also Miss Maddock, of Guelph, gave talks and practical illustrations in the art of bread and pastry making, and Miss Laura Rose, also of Guelph, who judged the dairy exhibit, gave instruction and demonstration in buttermaking. It seemed a pity that such valuable work as that done by Miss Rose should have been handicapped by lack of space. She was allotted only a very small space in the center of the main building where the traffic was great and where there was little room for any one to stand long enough to watch the process from beginning to end. This seems the greater pity since there was a small part of the pavilion unoccupied and with a little shifting of exhibits a better place might have been found for this important department, which proved a great attraction even under these disadvantageous circumstances.

The judges in the different classes were, Heavy Horses, R. H. Taber, Condie, Sask. Light Horses, W. F. Kydd, Simcoe, Ontario; Dairy Cattle, F. M. Logan, Provincial Inspector of Dairies and Farmers' Institute, Victoria.; Beef Cattle and Sheep, J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, Ontario; Swine, Mr. Buss; Seeds and Vegetables, W. C. McKillican, Dominion Seed Branch, Alberta and B. C.; Dairy Produce, Miss L. Rose, Guelph, Ontario; Fruit and Flowers, J. Anderson, Provincial Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Mr. Ahlson, a leading local nurseryman. All these may be truthfully said to have executed their work carefully and conscientiously. Considerable praise with but little complaint was heard from exhibitors.

In heavy horses the mares and fillies were generally speaking better than the males. The classes for Clydesdales' entries, three years and up and brood mares and the Agricultural classes were particularly well filled. In the first named the Pemberton Farm secured premier place and later the championship for best heavy stallion with Dean Swift imp. a dark brown four-year-old, by the Dean, a fine horse with good forehead, well "bottomed" and possessing good action. He comes through "Royal Gartly" and "Gold Dust" from "Young Lord Haddo." Royal Sceptre from Chilliwack, 2nd, is a bright bay of very fine quality indeed and a fair mover. H. M. Vasey's "Premier Prince" was a good third. This was a particularly hard class to place for 2nd, and 3rd, and a noteworthy defeat of the fourth, viz., "Earl Seaham" who scored a year ago at New Westminster, but though of good quality and a fair mover he was not up to the standard of the first three.

In three-year-old stallions T. Mercer, of Markdale, secured 1st, and 2nd, with "Kilfillan Chief" imp., by Royal Chief, who would have probably shown better had he not come off such a long journey and "Colonial" by Woodend Gartly, with Sangster and Munro's "Shipmate" third. In two-year-old stallions T. Mercer again took 1st, with a most promising imported bay "Bulls Eye" by Labori, winner of third at Toronto. In one and two-year-old stallions the Pemberton Farm were the only exhibitors with a dark bay "Lord Roberts" by "Knight of Glamis," and his half brother "Baron Glamis" a likely pair.

Brood mares three years old and up turned well and the Pemberton Stud secured 1st, and subsequently championship honors with "Nellie Carrick" imp. by Royal Carrick a very pleasing and well balanced mare of exceptional quality, but there might be a little more of her all over. Her action is exceptionally good. The Niverholme Stock farm had one entry here worthy of the judges notice, viz., "Agnes" a close second.

For geldings and fillies 3 and 4 years; a roan filly "Lady Cherub" was an outstanding winner being of the big drafty type and plenty of the right kind of bone and good feet but not moving as well as she ought. This filly had lost somewhat of her feather and this coupled with indifference and lack of vim in her moving must have made a difference in her standing for the championship.

With foals of 1907 the Pemberton stud's, "Dean Carrick," a son of their champions "Dean Swift" and "Nellie Carrick" sustained the honor of his lineage and is a very likely looking youngster indeed. Niverholme again took second place with Chris Mares of Taanich 3rd.

The silver medal for a stallion with four of his get

(the decision to be upon the merits of the get) went to H. M. Vasey's "Premier Prince" but Tailor's "Grey Matter" had to do a deal of working, before he could give his decision, "Premier Prince's" get were all older than those of "Dean Swift" thus giving him a big pull over the champion.

Brood mares 3 years old and up were headed by a useful pair from the Pemberton stables. "Peggy" (by Magrath) and "Lily" (by King Fergus) which two subsequently secured their place in the teams. Both this and the Agricultural classes, usually more or less neglected by exhibitors in the Eastern Fairs were a distinct surprise in number and quality and the winners have good cause for satisfaction.

Percherons drew one exhibitor and with the exception of the foal of 1907 were disappointing. A noteworthy fact in the classes for Clydes and Hackneys is that nearly all the prize winners were either owned by or had been imported to the district by T. Mercer, of Markdale, who at one time had owned several of the shorthorns. A second note may be made of the regrettable absence of J. A. Turner's horses from Calgary.

Hackneys: T. Mercer's "Diamond City" imp., by "Precious Stone," by "Rosador" dam "Lady Alice" 8012 took first in the class for stallions of three years and up and the championship for the light classes. He is an absolutely star mover and a very fine up-standing horse, but somewhat favoring the coach-type rather than the ideal Hackney.

Hisacon all round is very fine indeed and drew much admiration from the initiated as well as from the general public. "Endurance" from "Hadvien's" stable is a black, also slightly on the big side, and a mover but not equal in this respect to "Diamond City," the third, "Ryedale King" by Garton Duke of Connaught" was the most "typy" horse of the three in general appearance, but lacking somewhat in substance, he had evidently not travelled well in his big railroad journey.

Brood Mares: Mitchell & Brooks took 1st, and 2nd, with two of a really fine and desirable stamp "Czarina" the first is by "Robin Adair" and a half sister to the second "Empress" whose foal by "Commodore" is a little "picture".

Gelding or Mare, 3 years and up: T. Mercer was again to the fore with "Whitewall Edna" imp. with Brook's grey second—a ruling justly reversed when the same mares came in the single driver class open to all breeds.

The Wilkinsons, of Chilliwack, had nearly all their own way in Standard-breds. In the Sweepstakes for Champion light stallion the placing was, Mercer's big slashing Hackney 1st, Ripplinger's Standard-bred "Dalmont," 41404 2nd, who showed a little light, and Charles A. Gasser's coach stallion 3rd.

Saddle Horses: the first was a breedly looking mare with good head and shoulders and good withers. The second was a good one, too, and in a combination class would have been hard to beat but lacked the fine forehead of the winner without compensating superiority elsewhere.

The carriage teams which won were a pair of well-broken chestnuts and in this respect had a big pull over the second pair which had been only a few weeks off the range. In course of time these latter should make a very valuable pair of carriage horses.

Pemberton's roadster brood mare took first in her class and the championship over all light breeds, a high honor in the company present for some splendid brood mares were on view.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns: Here entries were good and some very typical animals on view. "Broadhooks Boy" a three-year-old by "Broadhooks Golden Flame" secured for H. M. Vasey first in his breed and championship as best bull on the ground. He was very true to type and may be reckoned first class. "Inverholmes Archer's Last" was second and a good sire, evidenced by the fact that two of his get took first for junior bull calf and yearling bull; the latter "Delta's Herd," headed the winning junior herd.

Cows made a good showing, the Inverholme herd won with "Bunchgrass Maid" a three-year-old that only has been once defeated. She is a very large red cow but scarcely up to the winner's height.

Inverholme secured first and second in two-year-old heifers with "Daisy Valentine."

Heifer Calf Senior: This was another good class and Inverholme won with a nice white heifer being closely run by a beautiful red of Vasey's. Two exceptionally fine animals here represented Vasey's and the Inverholme herds as 1st and 2nd winners respectively for junior heifer calves. The special prize for the best type of beef cattle was won by Vasey's Champion bull.

DAIRY CATTLE.

Holsteins: Smith Bros., Victoria, deservedly took first for three-year-old cow with "Saanich Belle" which animal also was adjudged the championship as the best female in the dairy breeds. H. Bonsall, Chemainus, showed some excellent cows, too, and won with his herd of bull and four females. This bull, unnamed in the catalog, was a very fine one and secured the championship for males in the dairy classes. In the young stock both Bonsall and C. H. Gillan, Turgoose, had some very promising entries and divided the honors.

JERSEYS.

Jerseys were distinctly good; animals worthy of mention were Bishop and Clarke's young bull, and Quick Bros.' cow "Clarnida," a good second for the female dairy championship in which her eleven years probably placed her at too great a disadvantage with the five-year-old Holstein. The same owner's herd took first and these two establishments practically divided the honors though Reids "Eileen of Ben Mure" was a pretty little heifer and H. Brethour's "Golden Glow Gertie" was a well selected importation from A. E. Stephens, of Washington.

RED POLLS.

Maynard of Chilliwack and Berkeley of Westholme divided prizes here, the former had in "Miss Simplicity" a long way the best cow and, chiefly through her superiority, he took the prize for Red Poll herd. R. C. Berkeley's "Wm. Rufus" was the best male in his breed and the same owner's herd was a creditable exhibit.

SWINE.

The numbers shown were disappointing but some of the Yorkshires were good and especially C. H. Gillan's winning boar "Island Paddy" 10709.

SHEEP.

Taken all round sheep were good, the females being better than the rams. Vasey had the champion flock, some Oxford's, and Wilkinsons' Southdowns were close in attendance and might have won had his ram been a little younger and in better trim. Vasey took most of the firsts and Shannon Bros. the other prizes in Oxfords.

John Richardson of Port Guichon, had some first class Hampshires especially the lambs which were large and in splendid condition. Southdowns made a creditable show, Wilkinsons of Chilliwack being the principal exhibitor. Suffolks were few in number and of fair quality. Dorsethorns were also of fair quality and very well represented. Leicesters were not a bad lot but some of the young stock not of the quality looked for at a large show. Cotswolds were well brought out by Richardson who took all the honors.

STOCK JUDGING CONTEST.

This was in the capable hands of F. M. Logan, B. S. A., and nearly 30 took part. One of the juniors secured the highest mark of any and should feel proud accordingly. It was gratifying to note the interest of the competitors and care taken by the official judges over the most usefully instructive part of a fair's business.

POULTRY.

Though September is not by any means an ideal month the farmers sent in a numerous and good quality lot of birds. J. C. Dixon, of Ruskin, B.C., had a formidable task in placing several of the classes and we would think that where a large number of birds are in the show it would be wiser to divide the work up among more than one judge, for the eye and brain must become wearied with the close and careful work demanded and the last few classes judged must stand a chance of getting less attention than the first. We do not mean that Mr. Dixon failed in his duties here, we speak from our own experience in endeavoring to size up this section.

"White Leghorns" and "Buff Orpingtons" were perhaps the best represented, with "Wyandottes" and the various bantams also cutting a good figure. In ducks the Indian Runner were the most numerous. The principal winners were Payeter, Jones & Hewberr of Nanaimo (where there is quite a little metropolis of fowls) B. S. Moore of Mt. Tolmie, Miss Alice Turner, H. D. Reid, Joseph Dixon, S. Y. Wootton, and W. Daylis, of Victoria.

The winter exhibition here, ought judging from results this month, to be well worth a visit by fanciers who wish to improve their stock for Vancouver Island's climate is particularly adaptable to poultry raising and the island fanciers would seem to be no mean judges of a good bird when they see it.

FRUIT.

There was a good exhibit here as was expected. Some of the plates were decidedly well colored, probably accounted for by the long hours of sunshine with which the Pacific Coast has been favored this summer. The exhibit from the Agassiz experimental farm was very fine and the apples an education in themselves. The commercial fruit classes, viz., fruit packed in boxes and suitable for marketing, was, with the exception of the early pears which were in cases over ripe and bruised, the best seen anywhere yet. R. M. Palmer & Son, Victoria; Wm. E. Scott, Ganges Harbor; T. A. Braden, Victoria, were the three prize winners.

Tanner Bros., of Saanich, had the best collection of apples (6 varieties) F. Sare, of Victoria, the best collection of pears. A Langfield, of Victoria, the best collection of grapes. In individual apples the Gravenstein, Alexander, Wealthy, Bleinheim, Orange and Northern Spy were perhaps the best plates, and in pears Bartlett, Louise Bonne, and Winter Nelis. Cherries are over and therefore out of it. Some very fine plums were on show and there were also some "Hyslops" crab-apples which could scarcely be beaten anywhere.

Flowers were only fair on the whole, this being, of course, a bad time of year for them. The Dahlias were the most attractive and the professionals were the principal exhibitors.