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LIVE STOCK A STRONG DEPARTMENT AT THE OTTAWA FAIR

The High Standard of the Dominion Exhibition of Last Year Almost Maintained Light Horses, Hogs and Sheep Particularly Strong Dairy Cattle a Good Showing

AST year the Dominion Exhibition was held at Ottawa. The sextra inducements that the management of the Central Canada Exhibition were then enabled, with the hibition were then enabled, with the financial assistance of the Dominion score of people assembled near the Government, to hold out to exhibitors acute ring at any one time, and the drew such strong exhibits in every department that the most optimistic did not hope to see this year a repeti-tion of last year's success. In most departments, however, the standard was well maintained, and the Fair as a whole was a decided advance on the a whole was a declared avance on the average of several past years. In the Howick and Aberdeen pavilions the manufacturers' exhibits were attract-ively staged. The Machinery Hall, which has been completed since the which has been completed since the last fair, gives Ottawa the finest ma-chinery building of any fair in Canada— and manufacturers showed their appreciation by filling it to the limit. In one respect at least the manage-ment of the Ottawa Exhibition might take a lesson from Toront. The To-ronto management have discovered that the greatest success can be always.

that the greatest success can be at-tained only when prominence is given the live stock department, and they here made great efforts in the past here made great efforts in the past year to improve their accommodation for live stock entries. At Ottawa that department receives but scant attention. The measures necessary to give this department its proper place in the front rank cannot be completed at once. There are a few details, however, that call for imme-diate attention, and these improve-ments would be greatly appreciated by the stockmen.

A DISADVANTAGE TO EXHIBITORS From the exhibitors' standpoint the greatest disadvantage of the fair is the lack of railway transportation direct to the grounds. The nearest railway station is over a mile away, and exhibitors coming on another line had to drive their animals almost three miles. This was particularly hard on the beef cattle and swine. One exthe beef cattle and swine. One exwould never come to Ottawa again while present conditions existed. He while present conditions existed. He said it would take his cattle a full month to get over the results of their long walk on an exceedingly hot day. Fortunately the hog trains from To-ronto arrived on a cool day, or the ronto arrived on a cool day, or the exhibitors would not have attempted to reach the grounds at all as the trip would surely have resulted fatally to their best animals. A branch line to the grounds is the most outstanding need of the Ottawa Fair. From the standpoint of the fair visitor who is interested in live stock, the greatest improvements needed are a catalogue of live stock entries and proper in the control of the control of the proper in the control of the control of the proper in the control of the control of the proper in the control of the control of the proper in the control of the control of the proper in the control of the control of the proper in the control of the control

judging. In the barns a few exhibits were properly placarded by the ex-hibitors themselves, but in the majority of cases the visitor had no means of determining the name, breeding or owner of any animal that interested him, except by asking questions, which few care to do.

A LONG RANGE VIEW There was absolutely no accommodation for viewing the judging. Ayrshires, for instance, were judged almost 100 yards from the mearest point to which visitors were allowed to approach. If they tried to get nearer the police were on hand to hold them. back. At neither horse nor cattle rings was there seating accommoda-tion, and the only standing accom-modation was along the inside fence of the race course, which is not a safe modation was along the inside fence was full, and new ones nac been of the race course, which is not a safe ed. Entries were more numb place when races are in progress. In than they were at Toronto, and we then case of the horse judging it would all exhibitors found stiffer compete be an improvement were a special day at Ottawa than at the better is

crowd around the horse ring was little larger. Many visitors to the fair are larger. Many visitors to the fair a more interested in the live sto judging than in any other feature. judging than in any other feature. A small expenditure would provide the accommodation that would bring these people back year after year.

THE LIVE STOCK
This year live stock exhibitors has all transportation charges paid by the fair association. This free transportation fair association. This free transportation resulted in the largest lines. of horses, cattle and sheep ever set at Ottawa. In some sections there was a falling off in humbers, but this was more than equalized by increase

in other sections. in other sections.
Shorthorns predominated in the beef cattle classes, Kyle Bros. Drubbo, who were so successful at Toronate met stiff competition from the help of R. & S. Nicholson, Parkhill, On Kyle got somewhat the best of the argument in the male classes, but hid to divide evenly with Nicholson on the to divide evenly with Nieholson on the females. Several others had small a hibits, but all were lacking in fit as not a few were of poor beef conformation. A. McLeod, Plainsville, Oct. was the largest exhibitor of the tagus breed. John Harwey, Freighburg, Que., exhibited three head, as he carried away one first, one seed he carried away one first, one seed he carried away one first, one second and one third prize. Mrs. W. Hubter, Orangeville, Ont., had all of the Herefords but one bull. Col. McCas was there with his Galloways.

THE HORSE EXHIBIT unusual features. In the first pla light horse outnumbered the entrie in the draft classes. Roadster, a riage, coach and saddle types were represented, a majority of the entrie being made by exhibitors, with an two or three head at the most. prize money was among the contestants and went a

many sections of both Ontario at Quebec. A feature of the heavy iss classes was the unusual number of individual exhibits, and in not a fe sections unknown breeders came a for first money. Particularly us this true in the female sections. Clydesdales were exhibited by Smith and Richardson, Columba Ont., with some of the best std they have ever abown; Allison Bes. Chesterville; R. M. Holtby, Mandes ter; R. Ness & Son, Howick, in many others too numerous to metic many others too numerous to menting The home-bred classes were larly good, although as usual the policy and the policy of of the breed were imported. Per cherons were the strongest showing cherons were the strongest shows both in numbers and in quality, or seen at Ottawa, and perhaps in & ada. J. E. Arnold, Grenville, Qs. had out a long string of his red importation and all choice ones is he was one of many; R. Hamilizet Sons, Simcoe; J. B. Hogata, West Hodgkinson and Thodale and other well-known imported breeders were in the field, and to their share of the money. Shires it Belgians were a small but select she

HOGS AND SHEEP Ottawa always has a great hog as and this year they had the great hog show in their history. Every was full, and new ones had been so the control of the con

show. The m burg, Que., he Yorksh s at vear netted him \$1 sors figuring l Berkshires and nere numerous r than in any on captured firsts, and in a figured largely

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H. and N. Allin contested the C and Bow Park I everal French

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A stronger arra rer seen in one me in Canada be esh from his vic gest exhibit, and elf invincible. Hi as not so easy as ore, and a good rize money was o er exhibitors: J. Que.; P. D. orgetown, Que.; ontebel'o, Que., a Kelso, Que. stealf, Ont., also of H. Barton, o e, placed the aw what constitutes e and the ideas shibitors varied w ays interesting, alley caused fricti dge and disappo useful type of a deavors to get an stance and indica g ability he som her animals with it more of the fine rshire breeders