

Gossip about 1904 Exhibitions

Live Stock Entries at St. Louis

Dates for the closing of live stock entries at St. Louis are as follows: Horses, asses and mules, July 16, 1904; cattle, July 30, 1904; sheep and goats, August 20, 1904; swine, August 20, 1904; poultry, September 10, 1904; dogs and cats, September 10, 1904; carload lots of cattle, October 1, 1904; Southern breeding cattle, October 1, 1904.

The dates for exhibition of live stock will be as follows: Horses, asses, and mules, August 22 to September 3; cattle, September 12-24; sheep and goats, October 3-15; swine, October 3-15; poultry, October 24 to November 5; dogs and cats, November 8-11; carload lots of cattle, November 14-19; Southern breeding cattle, November 14-19.

The Provincial Fruit, Flower and Honey Show

Elaborate arrangements are being made for the Provincial Fruit, Flower and Honey Show to be held in the Granite Rink, Toronto, during the second week in November. It will be the biggest show of the kind ever held in Canada.

The various associations interested include the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, the Ontario Beekeepers' Association, the Toronto Horticultural Society, the Toronto Gardeners' and Florists' Association, and the Toronto Electoral District Society.

A series of meetings will be held at the time of the show. The Fruit Growers' Association will hold its annual convention, as will also the Beekeepers' Association. There will also be a meeting of delegates from all the Horticultural societies in the province, as a result of which it is expected that a provincial Horticultural Association will be formed. Cheap rates have been secured over all the railways. H. B. Cowan, Supt. of Agricultural Societies, Toronto, who has the details of the show largely in hand, will be pleased to supply information on request.

The Ottawa Fair

The Central Canada Fair directors are ever working in the interests of the farmer and breeder. They have made changes in the grounds and buildings and increased the premiums again this year with the object of pleasing and encouraging stockmen. In all live stock classes there have been increases in prize money and in special premiums, as a glance at the list will show.

The special prizes in the various live stock classes include thirty-five of the beautiful gold medals exhibitors are so anxious to possess, and for which the fair is noted. Those who have not exhibited at the Ottawa Fair cannot do better than give it a trial. It is a grand show and has a splendid reputation with all its patrons. The Exhibition proper is not second to any show given in Canada, and its special attractions have never been excelled. The sports programme includes grand trotting and running races, for which generous purses are given.

The Ottawa Exhibition is to be held at the close of the Western Fair at London, which follows the Toronto Show, and the one display or exhibit would do in the three places. There are very favorable railway rates for the benefit of exhibitors from all over Ontario and Eastern Canada.

The Secretary is Mr. E. McMahon, and he will gladly supply all information desired.

Toronto Exhibition

Many changes, compared with previous years have been made in the prize list of the Canadian National Fair, to be held in Toronto this year from August 20 to September 10. Every department has been carefully gone over, and the rules, regulations and conditions are now so explicitly set forth that the executive believe misunderstandings and misinterpretations will be next to impossible. In the horse classes a variety of alterations have been made. For instance, in the general purpose classes it is provided that horses must only be exhibited by persons engaged in agricultural pursuits, and that they must be horses suitable for the wagon, carriage, buggy, saddle or plow. Docked horses in these classes are not eligible. Instead of one, as last year, two prizes are given for strings of ten horses, each of the value of \$50, and one for heavy draught, any breed, not necessarily bred by but owned by exhibitor at the time of making entry, and the other for any breed other than heavy draught, same conditions.

A third prize has been added to every one of the poultry and pet stock classes, involving an increase in the prize money in the aggregate of \$800.

Entries close: For live stock, dairy products, ladies' work, fine arts and natural history, on Aug. 8; grain, field roots, garden vegetables, floricultural and horticultural products, and honey, Aug. 13th; poultry and pet stock, Aug. 20th.

Prize lists, which this year are good-looking productions, can be had on application to the manager, J. O. Orr, 70 King St. East, Toronto.

The Western Fair

The new dairy building for which the Ontario Government has made an appropriation of \$10,000, will add much to the equipment and attractiveness of the Western Fair at London this year. The building will be 130 by 65 feet. The building will give a floor space of 8,500 feet. The removal of the dairy department from the old building, which was combined for dairy products, horticulture and agriculture, will give much more room for the last two departments, something which has been very much needed.

All the other departments of the fair are being looked after, and patrons of the good "Old Western" will find it alive, up-to-date and progressive when show time arrives. The prize list is now ready and will be supplied on application to J. A. Nelles, Secretary, London, Ont.

A \$200,000 Coliseum

The Union Stock Yard Co., Chicago, has agreed to build a \$200,000 coliseum for the International Live Stock Exposition, provided the breeders and others interested will put up a guarantee fund of \$50,000 to insure the continuance of the show for a period of ten years. Trustee Levering, of the International, has already \$30,000 of this amount on hand, and a good deal more than the total amount subscribed, so a big coliseum for the show is assured at an early date. In fact, preparations are being made to rush the work so that the new building will be ready for this year's Exposition.



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