

British Columbia's Leading Show.

The Agricultural Show at New Westminster, B. C., has long been considered the greatest exhibition west of the mountains. This year's outcome has been no disappointment to the management, despite the fact that inclement weather prevailed for the opening days. Manager Mackenzie had things in good shape, and an official opening by Hon. Price Ellison on Tuesday was followed by another opening on Thursday by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught. Thursday easily could be credited with being the big day of the show. Every person seemed to turn out to see the Royal Governor-General and the displays.

While live-stock is well in evidence at New Westminster, it is only in the dairy-cattle classes and perhaps in Clydesdales that there is anything really choice, with quality enough and sufficient numbers to give keen competition. This year swine breeders were not very much in evidence. Sheep, however, were there in good numbers, especially in the short-wooled classes. Beef cattle were conspicuous by their absence, with the exception of a few Shorthorns.

It is in the display of agricultural products, however, that New Westminster's show reigns supreme. Individual exhibits were really choice, but the management has made good in the matter of district exhibits. This year over a dozen districts had attractive displays of as big a variety of farm products as they could collect. The management appreciating the value of such features at their annual exhibition brought in an outside judge, in the person of L. H. Newman, Secretary of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Ottawa, Ontario. Mr. Newman is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, and has officiated as judge of agricultural products at many fairs in different parts of Canada. He had associated with him R. M. Winslow, Chief Horticulturist of the province, to assist with the fruits, and Henry Rive, Chief Dairy Instructor, to help with the dairy and meat products. The work was well done, despite the fact that it was a very difficult task. Naturally some of the districts are disappointed, but they need not feel discouraged because of the fact that they did not get first award at this year's show. Practically every exhibit was sufficiently creditable to warrant the judge in giving it a prize. Four prizes were offered of \$500.00, \$400.00, \$300.00 and \$250.00. With the first award went the big Dewar Shield, won last year by Langley District. Points were awarded as follows: Fruits, fresh, 300; fruits, preserved, 200; fruits in acids, 100; grains and agricultural seeds, 250; garden vegetables, 250; forage plants, 250; dairy products, 250; field roots, 200; arrangement, 200. This gives a total of 2,000 points. When the judges were through with their work, the winners stood as follows: 1, Langley; 2, Salmon Arm; 3, Mission; 4, Burquitlam; 5, Comox; 6, Kamloops; 7, Morinville and St. Albert.

For the special district fruit display, Salmon Arm got first, Penticton second, and Enderby third.

It is very difficult to particularize in regard to the merits of the displays arranged by the different districts. Langley, Mission, and Salmon Arm had greater variety than the others. Kamloops was particularly strong in fruits and grains, but did not have enough variety in all products to warrant the judges in giving it a high score on the total. Displays from the leading districts included excellent specimens of garden vegetables and field roots. Cabbages, cauliflowers, squash, pumpkins, etc., had great size and rare quality. For the most part also, alfalfa, corn and such desirable fodder crops were distinctly in evidence. The Mission exhibit included strawberries and blackberries recently ripened from a second crop. There was also a huge tree-like sunflower 12 feet or more in height, and with a head 18 or 20 inches across. Salmon Arm had in addition to a fine array of roots, vegetables and fruits, some fine honey and a colony of bees. An attractive banner told onlookers that all the farm products in sight were "grown without irrigation."

The general vegetable and field-root displays also included a great variety of choice quality. In some cases, however, size was about the only thing that would commend the article on exhibition. Potatoes were particularly good. They were there of all varieties and sizes, the medium-sized ones with very shallow eyes being most in evidence.

CATTLE.

Reflecting the interest that is being taken in dairy husbandry in the Pacific Province, all the dairy breeds were well represented. Jerseys were decidedly the strongest, local breeders being obliged to compete against the fine herd of B. H. Bull & Son, of Brampton, Ontario. This herd had won the lion's share of the awards at practically all the big exhibitions in Canada this year. It had also appeared at the Victoria

Show. Among the number were several animals that won top awards at Toronto Exhibition a few weeks ago. Local breeders, however, were well to the front, and got enough awards to lead them to conclude they have good stock. Holsteins and Ayrshires also included animals of rare merit. The Government Stock Farm at Coquitlam had some of their fine Holsteins in the stables, but did not compete. Two good herds of Guernseys also appeared in the ring. Awards throughout the dairy classes were made by James Boden, of Danville, Quebec.

Exhibitors of Jerseys in addition to B. H. Bull & Sons, were E. H. Barton, Grimmer Bros., A. H. Menzies & Son, and Fry & Taylor. Bull won both championships, getting the male honors with his senior calf, Brampton Stockwell King, and the female honors with the two-year-old heifer Brampton Gipsy. The Brampton herd had first prize in every female class excepting one, and they have the honor of being the breeders in this instance. Young stock from such sires as Blue Blood, Stockwell, Imported Fereor, Arthur's Golden Fox, Brampton Cicero and Noble of Oaklands were greatly in evidence. They have high quality, and also show a great capacity for milk production. Following are the awards in detail:

Bull, 3 years and over—1, Bull; 2, Barton; 3, Grimmer. Bull, 2 years and under three—1, Fry & Taylor. Bull, 18 months and under 2 years—1, Bull, on Brampton Noble Combination; 2, Menzies; 3, Grimmer. Bull, 12 months and under 18—1, Bull, on Brampton Cherry Fox; 2, Bull; 3, Fry & Taylor. Bull calf, 6 months and under 12—1, Bull, on Brampton Stockwell King; 2, Bull; 3, Fry & Taylor. Bull calf under 6 months—1, Menzies; 2, Fry & Taylor. Champion Bull—B. H. Bull & Sons, on Brampton Stockwell King.

Dry cow over 3 years—1, Grimmer; 2 and 3, Barton. Cow, 3 years and over—1, Bull, on Brampton Noble Topsy; 2 and 3, Fry & Taylor; 4, Grimmer Bros. Heifer, 2 years and under 3—1, Bull, on Brampton Gipsy; 2, Bull; 3, Fry & Taylor. Heifer over 18 months and under 2 years—1 and 2, Bull; 3, Fry & Taylor. Heifer under 18 months and over 12—1, Bull; 2 and 3, Fry & Taylor. Heifer calf, 6 months and under 12—1, Bull; 2 and 3, Menzies. Heifer calf under 6 months—1, Bull; 2, Fry & Taylor; 3, Menzies. Champion female—B. H. Bull & Sons, on Brampton Gipsy.

For aged herd, B. H. Bull & Sons had first; Fry & Taylor, second; and Grimmer Bros., third. Bull also had first for young herd, with Fry & Taylor second, and Grimmer Bros. third. For three animals get of one sire, Bull was first, Menzies second, and Grimmer Bros. third. For two animals, produce of one cow, Bull had first and Barton second.

Holsteins were shown by T. R. Pearson & Son, J. W. Hollingshead, W. S. Dickey, and J. M. Steves, of Steveston. The bulk of the exhibit was put up by Pearson. Steves had three fine heifers there, but did not bring out his large herd, because of the fact that he had not time to get them in shape. Dickey had only three animals, and Hollingshead a like number. Dickey managed to win the championship in females on his fine cow. He also had the first-prize heifer under 18 months. Steves had the first-prize heifer 18 months and under 2 years, and also won the top award for three animals, get of one sire. Pearson won with his aged herd and also with his young herd, and two animals, produce of one cow. His aged bull was made male champion.

Competition in Ayrshires was put up by Shannon Bros. and Joseph Thompson. Shannon Bros. had 7 firsts and 3 seconds, while Thompson had 5 firsts and 7 seconds. Shannon had the champion bull in Brookside Chief, bred by John McKee. The champion female also came from the Shannon herd. For aged herd, Shannon was first and Thompson second. With young herd, Shannon had first, and Thompson second and third. For three animals, get of one sire, Shannon was first, and Thompson second and third. Two animals, produce of one cow, resulted in Shannon again being on top with Thompson second.

The fight for awards in the Guernsey class lay between Dr. Knight and Charles Hawthorne. Awards were fairly evenly divided. Both exhibits are in fine line for strong herds.

Shorthorns were shown by Hon. T. W. Paterson. Some of them are choice specimens, and would win in strong competition.

HORSES.

In the horse classes there was not a very brilliant array with the exception of the Clydesdale breed. There was, however, choice quality in many of the individuals. William McKirdy, of Napinka, Manitoba, placed the awards for heavy horses, and John A. Turner, of Calgary, in the light breeds.

In Clydesdales there was keen competition throughout. The exhibitors included Shannon Bros., Captain Watson, John Savage, A. Paterson, A. Davie, J. Tomblene, H. Trimm and Pem-

berton Stock Farms. For the most part the fight for top places lay between Captain Watson, Savage and Shannon Bros.

In the aged class Shannon won on Brown Spots, by Drumflower; Trimm was second on Rex; third went to Pemberton Ranch, on Bonnie Dean, by Dean Swift. In the three-year class Savage won with his home-bred Hailey's Comet, by Royal Citizen. He is a big, thick quality horse and one that is hard to beat. Capt. Watson was second with Baron Wallace, by Baron's Craigie. The two-year-olds included Watson's quality champion King Vivers, by Dunure James, and out of Favorite of Dornoch. He has stood first at Kilmarnock and also has beaten The Dunure, the Cawdor cup winner. Savage stood second with Royal Savage. For yearlings, Savage was first and Shannon second.

In females, Captain Watson had first brood mare, second yeld mare, third two-year filly; first yearling filly, and first and second filly foal. His yearling, Roseleaf, by Baron's Craigie, was female champion. Shannon had first yeld mare and second two-year filly. Savage had second brood mare, third yeld mare, first two-year filly, third yearling filly and second filly foal.

In Canadian-bred Clydesdales, Savage had first in three-year-olds, on Hailey's Comet, and also first in two-year stallion, first in two-year filly, second in colt foal, and first in three, get of one sire. Shannon had first yearling stallion, second in two-year filly and third yearling filly. Savage had first for two animals, produce of one mare, and Shannon second and third. Savage's three-year stallion was Canadian-bred champion.

Captain Watson got the J. Savage cup for largest exhibit of live-stock owned by one man, and Shannon second. Savage also won first for two heavy-draft animals, Savage was first agricultural team, and second to Colony Farm, in draft team in harness. Savage also had first for four-horse team as well as for best draft horse raised and owned in British Columbia.

There were a few nice Percherons, Shires and Suffolks, but competition was not keen. Likewise also in Hackneys and lighter breeds. In single drivers and pairs there were a few real good ones.

PIGS AND SHEEP.

Swine fell far short of being equal to last year's display. It was only in the Yorkshire sections that there was keen competition. Very fine animals of this breed were shown by Joseph Thompson, McClughan Bros., and T. R. Pearson. The prizes were well distributed, and the judge, D. C. Flatt, of Hamilton, Ont., found specimens worthy of the award all throughout.

Alex Davie showed some nice Tamworths. There were also Berkshires owned by D. Fetteli, and a Chester white sow owned by Dr. Knight.

A special pen of three bacon hogs, any breed, resulted in Thompson getting first and third, and McClughan second. Other specials for best boar and two sows, and for best exhibit on the grounds went to Thompson.

That British Columbia flockmasters are getting into the right kind of sheep was shown by the different breeds brought before the judge, John A. Turner, of Calgary. Oxfords, Shropshires and Southdowns were out in good numbers, and many of them showed quality.

Joseph Thompson had a nice flock of Lincolns, J. Richardson had good Lincolns, and also a pair of Leicester rams to take firsts from E. H. Barton's exhibit of that breed.

J. Richardson and Grimmer Bros. fought for honors with Hampshires, and filled every section. In Oxford Doves A. Davie and McClughan Bros. had strong flocks, the former having some of Peter Arkell's stock. Davie got all the firsts and one second, and the McClughans the seconds and thirds.

In Shropshires, honors were evenly divided between the quality flocks owned by Hon. T. W. Paterson and P. H. Wilson. The former had four firsts, four seconds and a third, and the latter three firsts, three seconds and five thirds.

Southdowns were shown by Dr. A. T. Watt and C. T. Higginson. Awards were pretty evenly divided, Watt getting first, and Higginson second for pen. C. Hawthorn showed Dorsets, and Jas. Thompson and J. Richardson, Suffolks.

For three rams bred in B. C., McClughan's Oxfords were first, Wilson was second and Davie third. For three ewe lambs bred in B. C., Paterson got first, Davie second and McClughan third.

Oxford Down specials for best ram went to McClughan, 1 and 2, and for ewe to Davie, 1 and 2; for best pen of four, either sex, Davie was first and McClughan second. A special for best ram and two ewes of medium or short-wooled breeds resulted: 1, Paterson; 2, Wilson. Higginson got a silver medal for best fat wether, and Davie a special for best flock on the ground bred in B. C.

A. Davie also had a few goats. Poultry of all classes was well represented; Rocks, Wyandottes and Leghorns were particularly strong.