

The Ottawa Exhibition.

Something of the character of farming followed and the conditions existing in the Ottawa valley was reflected in the Central Canada Exhibition held in Ottawa from September 12th to 19th. Propitious weather favored the fair up to the evening of the 16th, when there was a sudden change, with rain and cold weather during the remaining two days of the actual exhibition. But despite these unfavorable conditions the management, owing to the large attendance of visitors and the hearty response of the exhibitors, were enabled to pronounce the fair a success financially and in other respects the greatest of the kind yet held in the Capital.

Substantial increases were noticeable in most classes of live stock. The habitant was there with his little dairy cattle and strong, wiry horses of the French-Canadian breed, and also several newly-imported Belgian stallions, which seem to be growing in popularity with the Lower Canadian people. Clydesdales from the stables of R. Ness & Sons, Howick, P. Q., and Smith & Richardson, of Columbus, carried off most of the honors in that breed. Fancy harness and saddle equines were shown by Geo. Pepper, of Toronto, and Pearson Bros., of Montreal, which added much to the interest of the show.

The ever-popular Shorthorns were well represented by the herds of Senators Drummond and Edwards, the latter getting the lion's share of the prizes. Marquis of Zenda, Edwards' big herd bull, and his full sister, Missie 153rd, the longest-priced cow in Canada to-day, were the chief attractions in the breed. Contrary to the opinions of good criterions, the judge, Mr. John Campbell, of Woodville, Ont., placed a two-year-old bull from Senator Drummond's herd over the big Edwards bull in the sweepstakes class. The yearling daughter of the great Missie cow was also placed over her mature dam for sweepstakes.

The development of the cheesemaking industry in Eastern Ontario was forcibly indicated by the strong showing of Holsteins and Ayrshires. The Ayrshires, however, showed a little falling off in numbers from last year, but this year's new importations strengthened the quality very materially. The principal herds represented were Reford's, Hunter's, Clark's, Yuill's and Whittaker's. The Holsteins were fully as numerous as on previous occasions. Brown, Gilroy, Richardson and Dowler were the principal exhibitors. Sheep and swine made a little better showing than usual, the sheds being nearly all filled.

The making of the fair a success in spite of the disagreeable weather was no ordinary task, and while the people of the surrounding country responded creditably to the demands of their high-classed exhibition, much credit still remains due to the energetic management of Mr. E. McMahon, secretary of the exhibition.

Fair Dates.

The dates at which a number of fall shows and exhibitions are to be held are published herewith. Secretaries of fairs not included in this list are requested to forward the date of their exhibition to this office.

Austin, Man.	Oct. 6
Kinistino, Sask.	Oct. 6
Fairmeade, Assa.	Oct. 6
Olds, Alta.	Oct. 6
Lethbridge, Alta.	Oct. 6 and 7
Victoria, B. C.	Oct. 6 to 10
Meadowlea, Man.	Oct. 7
Headingley, Man.	Oct. 7
Gladstone	Oct. 8
Grenfell, Assa.	Oct. 8
Red Deer, Alta.	Oct. 8 and 9
Pincher Creek, Alta.	Oct. 8

Sale near Calgary.

Owing to illness, John Kalser, living 17 miles south-west of Calgary, decided to sell by auction his farm, live stock and implements. On Sept. 1st the sale took place, Ellis and Grogan, of Calgary, being the auctioneers. The day was fine, and the live stock, some seven horses and over twenty cattle, sold very well, but the implements, although almost new, went slowly. This was largely owing to the small attendance, which again was chiefly due to farmers being in the hay fields. The farm of 320 acres was not sold. A reserve bid of \$10 per acre was stipulated, and \$9.50 was the highest offered. The crop was not included with the farm.

To Give Collie a Trial.

It is proposed to have a competition at the St. Louis World's Fair, in which the skill of collie dogs to manage sheep will be tested. Each dog will be probably required to drive five sheep from one pen to another. Tractability, ready obedience, steadiness in driving, gentleness in working the sheep, and general aptitude in the dog for the business before him will have due influence with the jury in making awards. Barking will be allowed, but biting will not.

Organizing Farmers' Institutes.

It has been announced that meetings will be held at Shovel Lake, on Sept. 26th, and Geyser, on Oct. 3rd, for the purpose of organizing farmers' institutes.

Another Ranch Deal.

It is reported from Kansas that Jno. Anderson, a cattleman of that State, has purchased a ranch of 1,300 acres, including 1,500 cattle and 300 horses, from J. Quirk, Millarville, Alta. The price is said to be upwards of \$70,000. Mr. Quirk was one of the first ranchmen in Alberta and has made the business a success.



VEGETABLES AT STRATHCONA FAIR.

Prof. D. D. Main.

Prof. D. D. Main, of Madison, Wis., has been appointed principal of the Minnesota Agricultural College in the room of Prof. F. D. Tucker, whose resignation was accepted by the regents. Miss C. Comfort, who formerly taught English at the School of Agriculture, will be in charge of the Girls' Building the coming year. She will thus take a considerable portion of the work done by Mrs. Virginia Meredith, the retiring preceptress.

Condensed Potatoes.

Mr. Frank Bunyan, manager of the Concentrated Flake Potato Co., of Janesville, Wis., while engaged in Stratford as a bookkeeper, originated a process by which potatoes can be put up in a concentrated form for the market, in much the same shape as breakfast foods are now prepared. The scheme was taken hold of by an American concern, and it has been found a distinct success. The finished product is of a creamy white color, and is prepared by pouring hot water over it. It is claimed that none of the original flavor is lost in the process of manufacture. The American concern has a capitalization of \$125,000, and is desirous of branching out. Mr. Bunyan is favorable to locating in Stratford.

Sheep Tract Changed.

The sheep-grazing tract in Southern Alberta has been changed, and now includes: Township 9, ranges 10 to 17; the north half of township 9, range 18; township 10, ranges 10 to 18, with the exception of such portion thereof as lies north of the Belley River; and township 11, ranges 9 to 16, excepting such portions as lie north of the Belley River, all being west of the 4th meridian.

The Wants of Vegreville.

In the prize list of the Vermilion Valley and Beaver Lake Agricultural Society, the wants of the Village of Vegreville, Alta., where the Society's Fair is to be held on Sept. 30th, are said to be a newspaper, grist mill, dry goods and a hardware store. It is said all these would do well.



A ROAD CONSTRUCTION GANG, WARD 5, BIRTLE, MAN.

The London Exhibition.

Western Ontario's leading exhibition, held at London, Sept. 11th to 19th, was a fairly successful event, the exhibit of live stock of all classes being well up to the standard of former years, and in horses much better than the average. Clydesdales were especially strong, there being five first-class imported horses in the aged stallion section, and with John Gardhouse, Highfield, and J. M. Gardhouse, Weston,

as judges, the Toronto placing for second and third prizes was reversed, Dalgety Bros.' Stewart's Pride being given premier place here, and Sorby's Vanora's Pride second, a ruling that while causing no complaint might be changed at their next meeting without injustice, as both are grandly good horses. In a strong class of six imported three-year-old stallions, Bawden & McDonnell won first with a capital horse with splendid action; J. B. Hogate won second with Gallant Chattan, a roan colt

of medium size and of fine quality; Sorby had a right good big horse for third place, as also had Dalgety for fourth. Five imported two-year-olds, all good ones, found at the head of the list for first place, Royal Brunston, a capital horse, imported and shown by Dalgety Bros., a big colt, well balanced, having capital legs and feet and splendid action; second prize went to Hogate's Lord Mack, and third to Dalgety's King of Scotland. A very strong class of Canadian-bred heavy drafts was shown, the mares and fillies as well as the stallions being of grand quality.

In cattle, Shorthorns were the most numerous, there being ten exhibitors in the competition. The class was judged by C. A. Simmons, Ivan, who made but one reversal of the Toronto placing where the same animals competed, and that for a second award. Crerar had the first-prize aged bull, in his three-year-old Imp. Scottish Hero; the first-prize cow and three-year-old. As at Toronto, the latter winning the sweepstakes at both shows. Crerar had also the first-prize aged herd. Capt. Robson had the sweepstakes bull in his imported two-year-old Prince Sunbeam, the first-prize yearling heifer and bull calf; as at Toronto, and the first young herd. Goodfellow Bros. had the first-prize yearling bull in their Imp. Famous Pride, first for four calves bred by exhibitor, the second-prize cow Imp. Water Cress, second-prize bull calf, yearling heifer and young herd.

The exhibitors of Herefords were Hunter, Govenlock, Skippen and O'Neil Bros., Southgate, the first named capturing the majority of first prizes.

Aberdeen-Angus were well represented by the herds of Walter Hall, Washington; Eph. Butt and H. Jones, White Oak; while Galloways were admirably represented by the exhibit of Shaw & Marston, Brantford, whose herd is strictly first-class and up-to-date.

Ayrshires were well shown by Wm. Stewart & Son, and Alex. Hume & Co., both of Menie, the class being judged by A. McD. Drummond, Montreal, who made several reversals of the Toronto placing, dividing the prizes fairly well, and giving general satisfaction. The sweepstakes male was Hume's aged bull, Imp. Prince of Barcheskie, and the sweepstakes female, Stewart's