

Watt captured most of the honors in Shorthorns, his herd being in very good condition. He took both senior and junior herd championships, and all male and female championships except the senior female, which was won by Roderick. Watt won the grand female championship on a senior heifer calf.

In the Aberdeen-Angus classes the principal exhibitors were: J. A. McLeod, Cobourg, Ont., and Wm. Channon, Oakwood, Ont. Mr. McLeod is perhaps the oldest exhibitor in the business, having 66 years experience in the show-ring. Channon's herd was in the pink of condition and won all the championships except senior and grand male, which were secured by McLeod's aged bull. Channon's herd afterwards got the silver cup for the largest and most creditable turnout of pure-bred beef cattle as shown on parade. J. H. Grisdale, Director of the Dominion Experimental Farms, judged the parades, while Prof. H. Barton, of Macdonald College, placed the other beef classes.

#### DAIRY CATTLE.

The competition in Holsteins was not as strong this year as it was last, when D. A. McPhee's herd was showing. The exhibitors this year were: Harding Bros., Wellsford, N. B.; J. J. Alexander, St. Louis de Gonzague, Que.; C. C. Hanson, Dixville, Que.; L. H. Parker, Hatley, Que.; Francis Clark, Harold Wise and W. J. Arbery. Harding won most of the honors, getting both senior and junior herd diplomas, senior and grand championship for males, and senior and grand female championships. W. J. Arbery captured the junior male championship, and Hanson the junior female championship.

Ayrshires were shown by G. Montgomery, Phillipsburg; D. T. Ness, Howick; J. Ste. Marie, Moe's River; A. Phanoef, St. Norbert; W. D. Parker, Compton; and A. Gingras, St. Cesaire. Montgomery and Ness had the best herds and shared most of the honors. In the male classes, Montgomery won the aged, year-old and junior bull calf sections; Gingras getting first on two-year-old bull, and Ness first on senior bull calf. The female classes were strongly contested, the aged class being won by Montgomery,

who also got second place, with Phanoef third. Cow, three years and over, in calf, dry: 1 and 2, Ness; 3, Parker. Cow, three years old, in milk: 1, Phanoef; 2, Ness; 3, Montgomery. Ness and Montgomery divided the awards on most of the young classes. The senior herd diploma, the senior male, grand male, senior female, and grand female championships were all won by Montgomery. Ness captured the junior herd, junior male and junior female championships. The special prize offered by the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association for four animals, get of one sire, was won by Ness, with Montgomery second, and Phanoef third. The special for two animals, progeny of one cow was also won by Ness, with Ste. Marie second, and Phanoef third.

Jerseys were shown by Edwards and Alexander, Hillhurst; W. H. Martin, Warden; and H. C. Bayley. Competition was not so strong this year, as the Ruiter herd of Cowansville was not shown. Edwards & Alexander secured most of the honors, getting the special given by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club for bull and four females any age. Other breeds shown were Guernseys, Brown Swiss and French-Canadians, the number and quality of the exhibits being much the same as in previous years. In the dairy competition C. C. Hanson won both the silver and bronze medals in the class for cows, three years and over. In the heifer class, the silver medal was won by Edwards & Alexander, and the bronze by J. J. Alexander.

Ayrshires were judged by J. H. Grisdale; Holsteins by R. S. Stevens, of Ancaster, Ont.; and Brown Swiss, French-Canadians and Jerseys by Prof. E. S. Archibald.

#### SHEEP.

The feature of the sheep section this year was the exhibit of Oxfords belonging to E. Barbour, of Hillsburgh, Ont. This flock was in first-class show condition and presented a splendid appearance, capturing practically all the honors. H. & N. Allan, of Newcastle, Ont., were the strongest exhibitors of Leicesters,

while A. Ayre, of Bowmanville, showed a strong and high quality exhibit of Cheviots, Southdowns and Dorsets. Other exhibitors of Southdowns were Guy Car and H. Elliott. H. H. Fuller had the strongest showing of Shropshires, winning the diploma in this class. Lyster Bros., Kirkdale, Que., made a good showing of Hampshires. The competition in Hampshires was not so strong this year because of the absence of the Oughtred flock from Marbleton. The Cotswold and Lincoln classes were fairly well represented. Jas. Bryson, of Brysonville, Que., judged the long-wooled breeds, while A. A. McMillan, Macdonald College, judged the short wools.

#### SWINE.

The swine exhibit at Sherbrooke is never very large, but this year the quality was good. Yorkshires were shown by McCullough Bros., Sutton; W. W. Phelps, South Stukely, and A. Gingras, St. Cesaire. McCullough won the diploma for pen of one boar and two sows. W. W. Phelps and P. Sylvestre showed Tamworths, Phelps getting the diploma. W. H. Martin, Warden, was the only exhibitor of Berkshires. Poland Chinas were exhibited by G. Chicoine and W. Sylvestre, and Chester Whites by A. W. Bradley, P. Sylvestre, and R. Sylvestre. The export bacon class was won on Yorkshires by A. F. Ward, Lennoxville, with A. Gingras, St. Cesaire, second on Tamworths. L. Lavallee made the awards in swine.

#### JUDGING COMPETITION.

Considerable interest was shown in the judging competition this year. Contests were held in heavy horses, beef cattle, dairy cattle, market lambs, bacon hogs, grain and potatoes. The contestants were divided into two classes, farmers or farmers' sons, and members of agricultural colleges. About thirty men entered this event, and some good judging was done. The competition was under the direction of W. G. MacDougall, of Lennoxville.

## The Western Fair Goes on to Greater Things.

The Western Fair is essentially a live-stock show, and as such deserves the patronage of the live-stock breeders of Western Ontario. This year's show was well up to last year's high-water mark, and in some departments was stronger than upon that occasion. The exhibition opened with the best of weather, and large crowds attended each and every day. The show throughout seemed to please the people very well. The Main Building was well filled with the usual display of manufactured products. The Horticultural Building contained some very pleasing and educational special exhibits, such as those put on by the Dominion Experimental Farm, the Ontario Department of Agriculture, a special display of vegetables from the Field Crop Competitions, and a special competition in fruits put on by the Middlesex Fruit Growers' Association. The Hospital for the Insane had their usual fine exhibit, and, taken on the whole, these two buildings contained displays well up to those of former years. It has been a hard year for the vegetable and fruit grower, but the exhibits were a credit to the growers, considering the drought which has prevailed in Western Ontario for so many weeks. We noticed one improvement in that there was a larger entry of grain and it was better displayed, the boxes being placed on tables instead of under them.

The live-stock department of the show furnished keen competition in most of the classes. Horses overflowed their stabling and a few were to be found amongst the cattle. Beef and dairy cattle were never more numerous nor of a higher quality at the Western Fair. Sheep furnished keen competition in nearly every breed, and the hog pens were well filled. We have previously stated that the Western Fair management would do well to build their show around the live-stock department, and in this particular we might again mention the fact that better accommodation for judging is absolutely essential if progress is to be made. This year, the breeding classes of horses were judged at the far end of one of the horse barns, at a considerable distance from the place where the cattle were judged, and the spot selected would not compare too favorably with some good farmers' yards. A number of good horses were judged under unfavorable conditions for exhibitor, for judge and for spectator. The horse ring, this year, had one good feature, however, it was handy to the barns, and some exhibitors were well pleased with this. The cattle rings, as we have many times stated, are altogether too small, and this year they were overcrowded worse than ever, and parked automobiles took up the remaining space adjacent to the cattle ring to such an extent that the Holstein judge was obliged to work in alleys here and there, which did not give the best of satisfaction. It would be more satisfactory to the farmers and stockmen who attend the show if all the breeding classes of heavy horses and of cattle could be judged in one ring, as at Toronto. This would not necessitate any great expenditure as there is plenty of space now taken by an enlarged Midway, which might be utilized for a live-stock judging ring, with a small judge's stand erected in the centre and reasonable seating capacity at the ring-side. Two hundred dollars

spent in this way would certainly improve conditions greatly.

We also heard the remark, and we believe that it should be heeded, that it would be, from the stockman's viewpoint, a great improvement were the judging not to commence until Tuesday and to be spread over the various days, up until Thursday at least. This would give farmers and stockmen who come to the Fair in largest numbers on Wednesday and Thursday an opportunity of seeing the awards made. It would be a good thing for the Fair, as it would please more people.

The military display and the Grand Stand performance were features of the show well worth seeing, and the management is to be commended upon their work in this regard.

There was a good showing of automobiles, various types of engines and some farm machinery, and special displays of manufactured products in the various buildings drew large crowds.

The new Process Building contained the Dominion Government wool exhibit, the egg exhibit, Hydro appliances, and a few exhibits of goods in process of manufacture.

One very noticeable feature of the Exhibition was the large number of automobiles in which farmers had driven to see the Fair. Never before have we seen so many farmers' automobiles at an exhibition. Western Ontario is prosperous.

The Management, including Secretary, Directors and ring managers, were always courteous, and did everything in their power to aid exhibitors and spectators in having an enjoyable and profitable time at the Fair.

#### HEAVY HORSES.

The exhibit of heavy horses was probably the best that has been seen at the Western Fair for some years. Clydesdales, as is commonly the case, were the strongest feature of this end of the show. Heavy Drafts furnished some keen competition, and Percherons and Shires were represented by some of the choicest of the breed in Canada. A little improvement might be made in this department if the classes were run off a little faster, and an effort was made to keep the judging to schedule time. Too much time is lost in getting out the entries. We believe that this could be best overcome by having an official catalogue with time set distinctly for the judging, and if the exhibitors were not out on time to go on with the schedule.

**Clydesdales.**—The showing of Clydesdales was stronger this year than it had been for several years. Competition was keen in every class; in some it was stronger than at the Canadian National a week ago. Several breeders that showed at Toronto brought a number of their winners to the Western, and a number of local breeders had out some choice individuals. The

quality, finish and action that distinguishes the Clydesdale makes it the popular breed. It seemed a pity that the judging of the splendid line-ups of the best known breeds of horses could not be scheduled for a day when farmers are in attendance. As it was this year, exhibitors and a few breeders were the only spectators.

The class of aged stallions was a particularly strong one. Nine choice individuals faced the judge, who had no easy task in picking out the first five. Lord Gleniffer and Alert, first and second at Toronto, again appeared in competition. The former, with his aristocratic bearing and fine set of feet, headed his class, and also secured the grand championship. Herminius, a strongly-built, closely-coupled, muscular horse, with the right kind of feet and legs, worked into second place, and Alert was forced one step farther down the line. He is a splendid stamp of horse, with flinty legs and deep, broad feet. Considering the company he was in, it was no disgrace to stand anywhere in the money. In fourth place stood Earl Dudley, a horse with masculine appearance. He is a deep, thick, strongly-coupled horse, and a nice mover.

Four three-year-olds answered the call, and Diamond and Bonnie Flisk, from the Claremont stables, held the same positions as they did at Toronto. They are both well-balanced horses and possess quality throughout. Silver Head, an attractive horse of clean-cut quality and a true, snappy mover, went third, with Sir Baron Wallace, a blocky horse, in fourth.

Graham Bros. had four entries in the two-year-old class. They were the same horses as they had out in Toronto, and the placings were the same. All four are horses of the right stamp, with excellent quality of legs and feet.

Mendell Prince was first in a class of four yearlings. He is a strong colt, with smooth, clean limbs, and the best of feet, that can move in a manner that should please the most critical. Baron Revolt, a colt of much the same build and quality, secured the blue ribbon, and Royal Arthur, a nice, tidy colt, came third.

Stronger classes numerically of brood mares have been seen in the Western Fair show-ring. However, the three that answered the call were choice individuals that have appeared on different occasions in the ring.

Newbigging Beauty, third in her class at Toronto, stood second to Royalette. She is a strong, well-made mare, with desirable kind of feet and action. She appeared to better advantage than at Toronto. The winner, a champion on several occasions, is still a show mare. While scarcely as forward in flesh as she has appeared in the past, she still maintains that quality which is sought after by Clydesdale breeders. Her large, well-balanced body, supported on clean, flinty limbs and deep, broad feet, secured for her the red ribbon. Bell Heather, a mare with substance, and heavy muscling, was third.

Four three-year-old fillies came before the judge. Lady Lister and Bessie Scott again competed for first place, with the honors going the same as they did last week. The former is a show mare of high quality. She has a well-balanced body, with substance and strength of parts. There is quality right to the ground, and she carries herself in an attractive manner. Besides winning her class, she was awarded the championship. Bessie Scott has scarcely the substance of the winner, but