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organization to meet the growing needs of the club fair.

Altogether 74 schools were represented. These included the Virden Collegiate and the consolidated school in the town. All the schools affiliated for the purpose of holding the fair. Boys and girls wore a set of ribbons denoting which school they represented. The management of the fair is in the hands of a central board of directors, on which are representatives of each school district, three of the representatives being ladies. This board prepares the prize list, secures contributions with which to finance the fair, arranges all the details and generally looks after the boys' and girls' interests. No entrance fee is charged. Expenses and prize money are paid out of contributions from other sources. Each country school district contributes \$20 and the Virden district \$30. The Virden board of trade, the home economics society, the local branch of the I.O.D.E., the banks and other organizations show their interest in the work of the club by making generous donations. The secretary and manager, R. H. Flewelling, principal of the consolidated school at Virden, whose energetic management had much to do with the success of the fair, was kept busy from early morning until late at night seeing that everything progressed smoothly.

Poultry and Livestock

Altogether there were 86 entries in the poultry classes. These included White Wyandottes, White Leghorns, Buff Orpingtons, Barred Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds. Prizes varying



CROSBY MONTGOMERY
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from 75c to \$2.00 were offered in each of these classes. Prizes were also given for trials of each of the breeds.

The pig classes brought out 34 entries, which meant that 17 exhibitors were in the contest for the prizes. Even more than this was expected but the cold weather that prevailed doubtless prevented many boys and girls from a distance from bringing their pigs to the fair.

At no time during the afternoon did the interest in the judging run higher than when the calf classes were brought out. An interesting contest for top place took place between Miss Olive Finlay and Master Crosby Montgomery. Olive exhibited a pure-bred shorthorn bull calf of splendid conformation. He was long, deep, thickly fleshed and in the pink of condition. Crosby Montgomery's calf was a Polled Angus grade steer of fine scale and great depth. He was also in splendid flesh and seemed anxious to display his qualities in competition with all comers. The judges were assisted in their placing, however, by examining the feeding records of the two calves. The shorthorn bull calf had received whole milk for a considerable period and the grade steer calf won on the score of more economical gains. He was therefore awarded first prize. He also won in the bankers' competition and Crosby was made the proudest and happiest boy at the fair. Olive Finlay's calf stood a close second in both classes.

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