

years, as the season has been somewhat unfavorable. A very nice display of grain in the straw was made along one side of the building.

THE WESTERN FAIR, LONDON.

September 9-18, 1897.

The people of London have good reason to be proud of their annual fall fair. It is growing larger and better every year, and this year has eclipsed all previous years. The weather was good fair weather also, with the exception of a couple of showers, which only laid the dust, and did not seem to interfere with the success of the show in the least. On farmers' day the grounds were covered with sightseers, and it was apparent that if the fair kept on growing, more ground would have to be secured.

The display of farm machinery was almost as good as that made at Toronto, the average quality of the live stock shown was equal if not superior to that shown at Toronto, the display of dairy products was good, the exhibits of fruits, vegetables, and grains were very creditable, and, on the whole, the directors have good reason to feel proud of this year's work.

The Grand Trunk Railway brought this year to the exhibition a total of 25,000, as against 17,000 last year. The increase in attendance per C.P.R. was proportionately great. On farmers' day the Grand Trunk brought 10,000 people to London.

Cattle.

The exhibit of cattle more than filled the cattle barns; quite a number of animals had to go to the horse barns. The average quality was extra good because only the prize-winning herds came from Toronto, and, though the local entries were numerous in some classes, they were, on the whole, good, and did not pull down the average.

Beef Cattle.

SHORTHORNS.—The exhibitors were H. and W. Smith, Hay; T. E. Robson, Hlderton; James S. Smith, Maple Lodge; James Leask, Greenbank; Thos. Russell & Son, Exeter; H. K. Fairbairn, Thedford; J. and W. B. Watt, Salem; Morgan & Muxlow, Kerwood; Goodfellow Bros., Macville; J. Gibson, Denfield; T. Douglas & Son, Strathroy; and W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland. In the class for bulls three years old and upward there were four entries. First place was awarded Jas. Leask for Moneyfuffel Lad. This grand three year-old won first in his class and sweepstakes at Toronto in 1895 as a yearling; as a two year old at Toronto last year he won first and sweepstakes, and this year first in his class. He was also sweepstakes bull here. T. E. Robson's Nominee was placed second, and the well known Abbotsford third. There were only two two-year-olds, out; Thos. Russell and Sons' New Year's Gift was placed first, and Morgan and Muxlow's Vice-Consul second. Only two yearlings were shown. J. and W. B. Watt's Judge, first at Toronto, was again first here, with H. K. Fairbairn's Dainty Davie second. Eight good animals made up the ring of calves. W. C. Edwards and Co. had out three good ones, and won first and second places with the red and roan ones that were placed second and third at Toronto; third place went to J. Gibson for a capital good calf. Four year-old cows were placed the same as at Toronto—Smith's, first; Robson's, second; and Watt's, third. In the three-year-old class only two animals were brought out. They were the first and second place winners at Toronto, and were placed the same here again; Robson's Daisy of Strathallan 12th, first, and Watt's Matchless 17th, second. Five good two-year-old heifers next faced the judge, but first place was awarded the Watts for Freida, and second place was given to Robson's Mysie's Rose, thus reversing the judgment at Toronto. Third place was awarded to a very good entry of H. K. Fairbairn's. Goodfellow Bros. and Morgan and Muxlow had out good animals, but they were in too strong company. Yearling heifers were a good class. The Watts' won first and second places with the animals that won first and third at Toronto; third place went to T. C. Robson for Wimple's Queen. In the calf class there were nine entries, and all good specimens of the breed. First place was again given to the Watt's typical entry, Matchless 19th, an animal as nearly perfect as any on the ground. Second place also went to the same herd for Dora Stamford, the calf that won fourth place at Toronto. Third place went to Robson's Myrtle 6th, which

was placed second at Toronto. The diploma for best female was awarded to Robson's Daisy of Strathallan 12th. The silver medal for the herd went to T. C. Robson, and the diploma for the herd of four calves, owned and bred by the exhibitor, went to W. C. Edwards and Co., Rockland. The special premium, donated by the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association for the best herd of young Shorthorn cattle, one bull and four females under two years of age, owned by the exhibitor, was won by J. and W. B. Watt.

Judge.—Wm. Linton, Aurora.

HEREFORDS.—The only exhibitor of this breed was H. D. Smith, of Compton, Que., so his entries had things all their own way, though they can successfully meet strong competition.

Judge.—H. Rawlings, Ravenswood.

POLLED ANGUS.—The three herds of this famous beef breed that were shown at the Industrial were also shown at London, and in addition three good entries were made by Hiram Jones, of White Oak, on which he won a first and third prize. The results of the judging of the bull classes were similar to those at Toronto, but in the female classes there were several turnovers. In the aged cow class first and second places were transposed. In the three-year-old class there was another surprise. Walter Hall's Lady Gladstone, winner of second place at Toronto was placed first, and his Lady Aberdeen, first in her class and sweepstakes for best female, was not placed at all. Sweepstakes went to Hall's Newtona 2nd, that at Toronto was placed second. In the heifer calf class Mr. Bowman won all three places, while at Toronto he was awarded second and third places, with Wm. Stewart & Son in first place.

Judge.—John Geary, London.

GALLOWAYS.—The same three herds that were at the Industrial also showed here, but the judge placed the awards in very different places. John Sibbald, Ottawa, was placed first, and Col. McCrae's well known Canadian Borderer had to go to third place. Sibbald was first in the two-year-old and yearling classes, and Messrs. Shaw first in the calf class, with a fine lengthy one, Jubilee King. Sweepstakes went to Sibbald, Ottawa. In the older cow classes Sibbald had the lead, but in the yearling and calf classes Messrs. Shaw captured first place. Their heifer calf, Annie M. of High Park was awarded the sweepstakes for best female. She is a fine straight calf with an extra good coating of hair. Sibbald won the silver medal for best herd, and Shaw the diploma for best four calves.

Judge.—John Geary, London.

FAI CATTLE.—There were a goodly number of entries in this class. The prize-winners were Messrs. Oke, Alvinston; H. & W. Smith, Hay; James Rennie, Wick; James Leask, Greenbank; and among these the prizes were fairly evenly divided.

Judge.—Wm. Linton, Aurora.

GRADE CATTLE.—Here, too, there was a goodly number of entries, and Leask's yearling heifer, the first of Moneyfuffel Lad's calves was again first in her class and sweepstakes, the same as at Toronto. The prize-winners were Goodfellow Bros., Macville; James Leask, Greenbank; and James Oke, Alvinston.

Judge.—Wm. Linton, Aurora.

Dairy Breeds.

AYRSHIRES.—Messrs. R. G. Steacy, Lyn, and D. Drummond, Petite Cote, Montreal, were present with the good herds they had at Toronto. Besides these, Walter Nichol, of Plattville, made a number of good entries. A few single entries were made by other parties. The real contest was between Drummond and Steacy. In aged bulls Steacy won first place with Carlyle of Lessnessock over Drummond's Kelso Boy, that was placed first at Toronto. Drummond got second and third places. Walter Nichol had out a useful animal in Rovin' Robin, but he was in too good company to win. Steacy had out the only two-year-old bull. Only two yearling bulls were shown; first place went to W. T. Thompson, Rockton, for a good specimen, and second to a capital entry of Walter Nichol's. There were six entries for bull calves; first place went to R. Reid & Co., Hintonburg, for a nice one that secured third place in Toronto, second place went to D. Drummond for Done For, and third place to Geo. Hill, Delaware. Mr. Steacy's Carlyle of Lessnessock was awarded the prize as best bull of any age.

Aged cows brought out six entries. Steacy here did better than at Toronto, winning first

place over Nellie Osborne with White Rose of Alticane, and third with Wythe 2nd of Lessnessock, while Nellie Osborne had to be content with second place. In the three-year-old class Drummond's Baby Ruth won first from Steacy's first prize winner at Toronto, and the latter had to be content with second and third places. Drummond's Fairy of Burnside won first money in the two-year section, with a good entry of Nichol's second. In yearling heifers, Drummond won first and third places, and Steacy second place. Drummond was first with a splendid calf of Nellie Osborne's, and second with Pearl of Burnside; third place was won by W. Nichol. The best female of any age was found in the Lyn herd, to which also went the herd prize, while the diploma for best four calves was captured by D. Drummond.

Judge.—T. M. Bell, St. Mary's.

HOLSTEINS.—Just two herds were present, but they contained quite a number of the prize winners at Toronto, and while the number of entries was not large the competition was close in some sections, while in others there was none. G. W. Clemons, St. George, had the only entry for aged bulls in Count Mink Mercedes, a bull that will stand well in the best of company as he did at Toronto. He was also given the diploma for best bull any age. A. & G. Rice, Curries, had the only two-year-old shown, also the only bull calves. Clemons' Cornelia Artis was expected to win in the aged cow class as she had won third in a ring of 20 at Toronto, but Rice Bros. had a surprise in store; their newly-calved cow, Lady Pietertje, showing a very fine vessel, was placed first. Third place also went to this herd and second to Clemons. Clemons had the best three-year-old and also sweepstakes female, in Mandamin's Daisy Barrington, and the best two-year-old heifer, Messrs. Rice being good seconds in both cases. Messrs. Rice had the best and also second best calves, the St. George herd securing second place. The silver medal went to Mr. Clemons for best herd, and the diploma to Messrs. Rice Bros. for best four calves.

Judge.—Peter Stewart.

JERSEYS.—The entries in this class were the most numerous of any class on the grounds, and they were also a very good lot of animals. Most of the best animals came on from Toronto, but there were quite a number of animals entered from around London that found their way to the top. Miller & Sibley, of Franklin, Pa., again captured the lion's share of the awards, winning first place, and in four sections second as well, in all the female sections; two first places in the bull sections, both diplomas for best animals, and both herd prizes. Humpidge & Laidlaw won first place for bull calf and second for yearling and aged bulls, and one award in the female sections. J. H. Smith and Son, Highfield, also won a few awards in both male and female sections. Richard Gibson, Delaware, won first place for yearling bull. B. H. Bull and Son, of Brampton, received only three awards, while at Toronto, in a stronger competition, they secured eight. Where the entries are so large, many good animals must necessarily be left out of the prize list, but the placing of the awards in several sections did not meet with the approval of many on-lookers, much less of many of the exhibitors who themselves are often good judges, and claim to know when awards are fairly made.

Judges.—Wm. Rolph, Markham, and Robt. Reesor, Markham.

GUERNSEYS.—The same three herds that competed at Toronto were again in the ring at London. The awards, however, were changed somewhat. In the aged bull section Wm. Butler and Son, Dereham Centre, were awarded first place for May's Roseberry; McNish Bros., of Lyn, secured second place, and Hon. Sydney Fisher's bull, Nereus, which won first place at Toronto, was placed third. McNish Bros. had the only two-year-old shown. Wm. Butler and Son had the first-prize yearling; to this bull also went the diploma for best bull, and Mr. Fisher secured second place. The Dereham Centre herd had the best of it again with calves, securing first and second places, third going to the Knowlton herd. In the aged cow section, McNish Bros. secured first with Adela of Eastview, and to her also went the diploma for best female. In the section for three-year-olds McNish Bros. again secured first place, and second and third places in both these sections went to the Dereham Centre herd. Hon. Sydney Fisher won first and third places for two-year-old heifers, with Wm. Butler and Son second. The Lyn herd had the best yearling, and the Knowlton herd the first and second places for heifer calf. The herd prize went to Dere-

ham Centre, and the diploma for best four calves went to McNish Bros.

Judge.—J. V. Ormsby, Woodstock.

Remainder of report will be given in next issue.

PUBLISHER'S DESK.

Bowen Fence.—In our last issue a typographical error occurs in the advertisement of the Bowen Cable Stay Fence Co. Their address is given as Norwalk, Ont., when it should be Norwalk, Ohio. The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement of this durable fence in this issue.

The Oxford Rival.—The Gurney Foundry Co., Toronto, advertise in this issue their celebrated wood cook stove, the Oxford Rival. This stove bakes perfectly, is quickly regulated, and is handsome as well. Every stove is guaranteed, so that intending purchasers will do well to look up the advertisement of this firm in this issue of FARMING.

Dederick's Hay Presses.—This hay press won distinguished honors at the World's Fair in 1893, and is still in the lead. Improvements have been made this season which make the press lighter, stronger, easier on the horses, and more powerful than ever. It is made of steel, and has patent retainers, folder rollers, tension blocks, and side clamps. Boyd & Co., Huntingdon, Que., are the makers.

Sherbrooke Exhibition.—Captain Reesor, of Jerseyhurst, Locust Hill, has just returned from the Sherbrooke Exhibition, where he acted as an expert judge on Jersey cattle. He says it was the best and greatest exhibition he ever attended in the province of Quebec, and very few will equal it in Ontario. There was a magnificent show of stock of all kinds, and everything else. No wonder Sherbrooke Exhibition was such a perfect success, when they have such gentlemen as the Hon. Mr. McIntosh for their president, and Mr. Fraser for their manager.

Alberts' Thomas-Phosphate.—Wallace & Fraser, St. John's, N.B., renew their advertisement for this valuable fertilizer. It is a perfect acting manure, which doubles the hay crop, and acts steadily and perfectly for four years, and even longer. While suitable for all kinds of soil, and all crops, the effects of this phosphate are most remarkable on grass lands, where it improves the growth of clover in a wonderful manner, and improves the grass generally, yielding abundant crops of sweet, nourishing grass. It is valuable for restoring worn out meadows into luxuriant fields, and cattle have been found often to give preference to land treated with this phosphate powder. It has been experimented with in Great Britain and Australia by leading agriculturists and experimentalists, and in every case the results have shown that it is a marvel in the way of increasing the yield of hay and grass crops and other fodders. It is used extensively in Europe, and should be taken up by the farmers of Canada and applied for the purpose of restoring the lost fertility on many farms.

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