

The Great Eastern Exhibition— Sherbrooke.

The weatherman in a decidedly unsettled state of mind frequently giving vent to his overflowing tendencies of 1917 in the Eastern Townships district, did not apparently put fear in the mind of the public. Wednesday, the only respectable day of the entire week, saw the city of Sherbrooke, Que., and exhibition grounds thronged with people. The exhibits in most cases were decidedly creditable, especially was that true of dairy cattle, sheep, and some of the horse classes. The race track acting in a dual-purpose capacity, as it does, accommodates, each afternoon, a very important feature of the show, the live-stock parade.

The following names appeared on the list of judges: Adam Scarfe, Cumming's Bridge, Ont., and Mr. Tisdale, Beaverton, Ont., on heavy horses; L. D. Herrick, Brattleboro, Vt., Mr. Gilmore, St. Albans, Vt., and Dr. Watson, Hudson Heights, Que., on light horses; F. Mallory, Frankford, Ont., on Holsteins; A. Cains, Byron, Ont., on Ayrshires; Prof. Barton, Macdonald College, on Jerseys, Guernseys and Brown Swis; Mr. Thoun, Three Rivers, on French-Canadians; W. G. Johnstone, Stanstead, on beef cattle and grades; A. A. MacMillan, Macdonald College, on Sheep; and G. Rothwell, Ottawa, on swine.

The exhibitors of light horses put up a strong showing in the harness classes. Miss Viau, of Montreal, was exhibiting as usual in the high steppers, also Mr. Jamieson, of Lennoxville. Mrs. Jamieson made a beautiful display in the many pony classes. The roadster classes, both singles and doubles, were well filled, and the judges who had previously acted in Sherbrooke considered them unusually strong.

HEAVY HORSES.

Clydesdales.—The veteran exhibitors who turned out this year were W. Nussey and R. Ness & Son, Howick; S. McGerrigle, Ormstown; The Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., East Angus; Mr. Haslet, of Richmond; and R. T. Brownlee, of Hemmingford, Que.

In the imported section, Royal Cup by Silver Cup, owned by the Lennoxville Syndicate, won first; Ness & Son were second on Baron Stanley by Baron's Pride, and Haslet, of Richmond, won third money. The Brompton Pulp and Paper Co. won the three-year-old class, and Brownlee was second. Brownlee won the two-year-old class, and Ingram was second. In the three-year-old mare class Ness & Son were alone with Woodside Lady. The Pulp & Paper Co. won in two-year-olds; McGerrigle, second, and Nussey third. Ness won the yearling filly class, and J. Logan, Howick, was second. McGerrigle won mare and foal and also the Clydesdale Association money for imported mares, while Royal Cup and Baron Stanley stood first and second respectively for their owners for imported horses.

The Canadian-bred aged class brought out some champion animals, Ness & Son were first with Spencer of the Briers by Sir Spencer; Nussey was second on Baron Silloth's Heir by Baron Silloth. the Pulp and Paper Co. were third with a big, strong horse. Ness & Son won the two-year-old, and Nussey the yearling class.

In the mare classes both three-year-old and two-year-old Nussey were first and Ness second, while McGerrigle won the yearling class. Nussey won the mare and foal class.

The Clydesdale Association money for best Canadian-bred stallion was won by Ness & Son, and Nussey lifted the female money.

In the teams and singles Ness stood first, and McGerrigle second in both instances. Royal Cup won the gold medal for best stallion, and Ruby Jen won the gold medal for the best mare. Ness & Son won the cup for the best string of ten animals.

Percherons.—The exhibitors were Milton Porter, Simcoe, Ont.; J. E. Arnold, Grenville, Que.; Mr. Smiley, Lennoxville, Que.; Chas. Lefebvre, Birtchton, Que.; E. J. Campbell, Cookshire, Que.; and Mr. Haslet, of Richmond.

Porter was first in the aged horses and afterwards champion on Kodi. Haslet was second and Arnold was third and fourth. Porter won the three-year-olds with Peter King, and Lefebvre was second. Porter was first in two-year-olds, Campbell second, and Smiley third. The Simcoe stables also won the yearling class and Arnold was second. In mares Arnold won all the firsts as Porter did in horses. Arnold's aged mare, Rosaline, was first and Mr. Smiley's mare was second. Arnold won the two-year-old class and afterwards female championship with Margaret Idlefonse. Lefebvre won second place in the class.

BEEF CATTLE.

The beef cattle classes were hardly as well filled as in former years. The absence of the white-faced breed and the fact that no exhibitor seemed to fill the place that F. Cromwell's herd of Shorthorns did, made it appear as though there was a gap in the ranks of the aristocrats. George R. Mooney, of Inverness, made a fine display for a young breeder, securing both the young and aged herd prizes, also the male grand championship on White Gloster, his aged bull, and the female grand championship on his aged cow, Spicy Girl. The following breeders gave Mooney keen competition in many of the individual classes however. Guy Bislop, Marleton; John Adams, Cookshire; W. G. Loomis, Cookshire; Alex. McKay, Smith Mills; and Jas. Woodward, Lennoxville. McKay and Woodward showed some fine animals in the milking classes, for which the Sherbrooke Association makes special provision. A. C. Spafford, of Compton, and H. E. Hodgeman, of Birtchton, Que., were the only exhibitors in Aberdeen-Angus. The former breeder won the majority of the prizes.

DAIRY CATTLE.

In Ayrshires and Holsteins there was keen competition and all the classes were especially well filled, that is even more true of the Ayrshires than the Holsteins, the former slightly outnumbering the latter, and the interest did not drop in a single class. Several of the local breeders deserve special mention for the improvement in numbers, quality and show fit so evident in not only the Holstein and Ayrshire but also the Jersey and French-Canadian sections. The dairy cattle exhibit with the local men is becoming stronger each year.

The contributors to the Holstein exhibit were P. W. Faber, East Farnham, Que.; Harding Bros., Welsford, N.B.; J. Alexander, St. Louis, Que.; L. Hebert, Marblenton, Que.; J. Clement, St. Esprit, Montcalm; Marshall Miller, Brome Centre; W. J. Arbery, Genieve, Que.; J. Parnell, Lennoxville, and A. C. Page, Sherbrooke.

The aged-bull class brought out the grand champion male, Sir Faforit Schuiling, owned by Harding Bros., who were also second; Faber won third on Blizz and Sir Posch, and Alexander fourth on Khg Segis Ruby Walker. Harding Bros. won the two-year-old bull section with Percilla Sir Posch; A. C. Page was second. A big, strong yearling bull belonging to Arbery came out and won the class and afterwards was made junior male champion. Parnell was second, Hebert was third. Both the senior and junior bull calf winners were shown by Harding Bros.

The winning aged cow, Clothilda Johanna De Kol, later became the grand champion female, belonged to Faber, he also won third and fourth on Lyons Beauty Clothilda and Forest Inferno. Harding Bros. were second on Faforit 7th Beauty. Alexander's Howick Pauline won the three-year-old class, Hebert was second, Faber third and Clement fourth. Harding Bros. won the younger female classes and junior female championship on their yearling heifer Miss Mercena Schuiling. Young herds: 1, Harding Bros.; 2, Alexander; 3, Clement. Aged herds: 1, Faber with a uniform bunch of females. Harding Bros. were second with perhaps more first-prize animals in their herd than Faber, but their females were practically all dry and of different ages, so naturally did not show to as good advantage. Alexander was third and Clement fourth.

The Ayrshire exhibitors were D. T. Ness, Howick; W. H. Kay, Phillipsburg; W. D. Parker; Compton Sta.; I. Cavers, Ormstown; J. B. Taylor, Ayer's Cliff; Ste. Marie, Whitecomb Bros., and Phaneuf.

Aged bulls.—D. T. Ness was first on Hillhurst Perfection and afterwards grand champion. Kay was second with Cherrybank Freetrader. Whitecomb Bros. were third with a large, deep bull, and Cabana was fourth. Cavers won bull two years old with Cheerful Masterpiece by Hobland Masterpiece and out of a daughter of Maggie Finlayston. Taylor was second with Robin Hood of Fairmount. Phaneuf stood in third place. Bull, one year: 1, Ness; 2, Cavers; 3, Ness; 4, Parker. Bull calf, senior: 1, Parker on a very sweet calf, Borland General White, that was imported in dam and later won junior male championship; 2, Kay; 3, Cavers; 4, Ness. Bull calf, junior: 1, Denis; 2, Taylor; 3, Kay; 4, Taylor.

In aged cows Taylor won with a deep, milky-looking cow just about to freshen, Kingsley Heights Lilly. Cavers was second with Ryanogue Genieve, Kay third with Ravensdale Lovely Rose.

The grand champion female came from the three-year-old class, Ness' Edgewood Trim, a very typey young cow with a nice udder and teats. Ness was also second in the class with Burnside Baroness; Cavers third on his young Orange Blossom cow, and Kay fourth on Ravensdale Alice. Kay won in two-year-olds and junior female championship with Ravensdale Lady Mex; 2, Ness; 3, Kay; 4, Cavers. Heifer, one year: 1, Ness; 2, Taylor; 3, Ness; 4, Cavers. Heifer, senior calf: 1, Cavers; 2, Ness; 3, Kay; 4, Ness. Heifer junior calf: 1 and 2, Parker; 3, Kay; 4, Taylor.

Ness won the cup for best display of dairy animals, also the young and aged herd, while Cavers came second in both the herd prizes.

The Jerseys made a good showing, the competitors were few in number. Edwards and Alexander, of Hillhurst, won a large majority of the prizes and championships. Mr. Martin, of Warden, also made a good exhibit.

The French-Canadian breeders made a stronger exhibit than usual. M. W. Power, M. P., St. Pacôme, Que., carried off many of the honors, while E. Sylvester, Clairvaux, and A. Denis, St. Norbert, in many cases made good competition.

R. H. Libby, Stanstead; C. F. Standish, Ayer's Cliff; and W. A. Jolly, Waterloo, each exhibited a herd of Brown Swis, making keen competition.

SWINE.

In Yorkshires Mr. McCulloch, Sutton, showed a fine herd, winning the diploma and silver medal for best and most creditable exhibit of swine, while Mr. Phelps, South Stukely, and M. Miller, Brome Centre, were also exhibitors. Mr. Martin, of Warden, did not have much competition in Berkshires. The Chester Whites were out strong. E. Sylvester, Clairvaux; M. Miller, Brome Centre, divided the honors. McCulloch won the export bacon class, Miller second, Phelps third, and Sylvester fourth.

SHEEP.

The show of sheep was particularly good this year. The classes were all well filled and competition was keen. A number of new exhibitors were present, both from Ontario and Quebec, adding much to the numbers and general display.

The medium-wooled breeds were all well represented except the Suffolks. Shropshires and Oxfords were much stronger than last year. In Shropshires, Baker, of

Ontario; Denis, Woodward and Balsam were keen competitors. Denis secured the diploma for the best exhibit. Baker was first and second in aged ewes, Woodward second in yearling ram and first in ewe lambs. In Oxfords the honors were fairly equally divided between Denis and Balsam, Sylvester winning most of the third and fourth prizes. In aged rams Denis was first and Balsam second. Denis secured the diploma for the best exhibit. The exhibit of Hampshires was not as good as last year, either in numbers or quality of display. Lyster Bros.' flock were not in their usual show fit. Denis, Lyster Bros. and Balsam were the main exhibitors. Ayre, of Bowmanville, Ont., exhibited an excellent flock of Cheviots, carrying off the diploma and practically all the firsts and seconds. Mr. Sculley, of Knowlton, Que., was a new exhibitor of Southdowns, but Ayre again carried off most of the honors, including the diploma. The Dorset Horns were well represented.

The exhibit of long-wooled sheep was the equal of previous years. Allen Bros., Glaspell, and Denis exhibited Leicesters, Allen Bros. winning most of the firsts. Glaspell and Denis divided the honors in Cotswolds, and Denis and Balsam in Lincolns.

The Cars at Toronto Fair.

Over the main entrance of the Transportation building he who runs may read the words "Road, Rail and Water," but a tour of the interior proves conclusively that in so far as this department of the great Canadian National Exhibition for 1917 is concerned the word "Road" alone is necessary. In the early days this magnificent structure contained machines and contrivances indicative of forty different systems of travel; now the automobile is an undisputed king. Perhaps few people realize the importance of the Toronto Fair to the motorist. We can emphasize its tremendous value by stating that the auto displays constitute the only national show of such a nature in this Dominion. The exhibitions that come along the first of each year in Montreal and other points are not to be discounted, but Toronto's show, timed as it is for late August and early September, catches the auto manufacturer ready for his first display of new models. Most fiscal years with car makers end in midsummer, and following them every effort is concentrated upon the production of new stuff. So much for the magnitude of the auto array at Toronto.

We can sum up the innovations produced by the 1918 motor cars in a few words. Bodies do not present any startling changes. The five and seven-passenger designs are still with us in all their streamline glory. It is interesting to note that the one great manufacturer who still clung to the rough, angular type has at last given in to the beauty and convenience of streamline construction. The roadster bodies of two and three-passenger design and of fleur-de-lis and clover-leaf pattern are still with us and there is what has been named a "duplex" which contains two seats accommodating two each and reached by separate doors. This newcomer bids fair to attain considerable popularity. It will exactly meet the ideas of those who at times desire company but who upon other occasions are equally anxious to drive alone without carrying along a lot of vacant passenger space. Closed cars are being made with stationary tops. The styles that folded back do not figure very largely any more. The windows in the models are removable and so tourists are able to secure all the fresh air and ventilation possible. Body colors of flashy conception have practically disappeared and in their place we find the old reliable blacks, dark blues, deep maroons, and heavier shades. Motorists have come to realize that the best wearing colors and those that they do not tire of quickly are, so the return of bright, livid hues is far distant.

Wheels are taking on a dash of new life that is somewhat amazing. Perhaps the designers decided that as bodies were to be dark that the wheels should be light. At any rate the artillery as well as wire designs are in many instances finished in yellow, white, grey or some other lively hue. We believe this innovation should find favor. Nothing about a car is as attractive as the spinning of clean-looking wheels. Fabric tires still preponderate although the more expensive and heavier machines have been equipped with corded ones. It is hard to pass judgment upon this step. Cord tires certainly outwear the fabric makes, but the former cost more. In the end it would seem to be a simple case of getting exactly what you pay for.

Engine specifications have not been altered appreciably. Nearly all the standard makes show but trifling alterations. One famous manufacturer has added an eight cylinder to his line but he seems to be the exception necessary to prove the rule. Those who pinned their faith last year to the valve-in-head type are standing firm for next season, and the same is true of "L" and "T" head producers. The fact that winter driving is becoming more and more vogueish has impelled, or at least influenced, certain companies towards super-heaters, the running of the exhaust manifold pipes alongside the intake pipes. Then, too, clutches have in many cases been made easier of operation, and gear shifting robbed of exasperating noises. Airmeters are now almost universal and oil gauges will soon be equally so. A tendency to give more attention to cooling must inevitably meet with approval. Radiators are getting larger, water pumps more numerous, hose connections freer from cumbersome construction and jackets simplified. These are all steps in the right direction as every one knows.

AUTO.

This is a record year in the growing of potatoes in the United States. The crop is estimated at 467,000,000 bushels, being 47 millions more than the record crop of 1912.