



Just a fraction of the great gathering that represented the Organized Farmers of Ontario at the U. F. O. Convention in Toronto two weeks ago.

## How We Trained for the Judging Competition at Ottawa

Members of Winning Eastern Ontario Teams Tell How They Were Coached

### Training the Provincial Champions

Frank J. Greaney, Mountain.

THE three young men composing the Dundas team at Ottawa have all taken a short course in agriculture, conducted by E. P. Bradt, B.S.A. Two of the team, Wm. McIntyre and the writer, attended last year, and Mr. George Timmins two years ago. At these courses a great deal of stock judging work was done, so that Mr. Bradt had an opportunity of knowing the young men who were capable of taking a place on the team. At these courses a great deal of training was obtained at different stock farms in the vicinity, so that when we started practising in the fall we all had some knowledge of stock judging.

Our first meeting was at Mr. Morrison's, Hulbert, on November 15, where a sheep judging competition to stimulate sheep raising in this district was being held. Six sheep were given away to the young man making the highest number of points. We were given score cards by which we placed the animals and wrote our reasons. Twenty minutes was given for this. Fifty per cent. was allowed for placing and 50 per cent. for reasons. After the cards were collected, Mr. Harding, of Thornedale, placed the sheep correctly and gave his reasons. This gave us an opportunity of knowing the good and bad points of each animal. With this good flock of Shropshire sheep we spent a valuable afternoon.

Our next practice was at Dixon's Corners, a live stock short course being held there during which a judging competition was held. Here we received a class each of Holsteins and Clydesdales of good quality. On December 16 we visited the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, where we had our best day's practice, getting classes of the choicest stock in heavy draft horses, Ayrshire cattle, Southdown sheep, Yorkshire swine and Shorthorn cattle. We had our final meeting on January 12, when we visited different stock farms in the vicinity of South Mountain, picking up some very good classes of dairy cattle, sheep and bacon hogs.

During all this training we steadily improved, and through the energy, constant training and hard drilling of Mr. Bradt we succeeded in winning over 12 counties at Ottawa with a margin of 47 points. When notified that we were winners

we decided to stay in Ottawa an extra day to look over the stock there and pick up any information that we could on stock judging. Then on Feb. 7 we met the western boys of York county, winners at Guelph over 21 counties at Toronto, and after a most interesting and close competition, Mr. Bradt's good coaching again showed when we led at the end with a margin of 73 points. The competitions were of the keenest interest to all, especially to those taking part.

fairs Mr. Forsyth selected four, and training under him began.

Late in the fall we motored to Brockville and visited Mr. Hardy's fine Holstein herd. Classes were picked and cards given us for placing the animals, with reasons. After the cards were handed in we gave oral reasons with the animals before us. This was one of the finest herds we had the pleasure of visiting. The next day we motored to Ottawa Experimental Farm, where we were given very close classes in Holsteins and

Ayrshires. After placing the animals and writing reasons, our coach took us away from the animals to give our oral reasons. This was much harder, but proved a great help to us when we came to the contest. Before leaving the farm we had one class of baby beef and two of swine. About a week later we had interesting classes in Clydesdale horses, Durham cattle and Leicester sheep at the farm of G. and W. Paterson, Almonte.

Shortly afterwards a stock judging demonstration was held at Perth, and Mr. Forsyth asked us to be present, as it would be to our advantage to listen to the speakers. Here we spent the forenoon in visiting a few of the best stock farms in the vicinity, having classes in Holstein, Durham and Hereford cattle, and also in sheep and swine. In the evening we were coached in types and methods of giving reasons.

Shortly after this one of our number received word he had won a two weeks' course at Guelph O.A.C., so he dropped out, and that left three of us: Rutherford McQuham, Earl Gardner and the writer to enter the inter-county contest. In January Mr. Forsyth and the team spent two days, giving us classes around Almonte. In the forenoon of the first day we had a few classes of Yorkshire swine at the farm of W. J. Graham. In the afternoon we visited Mr. P. Cochran's stables, taking classes in Clydesdale horses, Durham cattle and Oxford Down sheep. The following day we had another lesson on dairy cattle at the farm of Mr. J. B. Wylie, Almonte, where we saw some splendid specimens of Holsteins, as he specializes in this breed. On the day before the fair we spent another day with our trainer at the Experimental Farm. The honor of our securing second place in the contest is due Mr. Forsyth.



"The Best Looking Outfit" a Feature of the Plowing Match. The chugging tractor at the Whitby Demonstration last fall did not monopolize the attention. A constant stream of spectators visited the adjoining field in which the Provincial Plowing Match was being held. The teams came in for their share of admiration. This spanking team of Clydesdales, owned by W. H. Munroe, Burnside Farm, York Co., Ont., won the prize in the "best looking outfit" competition.

—Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

### Consistent Drilling for the Lanark Team

James Snedden, Almonte.

IN Lanark county, short courses in agriculture have been held at different points each year, and from these classes our team was chosen to enter the contest at the Ottawa Fat Stock Show. Early in the fall we received word from Mr. Forsyth, our representative, that medals were being offered by South Lanark Agricultural Society to young men under twenty-five years of age competing in classes of horses, sheep, dairy and Durham cattle. He urged as many as could come to enter the contest. Then about two weeks later North Lanark Society offered prizes at Almonte. From the standing at these two