

place in the prize list had they arrived in time. Some of the lots were very fine cheese, others were not, which showed either carelessness or ignorance on the part of the maker who selected them. A few lots were badly off flavor, and some lots showed too much acid and were coarse in the grain and not silky in texture. Perhaps one reason why our dairymen do not take more interest in exhibiting their produce is the want of an opportunity to make comparisons in their products. They complain it does them no good to exhibit their cheese, they are not afforded any opportunity of comparing one factory's produce with another's, and unless something of a more educative system is adopted in connection with dairy produce exhibited, the interest of dairymen is likely to decrease. Why could there not be a dairymen's convention in connection with the Fair, where the manufacture of cheese and butter could be discussed, and a few cheese cut up and the prize winners describe their method of making and how faults could be rectified and the little defects and weak points obviated. There should be engaged for the dairymen's meeting, one or two professors to give an address, who, having the cheese and butter exhibited before them, could give an object lesson of great profit to the meeting. Ladies who are butter-makers should be invited to attend and take part in the discussion of the various subjects brought before the meeting.

The managers of our great Western Fair spend large sums of money to provide amusement for the people. A little money would be well spent to provide instruction, and also entertainment to our cheese and buttermakers, the most important industry in Ontario.

The butter exhibit was very small, some very nice lots of dairy butter, and three lots of very fine creamery. During the Toronto Fair the cattle men, the sheep and hog breeders have their meetings and discuss matters relating to their own lines of business. Our dairymen in the west should unite together to promote their own interests, the advancement of the science of their occupation, to lessen their labor and improve the quality of their produce.

The Great Central Fair.

This exhibition opened at Hamilton on the 22nd September. The weather was fine and every thing appeared favorable, but owing to the Western Fair being held the same week the exhibits were not as numerous as they otherwise would have been. The competition in thoroughbred horses was about the same as last year, there being only two exhibitors, Mr. Wm. Hendrie and Mr. John Dymont, the former winning first in three-year-old stallions with Tulliegorum, and first in brood mares with Bonny Bird. Carriage horses were well represented, and some good animals were on hand, especially in the younger classes. Eleven aged stallions were shown, amongst whom was the veteran Ryshawk, who once more pulled out the red ticket. Roadsters were likewise a very good class, both in merit and numbers, as may be imagined when ten two-year-old stallions were led into the ring. The Heavy Draught class, although not so strongly represented, contained many excellent horses. In the aged stallions the first prize went to Lord Wilton, a good up-standing bay, with plenty of bone and well muscled, sired by the celebrated Lord Erskine, and owned by Mr. A. K. Tegart, of Tottenham, who subsequently gained the diploma for the best Heavy Draught stallion of any age, second going to a horse owned by Mr. Smith, and third to Messrs. Ormsby & Chapman's Leake Crampton. Two-year-old draughts contained rather a miscellaneous collection of draughts, carriage and general purpose, and some little disatisfac-

tion was, we believe, occasioned by the awards; four brood mares competed, first going to a good, short-legged wide mare owned by Mr. Stewart, Oneida, second to a brown mare, rather low in flesh, owned by Mr. Ferguson, and third to Mr. Fothergill's brown mare, a decision which, as regards the second and third prizes, did not meet with general approval.

CATTLE.

The beef breeds were not as well represented as those of milking type, and did not, on the whole, come up to the exhibits we have previously seen at the Central.

Shorthorns were exhibited by Messrs. Watts, Salem; Currie, Everton; W. D. Barker, Paris; Eastwood Bros., Mimico; Stock, Waterdown; Terryberry & Mitchell, of Glanford. Aged bulls were a poor class, only two competing. Two-year-olds contained the roan bull (Eastwood Bros.) which was first in the yearlings at the Industrial, and which was here rightly awarded first in his class and diploma. In yearlings, a thick red bull (Currie's), a trifle slack round the heart, was first, a useful bull (Barker's), in low condition, being second. Four bull calves competed, and a smooth red calf (Watt's) was placed second to an older red and white calf (Currie's), although some felt inclined to reverse their positions. The female classes were much superior to the bulls. Six aged cows were on hand, first going to a good roan (Watt's), second to a roan cow (Stock's) which had only calved the day before and did not show to the same advantage, and third to a stylish roan (Currie's), whom we thought might have been placed a step higher. First in three-year-olds went to a thick roan two-year-old heifer (Watt's) with a grand front, second to a lengthy red cow (Barker's), and third to a red from the same herd. Two-year-olds contained a grand roan yearling (Watt's), by old Barmpton Hero, which was placed first, a medium red heifer (Barker's) second, and a thin roan (Terryberry's) third. Among the yearlings a grand roan heifer (Watt's), by Perfection, was easily first, a white heifer (Currie's) second, and a useful roan (Barker's) third. The herd prize, as anticipated, was taken by Messrs. Watt, with Mr. Barker second, and Mr. Currie third, the herd prize, open only to the County of Wentworth, being awarded to Mr. Terryberry, Mr. Stock being second, and Mr. Mitchell third.

There was no competition in Herefords, Mr. Reed, Glanford, being the sole exhibitor. The milk breeds were much more strongly represented.

Ayrshires were well to the front, with eight head shown by Messrs. Smith, Fairfield Plains, and a strong contingent from the herd of Mr. Jas. McCormack, Rockton; also the exhibits of Messrs. Gerard, Hamilton and Addison, Hamilton. The largest share of the prizes were awarded to Mr. McCormack, who also won first for his herd, Messrs. Smith winning the diplomas for both the best bull and the best female of any age.

Holsteins were likewise out in force. Messrs. Kennedy, Ayr; Felan & Brecon, Oakville; Stevenson, Ancaster, and McNiven & Son, Winona, being the principal exhibitors, the first and diploma on aged bulls, as well as the first for aged cows, going to Messrs. Kennedy, Messrs. McNiven taking a first on their bull calf Seiptjie 3rd, for the first time exhibited, and first on their two-year-old heifer, the other

exhibitors also obtaining a fair share of the money.

Jerseys were not as strong in numbers as Holsteins, but some good animals were present, Messrs. Geo. Smith & Son, of Grimsby, having seventeen head, the only other exhibitor being Mr. Job, of Waterdown, who won first on his aged bull, all the other prizes going to Messrs. Smith.

Grade cattle were, with the exception of the second prize heifer calf, who was sired by a Hereford, all Shorthorn crosses, the first prizes chiefly falling to the lot of Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Barker securing most of the others.

SHEEP

were not as numerous as we should have anticipated, and many of the pens were vacant.

Leicesters were, however, better represented than last year, and the competition was stronger. Mr. John Kelly, jr., Shakespeare, as usual, won all the first prizes, the others being divided between Messrs. Merrill, Onondaga; Easton, Appleby, and Woods, Freeman.

Oxford Downs were exhibited by Messrs. Evans, Gourock; Harcourt, of St. Annes, and Hanmer & Sons, Mount Vernon, the competition being stronger this year than last.

Shropshire entries were about the same as last year, the exhibits being from the flocks of Messrs. Petit, Burlington; Brecon, Appleby, and Hanmer & Sons, Mount Vernon, the latter securing the lion's share of the prizes.

Cotswolds were a good average lot, the prizes being about evenly divided between Messrs. Crawford, Canboro, and Patch, Blackheath.

PIGS

formed a good display, and much interest was taken in this department by visitors.

Berkshires were an excellent lot, especially those from the herd of Mr. Geo. Green, Fairview, who literally swept the board, taking all the prizes, and also a highly commended ticket for his fourth aged sow, the other competitors being Messrs. Reid, Seneca; Wickett, York, and Brant, Glanford.

Suffolks were shown by Messrs. Dorsey, Burnamthorpe, and Featherston, Springfield-on-the-Credit, the former winning most of the prizes.

Essex were only represented by the herds of Messrs. Featherstone and Main.

Poland Chinas had more competitors, Messrs. Smith, Dorsey and De Courcy being the principal exhibitors.

Yorkshires and other large breeds were likewise well filled, Messrs. Dorsey, Featherston and Ormsby & Chapman exhibiting Yorkshires, and Mr. De Courcy Chester Whites, all of whom secured a proportion of the prizes.

ROOTS, ETC.

The exhibit of roots was very good, especially potatoes. Fruit was a grand display, the apples being better than at the Industrial. Pears were particularly fine, as were also grapes. Peaches formed a small exhibit, but good. Plums, a moderate show, the time of year being rather late.

During the exhibition, trotting races, balloon ascensions and trapezists drew a large crowd, while those who preferred feats of horsemanship were doubtless interested in the Pierce Combination Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, who gave exhibitions of hurdle jumping, Roman races, and raced their champion running team, Oscar Wild and Nellie May (who have a record of a half-mile in 53 seconds), in 85 lbs. four-wheeled wagons.