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A Canadian's Pick of the Shorthorns

Appropos of Mr. J. Deane Viceroy's unprecedented victory at the "Royal" show in taking both the male and the female championship in an unprecedentedly large and strong section with a yearling bull and a yearling heifer, both bred by himself, and both got by Violet's Fame, out of a Count Lavender cow, there are some interesting facts that may be related with reference to these two champions. Four months ago, Sir William Van Horne, the Controller of the Canadian Pacific Railway, came over to this country, accompanied by his trusted manager, Mr. Jas. Yule, for the purpose of purchasing the best Clydesdale colt and the best Shorthorn bull that money could buy. After inspecting some of the leading Clydesdale studs in Scotland, he purchased from Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery the rising two-year-old Baron's Pride colt Lord Ardwell, which was first at the Ayr, Edinburgh, and Highland shows as a yearling last year. Having got fixed up with the Clydesdale colt which he wanted, Sir William next set out in quest of the best Shorthorn bull he could find. After inspecting most of the leading herds in England and Scotland, he came to the conclusion that the yearling bull Bapton Viceroy and the yearling heifer Golden Garland, bred and owned by Mr. Deane Willis, were the best representatives of the breed that he had seen or heard of in the course of his travels. After some negotiations, he lodged a final offer of \$2,500 for Bapton Viceroy, but Mr. Deane Willis declined this price for the animal being \$3,000. Sir William thought this latter price was rather too much of the fancy order, and he decided reluctantly to leave the bull, but he succeeded in buying the heifer Golden Garland, which came out on Thursday last the champion at the "Royal," the price being £600, with delivery after the "Royal." Evidently the Controller of the Can. Pacs. has not much to learn in regard to either Clydesdales or Shorthorns. It

may be added that the Royal champion bull Bapton Viceroy was sold immediately after the judging in the Royal showyard on Wednesday last, to Mr. F. Miller, Birkenhead, on behalf of Senor Cobo, at £3,000, or precisely the price which Mr. Deane Willis had demanded for the animal from Sir Wm. Van Horne in February last.—N. B. Agriculturist.

More Cow Tests

Monthly reports from the different cow testing associations are coming in so thick and fast that we have space only to give a brief synopsis of the milk records obtained.

The second 30-day test at Mansonville, Que., ended June 27th. The number of cows tested was 262; the average yield of milk 589 lbs., of fat 22.6 lbs., and the test 3.8. The highest herd average was 832 lbs. of milk, testing 3.7 and yielding 32.1 lbs. of fat, and the lowest 419, 3.5 and 14.7 respectively. The highest individual cow record was 1,070 lbs. of milk, testing 3.1.

At St. Camille, Que., for the 30 days ending July 2nd, 182 cows were tested, giving an average of 688 lbs. of milk and 26.2 lbs. of fat, and testing 3.8. The highest herd average was 941 lbs. of milk, testing 3.6 and yielding 34.4 lbs. of fat, and the lowest 471, 3.7 and 17.3 respectively. The highest individual record was 1,060 lbs. of milk, yielding 40.2 lbs. of fat, and the lowest 370 lbs. of milk, yielding 14.4 of fat.

At St. Felicien, Que., for the 30 days ending July 2nd, 70 cows were tested, with an average yield of 614 lbs. of milk, 23.4 of fat and a test of 3.8. The highest herd average was 633 lbs. of milk, testing 4.1 and yielding 26.3 of fat, and the lowest 391, 3.7 and 21.8 respectively. The highest individual yield was 930 lbs. of milk, testing 3.8, and the lowest 405 lbs. of milk, testing 4.

At North Oxford, Ont., for the 30 days ending June 21st, 288 cows were tested. The average was 1,004 lbs. of milk and 32.9 of fat, and a test of 3.2. The highest herd yield was 1,196 lbs. of milk, testing 3.4 and yielding 40.7 lbs. of fat, and the lowest 793, 3 and 24.3 respectively. The highest individual cow test was 1,690 lbs. of milk, testing 3.1, and the lowest 400 lbs. of milk, testing 2.9 per cent. of fat.

Canadian National Exhibition Entries

As entries for live stock for the Canadian National Exhibition close on Saturday, August 4th, although many have already been received, it is worth while noticing some of the changes that have been made in the prize list. In the horse department the first prizes in all the breeding sections have been doubled and other changes have been made in the way of increases. Separate classes have been added for Shetland, Welsh and Hackney ponies. The prizes for the trials of speed have already been increased and will be decided on the every-heat-a-race plan. In the cattle department the premiums this year aggregate \$7,000, and are very largely in excess of any previous year; this was made possible greatly through the generosity of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association. Additions have been made also to the Ayrshire and Holstein classes, and to the grade cattle. In sheep, wetter sections have been added to each class and arrangements will be made for the judging to take place under

cover. In the poultry department a number of sections have been added and many extra special awards which it is anticipated will bring out numerically larger classes than have been the custom.

In the dairy building an up-to-date cold storage plant has been installed which will prove a decided advantage to exhibitors, particularly of cheese. In the floral department a section has been added for the best and most original designs in cut flowers. In accordance with a request from the Ontario Bee Keepers' Association several sections have been added in the honey department. The women's and children's prize list has been materially improved, especially in the direction of the encouragement of art in the Public Schools. In short the premiums in the different departments have been increased as follows: Horses, breeding, \$725; harness, \$165, speed, \$100; cattle, \$550, poultry, \$70; flowers, \$1,000; art, \$800; women and children, \$150. In order to become better acquainted with the numerous changes that have been made, it is most desirable that exhibitors lose no time in writing to the manager for prize lists.

The managers are determined to adhere to the date set for closing entries. They also particularly request that entries may not be delayed, as the work of the office is greatly facilitated by their early receipt.

Big Attraction

The Central Canada Fair management did a good stroke of business in arranging to have the Ottawa match of the Capital-Shamrock lacrosse series played on the Exhibition Grounds on the last day of the Fair, Saturday, August 4th. In the first place, it is a magnificent attraction with which to inaugurate the addition of Saturday to the time of the Exhibition. With this attraction and the fine theatrical performance, "The Gingerbread Man," in the evening, Saturday should be one of the best days of the Fair. The railway companies, it may be said, have consented to hold trains on this day until after the close of the evening performance. The lacrosse contest will certainly attract thousands.

This match is invariably looked forward to by admirers of the national game as the principal spectacle of the season. This year it certainly promises to be a veritable "battle royal"; and expectation is "keyed-up" to the highest point of pleasurable excitement on all sides. It is a genuine case of "Greek meeting Greek," and all may expect "the tug of war" as a matter of course.

Toronto Dog Show

The prize list for the coming bench show in connection with the Industrial Exhibition is now ready for mailing.

The classes have been increased in various breeds. In Pointers and Setters a junior class for dogs or bitches 18 months or under has been added, as there has always been a feeling on the part of the breeder of this very popular breed that a class of this kind would be interesting to show the development of the breed at the different ages.

The Sheep Dog Trials will be another feature as popular, if not more so than last year, and altogether everything is pointing to an exceptionally good show, and the Exhibition committee are getting ready for an entry of 1,500 or over. The show will be held September 3rd to 7th.