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small way due to the generosity of our Provincial Government, who gave us an additional \$3,000, over their previous grants with a recommendation from the Premier that this additional sum be used principally in the classes provided for cattle and swine; and also with the understanding that we would provide another \$3,000, for the promotion of the agricultural end of the show.

A meeting was called early in the year of representatives of the different breed organizations and they worked out a Prize List, which was almost doubled that offered in previous years. The complimentary remarks and co-operation shown by exhibitors was evidence of their appreciation. The Vice-President, Dr. Lantz, who was chairman of this committee, is deserving of great credit for his improvement in Prize list and Show Ring set-up.

A change was made in the location of the cattle judging ring. The cattle were shown on the site of the old industrial building, which had to be all resurfaced and seeded and this change brought forth complimentary remarks from exhibitors as they had much more room to display their herds and groups. The ring side voiced their general approval as they enjoyed the view of horse judging and midway activities along with the cattle show.

The judging of the livestock proved highly satisfactory due to the fact that the Dominion Government gave a grant of \$500, for Judge's expenses, which enabled us to procure competent judges. These judges complimented the set-up and the high quality of the exhibits which were on a par with any outdoor exhibition east of Toronto.

A new feature of the show was the introduction of the catalogue of the horses and cattle which made it possible for the ring side fans to distinguish the different exhibitors.

The Poultry exhibit was on a par with other years and we have one of the finest poultry buildings to display our entries and visitors were very much attracted by the exhibits.

Great interest was taken in our Swine Show due to the fact that we have in this Province the finest type of bacon hogs anywhere and our prize animals are in demand in every province in Canada.

The Sheep entries were larger than usual due to the extra classes being added and the increase in the prize money.

The breeding of Horses in the Province has been on the decline, especially in the heavy breeds. Our prizes have not been attractive but we anticipate some improvement this year. The horses on display last year were of good quality but lacking in numbers.

Improvements

A great many improvements and repairs were made to the plant this year, including the building of two new cattle barns on concrete foundation replacing the ones burned some years ago.

A new washroom and lavatory was provided for livestock exhibitors.

The Sheep barn was moved to a new location, next to the Ayrshire barn, and extensive repairs made to the plant.

Additional parking space of over three acres was made available by stumping and leveling the grounds east of the race track.

Necessary repairs were made to the grandstand, including a new end at the east of the stand.

A new Parimutuel system was installed this year, which made it necessary to provide extra space under the bleachers in front of the main grandstand, which was greatly appreciated by the general public.

A new oil burner was installed which provides continuous hot water for race horse owners and eliminates, to some extent, the fire hazard.

The race track was practically rebuilt. The entire rail fence was removed and a proper drainage system was installed with a ditch four feet inside the rail. This was

made racing possible within an hour or so after a heavy rain. The turns were newly graded and additional top soil was added. As a result of these improvements it fully justifies our slogan Canada's Finest Race Track.

Night Racing

The highlight of the activities for the year was the Night Racing and installation of the flood lights on the race track. This was supervised by the chairman of the Track Committee, Director F. R. McLaine, who is an expert along this line. It was with much difficulty that this undertaking was completed due to the scarcity of material. On August 2nd, the lights were turned on for the first night meet which turned night into day and presented a picture never to be forgotten by the race fans and all subsequent night meetings proved to be an outstanding success and left no doubt in the mind of spectators that this was the most popular entertainment in any line of outdoor sport.

The introduction of the Starting Gate at the Night Racing meets was possibly partly responsible for the interest shown at our first race as it was the first time it had been used on a Maritime track. This method made it very popular for Night Racing as it gets the horses away on schedule time and practically eliminates bad actors.

This gate was designed and constructed by Director Willard H. Kelly.

Our Racing program was, as usual, of a high calibre having a record number of over two hundred entries. The events were keenly contested and many photo-finishes were necessary to decide the winners.

Another new feature was the assembling of the horses contesting for the day at the paddock located at the west end of the grandstand. This was very much appreciated by owners and groomers as it eliminated interference by the public. A bugler called each heat the horses were then capably marshaled by Miss Vimy Jones, daughter of Premier Jones, which gave a touch to our racing program.

We wish here to pay tribute to our capable starter, Dr. Dougan, who is recognized as one of the outstanding starters and who handled this meet in his usual satisfactory manner and got classes away with a minimum of scoring. His description of heats while in progress was much appreciated by the public.

We had as our distinguished guest this summer one of Canada's outstanding radio commentators in the person of John Fisher, and his radio address on Sept. 7th, 1947 on Equality and Quality in which he featured Old Home Week at Charlottetown and described it as a "masterpiece of coordination" and "could only happen on P.E.I."

Goodwill Races

The Goodwill Races were again well patronized by both horsemen and race fans. The closing of the Goodwill event was featured by a Night Race, which provided entertainment for a record crowd.

The Vaudeville program was up to the high standard of former years and included such acts as the Sensational Waldorf, a high Bicycle Act and comedy acts.

Bill Lynch's show and amusements were more numerous than ever and extra space was required. The High Diving act was featured again this year by Mr. Lynch.

The Fox Show was held as usual in the Paton Pavilion and while the fox entries were not so numerous as other years due to the lack of demand for breeding stock nevertheless interest was keen throughout the show and more spectators were on hand to witness the awards than in the past few years. However, we expect this show next year will be up to its usual high standard and I understand a milk will be included in the exhibits.

In closing I wish to thank on behalf of the directors and shareholders of the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association, the Premier, the Provincial Government, especially the Minister of Public Works, G. H. Barbour and Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. W. P. A. Stewart; the Department of Agriculture, High Dominion and Provincial, and all Government officials who have so willingly cooperated in making this show a success. We wish also to extend the same courtesies to the Charlottetown Guardian and Patriot and other local and Maritime papers, C.F.C.Y., Travel Bureau, the Mayor and City Council of Charlottetown also the hotels, restaurants and private homes, and any others who have helped out in any way to accommodate our guests who visit us during Old Home Week.

As President of this Association I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the directors for their faithful attendance at all meetings and the fine and efficient way in which they have performed their duties as directors of this Association and members of the different committees. It might be interesting for you to know that all the directors, are, or have been, breeders of registered livestock, which gives them qualifications for operating the affairs of your Association.

I also wish to thank the directors for selecting me as their President and for the trust and confidence they have placed in me and I only hope I have lived up to their expectations.

You will note in my address I mentioned especially some of the chairmen of the different committees. My reason for so doing was the introduction of something new to our show. All committee members performed their duties one hundred percent.

I would like especially to thank the Secretary, Comdr. G. H. Buntain, for his untiring efforts in promoting and installing the new Parimutuel system, also promot-

O'Leary

PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO OPEN O'LEARY'S NEW SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY

The new four room school in O'Leary will likely open for classes for the first time after the Easter holidays on Wednesday, March 31st, this correspondent was told today by a member of the School Board, Mr. Ira Ellis, as he was showing your reporter around the modern building. It has a large cement basement containing the girls' washroom and also the boys' washroom, and a teachers' room besides the most modern and up-to-date air conditioning system. Upstairs are the four large classrooms so devised that the pupil receives the utmost benefits from the most advanced ideas of lighting and heating. The blackboards are elevated slightly so they can be clearly seen from the back of the room. All the floors are tile and all the rooms contain little built-in closets for the pupils' coats. The registers are in the walls which ensure an adequate amount of heat for each pupil. The desks are the most modern, obtainable and are the very same as those in the mainland universities, for instance, Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B. They are of an arm-chair type with a drawer for the books at the bottom. There are one hundred and twenty-five seats. According to Mr. Bayfield Ellis, the active and indefatigable secretary of the School Board, this fine new building costs \$20,000, and with accessories such as the new furnaces, seats, lights etc. The final cost will be approximately \$24,000.

In this modern up-to-date school, the residents of O'Leary may take justifiable pride as they have one of the finest school buildings in the Province. The contractor was a local Mr. W. Meigsdon. The members of the School Board are Ira Ellis, Keith Matheson, Edwin Turner and the Secretary Bayfield Ellis. This new school will fill a long felt need. During last fall and this winter, the patient and conscientious teaching staff, carried on their classes in the Hall and the Library Room. The staff are as follows: — Mr. MacKenzie, principal; Miss Pearl Sweet, intermediate and junior teacher and Mrs. Mae Palmer, primary and beginners teacher. At present Mrs. John Matheson is substituting for Mrs. Palmer. The School is built in the center of O'Leary, not far from where the old school used to be, on main street, and was constructed with the view of making it as nearly fire-proof as possible.

EASTERN SERVICES

At the O'Leary Nazarene Church on Easter Sunday morning there was a good congregation present, despite very inclement weather, and they thoroughly enjoyed a very inspiring cantata, the story of Easter in music and song. There was a choir of about twenty-three voices. The narrator was Miss Evelyn Gay. The Sunday School held an open session with the church congregation and had the record total of ninety-six which includes many adults and young people besides the children. This was the largest Sunday School ever recorded in the twenty-five year history of the local Nazarene Church, and your correspondent was informed by the young and active Minister, Rev. H.M. Burgess that the total number for the O'Leary Sunday School is the highest for the Nazarene Church in all Prince County, including the Nazarene congregations of Elmdeale and Summerside and is the record for the Island in the denomination. It climaxed an intensive campaign to increase the Sunday School attendance, called "The Forward Movement to Sunday School." The pupils of the Sunday School had recitations, songs etc. and an object lesson was given by the Minister, Rev. H.M. Burgess on the topic: "The Key that unlocks the gate of Heaven." The superintendent is Mr. Heber MacMillan. A splendid offering of \$60.00 was received which will likely be increased further when all contributions are received. The Church was nicely decorated with Easter lilies and the center of attraction was a large cross. There were also pretty flowers along the windows. In the evening of Easter Sunday there was another fine service held in the Church, with special music, and the Minister bringing an appropriate message.

The United Baptist congregation at Springfield West had the morning service on Easter Sunday. The afternoon service was in Unionvale and the night service in Knutsford. At all places the message was brought by the Minister, Rev. C.O. Howlett and there were special music and appropriate decorations, with the Cross prominent. In the afternoon of Easter Sunday at 11.15 p.m. over C.F.C.Y., Charlottetown, in the program "The Church's

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