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**THE MORNING GUARDIAN**

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THE MARITIME WINTER FAIR.

During last week the Maritime Winter Fair, writes an observing Island visitor, was held at the Town of Amherst, the most central point for the three Maritime Provinces. This fair or Fat Stock Show was inaugurated last year by the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association and was this year held in the magnificent new building which has been erected and placed at the disposal of the above Association by the Town of Amherst and the County of Cumberland on the sole condition that a Winter Fat Stock Show be held therein for the term of ten years.

The building has been planned somewhat after the building erected by the Town of Guelph for a like purpose, but possesses many improvements on the latter, which experience has suggested to the managers of the Great Western Winter Fair and is a great tribute to the enterprise of the plucky little Town of Amherst possessing a population of only about 6,000 people. The people of this little town were quick to see the advantages which must accrue to them in having a large number of people from all parts of Canada visit and remain in their midst for several days, at least once a year, and quickly seized upon the opportunity offered them by the Association.

The show was a grand success from every stand-point—the exhibit of fat stock was at least three times that of last year—and for excellence compared favorably in many respects with those of the pioneer show of the West.

On entering the building one was at once struck with its immensity, and was inclined to exclaim that the accommodation therein afforded would be sufficient for the next twenty-five years, but when all the stock entered for exhibition was placed, the feeling was soon changed to that of surprise that so numerous an exhibit could be gotten together in these Provinces at this season of the year.

In addition to the extensive accommodation for stock there is a lecture room or auditorium, capable of seating eight hundred people with standing room for at least as many more. Immediately in front of the raised seats of this lecture room is the ring where all the animals were judged, thus affording an opportunity to all of seeing the awards made and hearing the explanation or reasons for them by the best expert judges that Canada possesses.

The judging commenced at 9 a. m. daily and was proceeded with until the afternoon and sometimes throughout the day; the animals awarded the prizes being exhibited before the people, and their various points of excellence or defects pointed out in such a manner as could not fail to be instructive to persons of ordinary intelligence.

The evenings were devoted to hearing addresses upon practical agricultural subjects by the most experienced public speakers in such subjects in the Province of Ontario and elsewhere. These addresses were most instructive and interesting, and one cannot help regretting that so few of the farmers from our own Province availed themselves of the opportunity afforded to attend this Show. When it is known that such men as Professor James W. Robertson, whose name is a household word in this Province; E. W. Hodgson, the Live Stock Commissioner of Canada; Duncan Anderson of Whitby, Ontario, the great expert beef cattle judge; Pro-

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fessor H. H. Dean, who visited this Province a few months ago and delivered addresses on the Dairy Cow; Prof. or Grisdale, the sheep specialist from the Ottawa Experimental Farm; Joseph Brethour, the most experienced breeder of swine in Canada, and William McNeill, the Poultry King of Ontario, each delivered not one but several addresses of the most masterly kind, it can easily be understood what an amount of valuable information for farmers and farmers' sons was imparted to the public during the days of this exhibition.

Without any desire to draw invidious distinctions where all the addresses delivered were so eminently practical and instructive, it may be said that the address delivered by Mr. Duncan Anderson on the last evening of the Fair, who took for his subject "The Farm as a National Investment," was, perhaps, calculated to inspire the young men with loftier aspirations regarding the calling of the farmer, and the great possibilities within reach of every farmer's son in these fine agricultural Provinces, than any speech delivered during the season. His address was a rare treat to those who heard it, and coming as it did from a thoroughly practical farmer who had come from Scotland as a lad of tender years, had cut down the forest with his own hand, and made for himself by his industry and intelligent management not only a living but a competency, his sound and manly advice was calculated to do untold good.

In addition to the speakers above named the veteran of old Scotland, Archibald Macneillage of Glasgow, the editor and manager of the Scottish Farm, was also present, and in his racy and humorous manner, delivered several most interesting and practical addresses on various agricultural topics. Than he there is perhaps no man in Scotland more widely and favorably known as an agricultural lecturer. He represented Canada's greatest customer, and pointed out in clear and unambiguous language what Great Britain wanted from us and upon what conditions only it would be accepted as beef, mutton or bacon, the finished product only would be accepted.

On the whole this Fat Stock Show was most instructive, and the Government of Canada, as also the Provincial Governments of the three Provinces are to be commended for the pecuniary aid contributed by them, thereby making it possible at this exhibition for our people by the sea to acquire such a volume of invaluable instruction as was there placed within their reach.

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