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THE FALL FAIR.

THE Fall Fair held at Duncans his year on the 26th and 27th September was from every point of view an unqualified success. The attendance was good, the exhibits in all classes of a high order of merit, the arrangements well carried out by the officials and committee of the Cowichan Agricultural Association, and the weather on Saturday all that could be desired. The morning trains brought crowds of visitors from both Victoria and Nanaimo. From the city might be noted Mrs. H. Croft; from Ladysmith came Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kiddie, and Mr. and Mrs. George Williams; Mr. McKay from Victoria; Capt. and Mrs. Gibson from Chemainus; and amongst local residents present were Mr. and Mrs. Pimbury, C. H. Dickie, Esq., M.P.P., and Mrs. Dickie; Major and Mrs. Mutter, and the Misses Mutter, Mr and Mrs. H. de M. Mellin, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blythe, Mr. and Mrs. H. Keast, and James Maitland Dougall, Esq., stipendiary magistrate, and Mrs. Maitland-Dougall. Want of space indeed precludes sufficient mention of the many distinguished persons present.

Saturday was of course the great day of the show. Finn's band from Victoria was in attendance to provide pleasing selections of music, and, during the afternoon, tea was served under the trees in the park. Much of the enjoyment of the afternoon was due to the successful efforts of the officials of the society, these including Jas. Robertson, Esq., president; Wm. Forrest, Esq., vice-president; Jas. MacPherson, Esq., second vice-president; and H. de M. Mellin, Esq., secretary-treasurer; togeteher with Major Mutter and Messrs. G. H. Hadwen, D. Alexander, R. E. Barkley, H. Bonsall, W. C. Duncan, W. R. Robertson, R. H. Whidden, A. Bell, P. Flett, and D. Evans, members of the committee. The display of fruits and flowers, grains, vegetables, and home handiwork and produce in the Agricultural Hall was remarkable, by consensus of opinion, not only for quality, but for tasteful arrangement. The fruits and vegetables, judged by Mr. A. Campbell of Mt. Tolmie, were pronounced to be excellent, as also was the ladies' work judged by Mrs. Huxtable of Spencer & Co., Victoria. To. Mr. W. H. Price of Okell & Morris, Victoria, fell the duty of pronouncing upon the many merits of the bread and jams exhibited. The butter, famous in this district, was allotted to Mr. King, of Victoria.

Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Cottrell adjudged a very fine show of poultry, and made valuable suggestions on this profitable branch of farming.

To Mr. D. C. Anderson, of Ontario, in particular, who with Dr. S. F. Tolmie, of Victoria, judged the stock, those present are indebted for a wealth of practical information and suggestion conveyed conversationally as he drew attention to the various good and bad points of the animals led under his experienced eye. Mr. D. Evans' short-horn prize bull he eulogized highly, and Mr. R. Barkley's red polled cattle as also Mr. Jayne's prize Jersey cow, expressing his astonishment at the fact that this animal is yielding as much seven per cent. of butter fat. He explained the importance of a prominent eye, thin neck and good underneath part in a milch animal, as opposed to the broad back and full ribs required for beef. On the whole he seemed very pleased with the quality of the stock. Amongst sheep Mr. H. Bonsall's Shropshire ram was adjudged the best pedigree ram in the show. The horses same in for careful inspection, as also the pigs and poultry hurdle jumping caused much amusement. Disappointment was expressed at the absence of draft brood mares for which a special prize had bten offered by Mr. R. H. Whidden. The miscellaneous section was very creditably filled, and on the whole the exhibits taken all round were more than up to the average.

The following is a list of the prize winners:—

DIVISION 1—HORSES.

Light brood mare, foal at foot—1, H. Bonsall.
Saddle horse—1, J. Patterson; 2, F. Kingston.
Pony under 14.2—1, W. H. Elkington; 2, C. F. Rivaz.
Pony ridden by boy—1, W. H. Elkington; 2, C. F. Rivaz. and G. T. Corfield.
Three-year-old colt—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, W. Beaumont.
One-year-old colt—1, Percy Edgson; 2, G. T. Corfield.
Hurdle jumper—1, Percy Jaynes; 2, E. H. Hicks-Beach.
Best buggy horse—1, N. W. Campbell; 2, C. Kingston; commended, H. Keast.
General purpose horse—1, F. L. Kingston; 2, W. Kingston.
Single turnout—1, N. W. Campbell.
Farmers' team—1, D. Evans; 2, G. T. Corfield.

DIVISION 2—CATTLE.

Shorthorn bull—1, D. Evans; 2, W. C. Brown.
Jersey bull—1, G. T. Corfield; W. P. Jaynes.
Holstein bull—1, H. Bonsall; G. F. Corfield.
Red-polled bull—1 and 2, R. E. Barkley.
Pure bred bull—W. H. Elkington.
Shorthorn cow—1, David Evans; 2, W. C. Brown.
Jersey cow—1, W. P. Jaynes; 2, G. T. Corfield.
Pure bred cow (any other breed)—G. T. Corfield
Red polled cow—1 and 2, R. E. Barkley.
Pure bred Holstein cow—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, H. Bonsall.
Grade milch cow—1 and 2, A. R. Wilson.
Milch cow (sweepstake)—1, G. T. Corfield; 2, H. Bonsall.
Two-year-old heifer —1, W. P. Jaynes; 2, H. Bonsall.
Yearling heifer—1, W. C. Duncan; 2, G. T. Corfield.
Fat beef—1, W. C. Brown; 2, C. Kingston.

DIVISION 3—SHEEP.

Pedigree ram—1, H. Bonsall.
Southdown ram—1, G. W. Lilly; 2, M. Edgson.
Shropshire ram—1 and 2, H. Bonsall.
Oxford ram—1, A. Bonsall.
Two fat wethers—1, M. Edgson.
Three ewe lambs—1, H. Bonsall.
Two ewe (grade large)—1, H. Bonsall.
Two ewes (grade small)—1, D. Evans; 2, A. S. Drummond.
Three lambs, grade—1, H. Bonsall, 2, M. Edgson.
Two Southdown lambs from V. I. F. A. ram—1, D. Evans.
Shropshire lambs rom V. I. F. A. ram—1, H. Bonsall; 2, A. S. Drummonds.
Southdown ewe lambs—1, David Evans; 2, Peter Flett.
Two ewes, Shropshire—1, A. S. Drummond.

DIVISION 4—PIGS.

Berkshire boare—1 and 2, Peter Flett.
Tamworth boar—1 and 2, W. Ford.
Pure bred sow—1, W. C. Duncan; 2, Peter Flett.
Grade sow—1, W. C. Duncan; 2, A. R. Wilson.

DIVISION 5—POULTRY.

Turkeys—1, Wm. Forrest.
Geese—1, A Mackinnon; 2, G T Corfield.
Pekin Ducks—1, Wm Forrest.
Light Brahmas—1, G T Corfield.
Buff Cochins—1 and 2, R H Whidden.
Black Langshans—1 and 2, John S Jones.
White Langshans—1 and 2, John S Jones.
Plymouth Rocks, barred—1, J W White; 2, J W Flett.
Plymouth Rocks, white—1 Mrs Stewart; 2, J S Jones.
Plymouth Rocks, buff—1, Mrs Stewart.
Wyandottes, white—1, Mrs. Stewart; 2, J S Jones.
Wyandottes, silver—1, G H Hadwen; 2, Mrs Roberts.
Black Minorcas—1, Miss M Wilson; 2, A Mackinnon.
Black Spanish—1, A S Drummond.
Leghorns, white—1 and 2, J S Jones.
Leghorns, brown—1, Wm Forrest; 2, G T Corfield.
Bantams, game—1, Andrew Mellin.
Display of thoroughbred poultry—1, J S Jones.
Pigeons—1, H H Bazett.
Rabbits—1, W A Woods.

DIVISION 6—FIELD PRODUCE.

Best bushel o spring wheat—1, J McPherson.
Best bushel o barley—1, W Bazett.
Best bushel of oats—1, W C Duncan; 2, W H Elkington
Best bushel of field peas—1, W C Brown; 2, W Ford.
Best six ears of field corn or maize—1, G H Hadwen; 2, W C Duncan.
Best six stalks of ensilage corn—1, G T Corfield; 2, G H Hadwen.

DIVISION 7—ROOTS AND VEGETBLES.

Best six Swedish turnips—1, William Forrest; 2, David Alexander.
Best six turnips, any other kind—1 and 2, A J Bell.
Best six mangolds, long—1, G T Corfield; 2, David Alexander.
Best six mangolds, globe or yellow—1, David Alexander; 2, William Forrest.
Best six carrots, white or yellow—1, A R Wilson; 2, J W Flett.
Best six carrots, long white—1, C. Livingston; 2 F H Maitland-Dougall.
Best collection of roots grown from Messrs. Sutton & Son's seeds, viz., Swedes, mangolds, turnips and carrots; four speciments of each kind—1, A R Wilson.
Best six early rose potatoes—1, J McPherson; 2 J W Flett.
Best six other kind, early potatoes—1, P. Flett; 2, J McPherson.
Best six Carman potatoes—1, P. Flett; 2, M. Edgson.
Best six late rose potatoes—1, W C Duncan; 2, P. Flett.
Best six Dakota red potatoes—1, P Flett; 2, J W Flett.
Best six Burbank seeding potatoes—1, Wm Forrest; 2, J McPherson.
Best six other kind, late potatoes—1, J M Flett; 2, H E Donald.
Best six onions, red—1, James Alexander; 2, J S Jones.
Best 6 onions, yellow—1, James Alexander; 2, J S Jones.
Best six onions, white—1, David Alaxander; 2, A McKinnon.
Best quart eschalots—1, David Evans; 2, A Robinson.
Best two red cabbages—1, William Forrest; 2, W C Brown.
Best two drumhead cabbage—1, W C Brown.
Best two savoy cabbage—1, W C Brown; 2, A Pimbury.
Best two cabbage, any other kind—1, A Dirom; 2, W C Brown.
Best two cauliflowers—1, A Pimbury; 2, H de M Mellin.
Best six table carrots—1, A Dirom; 2, W C Duncan.
Best six parsnips—1, A Pimbury; 2, Mrs Geo Kier.
Best six table beets, long—1, G T Corfield; 2, W Forrest.
Best six table beets, turnip—1, H Bonsall; 2, C. Livingston.
Best six salsify—1, A Pimbury.
Best six ears sweet corn—1, A Pimbury; 2, A R Wilson.
Best two cucumbers—1 and 2, A Pimbury.
Best two vegetable marrow—1, A Fimbury; 2 W C Duncan.
Best two squash—2, J J Hargraves.
Best two Hubbard squash—1, A Pimbury; 2, F H Maitland-Dougall.
Best six tomatoes—1, P Flett; 2, H E Donald.
Best collection of garden vegetables—1, A R Wilson; 2, David Alexander.
Best collection of vegetables grown from Messrs. Sutton & Sons' seeds; the collection to be limited to 12 varieties—1, A R Wilson.

DIVISION 8—FRUITS.

Best collection of fruit—1, G H Hadwen; 2, D Alexander
Best winter apples, 5 kinds, 5 of each, varieties named—1, G T Corfield; 2, F H Maitland-Dougall; commended, H Bonsall.
Best autumn apples, 5 kinds, 5 of each, varieties named—1, H Bonsall; 2, G H Hadwen.
Best commercial apples, 5 plates—1, G T Corfield; 2, F H Maitland-Dougall.
Best packed box of apples—1, Mrs Harris; 2, Miss C E Robertson.
Best apples, 5 Duchess of Oldenburg—1, R. H. Whidden; 2, R E Barkley.
Best apples, 5 any other variety, summer—1, G H Hadwen.
Best apples, 5 Wealthy—1, David Ford; 2, R E Barkley.
Best apples, 5-20 oz. Jippin—1, James Norcross; 2, A Pimbury
Best apples, 5 Gloria Mundi—1, G T Corfield; 2, F H Maitland-Dougall.
Best apples, 5 Gravenstein—1, H E Bonsall; 2, W C Duncan.
Best apples, 5 Blenheim Orange—1, H Bonsall; 2, G H. Hadwen.
Best apples, 5 Ribston Pippin—1, E M Forrest; 2, F H Maitland-Dougall.
Best apples, 5 any other variety, autumn—1, Rev. R. Roberts; 2, J Alexander.
Best apples, 5 Baldwins—1, G T Corfield; 2, R McLay.
Best apples, 5 Northern Spy—1, G T Corfield; 2, F H Maitland-Dougall.

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MINING NEWS.

THE TYEE SMELTER.

WORK on this plant has been steadily proceeding, and the buildings are just completed. A week ago Mr. Clermont Livingston in the presence of a number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the new smelter set fire to the first ore roast heap, which is now burning steadily. The roasting grounds are separated from the town by an extensive belt of trees and no annoyance is anticipated from the fumes. A good deal of machinery is already on the ground, and Mr. George Williams, lately employed on the smelter construction at Crofton, is proceeding with its installation under the management of Mr. Thos. Kiddie. The steel smoke stack has arrived and will be raised immediately. Meanwhile the aerial tramway is working regularly under the guidance of Messrs. Dwyer and Ridsdale, and shipments are being made to Ladysmith. Mr. H. B. Greaves, of Somenos, having been appointed the E. & N. Ry. Co.'s agent at the bunkers. In the construction of the aerial tramway some 14 miles of wire rope are supported on 48 towers. There are 50 buckets suspended on the line, each carrying amout 1,110 lbs of ore. They make the round trip in 2½ hours, and even early trials show a capacity of dealing with 45 tons in 4½ hours, or say 150 tons a day.

QUATSINO SOUND.

Work on the Yreka Company's Comstock mines is going ahead very rapidly. The aerial tramway here is in an advanced stage of construction, and as soon as it is completed shipments of ore to the Crofton smelter will be recommenced. To facilitate this Mr. Fred Sherbourne, of the well-known contracting firm of Smith and Sherbourne, who built the Crofton smelter, and who as foreman under Mr. Kiddie put up the Tyee smelter buildings, is proceedings at once to Quatsino to erect ore bunkers with a capacity of 2,500 tons at the tramway terminal on the company's wharf. The bunkers will be framed as far as possible in Victoria by the Sayward Lumber Co., and sent to Quatsino before the end of the month. Development in the mine is meanwhile going ahead very satisfactorily.

Work on tht June group of claims belonging to the Copper Mountain Mining Co., and on several new claims is making Comstock a busy mining centre.

THE MOUNT SICKER DISTRICT.

Work goes on here so steadily that very little new of it can be said week by week. To detail the weekly developments that are taking place on the Lenora, Tyee, Tony, Key City, Richard III., and other promising properties would rapidly exhaust our space. The fact that capitalists of experience from Europe and America, and the East are daily visitors to the district ,that many of them are quietly investing in properties, and all of them loud in appreciation of the exceedingly bright prospects of this mining camp—already established on a sound basis—goes to bear out the view that Mount Sicker and Mount Brenton will prove perhaps the richest region in the province.

Mr. Tom Grant, engine driver on the railway, had a nasty accident the other day. Slipping off the platform his foot got caught in the side cog wheels, and a portion of it was cut off.

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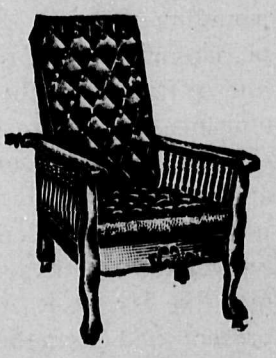

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1902.

THE COWICHAN FALL FAIR.

THE Fall Fair is always an event of considerable importance in the district. This year it was favoured with perfect weather for the second day on which the little town looked its best and brightest for the pleasure of the throngs of visitors who came from Victoria and Nanaimo in full train loads as well as from the surrounding district. On this day men come into town who perhaps visit it but once or twice a year, and the occasion is one of friendly gathering and social moment. Its fuller significance lies, however, not only in the friendly rivalry of skill in perfecting exhibits, but also in the opportunity it affords a farming community to exchange ideas and meet men who have been chosen on account of their superior knowledge and experience to award the judgments. From men like Mr. D. R. Anderson and his fellow judges every one present had something to learn, and their opinions must necessarily carry weight. Mr. Anderson expressed himself most appreciatively of the quality of the stock exhibited though he regretted that it was not in greater abundance. The reason for this has been generally allowed to lie in the difficulties of getting stock to the exhibition in the short time at present possible. Condition must necessarily suffer by long journeys, and a decided general opinion was expressed that arrangements should be made in future exhibitions whereby cattle and other stock may be properly cared for on the ground for several days before the judgments are awarded. The arrangemnts for the hencoops were frequently animadverted upon. A correspondent suggests that in future a prize should be given for cockerells and poulets. Another further asks why there should not be prizes for cayooses and Indian animals, and teach the Indians something. All these suggestions have strong grounds for consideration, which doubtless will not be overlooked by the Society.

There is one matter, however, upon which we would like to speak strongly, and that is the fact that the Saanich Show was fixed for the same dates as the Cowichan one, thereby necessarily clashing with it and damaging both. It is an understood thing that the show at Duncans shall be held annually on the last Friday and Saturday in September, and the fact that the Saanich Society should choose those dates evinces an amount of ill will which is hardly consistent with methods tending toward the prosperity of the general agricultural community which is of such moment to the country.

CATTLE IN CROFTON STREETS.

An annoyance which has lately become a regular nuisance is the roaming of seemingly ownerless cattle about the streets of Crofton during the night. They lie on the sidewalks to the danger of pedestrians on dark nights, and make a noise and disturbance which is greatly complained of by houseowners. Many persons have tried to clean up the ground a little around their houses and to keep it clean but the presence of the cattle makes this impossible. Others have tried to cultivate small garden plots, but the cattle trample down the place. Whether these nightly invaders belong to Indians or to farmers is not easy to find out, but some preventative ought to be found for their depredations. Indeed the simplest solution of the matter, it seems to us, would be the institution of a pound, and a pound-keeper, and we would suggest this to the authorities.

THE MAITLAND CUP.

We wish to correct a printer's error which appeared in Mr. H. de M Mellin's letter in our last, and which may mislead people. The paragraph read that the Maitland Cup was to be won "thrice" consecutively for possession. The reading should have been "twice."

MT. SICKER NOTES.

The burning of the Mt. Brenton Hotel, Mr. J. Bebeau's house, and Mr. Lmming's store across the road, has of course been the excitement of late. The cause of the fire has not been exactly discovered, but it was a great conflagration. As soon as the insurance has been settled Mr. Bebeau proposes to rebuild a much larger house.

Mr. Lamming will probably not rebuild his store, at any rate for the present.

Victoria Terminal & Sidney Railway
FALL AND WINTER TIME CARD.

On and after September 15th, 1902, trains will run as follows:

NORTH BOUND.

Miles.	STATIONS.		A. M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
0	Victoria Central Station	(leave)	7.00	12.30	4.00	2.00
17	Sidney	(arrive	8.00	1.10	5.00	2.45

SOUTH BOUND.

Miles.	STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.	P.M
4	Saanichton		8.45	1.30	5.10
17	Victoria Central Station.....	(arrive)	9.30	2.00	61.5

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Crofton Up to Date.

THE BLOW-IN OF THE SMELTER.

The smelter as originally planned, that is to say, the water jacket and cupola furnaces, and converters will probably be blown in about a week hence. These two furnaces have long been complete and ready for work, but the four converters from Allis-Chalmers, overdue for months, have only recently arrived, and are now being placed in position. When this work is completed the blow-in will take place, and the furnaces kept going.

Meanwhile Mr. H. C. Bellinger's experiments with the new Garretson furnace are progressing satisfactorily. With regard to these experiments Mr. Bellinger speaks with the utmost frankness. He has a belief that the new furnace will eventually do all that is expected of it; and he will be quite satisfied if he produces blister copper at the one operation within three months.

APPOINTMENT OF A SCHOOL TEACHER.

The School Trustees have appointd Mrs. Bertiaux to the charge of the new school. Mrs. Bertiaux holds a second-class certificate, and has been a teacher in the Normal Schools. Moreover she has already had charge of several schools in different parts of the country, recently at Wellington. Her appointment gives general satisfaction. School opens at once in the room below the church room.

CHANGE IN THE V. T. & S. RY. MANAGEMENT.

The Victoria Terminal & Sidney Railway has been bought by agents of the Great Northern Railway, and this portion of the Crofton service will henceforth be managed by Capt. Mackenzie, an old friend of Croftonians. Mr. Jas. Anderson, however, who is so justly popular in Crofton and along the route, will continue the management of the Sidney and Nanaimo Transportation Co., whose steamer "Iroquois" now calls in twice daily with the utmost regularity.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bellinger, Mr. James Breen and Mr. Fred Young are among the many Croftonians who are doing the exhibition at Victoria.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Rombauer has been not at all well.

Mr. Wm. Brewer is amongst recent visitors to the town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McDonald, from Nanaimo, have taken one of the Arthur street houses.

Mr. Walter Harvey is also occupying a house on Arthur street, and is building a large shed at the back of it.

Mr. J. W. Priestly is building a house on the hill for Mr. C. W. Dunne.

Mr. and Mrs. Conlin and Mr and Mrs. Pearce have been amongst recent visitors to Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have left Crofton. Mr. Baker has gone on a long sealing trip to some new sealing grounds and will be away about 2 years.

The smelter company have chartered the steamer "Mermaid."

Amongst recent visitors at the Osborne Hotel have been Mr. H. Croft, Sir Richard Musgrave, Miss Harvey, Miss Bryden, Miss A. Mutter, and Messrs. Geo. Mutter, S. Mortimer Lamb, W. Freeman of Somenos, and John S. Reid of Saanich; Mr. J. H. Franck of the firm of Simon Leiser, Victoria; Mr. H. L. Paynes, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. J. L. Logan, Cincinnati; Mr. F. E. Tolt, Lorne Creek, Skeena; Messrs. Chas. Evans and Walter Hall, Esquimalt; Mr. H. L. Mills, Butte, Mont.; Mr. Noah Shakespeare, Victoria; Mr. Louis Le Beau, Chemainus and Messrs. J. Duboy and John Franklin, of San Juan Rivr.

Recently have registered at the Crofton Hotel: Dr. T. J. and Mrs. Jones, and Miss George of Victoria; Mr. Dave Spencer, Victoria; Mr Bernie Devitt, Spokane, Wash.; Mr. K. Staahlgrin, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collister, Victoria; Dr. and Mrs. Williams, Vancouvr; Mr. G. A. Broadford, Grand Forks; Mrs. McDougall, and Masters Joe and Elmere McDougall; Mr. J. H. Good, Nanaimo; Mr. Owen Jones, Victoria; Mr. J. E. Paterson, Mount Sicker; Messrs. A. A. Laird, Geo. Burnete and Dan Peluse of Victoria; Messrs. J. E. Perkin and E. W A. Aubin of Vancouver, and Messrs. A. N. Byth, C. C. Smith, J. W. Lockhart, Dan Kennedy and W. R. Russell, of Victoria.

OUTLOOK FOR BUTTER.

Mr. R. M. Palmer, fruit commissioner of British Columbia, during his recent visit to Winnipeg in connection with the exhibit of British Columbia fruit at the Western Horticultural Exhibition, delivered himself of some instructive remarks as to the outlook for butter in the province. "A good deal of Dominion Government N. W. Creamery butter," said Mr. Palmer, "is going on the British Columbia market, chiefly for the Northern mining camp trade, and I understood from Mr. Marker, dairy superintendent at Calgary, that prices had been very satisfactory. Our own output of butter has greatly increased this season, several new creameries having been erected, and the season has been longer, the pasturage having remained green and lush right through the summer, which is unusual. The price cutting among local creameries that was so disastrous to trade in the spring arose from a desire on the part of the various creameries to capture the Victoria market. The three creameries on the Island practically captured their home market, and I do not think it will happen again. But our local made will undoubtedly increase and, of course, fresh made brick creamery will always command first place for local consumption."

The Cowichan creamery is doing very well indeed with a steadily increasing output, but there is no reason why, with a wide market open to them, all three existing creameries on the Island should not largely extend their operations. The cry is, of course, for more dairy cows and better methods of dairying, but a little more enterprise on the part of farmers would soon meet this demand. The Cowichan creamery to-day is constantly refusing good orders which a better local supply would enable it to meet with accruing profit to all concerned.

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THE COWICHAN FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The annual autumn meeting of the above will be held at the Agricultural Hall, Duncans, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 29th and 30th insts., when the usual interesting discussions and lectures or farming matters will take place, and the business of the Institute will be atended to.

A COINCIDENCE OF LOGGING FATALITIES.

A strange coincidence of fatal accidents befell two loggers working as far apart as Shawnigan Lake and Chemainus on the 27th ult. Almost at the same moment John Friday, working for the Shawnigan Lake Company and Wm. Mitchell, employed at the Chemainus logging camp, met their deaths suddenly, the first named by a log which he was sawing rolling over upon him, and the last by a blow from a heavy falling limb. Both men were young and capable at their work, and no negligence seems to be attributable to either of them or to the companies. Verdicts of accidental death were necessarily returned at both inquests. John Friday was from Victoria, where a mother and sisters will mourn his sudden and tragic fate. William Mitchell had only lately arrived from the Vancouver Employment Agency.

LOCAL NOTES.

The Governor-General has proclaimed October 16th as Thanksgiving Day for Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. St. George Herbert Stepney and family, late of Pincher Creek, Alberta, have arrived in Duncans to take up their residence in the district which we hope will know them long. Mr. Stepney has taken the place known as Elkington's Lodge.

Mrs. C. J. Eaton, we are pleased to hear, is now, it is hoped, on a fair way to convalescence after her long illness.

Mr. L. Foot, son of Dr. Foot of Crofton, has been spending a holiday at Somenos with the Mutter family.

The Agricultural Society is making many improvements to the hall and grounds. The latest is the installation of a new pump.

Mr. R. H. Whidden's farm gate was all right at the show, but where was the brood mare?

Messrs. G. Callander, J. Curry, T. Dodd, Thos. Powle and D. Frances, all from up the line, managed between them to catch 150 fine trout in Somenos Lake the Sunday before last.

A large number of farmers and residents from the Cowichan district are down in Victoria, either visiting the exhibition there, or looking after their exhibits.

The success of Mr. R. E. Barkley of Somenos at the city exhibition has been conspicuous; he having won, we believe, no less than eight first prizes at New Westminster, and seven in Victoria.

Mr. E. Price, of Lakeside Hotel, Cowichan Lake, was down in Duncans at fair time, after a long absence. His friends had never seen him look in better health. The climate of Cowichan Lake just at this time of year is one of the best on the Island.

Mr. H. Keast has obtained the first rubber tyred buggy to be owned in Duncans.

Dog stealers were about on Fair Day. Capt. Gibson of Chemainus and Mr. Harry Watson of Duncans both missed good dogs.

We have received the "Westside," Victoria Fall and Winter Catalogue. In some 96 pages the Hutcheson Co. sets forth an almost bewildering variety of dry goods accompanied by cuts showing the latest styles. The work is well printed and got up, and two illustrated advertisements in especial are works of art in their way, viz., the picture of the "Westside's" beautiful millinery display, and an inserted advertisement of the Dominion Hotel.

Full reports of the Harvest Thanksgiving held on the 5th inst., and the baseball dance on the 2nd will appear in our next.

In consequence of the Victoria exhibition which has taxed the photo-engravers to the utmost, we have not been able to reproduce several photos taken at the Duncans Fair, but we will do so next week.

THE FALL FAIR.

(Continued from page two.)

Best apples, 5 Golden Russet—1, G T Corfield; 2, Rev. R Roberts.

Best apples, 5 R. I. Greening—1, R McLay; 2, W Forrest.

Best apples, 5 Ben Davis—1, W C Duncan; J. Alexander

Best apples, 5 Canada Reinette—1, H Bonsall; 2, J J Bell.

Best apples, 5 King of Thompkins Co.—1, H de M Mellin; 2, F H Maitland Dougall.

Best apples, 5 any other variety, winter—1, H Bonsall; 2, F H Maitland-Dougall.

Best 12 crab apples—1, G H Hadwen; 2, David Evans.

Best 5 plates of pears, 5 kinds—1, H D Wellburn; 2, J S Jones.

Best 5 Bartlett pears—1, John Patterson; 2, R McLay.

Best 5 Beaurne d'Anjou—1, A Pimbury.

Best 5 Louise Bonne de Jersey—1, A R Wilson; 2, David Alexander.

Best 5 pears, any other variety—1, E H Forrest; 2 G A Cheeke.

Best 12 plums, Pond's Seedling—1, E H Forrest; 2 A T Bell.

Best 12 plums, yellow egg—1, A Robinson; 2, J S Jones.

Best 12 plums, Coe's Golden Drop—1, R H Whidden; 2, David Evans.

Best plate of prunes—1, F H Maitland-Dougall; 2, H de M Mellin.

Best 5 peaches—1, G H Hadwen; 2 David Ford.

Best 5 quinces—1, Rev R Roberts; 2, C Livingston.

Best 2 muskmelons—1 and 2, A Pimbury.

Best 2 citron melons—1, J J Hargrave; 2, Mrs. Prevost.

Best bunch of grapes—1, J Blair; 2, A Pimbury.

Best quart blackberries—1, J Blair; 2, A Pimbury.

DIVISION 9—DAIRY.

Five pounds printed butter—1, Miss Chisholm; 2, Mrs Newhouse.

one pound fresh butter—1, Mrs. Newhouse; 2, Mrs. Chisholm.

Exhibit of honey—1, Miss C Duncan.

DIVISION 10 (ENTERED FREE)—LADIES' PRIZES.

Best piece of silk embroidery—1 and 2, Miss E Cowie.

Best child's frock—1, Miss Hall; 2, Miss Hargraves.

Best hand-made lace—1, Mrs Dickie; 2 Miss Prevost.

Best man's flannel or flannelette shirt, machine made—1, Mrs J H Whittome; 2 Miss Frumento.

Best plain needlework—1, Miss Wilson; 2, Miss M G Skinner.

Best knitted stockings, fancy—1, Miss Maitland-Dougall; 2, Miss Wilson.

Knitted stockings, plain—1, Miss Harrison; 2, Miss Wilson.

Best knitted socks, men's—1, Miss M C Maitland-Dougall; 2, Miss Bessie Evans.

Best six buttonholes—1, Miss Kingston; 2, Miss Hargraves.

Best crochet work, cotton lace, not less than one yard—1, Miss Nahome; 2, Miss B Evans.

Best child's fancy socks—1, Miss Maitland-Dougall.

Best drawn work—11, Miss May Conway; 2, Miss Kingston.

Loaf of bread—1, Mrs. Drummond; 2, Mrs. Paterson; very highly commended, Mrs. E E Clark.

Home-made wine—1, Mr. D Evans.

Pot of jelly—1, Mrs. Newhouse; 2, Mrs. Drummond; 3, Mrs. W A Woods.

Pot of currant jelly—1, Mrs. Drummond.

Plum jam—Mrs. Hadwen.

Strawberry jam—1, Mrs H de M Mellin; 2, Mrs. Newhouse.

Raspberry jam—1, Mrs. H de M Mellin.

Gooseberry jam—1, Mrs. H de M Mellin.

Any other kind of jam—1, Miss Maude Wilson.

Bottle cherries—1, Mrs. Bonsall.

Mr. Walter Ford, brother of Mr. David Ford, postmaster of Duncans, has been appointed postmaster at Mount Sicker, and has just taken over the position from Mr. Ed. Kierstead for whom Mr. W. E. Lamming has been acting during some months past.

Miss McFadden is now teaching in the school in Mr. David Hammond's place, he being on a holiday.

Bottle pears—1, Mrs. Whittome.
Bottle plums—1, Mrs. Wellburn.
Bottle any other fruit—1, Miss Prevost.
Bottle raspberries—1, Miss Lomas.
Open Competition (Ladies and Gentlemen).
Best watercolar landscape, painted in 1901-1902—1, Miss Harrison; 2, Miss M G Skinner.
Best collection of amateur photographs—1, Rev. W C Schlichter.

DIVISION 11—FLOWERS.

Best bouquet of flowers or table (arrangement to count 1-3)—2, Miss L Kier.
Best collection of pot plants—1, Mrs. Ventress.
Best collection of cut flowers—1, Mrs Elkington; 2, Miss Maitland-Dougall.
Best collection of asters—1, Miss McHay; 2, Mrs. Cloutier.
Best collection of dahlias—1, Mrs. J Maitland-Dougall; 2, Miss Maitland-Dougall.
Best collection of stocks—1, Miss Maitland-Dougall.
Best collection of sweet peas—1, Miss Maitland-Dougall; 2, Miss M Duncan.

DIVISION 12—MISCELLANEOUS.

Girls under 15 years of age.
Best fancy needlework—1, Miss Vera Bonsall; 2, Miss Effie Bonsall.
Best plain needlework—1, Miss Drummond; 2, Miss W. A Woods.
Pest piece of crochet work—1, Miss Woods; 2, Miss Effie Ewans.
Best six buttonholes worked in cotton—1, Miss Frumento; 2, Miss Drummond.
Best dressed doll, hand sewing—1, Miss Frumento; 2, Miss Vera Bonsall.
Best bunch of wild flowers—1, Miss Bonsall; 2, Miss M Duncan.
Best loaf of bread—1, Miss Ruth Clarke; 2, Miss A Mackinnon; commended, Miss Kier.
Best plain cake—1, Miss Ruth Clarke; 2, Miss A Mackinnon.

DIVISION 13—MISCELLANEOUS.

Boys or Girls under 14 years of age.
Best writing—1, Miss M L McPherson; 2, Elbert W Evans.
Best piece of fret work—1, William Evans.
Best pencil drawing—1, Jas Forrest; 2, Fraser Forrest.

DIVISION 14—MISCELLANEOUS.

Boys or Girls under 11 years of age.
Best writing—1, Henry Williams; 2, Miss Jane McPherson.

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