Georgetown Fair Prize-Winners

HEAVY HORSES

Class 1 — Clydesdale, Brood Mare, Robert Reid, Norval; colt, 1946, Reid; 1 yr. old colt, Reid; 2 yr. old colt, 1st, Taylor Bros., Grand Valley; 2nd, Reid; 3 yr. old gelding or filly, 1st, Taylor Bros., 2nd Heber Down, Brooklin; Pair of horses in harness, Taylor Bros, 2nd Down; pair of agricultural horses, 1st Down, 2nd Taylor Bros.

Class 2 — Percheron or Belgian — Brood mare, Hugh Rodney, Milton; 1946 colt, Rodney; 2 yr. old, Rodney; 3 yr. old, 1st E. F. Armstrong, Georgetown, 2nd Rodney; pair of horses, Armstrong.

Class 3 — General Purpose — Brood mare, 1st Craig McClure, Norval; 2nd C. B. Stirling, Hannon, 1946 colt, 1st Stirling, 2nd McClure. 1 yr. old, 1st Herb Gowland, Brampton, 2nd Dick Matson, Erin; 3 yr. old, 1st E. F. Armstrong, 2nd Gowland; pair of horses, 1st Archie Haas, Brantford, 2nd R. Kerr, Acton; 3rd Mrs. E. Armstrong, Brampton.

Special—Milk Delivery horse, 1ste E. F. Armstrong, 2nd Haas; Bread delivery horse, 1st Haas; 2nd Kerr. Draft horse on line, 1st Reid, 2nd Taylor Bros.; 3rd Down. Heavy draft team, 1st Haas, 2nd Down, 3rd Taylor: Clydesdale filly, 1st Down, 2nd Reid; Percheron or Belgian Filly, 1st E. F. Armstrong, 2nd and 3rd Rodney. General Purpose on rein, 1st Haas, 2nd E. F. Armstrong. Four-horse hitch, 1st Down, 2nd Taylor Bros., 3rd, Armstrong & Haas — judge, R. W. Lowrie, Acton.

LIGHT HORSES

Class 4 — Carriage — 1 yr. old colt, 1st and 2nd, Gowland, single horse 15.2 and over, 1st K. C. McMillan, Georgetown, 2nd J. McKay, Georgetown, 3rd McMillan, 4th Kerr; single horse 15.2 and under. Dr. E. E. Foster, Galt, 2nd McMillan, 3rd Mrs. E. Armstrong, 4th Fred Gowland Brampton, 5th Kerr. Pair of horses, 1st McMillan, 2nd McKay, 3rd Kerr, 4th Mrs. E. Armstrong, 5th Foster.

Class 5 — Roadsters — Brood Mare, 1st, Dan Campbell, Georgetown, 2nd McIntosh Farm, Erin; colt, 1946, 1st McIntosh, 2nd Campbell; 1 yr. old, 1st Campbell, 2nd McIntosh, 3rd Stan Somerville, Hillsburg; 2 yr. old, 1st Stirling, 2nd Herb Gowland, 3rd W. H. Allan & Son, Milton; 3 yr. old, Somerville; single horse 15.2 and over, 1st Lou Thibadeau, Markdale, 2nd C. W. Woods, Chesley, 3rd, W. J. Woon, Niagara Falls, 4th Stirling, 5th Currie and Tervitt, Wingham; single horse 15.2 and under, 1st Foster, 2nd Woon, 3rd Thibadeau, 4th Woods; 5th Somerville; pair of horses, 1st Foster, 2nd Thibadeau, 3rd Woon, 4th Wood, 5th Stirling, 6th Somerville, 7th Currie & Tervitt, 8th W, Wheeler, Orton.

Class 6 — Hackney Ponies — Single horse, 1st Mrs. E. Armstrong, 2nd Alderman & Son, Hamilton, 3rd Mrs. E. Armstrong; pair of horses, 1st Mrs. Armstrong, 2nd Alderman, 3rd Matt McDougall, Erin.

Class 6 — Horse Tandem — 1st McMillan, 2nd Kerr, 3rd Foster; Hackney pony tandem, 1st Alderman, 2nd Mrs. Armstrong, 3rd McDougall; Pony team in harness 1st Mrs. Armstrong, 2nd Gilbert Bailey, Bramp. 3rd, W. R. Leggette, Oshawa; Shetland pony in harness, 1st Armstrong, 2nd Bailey, 3rd Armstrong; saddle pony, 1st and 2nd, Armstrong; 3rd, Dennis Bell, Georgetown.

Class 6A — Saddle Horse — 1st and 2nd, Armstrong, 3rd N. Milanetti, Hamilton, 4th Dr. Bovaird, Brampton; Hunter, 1st Fred Gowland, 2nd Armstrong, 3rd Bovaird, 4th J. M. Archdekin, Brampton; Open performance 1st Gowland, 2nd Armstrong, 3rd H. Lampman, Hamilton, 4th Phil Doncette, Brampton; Road Hack, 1st Milanetti, 2nd Fred Gowland, 3rd Archdekin, 4th Armstrong.

Specials — Carriage mare or gelding on the line, 1st Foster, 2nd McMillan; Gentleman's Turnout, 1st McMillan, 2nd Kerr, 3rd Foster; Lady driver, 1st Alderman, 2nd Foster, 3rd Kerr.

Road Race — Single 15.2 and over, 1st Thibadeau, 2nd Somerville, 3rd Stirling, 4th Woon. Single 15.2 and under 1st Somerville, 2nd Woods, 3rd Foster, 4th Currie & Tervitt.

Judges — on the line and jumpers—Martyn Heslop, Milton; in harness — Walker, Montgomery, Orangeville.

CATTLE

Class 7—Dual purpose Shorthorns Bull, 2 yrs. and over — Miller Bros., Georgetown; bull, under 12 mos., J. B. Miller, Georgetown, 2nd Cecil McCann, Omagh, 3rd, Miller Bros.; Cow, milking, 1st Miller Bros., 2nd McCann; cow, dry in calf, 1st, J. B. Miller, 2nd McCann, 3rd Miller Bros.; heifer, 2 yrs. and under 3, 1st J. B. Miller, 2nd McCann; heifer, 1 yr. and under 2, 1st McCann, 2nd Miller Bros.; heifer calf, J. B. Miller; heifer calf junior, 1st and 2nd McCann, 3rd J. B. Miller; herd, 1st J. B. Miller, 2nd Miller Bros., 3rd McCann, junior get-of-sire, 1st J. B. Miller, 2nd McCann; open progeny of dam, 1st J. B. Miller, 2nd McCann, 3rd Miller Bros.—Thos. Amos, Moffat, judge.

Class 8 — Jerseys — all to J. M. Dolson, Brampton.

Class 9 — Holsteins — Bull, 2 yrs. and over, 1st T. O. Dolson, Brampton; bull, 12 months and under 24, 1st ABC Farms, Brampton, 2nd W. D. Fraser, Streetsville; bull under 12 mos., 1st J. M. Fraser, Streetsville, 2nd ABC Farms, 3rd W. D. Fraser, 4th T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; cow, milking, 1st W. D. Fraser, 2nd J. M. Fraser, 3rd Dolson; cow, dry in calf, 1st J. M. Fraser 2nd Dolson, 3rd ABC; heifer, 2 yrs. and under 3, 1st W. D. Fraser, 2 J. M. Fraser, 3rd ABC Farms; heifer, 1 year and under 2, 1st Dolson, 2nd ABC Farms, 3rd J. M. Fraser; heifer calf, junior, 1st J. M. Fraser, 2nd, Brownridge; herd, 1st W. D. Fraser, 2nd J. M. Fraser, 3rd Dolson; junior get-of-sire, 1st J. M. Fraser, 2nd W. D. Fraser; open progeny of dam, 1st ABC Farms, 2nd Brownridge; heifer calf, senior, 1st J. M. Fraser; 2nd, ABC Farms, 3rd Dolson.

Class 10 — Ayrshires — Bull, 2 yrs. and over, 1st Wilbert Nix, Malton; 2nd W. E. Lansdell & Sons, Malton; 3rd J. S. Knapp & Sons, Galt; bull, 12 mos. and under 24, 1st Knapp, 2nd Lansdell; bull under 12 mos., 1st Knapp, 2nd Nix, 3rd Lansdell; cow, milking, 1st Knapp, 2nd Lansdell; cow, dry, 1st Lansdell, 2nd Knapp, 3rd Nix; heifer, 2 yrs. and under 3, 1st Knapp, 2nd Lansdell, 3rd Nix; heifer, 1 yr and under 2, 1st Lansdell, 2nd Nix, 3rd Knapp heifer calf senior, 1st Knapp, 2nd Nix, 3rd Lansdell; heifer, calf junior, 1st Knapp, 2nd Nix, 3rd, Lansdell; herd, 1st Knapp, 2nd Lansdell, 3rd Nix; junior-get-of-sire, 1st Lansdell, 2nd Knapp, 3rd Nix; open get-of-sire, 1st Knapp, 2nd Lansdell, 3rd Nix; open progeny of dam, 1st Lansdell, 2nd Knapp, 3rd Nix.

Special — Jersey Female, J. M. Dolson; Shorthorn female, 1st Miller Bros., 2nd J. B. Miller; Holstein female, 1st W. D. Fraser, 2nd, J. M. Fraser; Ayrshire female, 1st Knapp, 2nd Lansdell; Group of dairy cows, W. D. Fraser; Best market animal, J. W. Wilmott, Milton; Dairy calf, J. M. Fraser; best calf shown by boy or girl, J. M. Fraser; jersey herd winning most points, J. M. Dolson; holstein herd winning most points, J. M. Fraser.

Judge of all three classes, Doug Dunton, Brampton.

SHEEP

Class 11 — Hampshires — Ram aged, 1st Wilmott, 2nd J. E. McKinnon, Milton; shearling ram, Wilmott; ram lamb, 1st Wilmott, 2nd McKinnon; ewe, 1st Wilmott, 2nd McKinnon; shearling ewe, 1st Wilmott, 2nd McKinnon; ewe lamb, 1st Wilmott, 2nd McKinnon.

Class 12 — Long Wool — Ram aged, 1st Ray Clarkson, Weston, 2nd Ralph Young, Caistor Centre, 3rd A. Gardhouse, Weston; shearling ram, 1st Gardhouse, 2nd Clarkson, 3rd Young; ram lamb, 1st Clarkson, 2nd Young, 3rd Gardhouse; ewe, 1st Clarkson, 2nd Young, 3rd Gardhouse; shearling ewe, 1st Gardhouse, 2nd Clarkson, 3rd Young; ewe lamb, 1st Young, 2nd Clarkson, 3rd Gardhouse.

Class 13 — Southdown — Ram aged, 1st C. A. Springstead, Caistor Centre, 2nd Joyce Bros., Milton, 3rd, Meldrum Stark Milton; shearling ram, 1st Springstead, 2nd A. Ayre & Sons, Hampton, 3rd Stark; ram lamb 1st Stark, 2nd Ayre, 3rd Springstead; ewe, 1st Ayre, 2nd Springstead, 3rd Joyce Bros.; shearling ewe, 1st Ayre, 2nd Stark, 3rd Springstead; ewe lamb, 1st Joyce Bros., 2nd Ayre, 3rd Springstead.

Class 14 — Shropshire — Ram aged, 1st A. Shields & Son, Caistor Centre, 2nd T. H. Price & Son, Georgetown; shearling ram, 1st Shields, 2nd Price; ram lamb, Shields; ewe, 1st Shields, 2nd Price; shearling ewe, 1st Shields, 2nd Price; ewe lamb, 1st Shields, 2nd Price.

Class 15 — Suffolk Down — Ram aged, 1st, Clarkson, 2nd W. H. Allan & Son, Milton; shearling ram, 1st Clarkson, 2nd Allan; ram lamb, 1st Clarkson, 2nd Allan; ewe, 1st Clarkson, 2nd Allan; shearling ewe, 1st Stark, 2nd Clarkson, 3rd Allan; ewe lamb, 1st Clarkson, 2nd Allan.

Class 16 — Any other Down — Ram lamb, A. Ayre & Sons, ewe lamb Ayre.

Specials — Pen of Shropshires — 1st Shields, 2nd Price; Pen of fine wool, 1st Wilmott, 2nd Shields; four market lambs, 1st Price, 2nd Stark.

Judge — J. Baker, Hampton.

PIGS

Class 18 — Boar, Wm. Pinkney & Sons, Cooksville; boar, 1st Pinkney, 2nd P. Malard, Palermo; boar, Pinkney; sow, Pinkney; sow, 1st and 2nd, Pinkney; sow, 1st and 2nd Pinkney, 3rd and 4th Malard.

Judge — R. G Knox, Guelph.

GRAIN

Class 20 — Winter Wheat — Miller Bros.; timothy, Brownridge; early oats, Brownridge; late oats, John Bird, Georgetown; barley, 1st, Victor Starrett, Georgetown; 2nd Miller Bros.; red clover Brownridge; grain in sheaf, Brownridge. Winning most points, Brownridge.

NORVAL JUNIOR FARMERS GRAIN SHOW

Late oats, 1st John Bird, 2nd Jim Reid, 3rd Craig Reid, 4th John Reid, 5th Bruce Reid. Early oats, 1st Ward Brownridge, 2nd Gordon Reid, 3rd, Kenneth Reid, 4th Craig Alexander, 2nd Geo. Wilson, 3rd, Craig Alexander, 5th Wm. Alexander, 6th Douglas Alexander. Barley, 1st R. Alexander, 2nd Geo. Wilson, 3rd Craig Reid, 4th Victor Starret, 5th Wm. Alexander, 6th Craig Alexander. Fall wheat, 1st Craig Alexander, 2nd Craig Reid, 3rd Miller Bros., 4th Bill Alexander, 5th Doug Alexander, 6th Bruce Reid. Lindner trophy, John Bird. Best three varieties, Smith & Stone trophy, 1st Wm. Alexander, 2nd Bruce Reid, 3rd Craig Reid. Senior championship Bank of Commerce tray, Craig Reid; Junior Championship, Beaumont trophy, Craig Alexander.

ROOTS AND VEGETABLES

Potatoes — 1st Reed Hunter, Norval; collection potatoes, Hunter; field carrots, Hunter; shipping turnips, J. R. Williams, Glen Williams, W. J. Alexander, Ashgrove; feeding turnips, 1st Hunter, 2nd Brownridge; mangel wurtzels, red, 1st Alexander, 2nd Hunter; mangels, yellow, Alexander; citrons, Hunter; watermelons, Hunter; pumpkins, field, Brownridge, Hunter; pie Alexander, Brownridge; ensilage corn, Harvey Nurse, Ashgrove, Spencer Wilson, Norval; squash, field, Hunter, Hubbard, Hunter; table carrots, Hunter, Williams, turnip beets, Hunter, Mrs W. J. Gordon, Silvercreek; beets, long, Hunter; parsnips, Hunter; cabbages, white, Hunter, Williams; red, Hunter; cauliflower, Hunter, onions, red, Hunter, other variety, Hunter, McGilvray; tomatoes, Hunter, Williams; corn, Hunter; vegetable marrow, Hunter; cucumbers, Hunter, McGilvray.

FRUITS

St. Lawrence apples — Hunter; wealthy Hunter, other variety, Wilma Stull, Georgetown.

Specials — Spanish onions, Georgetown Herald, Mrs. Leon Cowtan, Georgetown.

Judge — W. H. Hortop, Everton.

FLOWERS

Class 23 — House plant, Mrs. C. B. Dick, Ashgrove; plant in bloom, Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Frank Smith, Ballinafad.

Class 24 — Cut Flowers — Asters, H. L. Hutt, Georgetown; asters, best display, Mrs. Dick, Williams; calendula, Hutt; cosmos, McGilvray; sweet peas, Stull; gladioli display, J. D. Murray Norval, Hutt; 3-spike Murray; single spike, Murray; pansies, McGilvray; Ivan Huffman, Georgetown; roses, 3 blooms, McGilvray, single, McGilvray; zinnia Hutt; any other flower, Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Ashgrove; Huffman, Hutt; dining table centre, Mrs. Fred Armstrong, Georgetown, Mrs. Dick; basket of flowers — Armstrong, Hutt, Huffman; perennial collection, Hutt; homemade corsage, Mrs. Dick.

Judge — Keith Barber.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Homemade bread, white, Lorna McClure, Norval, Mrs. J. Hartley, Milton, Homemade bread, brown, Mrs. W. J. Gordon; buns or rolls, McClure, Mrs. Dick; bran muffins, McClure, Stull; apple pie, Mrs. Cowtan, Miss A. Scott, Norval; raisin pie Ruth Burt, Erin, Hartley; pumpkin pie, Stull, Smith; lemon pie, Cowtan, Mrs. A. H. Feller, Georgetown; sponge cake Stull, Mrs. Walter Biehn, Georgetown, oatmeal cookies, Smith, Feller; canned peaches, Biehn, Cowtan; canned raspberries, Biehn, canned tomatoes, Hartley; pickled beets; Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Feller; tomato juice, Feller, chili sauce, Mrs. Herb Cleave, Feller; saccharine pickle, Feller; salad dressing, Stull, Cleave; tea biscuits, Dick, McClure, cheese biscuits, McClure, Hartley; honey drop

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Pylon and Flagpole in Park Dedicated

Presented by the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture this beautiful pylon has been erected in Georgetown Park to commemorate 100 years service to Agriculture by the Esquesing Agricultur al Society.

Fall Fair Directors

The success of the 1946 Fair was attributed in no small way to the untiring efforts of the Directors and Lady Directors of the Society who spent many hours throughout the year planning the event for your enjoyment.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

Ontario Royal Commission on Forestry

PUBLIC HEARINGS

WHEREAS pursuant to the Public Inquiries Act, Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937, Major General Howard Kennedy was appointed a Commissioner to investigate, inquire into and report upon the forest resources of Ontario and their conservation, management and beneficial utilisation for all purposes, including their relation to other basic industries, particularly farming, and their relation to recreation, soil conservation, and waterways and water powers —

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, after having completed field investigations with his staff, the Commissioner proposes to hold public hearings in accordance with the following tentative schedule :—

Sault Ste. Marie	28-29 Oct.
Port Arthur	1- 2 Nov.
Kenora	5- 6 "
Fort Frances	8- 9 "
Geraldton	12-13 "
Longlaire	18-19 "
Cochrane	25-26 "
North Bay	28-29 "
Pembroke	2- 3 Dec.
Ottawa	5- 6- 7 "
Toronto	9-10-11 "

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT all persons, associations, or groups desiring to make representations or present evidence to the Commission will have an opportunity of doing so at any one of the above hearings. While the presentation of oral evidence under oath is permissable, it is strongly urged that submissions take the form of written briefs, as to the form of which the Commission's counsel will give any assistance that may be required.

All briefs or oral evidence presented at the public hearings will be given proper consideration by the Commission in the preparation of its report and recommendations.

In order to facilitate the work of the Commission, it is requested that briefs be forwarded to The Secretary, Ontario Royal Commission on Forestry, Administration Building, Long Branch Small Arms Plant, Toronto 14, to reach the office of the Commission at least one month before the hearing at which their consideration is desired.

W. R. NEWBOLT, Secretary

Esquesing Agricultural Society 1846- 1946

CELEBRATING, as we are this year, the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Esquesing Agricultural Society, it is interesting to delve back into the history of the intervening years and note the progress that has been made along the way. One hundred years is surely a long time for one institution to be in existence and had its activities not been progressive in the agricultural field we doubt if it could have weathered the many lean years it must have experienced in the beginning and through numerous depression and war years.

When one realizes that the Esquesing Fair is the first in Western Ontario to erect a centenary pylon and flagpole (given by the Ontario Department of Agriculture for one hundred years continuation in the agricultural field), and that only five have been erected in Eastern Ontario to date, it can readily be seen that the Esquesing Society was one of the first to take up the torch for the advancement of the pioneer farmer. Fairs in Eastern Ontario which have passed the century mark include Delta, organized in 1830; Port Hope, 1831; Ernestown, 1835; Carleton Co., 1844; and Vankleek Hill, 1844.

A PIONEER BEGINNING

Picture, if you can, the pioneer farmers of the last century who decided to organize for the first fair and agricultural Society. Much of this country was still in a very primitive state—the log cabin was still in evidence, especially farther to the west. There was not a great deal of clearance,, although the more up-to-date and wealthier farmer had progressed considerably by this time. Motor cars were unheard of, and oxen teams were still in use on the farm. We can picture some of the pioneers came to that first organization meeting by oxen cart.

OLD JOURNAL REPORTS

It is almost impossible to get a true glimpse of proceedings at the first organization meeting. Old-timers say it was held in the old township hall at Stewarttown, and at that time this was a thriving community with a large number of inhabitants, taverns, stores and industry. Government records do not reach back far enough from which we may obtain information, but a paragraph from "Journals and transactions of the Board of Agriculture, of Upper Canada, Vol. 1, Toronto, 1856—extract from county report, p.527, says: 'The Townships of Nelson, Trafalgar, and Esquesing, have each Societies established therein for some length of time, and from the exhibitions held during the summer in these fine townships, we can truly say that their agriculture is at present in an advanced state'."

As late as 1858, pounds, shillings and pence were still in evidence, and a further paragraph from the Journal reads as follows: P.71—"One hundred and one members; amount of subscriptions, £36; Government grant, £24; total receipts, including balance from previous year, £75, 15s., 6d; total disbursements in premiums and general expenses £62, 15s., 0½d.; balance in treasurer's hands £13, 0s., 5½d."

P. 240—"Esquesing, one hundred and thirty-six members. Amount of subscriptions £36, 10s.; balance from 1855, £13, 13s., 11½d.; share of public grant, £29, 5s.; total receipts £84, 8s., 11½d. Amount paid in premiums £52, 17s., 6d.; incidental expenses £14, 1s., 4½d.; balance in hand £17, 10s., 1d."

While the first fair was held in 1846, it was not until between 1864-68 that the Society asked that a charter be filed.

THE FIRST FAIR

It must have been an exciting day for those pioneer farmers as they brought their produce and livestock to Stewarttown for exhibition. We understand the hall at Stewarttown was used for displaying the vegetables, grain and ladies' work, while the fair proper took place in Murray's field, behind the present schoolhouse on the top of the hill. There were probably lines of hooked rugs, mitts and socks as the women-folk vied for the honors, as well as those delicious loaves of homemade bread, buns and sausages that are inclined to be conspicuous by their absence at present day shows.

While records are meagre to substantiate our claims, we believe that one, Abraham Scott, was the first president of the Society, Col. John Murray, grandfather of J. C. Murray, still a resident of Stewarttown, was the first secretary-treasurer. Not many have held this position in the one hundred years—L. Grant, J. A. Tracy and Wm. A. Wilson held the secretaryship for quite a number of years, while only recently Oscar Lerch, Frank Petch and Garfield L. McGilvray, the present secretary, have had terms of short duration.

About 1875 the fair was moved from Stewarttown to Georgetown, and was held in the Market Square, which was then vacant land, bordered by Market, Church, Edith and Factory Streets. Then as now, it was only a one day fair and the square was boarded in by an eight foot fence along these streets for the fair. The old drill hall that stood below the library was used for display purposes. The first show on the present grounds in the Georgetown park took place in 1889. Around this time the fair, being a township fair, was held alternate years in Acton and Georgetown, and it was not until 1906 that the last fair was held in Acton. It was in 1907 that W. A. Wilson, now a life member of the Esquesing Agricultural Society, became president; Joe Flynn of Acton was president in 1908, and John Cunningham in the year 1909. In 1907 the Society organized a plowing match that drew much attention, and this was held in William Cleave's field.

Interviewing W. A. Wilson, probably the one man living who knows more about the Society than anyone else, he informs us that he can remember his father showing an imported Preston bay mare at Esquesing fair back in 1879. W. J. Alexander, another of the older members and now vice-president of the Society, has also a good memory, and can recall many of the exhibitors—back in the 80's and early '90's—Brain Bros. showed oxen; imported Shorthorns were exhibited by Thomas Boak; Leicester sheep were shown also by Brain Bros., while Henry Ross was the first exhibitor of Holstein cattle. John Brownridge was an outstanding exhibitor of Yorkshire, Tamworth and Berkshire pigs, and his early breeding of registered swine has been carried on down through the years by his descendants, who to this day breed and export high quality hogs. Other large breeders of pigs were Jim and Tom McKenzie.

Road and carriage horses were the pride of the early fairs as they are today. Around 1900 and previous some of the exhibitors were John Wrigglesworth, Wm. Patterson, Jos. Brownridge, Wm. Fisher, Wm. Leslie, Sandy Waldie, Jos. Cottrell, W. Wilson, Henry Wilson, J. D. Orr, Neil Gillies, J. L. Clark, John McDonald, David Brooks, Harrison Bros., Mark Given, D. L. Herbert, Allan Devereaux, Hugh Morrison, Andy Little, Aiken Dolson, Ashenhurst Bros., Fuller Bros., R. J. Graham, John McKay, Goodson Appelbe, James Nickel and Sons, Dr. H. A. Reid. W. J. Alexander was one of the early exhibitors of exhibition poultry, as were W. Nelson and Son and Gordon Graham. C. E. Herrington, another noted fancier, started showing at Georgetown fair about the year 1908.

PRESIDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

Many presidents have captained the ship through its one hundred years, but it goes on record that the two most popular were the late Benjamin Petch and the present holder of the office, Craig Reid. Ben Petch, as he was widely known, held office for four years, while Mr. Reid is this year serving his fourth term. Probably the most successful fairs ever held were in the time of the late Ben Petch when the Society at one time had a surplus of $1100.00r Other presidents were: J. B. Bessey, George Tolton, Joe Flynn, John Cunningham, W. A. Wilson, Thos. Moffatt, Al. Claridge, Herb Cook, Alex Jos. Jim Reid, J. A. Elliott, George Leslie, Henry Wilson, Ed. Huffman, Thos. Cook, T. L. Leslie, Ed. McWhirter, T. J. Brownridge, James Fisher, Hume Currie, W. C. Anthony, Herb. Cleave, Frank Petch.

In writing a condensed history of the Society we would be remiss if we did not mention the untiring services the present treasurer, P. W. Cleave, has given to the Society. For twenty-five years he has given freely of his time and talent so that "the show might go on," and has marked the progress of the Society with the pride of a job well done. This is an enviable record of service to one community.

IN SUMMING UP

You ask why the Esquesing Agricultural Society has succeeded so well. It is due to the hard work which succeeding directorates have put into each fair—always striving to make the next one a little better than the previous one. If a prize was offered for the best run fair in Canada today, we doubt if any finer example could be found than that presented by your own. One has only to stand by the grandstand, looking out over the crowds of people and cars, to turn and catch the beauty of the grove of maples rich in their seasonal colors on all sides, to realize that we have a good thing here. Canadians, and with a will, go on striving for a fair that will eclipse those of the past in further progress for agriculture and entertainment for the community as a whole.—G. McG.