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Monmouth Town Fair
The First Annual Exhibition at Cumston Park Under the Auspices of Cochnewagan Agricultural Association.

The first cattle show and fair held at Cumston Park by the Cochnewagan Agricultural Association organized the past season, took place on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1907. The day was an ideal one and the crowd numbered fully 1,200, many coming from Monmouth and the surrounding towns. Among them was a goodly number of farmers. The fakirs and boothmen were there in all their glory and the rose cheeked country lass vied with her city cousin for the belle of the fair.

The Monmouth band discoursed fine music. As a young band it must surely be rated among the best in the state. A ball game between the Monmouths and the academy nine resulted 6 to 4 in favor of Monmouth.

The officers of the fair are as follows: President, W.S. Emery; vice-president, H.S. Bates; secretary and treasurer, C. O. Flanders; trustees, L. C. Berry, F. O. Flanders, E. C. Hayford, U.A. Tilson, Joshua Stover.

The various committees were constituted as follows: On oxen, A.A. Gordon, David Marston, S. P. Libby. On cows and young stock, A. A. Sawyer, J. L. Orcutt, A. G. Bates. On sheep J. H. Gilman, J. P. Gordon, Oscar

True. On colts, C.H. Allen, L.S. Goding, W.J. Kimball.

On poultry, Archie Fairbanks, Perly Jeffrey, E.G. Thompson. On fruit, R. G. Clough, Stelman Donnell, Chas Moody.

On fancy goods, Mrs. Seabury, Mrs. H.S. Bates.

That old Monmouth is to enter the list of permanent town fairs, after a lapse of 15 years is certain.

For many years all interest seemed to cease in the exhibit, but at the death of the late beloved benefactor of Monmouth, Dr. Charles M. Cumston, it was found he had left the town a field south of the academy a short distance of some ten acres for the fairs of the future, with the interest of \$5,000 to be used for prizes and a stipulation that such fairs should be held annually. That the large crowd, excellent display of fruit, flowers and livestock of this year's fair in Cumston park are to be exceeded even in the next fair of 1908 is the universal expression of the townspeople. With the ample grounds provided it is expected a building will be erected soon for exhibits and a dining hall.

On Wednesday the Methodist society served dinner to several hundred in a tent on the park. The Congregational society served ice cream from a smaller booth, while various parties sold fruit, confectionery and the usual et ceteras of a town fair.

In a longer tent were exhibits of fruit that would have done credit to a county fair. As is well known through Maine Kennebec county has a famous town in Monmouth for first class high grade

apples. The display Wednesday was worth going some distance to see. Among the exhibitors were, Messrs. Joel Withrell, Frank Carr, B. F. Fogg, Delbert Benner, J.W. Robinson, Mr. Bates, and many others.

The cattle were an attraction to all farmers and a big crowd visited the stock to the south of the park. Messrs. J.B. Packard, Geo. Gilman, Frank Card, W. W. Sprague, Ethan Little, Albert Sawyer, Smith Emerson, Charles Frost, Luther Burgess, J.W. Robinson, The Tappan Stock Farm all took high grade cattle to the fair.

Oil paintings by Mr. Geo. Pottle and Edna Benner and hand work on linen and leather were of superior work. A beautiful display of flowers by Mr. Keith was greatly admired.

Vegetables by W. S. Emery of unusual size and display also of other parties were a big feature on the north side of the tent. "Josey in his cart of potatoes en route to market" called for more than a passing notice. The canned fruit was a tempting array.

Quilts, sofa pillows, rugs, caught the eyes of the thrifty housewife and made a fine showing.

Many were the suggestions for another year's fair. That a two days' exhibit be tried was the general idea. Many were on the park from adjoining towns. Several automobile parties came on to witness the ball game and horse race.

The awards were as follows: On working horses first to W. J. Kimball, a pair of grays weighing 2600; second Will Carr, weighing 2200. Trotting

stallions, first L.C. Berry's two-year-old Berry Nelson, by the great Northern King. Nelson 2.09, dam Mollie Garfield, trot 2.26. He won first at Readfield, second at Waterville, second at Lewiston, among a large field of contestants.

Gent's driving class first, 4 year-old bay gelding, Sir Charles, sired by Harry Lothair, dam unknown; stands 15-3, weighs 1000 lbs.

Colts trotting bred, yearlings, E.S. Slauenwhite, first; Jim Neal, second. Coach bred yearlings, J. A. Davis first; A.A. Gordon, second.

W.S. Emery, two cows, Holsteins; C.H. Tappan, eight-month Guernsey calf. L.S. Goding, three Guernsey cows, one 2-year old bull, one bull calf same breed; E. G. Thompson, Guernsey bull; W.W. Sprague. Guernsey cow, two grade Jerseys and calf: B.A. Martin, one grade Guernsey and calf: H.S. Bates, 3 full blood Ayrshire cows and calf were among the live stock exhibit.

On sheep Tena Jacobs, first; D.M. Benner, second; J. E. Packard, third; On hogs. A. A. Sawyer. Pulling cattle 7 feet or over, B. L. Robinson, first; Geo. Potter, second; Irving Pettingill, third. Under 7 feet, L. M. Emery, first; G. R. Chandler, second; J. B. Packard, third.

Beef cattle, J. Wesley Frost, first; Ethan Little, second; J. R. Raymond, third. Matched oxen, J. R. Raymond, first, F. E. Carr, second; Re E. Sumner, third. Three-year-old matched J. F. Smith, first; John Hinkley, second, F. E. Carr, third.

Poultry

Barred Plymouth Rocks – Cumston Farm, 1st; F. F. Carr, 2d; H. S. Bates, 3d; Partridge Plymouth Ricjism John H. Robinson, 1st, R. I. Reds, chicks, Slaunwhite, 1st; Cumston farm, 2d. Rose Comb R. I. Reds J. B. Packard, 1st. Brown Leghorn cockerel, Mrs. James Smith, 1st. Cochin Bantams, A. Berry, 1st; Geneva Little. 2r. Seabright Bantams, Afton Berry, 1st. Bronze Turkeys, J. B. Packard, 1st. One pen of geese, F. E. Carr, 2d. One pen Guinea Fowl, Ralph D. Gilman. 1st.

Judges, A. E. Fairbanks, W. P. Jeffery, E. G. Thompson.

Fruit.

J. A. Robinson, one plate Somerset; W. W. Sprague, six varieties; A. A. Sawyer, two varieties; B. F. Fogg 25 varieties; D. M. Benner, 22 varieties apples, four varieties pears; E. Little six varieties; A. Fairbanks, 18 varieties; Sumner Sanborn, eight varieties apples; J.W. Witherell, six varieties Concord grapes.

Vegetables.

Jesse Richardson, mammoth cuke, Potatoes, W. S. Emery, Green Mountain; E. P. Hanscom, Gold Corn; Jacobs Bros, Early Rose, cucumbers; Mrs. Carver, Green Mountain; Frank Carr, squash; pumpkins, Luther A. Burgess; two pumpkins, cabbage, corn trace, G. M. Clough; J. F. Smith, cucumbers, turnips and beets; Mrs. L. L. Robinson, 7 jars canned fruit and pickles, also jelly; A.S. Smith, beets, apples, three varieties. All the exhibits are exceptionally good.

Fancy Work.

Best display of fancy work, Mrs. Sam'l Robinson, North Monmouth; stand cover, Mrs. A. J. Loan, Monmouth Center; tray cloth, Mrs. H. I. Baker, Monmouth; lunch cloth, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, North Monmouth; doylies, Mrs. Ruth Pottle, also dust bag and picture frames: quilt. Mrs. A. L. Macomber; pincushion, Mrs. A. L. Macomber, East Monmouth; drawn rug, Mrs M. A. Bates, North Monmouth; button rug, Mrs. E. C. Hanson; handkerchief, Mrs. E. C. Hanson; best display painting. Miss E. R. Benner, Monmouth; huckabuck cushion, Mrs. Abbie Macomber, East Monmouth; couch throw, Mrs. E. C. Hanson, Monmouth.

Flowers.

Best display dahlias, Walter Keith; geraniums, Mrs. H. S. Bent; lilies, Mrs. Bert Robinson.

Miscellaneous.

Fruit pitcher, Ruth Pottle; a relic of very old napiery, A. A. Sawyer, Monmouth.

The first exhibition has proved a grand success, both in exhibits and attendance. Another year will find a still better exhibition.