

1896 Ballyshannon Agricultural Show Results

The Show took place on Wednesday 19th August 1896 in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.

President – Mr St. George R. Johnston – Mount Prospect, Kinlough, Co. Leitrim.

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Veterinary Surgeon – Mr P.D. Reavy, M.R.C.V.S.

Hon. Secretaries – Mr. H. Coane & Dr. Creighton

Judges

Horses – Mr J. Byrne, Mr Lauder, Mr J.H. Benison and Mr C. Flynn.

Cattle, Sheep & Pigs – Mr E.M. Archdale, Mr J. McCullagh and Mr C. Webb.

Poultry, Butter, Eggs & Honey – Professor Carroll and Mr G.L. Tottenham.

Homespun – Mr Edward Kelly,

Tug of war – Mr E.M. Archdale and Colonel Tynte, R.M.

The second annual show of the Ballyshannon Agricultural Association was held on Wednesday* and was. in its essential features, exhibition satisfactory alike to the promoters and the public. Though the general character of the weather preceding was variable and somewhat inclined to rain, it was a matter of much congratulation that on Wednesday no more charming or suitable weather as that which prevailed need be desired. The day was warm, with an occasional breeze in from the sea, exhilarating in its effects, and was particularly favourable for the horse-jumping exhibition, driving, and other events, which came off in the afternoon in the Rock field, adjoining the town. how was held in the market-square, which was fitted up for the purpose, and the different departments were well and satisfactorily arranged. In comparing the entries in the aggregate with those of last year there is noticed a marked increase. In many of the sections the number decreased slightly, whilst the majority, end particularly the more important ones, the improvement in point of numbers was a satisfactory feature ail interested the success of the show and its general results. The total number entries this year was 320, as compared with 147 last year. Thus it will be seen that the increase was somewhat considerable, and io its object itis show is proving Itself worthy of the district in which it seeks use its influence for improvement.

The sections showing an advance in entries included yearling and three year old colts fillies, ponies under fourteen bands, balls, cows, rams, ewes, pigs, and poultry. In the latter section it might be observed that this year the entries were far more numerous and varied than hitherto, which would go to indicate that the exhibitors have taken more care in the raising of poultry, a department which in many parts of the country does not receive the attention which might with profit be extended to it. Batter also showed larger entries, and the section for eggs, in which there had been entries previously, contained thirteen, which shows that those exhibits are also receiving attention. There were, in addition, entries for the prizes offered for homespun honey, for which none competed last year. The attendance at the show was large. The judging was commenced early, and was got through with regularity. The horse jumping and driving, and tug-of-war competitions commenced three o'clock. The field was in excellent order, and the course contained the usual jumps, including a hurdle, stone wall, bush fence, double bank, and water jump.

There were three jumping and two driving events, and the attendance was large and fashionable. The grand stand was availed of to its full capacity, and a considerable circle of spectators watched the different contests with close interest from outside the ropes enclosing the well-arranged course. It might be stated that another attraction came off on the same day at Bundoran. For reasons upon which local opinion appeared to be agreed, a race meeting was held the latter place, and while it in no degree interfered with the general success of the show, doubtless the attendance would have been more considerable if the promoters of the racing fixture had selected a day which would not clash with the show. The officials in charge of the show arrangements discharged their respective duties in a capable and business-like manner, and gave all round satisfaction. Dr. Creighton and Mr. H. Coane, the hon. secretaries, upon whom a good deal of work was thrown, performed their duties with courtesy to the public and advantage the show.

The splendid band of the 2nd Dorset Regiment was present, and played the following pleasing programme during the evening, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Hazell, L.R.A.M., and it was highly appreciated : —Overture, "Sohubert" (Suppe); waltz, "The Mikado" (Bucalossi); selection, "Night in Berlin" (Hartmann); dance, "Arabian" (Sarakowski) ; selection, "Utopia, limited" (Sullivan) ; waltz, "Blue Danube" (Strauss) ; fantasia, "Erin" (Basquitt); galop, "Wonnegutrunken" (Faust).

Horses

Section 1: Stallion calculated to produce weight carrying hunters or harness horses;

Prizes 1st, silver cup, presented by Mr. R.L. Moore, D.L. to be won by same exhibitor two years consecutively (at present held by Mr F. Fawcett); 2nd, Medal; 3rd Certificate.

1st Francis Fawcett – Rowntree Hill, Belleek, stallion, Eirn's Last.

2nd Francis Fawcett – Rowntree Hill, Belleek, stallion, Eirns Fraud.

Section 2: Best Broad mare for saddle or harness, with foal at foot;

1st Robert Lipsett, Ballyshannon, mare, with foal at foot;

2nd James Johnston, Kinlough House, Kinlough, mare and filly foal;

HC Robert Myles, Ballyshannon, roan mare, stunted to Cherry Ripe, and foal by Garland

Section 3: Yearling colt or filly likely to make a saddle or harness horse;

1st Mrs Reynolds - Carrickmore, Tullaghan, brown colt, matchless, dam by Montresor;

2nd John Anderson – Ballyshannon, colt by Matchless Fireway;

HC Alex. Donaldson – Belleek, colt

Section 4 Best two-year-old colt or filly likely to make a saddle or harness horse;

1st Audley Brown – Donegal, colt by North Riding

2nd John Harron – Trummon, Laghey, bay filly by Matchless Fireway

Section 5 Best three-year-old colt or filly likely to make a saddle or harness horse;

1st Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen, colt

2nd Patterson Morrow – Abbey, Ballyshannon, black colt by Eirns Fraud

Section 6 Best gelding or mare four years old and upwards, trained for driving or saddle;

1st F.S. Pakenham – Enniskillen, gelding, Larry O’Lannigan by Eirn’s Fraud.

2nd Samuel Taylor – Donegal, three quarter-bred mare.

Section 7: Agricultural Stallion;

1st Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen, The Earl.

2nd Thomas Bullock – Killynick, Belturbet, Warrior King.

Section 8: Agricultural mare with foal at foot;

1st Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen, mare, with foal at foot.

2nd Patterson Morrow – Abbey, Ballyshannon, bay mare.

Section 9: Pony, not over 14.2 Hands;

1st S. Pakenham – Enniskillen, Lady Love II. by Loved One.

2nd L.C. Wynne – Mount Shannon, Sligo, bay mare by Buckshot.

HC Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen, black mare.

Section 10: Best harness horse, mare or gelding, four years old and upwards;

1st Thomas Morrow – Legaltion, grey mare.

Cattle

Section 11: Bull of any pure bred calved since 1st January 1894;

1st Robert Lipsett – Ballyshannon, shorthorn, Commander.

2nd E.M. Archdale – Crocknacrieve, Ballinamallard, roan shorthorn bull, Tempest.

3rd James Johnston – Kinlough House, Kinlough, poiled Angus.

Section 12: Bull of any pure bred calved since 1st January 1895;

1st St. George R. Johnston – Mount Prospect, Kinlough, shorthorn, Dartry.

Section 13: Bull of any pure bred too old to entre in number 11;

1st E.M. Archdale – Crocknacrieve, Ballinamallard, red shorthorn bull.

2nd Edward Vaughan – Dunmuckrum, Ballyshannon, shorthorn bull.

3rd Henry Stuffs – Danby, Ballyshannon, pure bred Alderney bull.

Section 14: Best Dairy Cow in calf, or having had a living calf since 1st January 1896;

1st Charles J. Tredennick – Camlin, Ballyshannon, cow

2nd James Johnston – Kinlough House, Kinlough, half bred.

Section 15: Best Heifer in calf, not exceeding three years;

1st George Moore – Ballinacarrick, shorthorn.

Section 16a: Best bull calved since 1st January 1896;

1st St. George R. Johnston – Mount Prospect, Kinlough, roan shorthorn.

2nd Robert Lipsett – Ballyshannon, shorthorn, Commander.

Section 16b: Best heifer calved since 1st January 1896;

1st Thomas J. Atkinson – Cavangarden, roan heifer.

2nd St. George R. Johnston – Mount Prospect, Kinlough, red and white.

DIVISION B

Section 17: Best bull calved since 1st January 1894;

1st Patterson Morrow – Abbey, Ballyshannon, roan bull.

Section 18: Best bull calved since 1st January 1895;

2nd Richard Knox – Clyhore, Belleek, shorthorn.

3rd Andrew McGowan – Cliffoney, dark red, Young Dryman.

Section 19: Best Dairy Cow visibly in calf, or having had a living calf since 1st January 1896;

1st James Cassidy - Coolcholly, Ballyshannon, shorthorn cow.

Section 20: Best heifer visibly in calf, not exceeding three years;

1st Robert Myles – Ballyshannon, yellow and white heifer.

2nd Patterson Morrow – Abbey, Ballyshannon, roan heifer.

Section 21 Best Heifer calved since January, 1895;

1st Thomas Morrow – Abbey, Ballyshannon,

2nd James Cassidy - Coolcholly, Ballyshannon, shorthorn heifer.

DIVISION C

Section 22: Best bull calved since 1st January 1894;

1st Thomas Nicholson – Bunduff, shorthorn bull.

2nd Issac Colvin – Ballymagrorty, pure bred shorthorn bull.

Section 23: Best bull calved since 1st January 1895;

1st Dan Campbell – Kileen, Ballyshannon, full bred bull.

2nd Hugh Thompson – Ballymagrorty, full bred shorthorn.

Section 24: Best dairy cow visibly in calf, or having had a living calf since 1st January 1896;

1st Miss McNulty – Ballyshannon, roan cow.

Section 25: Best heifer in calf, not exceeding three years;

1st John Anderson – Ballyshannon, yellow and white heifer.

2nd James Corscadden – Carricknahorna, red heifer.

HC Eward McGowan – Gurteendarragh, Kinlough

Section 26: Best heifer calved since January, 1895;

1st T. Gallagher – West Port, Ballyshannon, red and white heifer.

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3rd Thomas Nicholson – Bunduff, calved July 1895

HC Edward Stephens – Ballyshannon, red.

Section 26a: Best bull calved since January 1896:

1st Peter McCafferty – Cashelard, red shorthorn

Section 26b: Best heifer calved since January 1896:

1st Michael Gillespie – The Abbey, Ballyshannon, white and yellow.

2nd W.S. Bigger – Ballyshannon, black polled Angus.

DIVISION D

Section 27: Best cow visibly in calf, or having had a living calf since 1st January 1896, confined to farmers within 30 miles of Ballyshannon whose valuation does not exceed £10;

1st Hugh Mulrine – Market Street, Ballyshannon, red shorthorn.

2nd Hugh McGowan – Rossclogher, Kinlough, shorthorn cow.

3rd Samual McKinley – shorthorn cow.

Section 28: Best heifer calved since 1st January 1895;

1st Hugh Mulrine – Market Street, Ballyshannon, roan heifer.

2nd Daniel Kerrigan – Dunmuckrum, Ballyshannon, red and white heifer

3rd Philip Kane – Dunmuckrum, roan.

Section 28a: Best bull calved since January 1986:

1st William Whiteside – Kinlough, roan calved January.

Sheep

DIVISON A

Section 29: The best one shear Shrop. Ram:

1st Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen.

Section 30: The best one shear long wool ram:

1st Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen, Border Leicester.

2nd John Anderson – Ballyshannon, Roscommon ram.

3rd Patterson Morrow – The Abbey, Ballyshannon.

Section 31: The best pen of three ewes (one shear):

1st Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen.

Section 32: The best pen of three ewe lambs:

1st Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen.

2nd John Anderson – Ballyshannon.

3rd James Corscadden – Carricknahorna, Leicesters.

Section 33: The best pen of three ram lambs:

1st Willie Wilson – Derryhillagh, Enniskillen.

2nd James Corscadden – Carricknahorna, Leicesters.

3rd John Anderson – Ballyshannon.

DIVISION B

Section 34: The best pen of three ewes (one shear):

1st John Anderson – Ballyshannon.

2nd John S. Ellis – Tullaghan.

DIVISION C

Section 35: The best pen of three ewes (one shear):

1st John Anderson – Ballyshannon.

2nd James Corscadden – Carricknahorna.

Pigs

DIVISION A

Section 39: Best sow in young or with litter;

1st Miss A.E. Coane – Higginstown, Ballyshannon. Yorkshire sow

2nd James Johnstone – Kinlough. Yorkshire sow

Poultry

Section 42: Best turkey cock and hen;

1st Miss M.R. Vaughan – Dunmuckrum, Ballyshannon.

2nd A. Woods – Glentimon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. American bronze

Section 43: Best goose and gander;

1st A. Woods – Glentimon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. Embden geese

2nd A. Woods – Glentimon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. Toulouse geese

Section 44: Best Rouen duck and drake;

1st A. Woods – Glentimon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone.

2nd Mrs St. G. Johnston – Kinlough

Section 45: Best Aylesbury duck and drake;

1st A. Woods – Glentimon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone.

2nd J. Hammond – Drumcroil, Ballintra

HC Miss L.V. Vaughan – Dunmuckrum, Ballyshannon.

Section 46: Best cock and hen of any pure breed;

1st A. Woods – Glentimon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. Single combed Orpingtons

2nd Miss L.V. Vaughan – Dunmuckrum, Ballyshannon. Indian game.

HC Miss M.R. Vaughan – Dunmuckrum, Ballyshannon. silver Wyandottes.

Section 47: Best cockrell and pullet of any pure breed hatched in 1896;

1st Dr Graham – Irvinestown, Plymouth Rock.

2nd Mrs Miller – Ballyshannon, black Dorking.

HC A. Woods – Glentimon, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. silver Wyandottes.

HC Miss L.V. Vaughan – Dunmuckrum, Ballyshannon. Indian game.

HC Miss M.R. Vaughan – Dunmuckrum, Ballyshannon. silver Wyandottes.

HC Mrs Annabella Coulter – Boyney, Ballyshannon.

Section 48: Best pair of chickens killed, plucked and trussed for table;

1st Mrs S.G. Johnston – Mount Prospect, Kinlough.

2nd Mrs Charlie Webb – Rabelly, Sligo.

Section 50: Best cock and hen;

1st James Devanney – Ballyshannon. Bantams

Section 51: Best cockrell and pullet of any pure breed hatched in 1896;

1st John Dickenson – Tawley. hatched April

Section 52: Best drake and duck;

1st John Dickenson – Tawley

2nd Mrs Susan Keenan – Ballyshannon. white Salisbury

Section 53: Best turkey cock and hen;

1st Mrs Samual McKinley - Drumnagroagh

Butter

DIVISION A

Section 54: Best butt not less than 4lbs weight;

1st Mrs Mary Connolly – Agherdergard, Kinlough.

2nd Roger Connolly – Cloonty, Tullaghan.

3rd Thomas McBrien – Lower Ardies, Belleek

Section 55: Best roll butter not less than 4lbs;

1st Mrs Charles Webb – Rabelly, Sligo.

2nd Miss Winifred McGown – Gurteendarragh, Kinlough.

HC. Mrs Samual McKinley – Drumnagroagh

HC. Miss A.E. Coane – Higginstown,

HC Mrs Annabella Coulter – Boyney, Ballyshannon.

HC Mrs T.J. Atkinson – Cavangarden, Ballyshannon.

Section 56: Best 4lbs butter in fancy prints;

1st A Grong - Glenade

2nd Mrs. Walker C. Dickenson - Tawley

HC. Mrs Annabella Coulter – Boyney, Ballyshannon.

DIVISION D

Section 57: Best 2lbs butter in 1lbs rolls;

1st Mrs. Margaret Gallagher – Rossologher, Kinlough

2nd Miss Bridget Durneen - Higginstown

HC. John Dickenson – Tawley

HC. Mrs Samuel McKinley – Drumnagroagh

Eggs

Section 58: The best dozen eggs;

1st Mary Loughlin – Rowntree Hill.

2nd Mrs Catherine McSharry – Gurteendarragh, Kinlough.

3rd Miss Winifred McGown – Gurteendarragh, Kinlough.

Home Spuns

(Prizes presented by Mr G.L. Tottenham.)

Section 59: The best web of home spun tweed not less than 10 yards;

1st Owen McSharry – Largydonnell, Glenade.

HC Miss Bridget Durneen – Higginstown, 10 yards unbleached linen.

Honey

Section 61: The best 4lbs in section or comb;

1st James A. Aiken – Kesh.

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HC Joseph Currie – Ballyshannon.

Horse Jumping

Class 1 (Open) - First Prize £10, Second Prize £5, Third Prize £3.

1st Mr R. Stephens, Peacock

2nd Mr J. Wilsons, Actress

3rd Mrs Sim's, Maid of Athens

Class 2 – Winner of first and second prize winners in class 1 excluded. First Prize £5, Second Prize £2, Third Prize £1.

1st Mrs Sim's (Collooney), Maid of Athens

2nd Mr Packenham's, Lady Love

3rd Mr Willson's, Morning Star

Class 3 - First Prize £5, Second Prize £2, Third Prize £1.

1st Mr Hunters, Footlights

2nd Mr Willson's, Morning Star

Driving Competition

Class 1 - First Prize £2, Second Prize £1, Third Prize 10s.

1st Mrs Moore – Cliff, Belleek.

2nd Mr A. Stubbs – Danby, Ballyshannon.

3rd Mr M. Cassidy – Ballyshannon.

Class 2 – (confined to horses and cars which have regularly pilled for hire during the past four months) First Prize £2, Second Prize £1, Third Prize 10s.

1st Mr McGriakin – Kiltyclogher.

2nd Mr J. Mahon – Ballyshannon.

3rd Mr J. Mahon – Ballyshannon.

Tug-of-War Competition

This event cause great excitement. Only three of five teams entered put in appearance. Result - Dorsets beat Myles team, McAdam's team a bye; McAdam's team beat Dorsets. This closed a most enjoyable day's amusement.

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