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REPORT ON THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY AGRICULTURAL SHOW, AHMEDABAD, 1928. (1930)

The Show was opened by the President, Sir Leslie Wilson, Governor of Bombay, on the 17th November 1928. The interest thus evinced by His Excellency, who came specially to Ahmedabad for the purpose, increased materially the interest of the public in the Show and gave it a good start.

2. Rulers of Indian States, the leading citizens of Ahmedabad and others who had generously subscribed to the funds showed a keen desire to be present at the inaugural ceremony. About 1,100 invitations were issued and there was a large crowd of cultivators seated in the stands. The pipers of the 4/16th Punjab Regiment and the Bhavanagar State Band played on the occasion.

3. After the members of the Executive Committee had been introduced to His Excellency, the Hon'ble Mr. Jadhav, Minister of Agriculture, invited His Excellency to declare the Show open in a speech in which he made the following remarks :—

“(1) *Postponement due to floods.*— The first Show having been held in such favourable circumstances preparations were made for holding the second Show at Ahmedabad last year, but owing to the disastrous floods which occurred at the end of July, and the diversion of the energies of all the Government officers, and the non-official organizations of Gujarat to the relief of distress, the idea of holding the Show had to be abandoned. This year, in spite of the late advent of the rains which for a time caused some anxiety, the season has been a good one and preparations for the Show were able to be taken in hand with confidence. Your Excellency has thus come to Ahmedabad to open the Show under the happiest auspices.”

“(2) *Importance of Live-stock in Gujarat and the Dairying Industry.*— Without wishing to enter into much detail as to the different sections of the Show, I would briefly say that the first section, namely, that dealing with live-stock is one of the peculiar importance in Gujarat. Gujarat is famous throughout India for the magnificent breed of Kankrej cattle which the cultivator uses in tilling the soil. The splendid specimens which are on view must strike every one by their great beauty and power. Ahmedabad is famous for its butter industry, and the cream which supplies these dairies and many other dairies in other parts of Gujarat and in Bombay City itself comes from the splendid breed of buffaloes which every farmer worth the name tends with the utmost care. One of the distinctive features of this section is the model dairy and the competition in butter making, and whilst this art has already reached a high level, there can be no doubt that there is room for very great improvement in the handling of cream, its despatch to butter factories and its manufacture into butter. We may hope that this will be fully impressed upon the visitors to this section.”