

Royal Dublin Society Spring Show.
A. Housset to C. Gordon, Esq., for London
Office.

Briefly this show has been running since 1831, and never in all these years has a greater sensation hit the public than this year. (Unlike C.B. where the public have so many diverse interests, there is practically no section of the population in the 32 counties that the show does not interest or affect in some way. Not to "do the show" is a social solicism.)

Show opened on usual note in which "Foot and Mouth in Jersey & C.B." took only second place by a short head, to the speakers own particular interest in the show.

But on Wednesday evening the main topic of conversation in Ireland was the rumour that a "foot & mouth" contact, was in the R.D.S.

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Special precautions had been taken (see "Times" 6/5/52 section ①) - But someone had "slipped the net" - in fact the Supreme Grand Champion of Jersey MIGHT be a contact via Mr Stephen Perchard etc - see "Times" 8/5/52. and owner Mr Benson was served with not to remove animal. and 1000 animals were impounded. Intensified spraying, soaked mats, soaked sand - with disinfectant followed. Cattle removed from public view or contact and prize parades cancelled. See News papers for balance. I have covered the spraying activity & printed "prohibition notice". Not expecting a "cattle ban" I have

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not much cattle shots - except
some in "The Young Farmers Club"
Cattle judging competition - The
Young farmers judge the cattle &
the best judged is the Winner.
- we see them handling the
Cattle - the last people to do
so at this show - Winner
was IAN Beattie of Ballycraigy (pron.
as spelt) Northern Ireland (Try to
include for Northern Ireland edition
if pos. as well as South.) In the
shots of crowds - can 2 you will
see an old erect bowler hatted
man walk past camera to right -
He need not be mentioned by name
but is one of most popular men
in Ireland and more so in the
North - he is prominent race horse
owner. name Willis. Can ①
is Developed. Needs re-washing.
Can ③ is Children age 8 to 11 yrs

riding ponies 4 y.o. or over. (^{Children} 8 y. on
6th may not attained 11 on that date.)

(Close ups of kiddies are not of
the prize winners who looked older
than their years and not photogenic).

Class 105	attained its birthday on the 6th May, 1952, but who has not attained its 14th birthday on that date	10	5	3	2
	Pony, four years old or over, not exceeding 12.2 hands suitable for and to be ridden by a child who has attained its 8th birthday on the 6th May, 1952, but who has not attained its 11th birth- day on that date	10	5	3	2

*In the Classes for Children's Ponies the manners and
handiness of the ponies will be taken into consideration
by the Judges in awarding the Prizes.*

*Those Children's Ponies which are selected by the
Judges will be officially measured and examined for age
and any not conforming to the regulations will be dis-
qualified.*

*Spurs must not be worn and the wearing of blinkers
is also prohibited.*

*A Statement of age (signed by Parent) in respect of
the Child Rider must be lodged with the entry.*

Can 4 shots in Agric. Machine
Paddock. taken from top of
a grain elevator and may be a
bit swaying (it was very breezy
see flags waving). This can
finishes on more shots of kiddies
from class 105 above.

Can 5. "foot & mouth" precautions
- a sumph stall right in front
of camera on the pan as it was

finishing - so have a close up
of feet and spraying woggles etc
for a cut before a tilt shot up
to "prohibition notice" - This may
save it. 45 ft above. Balance
of 55 ft on this can was the
International jumping competition
"K" won by Lt. Col. H. Slewellyn
wearing "hunting pink"
on the famous horse FOXHUNTER.
Shot 20 ft or so on him. It
follows a brief shot of a British
Army officer clearing a jump.
Next 20 ft odd shot is of the
Irish hope C. J. H. Dudgeon (riding
in black hat and green velvet -
He rode Sea Spray but was not
mapped - I think he "raps" the
last jump in the shot. See
I think I ran out on Slewellyn receiving prize rosette.
Blue programme. Can (6) is
some 60 - 70 ft on Baltyboys
House (pron. the Bal as in Ballet).

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the y pron. "ee" Bal-tee-boys]
we see farmers approaching a
Civic Guard (policeman) on duty
to stop ingress of strangers etc.
and a sprayer guard, spraying
the ground at entrance gates.
Through gate in distance is "the
bull who nearly stopped the show"
— followed by "6" shot of the
bull.

Weather generally was very
"in and out" Especially dull
during the kiddies riding competition
and also the "k" jumping.

Was uncertain about C. Ups in the
machinery Paddock ~~due~~ due to
the wish not to give advertising—
Please advise re this for future.
From every angle some name was
visible.

27.
9/5/52 Friday

In view of expecting the
2000 ft from London I
had not re-ordered from
Kodak to keep my
stock up to 2000 ft.

And was right out
of stock when I
finished Baltybay
house today

Albasser