

The Brandon Fair.

The Western Agriculture and Arts Association held their third annual summer fair the week immediately following the Winnipeg Industrial, July 18th to 21st. Although the Brandon Fair of 1898 was an unprecedented success, that of 1899 was even more so. The officers and directors and the energetic Secretary had for months been devoting time and energy to leave nothing undone that would tend to the success of the Fair, and when the gates were thrown open a much larger number of exhibits than ever before were in position. The weather was most propitious, and the people came in crowds, all in the best of humor and prepared to enjoy themselves, which they apparently did to their hearts' content. The grounds are very much improved by the laying out of gravel roads, with rows of trees planted along each side, and as these improvements are extended from year to year, the grounds will become more attractive and beautiful. It is no disparagement to the management of the Agricultural Society that one of the best drawing cards



BRAMPTON MONARCH.

Two-year-old Jersey bull. Winner of championship, Toronto Exhibition, 1898. (See Stock Gossip, page 442.)

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they have is the opportunity afforded of visiting the Experimental Farm, and hundreds of farmers and others take advantage of the cheap rates as much to visit the Farm as to see the Fair, and outside of the live stock exhibits, it goes without saying that as important lessons can be learned on the Farm as in the Fair grounds. This year the Farm looks well and shows the work of a master hand. Apart from the general attractiveness of the tree-planted avenues and drives, the arboretum and shrubberies, perhaps no feature is so noticeable and so pleasing as the absence of weeds. The effects of thorough cultivation and systematic methods can seldom be seen to greater advantage, although there is now ten times more work to be overtaken on the Farm than when it was started; there are no more men employed; weeds are practically conquered, and can now with a minimum of labor (and that nearly all horse labor) be kept in subjection, and every farmer can appreciate what an immense saving of labor that means, not only in the cultivation of the soil, but in the harvesting, threshing, marketing, etc. Great interest was shown by the visitors in the trees, shrubs, hedges, and small fruits. The grass plots were also an object of great interest, the Brome grass being particularly interesting. Every plot of this grass, whether old or new, or under whatsoever treatment, seems to flourish. The patches of clover and alfalfa were also much admired, and great hopes entertained for the successful introduction of these most useful fodder plants and soil restorers. The beautiful showing of hardy annual and perennial flowering plants was a source of delight to many a farmer's wife and daughter, and from these object lessons many a farm home will be beautified and made more cheery.

HORSES.

The exhibit in this class was good, there being considerably more entries than in any previous year, and the average quality showed some advance. It was the general remark around the ring that the horses, especially the younger classes, from the farms were well conditioned and fitted. As throughout this district many farmers depend almost entirely on green-cut oat sheaves instead of hay, it would be worth noting whether this has anything to do with the condition of the young horse stock. The light horses were judged by Dr. Young, of Manitou, and the heavy classes by W. Brisbane, of Cobourg, and Wm. Watt, of Salem, Ont. Although there was no special room for fault-finding in either class, still there was one more clear demonstration in favor of the single-judge system, the work of one judge being done fully, more expeditiously, and type and breed character more closely adhered to throughout the various sections.

CLYDESDALES.

But two aged stallions appeared in the opening ring, both good ones. Burnbrae, shown by J. A. S. Macmillan, the first prize and sweepstakes horse at the Industrial, was, after a careful survey of the two horses, sent to the front; with Colquhoun & Beattie's entry, Erskine Lad, a good second. Both are horses of great scale and true Clydesdale character. Erskine Lad, a favorite with many farmers, shows more action, but has not the levelness

and finish of his successful rival. In brood mares, T. Elder, Blyth, had the first premium in a grand good one, bred by N. P. Clark, of Minnesota; second going to J. B. Thompson's (Hamiota) Lady Almondale. This matron's fillies, Adeline McGregor and Princess Royal, both by Auldmuir 4230, were successful in their respective classes, and with their dam were first in mare and progeny class.

SHIRES.

J. A. S. Macmillan's Nailstone Morning Star II. was without competition in this class. He has done a big season, through the wet spring and heavy roads, and is in lower condition than previously shown.

HEAVY DRAFT.

There were some excellent teams paraded, the red going to Hughes & Long on a big draft team recently imported from Ontario, and the blue to J. Scott, Brandon, on a fine, massive team, well brought out. N. Rodgers had the first prize brood mare, and F. Rowland second. A. Cummings, Lone Tree, had an entry in yearling class, being without competition. Three draft foals came before the judges. A. Cummings was first, with a big, sappy colt, by Kintyre Hero; second going to a fine Burnbrae foal, shown by F. Rowland. The third entry was also a Burnbrae foal, shown by A. McPhail, Brandon.

Classes are given for agricultural and also for general purpose, as well as heavy draft, and each exhibitor is left to make his own definition of what these terms mean, and enter his stock wherever he thinks he stands best chance of winning. Much more intelligent results would follow if a clearer definition could be given these classes. Both the agricultural and general purpose classes were well filled. In the former class there were five teams entered, all good ones, but of several types, leaving the judges no easy task in selecting the two best. They sent the red, however, to D. T. Wilson's hand-some bays, a team that fitted the class; second went to a thick, low-set team of blocks, just brought in from Ontario by W. E. Butler. Many would have preferred the larger, more up-standing pair shown by Mr. Bastard, of Brawardine. Others thought them too heavy for the class. While they carried a lot of flesh, they were not heavy enough for the draft class. N. Reid's browns and A. McPhail's bays were left unplaced. A. McPhail was first on brood mare, with a Burnbrae foal by side; Cummings second. D. T. Wilson, Asessippi, and Wm. Sanderson, Souris, were the winners throughout the balance of the class, with N. Rodgers first on a Burnbrae foal.

GENERAL PURPOSE.

The call for teams brought out four really good teams, well-fitted, harnessed and handled. Elder, of Blyth, was first, with a particularly attractive, clean-cut, good-actioned pair; second going to A. McGee's gray team, of similar type and good quality. A. McPhail had the premium mare and foal, the latter by Pascha. J. B. King, Fairfax, first on 3-year-old. Ed. Russell, Douglas, first on 2-year-old, with an extra well developed roan. D. T. Wilson first on yearling, with a big, drafty colt. He was also first with brood mare and progeny.

CARRIAGE.

Alex. Colquhoun, Douglas, was an easy winner, with his German coach horse, Pascha. In foals, A. McPhail won, with a Pascha foal, and Woodcock second with a Prince Danegelt, both coarse grade foals and not properly belonging to this class. Under the rule of the class, the same applies to the teams and single harness sections. T. D. Stickle's (Carberry) beautiful pair of carriage horses were without competition. Six single turnouts faced the judge, and were placed according to style and action, coupled with roundness, etc. First, R. Willis, Boissevain, on a bay with beautiful action; A. French, Dauphin, second.

THOROUGHBREDS.

Four aged stallions came out in this ring, headed by Rumpus, a big, rangy fellow, with great action, shown by R. S. Fulton, Brownsville, Ont.; second to Dr. Hurd, shown by Shaw, of Carberry. R. I. M. Power, Carberry, was alone in 3-year-olds with Click. In brood mare, yearling, foal, and mare and progeny, Mr. Ernes, Brandon, was given the red tickets on Coleen, a beautiful sorrel mare, and her colts, much resembling herself; Shaw and Armstrong, Carberry, coming into second place.

STANDARD-BREDS.

Three stallions faced the judge, who based his decision on size and substance, and sent the red to Arabus, a big, strong horse, shown by R. S. Fulton, with Pathmont second. College Boy, shown by D. McLachlan, Chatham, was first in the 3-year-olds, and his brother, College Chum, bred by Mr. Lachlan, shown by D. H. Chambers, Wawanesa, first in 2-year-olds.

ROADSTERS.

Brood mare class brought out five fairly good mares, first going to a finely-turned mare with a foal by George S., shown by I. Blanchard, Miami; second to F. Woodcock, Chater. In teams, A. French, Dauphin, was first, with a well-matched pair of chesnuts, showing good, clean action; James Bray, Longburn, second, with a pair of Kilburn colts. In single drivers, H. McFarlane, Brandon, was first, with a big, handsome, upstanding horse, of fine action; A. Blain, Wawanesa, second, on another fine, clean-actioned chestnut mare, by Sharper, leaving a couple of good drivers unplaced.

HACKNEYS.

In the aged stallion class the Winnipeg competitors again came together, and were placed in the same order; March Past, owned by Mr. Power, Carberry, being first, and Mr. Macmillan's Prince Danegelt second. Mr. Macmillan's special for Prince Danegelt foals went to F. Woodcock, first; T. Mitchell, second.

Some very nice ponies and saddlers were shown. The winners will appear in the complete prize list to be published next issue.

CATTLE.

Most of the breeds were fairly well represented at Brandon, though in some there was little competition, probably owing in part to the fact that the prize list was not very attractive, there being only two prizes in each section, and the amounts not sufficiently large to be tempting. The beef breeds and fat cattle were judged by Mr. J. C. Snell, London, Ont., and the dairy breeds by Mr. James Bray, Portage la Prairie.

SHORTHORNS.

were represented by excellent selections from the herds of F. W. Brown, Portage la Prairie, and D. Allison, Roland. Wm. Chalmers, Hayfield, also showed a few, and won several prizes in the Province-bred competition, and also first for three-year-old cows in the open class. The herd prize for best bull and four females went to Mr. Allison, whose herd was made up of the first prize yearling bull, Riverside Stamp; second prize cow, Daisy of Strathallan 12th; first prize two-year-old heifer, Jubilee Queen (winner of sweepstakes at Winnipeg); first prize yearling heifer Crimson Cloud (also first at Winnipeg); and the first prize heifer calf. Mr. Brown's herd, to which the second prize was awarded, included the first prize three-year-old bull, and sweepstakes winner here, Lyndhurst III, (who had also won first at Winnipeg); the first prize cow here, Gaiety 5th, and her heifer calf; the second prize yearling heifer, and another good heifer of the same age. Mr. J. S. Robson's bull calf, Royal Judge, who was placed first at Winnipeg, held the same position here. Hon. Mr. Greenway had a choice selection of Shorthorns on exhibition, though not for competition. Among these were his fine stock bull Judge, the champion here last year; the four-year cow Freida, and the three-year-old Gem of Athelstane, which were sold to Capt. Robson, Ilderton, Ont., and will probably be in his show herd at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition next month.

HEREFORDS.

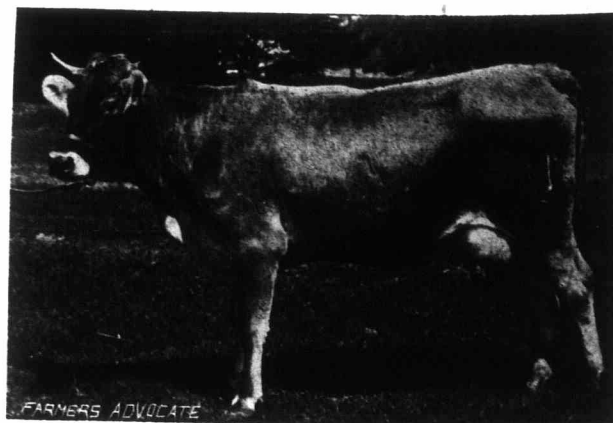
were well shown by J. E. Marples, Deleau, who won the herd prize and the bulk of the other prizes in the class, having recently purchased most of Mr. Wm. Sharman's show herd, and made a very creditable display of typical animals. Mr. Sharman had the first prize two-year-old bull, Pride of Westview (bred by Dr. Wilson, Moe's River, Que.), which also won the sweepstakes as best bull any age, and is of the proper type. The

POLLED ANGUS.

breed was well represented by the herd of Alex. Cummings, Lone Tree, which won first prize, and his bull Victoria's Montrose the male champion-ship of the class. A. B. Fleming, Brandon, also showed a number in this class, and won several prizes.

HOLSTEINS.

were shown by James Glennie, Longburn; A. B. Potter, Montgomery, who secured a number of prizes; and James Herriot, Souris, who won



COLLEGE BRAVENA.

Three-year-old Brown Swiss heifer. At Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich., best weekly butter record, 9.52 pounds.

second prize with an exceptionally good cow of fine dairy type and carrying a model shaped udder. Mr. Glennie was successful in winning all the first prizes he showed for, including the sweepstakes for best bull and first prize for his great cow Daisy Teake's Queen, one of the very best of the breed in America. Of

JERSEYS.

W. V. Edwards, Souris, was the principal exhibitor, and won the majority of the first prizes, including the herd prize, headed by Dean of Highfield, the sweepstakes bull, and including Yankee Rosebud, the first prize cow (which, he claims, was giving fifty pounds milk daily at home); the second prize cow, Tip Malone; the first and second prize two-year-old heifers, Baby Malone and Brampton Rose; and the first prize yearling heifer, Souris Beauty.