



Hackney Horse, Buller (7381), sire, Bonfire (2381), dam Fanny, by Norfolk Swell, imp. by Messrs. Bawden & McDonnell, Exeter, Ont.



Merry Mason (Vol. XXV.), sire Capt. Alexander, dam Dorine, by Gold Mine, (9545) imp. by Messrs. Bawden & McDonnell, and sold by them to J. Patton, of Swinton Park, Ont.

here where the finished product is to be found. Christmas beef was here in plenty. The pure-bred steer classes were strong, and, for the most part, of excellent quality, but, as at previous Internationals they had to give way to the grades in the finals. The grades and cross-breeds furnished the sensational animal of the show and all the classes were good.

In the fat classes, the Shorthorn was in greater evidence than any other breed, while the grand champion steer has not, so far, come from the ranks of the reds, whites and roans, the promoters are sanguine that before long this coveted honor will rest upon one of their number. There was some hope that Silver Crown, shown by the Iowa State College, would win it this year, but the blue roan steer from Nebraska was too much for him. Competition was unusually keen in all classes. There was one Canadian exhibitor who had the hardihood to face the music, James Rennie & Son, Blackwater, Ont. His white steer, Keciprocit, stood next to Silver Crown. He is of much the same size and form, though judges thought he was not worthy of first place. In a later competition, in which the white steer did not compete, Col. Ferguson, of Scotland, placed another steer ahead of Silver Crown. It might be possible that had Rennie's steer come before the Colonel he might have won first place. Rennie's also had second for Moss-Side

Lad in the yearling class, a neat, compact and well-fitted steer. In grades and crosses two heifers of his were winners. They are sold to B. Slattery, Ottawa, purveyor to His Excellency, the Governor-General.

There was a grand showing of bullocks in the Aberdeen-Angus class, presenting rare form and finish. The number exceeded that of former years, while the quality on the whole was superior. Never, perhaps, in the history of the International have the Galloways made such a creditable showing. This breed is certainly coming to the front. The Herefords, not great in point of numbers, the quality as a whole was superior to that of other years.

In the various classes of grades and crosses there were over one hundred bullocks presented in rare form and finish. The classes were longer and the quality superior to that of other years, especially of the calf entries. The sensation of this class and, in fact, of the whole show, was the two-year-old steer Challenger, shown by the Nebraska State College, and the champion steer of the show. His breeding is somewhat obscure. He was bought last spring from a feeder of that State, at 5 cents a pound, weight 1,275 lbs. He weighed, when shipped from Nebraska to the show, 1,825 pounds, having made a gain of \$60 in 6 1-2 months. During the last two months his monthly gain was over 100 lbs. He was sired by a Hereford

bull. His dam was the product of Holstein bull on a high-grade Shorthorn cow. He is a steer of excellent proportions, almost perfect in lines, and carries on back, loin and ribs a wealth of flesh seldom witnessed. He is a trifle off the ground and a bit coarse in the bone, but has so much width and depth throughout that he was an outstanding winner. He sold for 26c. a pound to a Buffalo firm. We hope to have a picture of him later.

#### THE CARLOAD LOTS

The carload lots of fat cattle were a revelation to all who saw them, and especially to Canadians. They were so even and well-fitted on the whole, that to the average individual it would seem as if many an animal might be selected from the carload lots that would give the grand champion a hard rub. On closer inspection, however, they would probably be lacking in the perfect finish that characterized the blue-roan. However this may be, the car-lots were the most valuable exhibits of the show. They were there by the hundreds and showed the value both of good feeding and good breeding. Could some of the sceptical ones on this side of the line have seen that exhibit they would have been convinced that there is something better in store for Canada than to produce stockers and feeders. It was to us a most convincing proof that the sooner we get the dressed meat trade



Clydesdale Stallion, Allan Bright (11564), sire, Good Gift (10564) dam, Lily, by Old Times (597), imp. by Messrs. Bawden & McDonnell, Exeter.



Baron Glasserton, by Baron's Pride, imp. by W. Colquhoun, Mitchell, Ont.