

The Spring Stallion Show.

The Eighth Annual Spring Stallion Show, which opened in Toronto on Wednesday, March 28th, was, in point of the quality of the entries, more successful than any of its predecessors. Notwithstanding the fact that horse breeding as an industry is less remunerative than formerly, yet there were far more No. 1 animals in every class and a much better selection could have been made in almost any line of breeding than in any year since the inauguration of this show. Nothing can prove more emphatically the indomitable energy and enterprise of Canadian horse breeders than the fact that they continue to import and breed such a high class of animals. This feature was not only observable in one or two classes, but it was conceded by all present that never before had such a variety of grand representatives of each of the breeds been brought out for public examination. In fact, all that is required to make the show successful from every standpoint is a suitable building, which it is understood may be expected before another year.

CARRIAGE AND COACH STALLIONS.

As usual this class was comprised of horses of different breeds, and we earnestly hope that in the future those who have the management of our leading exhibitions will see their way clear to make a better classification. Heretofore this class has been the dumping ground for animals of any breeding that come within the pale of a horse over 16 hands, possessing clean legs and carriage type. This show was no exception to the rule, for this class comprised Yorkshire Coach, Cleveland Bay, German Coach, French Coach, and horses of mixed breeding.

In the section for horses foaled previous to January, 1891, fourteen out of the sixteen entered responded to the call for inspection before Messrs. Asa Choate, Port Hope, and W. S. Plank, V. S., Uxbridge, to whom the post of trying on the ribbons had been assigned. A lot of capital horses they were, and it was evident from the outset that the task of selecting the winners was anything but an easy one. However, after a thorough inspection, the prizes were awarded as follows:—The first was sent to Thos Irving's (Winchester) imp. Prince Arthur, by Baron Rothsay 981, a horse which has won many sweepstake prizes at previous shows and exhibitions. Prince Arthur was in capital form; he has grand coaching conformation, carries himself well, and is decidedly one of the most handsome horses brought out in a Canadian show ring. The second ribbon was given to Picador, an imported German Coacher owned by the Milton German Coach Horse Co., Milton, Ont. This was an up-standing horse that moved equal to anything in the class, but he lacked middle. Mr. Robert Ness, Howick, showed a right useful one in the imported French Coacher Maltot. This horse carried himself with fine action and was very much admired. He went higher than anything in this class. He is a horse of good conformation, head and neck nicely placed, capital rib, and feet and legs that would stand any endurance. Mr. Ness had also another good French Coacher, named Busnel, that was in anything more than equal to his stable companion in appearance standing, but he did not move with quite as good action. The committee placed him fourth.

Thos. Irving was given the highly commended ribbon for imp. Ingmanthrope Forester 2nd, a particularly smooth, nicely finished horse, but he lacked the bloom of those placed before him.

Mr. McMillan's (Erin) Shining Light was given 6th ribbon. This horse is rising 9, yet he retains much of the wonderful finish which has placed him at the top at so many previous meetings.

Messrs. Lowes Bros., Brampton, had forward a right good useful horse in Stanton King, by General Stanton—a sire, by the bye, which has left a lot of good ones throughout Ontario, that have gone to New York at remunerative figures. In the section for stallions foaled subsequent to January, 1891, Mr. C. N. Blanshard, V. S., Appleby, had the only entry in imp. Terrington Boy, a very nice horse, while Mr. Irving's Prince Arthur carried sweepstakes for the best coaching stallion at the show.

STANDARD-BRED HORSES

Were next on the list, and of horses of this breeding foaled previous to Jan. 1st, 1891, eleven came forward. Mr. F. Walker, Coldwater, Mich., was called to assist the two gentlemen who officiated in the coaching class.

Graham Bros., Claremont, were awarded first premium on the beautiful horse Deacon 17380, by Bishop 1688, the sire of a number of good ones in the 2391 list, while Deacon's dam, Sally Geaves, also contributed her share, she having produced two in the list. Deacon is a handsome horse that should breed exceedingly well, as he has size and conformation that would lead one to suppose that he should produce selling horses, even should they not develop exceptional speed.

Messrs. Kidd Bros. (Listowel) Oliver Wilkes 10647 was sent the blue ribbon. He is individually a good horse and showed a good gait on the line. Robert Porteous' (Simcoe) The Wasser 7733 was awarded the third premium, while Thomas Lee (Toronto) captured fourth place with Sim Watson, Jr. The highly commended went to William A. McBride's (Toronto) Willie Douglas, and the commended was sent to George E. Hughes' (Charlottetown, P. E. I.) Physician Boy. In the ring for standard-bred stallions foaled subsequent to January, 1891, four horses were forwarded, among which S. G. McCully's (Toronto) Altoner was awarded

first, Geo. Jackson & Sons' (Downsview) Sylviago won second, Fisher & Co.'s (Harriston) Karon won third, Morris, Stone & Wellington's (Font-hill) Pelman Boy carried fourth.

THOROUGH-BRED STALLIONS

Were next on the programme of the day, with Dr. Andrew Smith, V. S., Toronto, and Mr. Arch. Wilson, Paris, awarding the ribbons. Nineteen entries had been made in the section for stallions foaled previous to January, 1891, with two absentees, leaving 17 for the judges to choose the prize winners from. To Kidd Bros. (Listowel) Ten Broeck, Jr., by Ten Broeck, was sent the first premium. This is a good strong horse, which, if the staying qualities of his sire are taken into consideration, should be expected to prove a great hunter sire. Brown & Gilkinson's (Brampton) Woodburn, by King Alfonso, gained second place. To Peter & Alex. Holmes' (Beechville) imp. Pillarist, by Trappist, the third was given; Joseph Duggan's (Toronto) The Chicken, by Pheasant, the fourth, and J. W. Murray's (Toronto) June Day, by Falsetto, highly commended while the commended ribbon was given to Trick, from Percy & Young's (Bowmanville) stable.

THE HACKNEYS.

By far the most attractive department of the first day's show was that of the Hackneys, and the judges, Mr. J. T. Gibson, Denfield, and Dr. Quin, Brampton, found that they had no light task assigned them in choosing the winners. Nine stallions foaled previous to January 1st, 1891, had been entered, three of which were not forwarded. However, the remaining six made up by far the best class that has yet appeared in a Canadian show ring. These were:—Messrs. R. Beith & Co.'s (Bowmanville) Ottawa, sired by Lord Derwent 2nd (1034), dam May Flower (76), and from the same stable also came imp. Jubilee Chief (2122), sire Pilot, dam Queen of the Forest (297); Messrs. Graham Bros. Kilwick Fireaway (imp.), sire Lord Swanland (1834), dam Trip, by Tripaway (2206); Messrs. D. & O. Sorby's imp. Square Shot (27), sire Great Shot 2nd (1490), dam Myrtle (256); H. N. Crossley's (Rosseau) imp. Fireworks (3002), by Wildfire (1224), and Crouch & Son's (Lafayette, Ind.) imp. The Duke (2630), by Highflyer (1006). With such a galaxy of notables it was evident that the judges would find no small difficulty in making a proper choice upon which to place the ribbons. There was Ottawa, already twice champion over all Canada, and Jubilee Chief, sweepstakes at the World's Fair, Chicago, in addition to one in Canada, both in the best form we have yet seen them, but to our minds Jubilee Chief was going the better of the two. There is precision about the all-round action of the latter that not only carries him well, but attracts the eye as he is coming and going, while it pleases equally well from the side. Kilwick Fireaway was also at his best and moved smoothly and attractively. He is a horse that has few faults, either going or standing. He not only attracts the crowd, but scales high from the judges' standpoint.

Square Shot had as many admirers as any in the ring; he may have been a trifle gross in condition, but his legs were of the finest, with such grandly muscled second thighs and forearms one seldom sees. His quarters are powerful yet beautifully moulded, his back, ribs and shoulders none can criticise, while his head and neck give a finish to the picture. There were some who faulted his action in that he did not pick up quick enough, yet all acknowledge that he went as high and as true as any in the party; he goes with a stride that carries him along, while he has such substance as will always find him friends, and there is a reality and quality in his make-up that had he been placed higher none could have faulted the decision.

Wonderfully improved is H. N. Crossley's imp. Fireworks; in fact there were many who hardly recognized in him the three-year-old colt that he exhibited at last fall's exhibition. Fireworks is sired by Wildfire (1224), dam Pretty Poll (4574), by Superior (1410), and bids fair to yet make a difficult competitor, while his breeding is such that he is a most desirable horse in the stud.

Crouch & Sons' (Lafayette, Ind.) imp. The Duke is a strong horse, but had not the finish or style of going of those previously mentioned.

The prizes were awarded as follows:—Ottawa, 1st; Kilwick Fireaway, 2nd; Jubilee Chief, 3rd; Square Shot, 4th; Fireworks, 5th.

Hackney stallions foaled in 1891.—S. H. Hastings was forward with the nicely formed horse imp. Star of Mepal 2nd, by Star of Mepal, dam Queen of Denmark (4610), by Telegraph (826). The same exhibitor also showed Black Nobleman, bred by himself and sired by imp. Young Nobleman (2228), dam imp. Norfolk Duchess.

Hackney stallions foaled subsequent to Jan., 1892.—Messrs. R. Beith & Co. had a right good one in Banquo, by Jubilee Chief (2122), dam imp. Mona. This colt has beautiful action, and has developed wonderfully since last fall. He was very much admired. Lord Rosebury, from the same stable, is also by Jubilee Chief, dam imp. Florence, and Mr. Hastings had another entry in a colt by imp. Nobleman, dam imp. Norfolk Duchess. The prizes were given in the order named, and to Ottawa was given the sweepstakes.

SHIRES.

Shire stallions foaled previous to January, 1891, was the first ring called the second day of the show, for which nine entries had been made, the only absentee being the excellent sweepstake horse Bravo, owned by Mr. H. N. Crossley, Rosseau.

Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington's Pride of Hatfield was placed first. This was a four-year-old horse by Lincolnshire Lad; the same parties also winning third with Prince Charles, bred by themselves. The second ribbon was given to Messrs. Jas. Gardhouse & Son's imp. Garfield 2, a horse that has worn well and is wonderfully fresh considering that he is 12 years old. Mr. H. N. Crossley's (Rosseau) six-year-old imp. horse Headon Bannaut was given fourth, while the fifth and sixth went to Mr. Garbutt's (Thistleton) imp. Blagdon Marquis and (imp.) Flydi King 2nd. In stallions foaled subsequent to January, 1892, Messrs. Jas. Gardhouse & Son won first place with imp. Duke of Blagdon, and Messrs. Morris, Stone & Wellington second with Frederick Williams, of their own breeding.

IN CANADIAN-BRED CLYDESDALES.

Stallions foaled previous to Jan., 1891, were a beautiful lot of horses. R. D. Dundas, Springville, scored a first with McLaws, sired by imp. General Wolfe (5800), dam imp. Forest Queen. This was a grand, good horse, possessing both substance and quality. Alex. Cameron's (Ashburn) The Tartar, by imp. Eastfield Chief, dam imp. Mildrum Meg, gained second. D. & O. Sorby's Prince of Eyre, bred by the exhibitors and sired by imp. Boydston Boy, dam imp. Jane Eyre, carried the third premium. James MacDonald's Richmond 2nd, by Richmond gained fourth place. A wonderfully useful ring of horses was that of Canadian-bred stallions foaled in 1891. Here Graham Bros. The Cameron, by imp. Tannahill, dam imp. Ivy, was given first place. He is a horse with clean, flashy legs and good back, and moved particularly well. He was closely followed by John Vipond's Erskine Style, by imp. Erskine, dam imp. Brooklin Metal. Erskine Style is a capital horse, possessing thickness and quality, and moves extra well. Job White was third with a good upstanding horse named Ashburn Hero, by imp. Tannahill. The fourth ribbon was given to John Cowie's Brown John, by imp. Brown James; the very highly commended ribbon being sent to A. K. Tegart's (Tottenham) Peerage, by imp. Lord Wilton.

In colts foaled subsequent to 1892, Alex. Cameron was given first with Grand National, by Tannahill, and Robt. Davies' Corsock 2nd gained second.

The sweepstakes for Canadian-bred Clydesdales was given to Graham Bros. The Cameron.

IMPORTED CLYDESDALES.

More than usual interest centred in the class for imp. Clydesdale stallions, as several new comers appeared on the scene for the first time. Seventeen entries had been catalogued, and fifteen of these faced Messrs. Robert Beith, Arthur Johnston and John Duff, who had been selected to tie the ribbons, a position that from the onset it was evident would prove no sinecure.

Messrs. D. & O. Sorby's Grandeur was evidently the favorite with the crowd outside, for he had already won sweepstakes at last spring's meeting, a position that he was entitled to hold, as he was clearly an outstanding first. He was in better bloom than ever. He has the best of feet and pasterns, and if possible he has improved at this point, while his top piece was in best form possible. Grandeur was also going his very best, and standing or moving was a clear first.

Graham Bros. Queen's Own, the first horse drawn, was, if anything, carrying less flesh than when he was last seen, but none could discount his feet and legs, for they were as flash as a four-year-old's, while his grand Clydesdale character at once stamps him as a breeding horse of the first order.

Robert Ness, Howick, P. Q., being anxious to measure swords with Ontario horsemen, had entered Lawrence, by Prince Lawrence, dam Rose of Balhall, by Lord Lyon, and a strong competitor he proved. Lawrence is a wonderfully smooth finished horse, and he was going fully as well as the best in the ring. He lacked the scale of his more fortunate competitors, otherwise the decision might have terminated differently.

Mr. T. W. Evans' (Yelverton) Crackmore Darnley was placed fourth, and yet it seemed as though the judges were loath to place so good a horse so far down. Crackmore Darnley was sired by Darnley, and unmistakably follows the type of his illustrious sire. He stands on short, flash legs, with a top piece that has any amount of substance, while his grand character makes him a most desirable breeding horse.

Mr. Jno. Davidson carried fifth premium with the right good horse, Tofty, bred by Mr. S. Campbell, Jr., Toft Hills. Tofty was sired by Botany, a horse almost identical in blood to Darnley. He is a horse of wonderful scale, capital feet and legs, grand style and action. He is only rising four, and will doubtless be heard from later.

Mr. Jas. H. Wilson's (Lifford) Lewie Gordon, by McCamon, came next. He was in grand form above, looking as fresh as ever.

It would be impossible to describe all the excellent horses that failed to be placed higher up. Among these was an excellent young horse, Lamvar, exhibited by T. W. Evans, and Tannahill, from the stables of Alex. Cameron, Ashburn. Through the unfortunate ruling by which the produce of imported mares had to be shown in the Canadian-bred class, and the absence of imported stallions in the younger classes, the prizes for three and two-year-olds went a begging, while the breeders of stallions from Canadian-bred mares, anticipating the strong show made in Canadian Clydesdales bred from imported mares, failed to appear.

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