

Considerable objection was made in regard to the management's decision to have Clydesdales and Hackneys judged on Monday. Farmers always are anxious to see the ribbons placed on heavy horses and the Hackneys. Moreover, very few farmers can afford to come to London on Monday, or even on Tuesday. The consequence is they do not have an opportunity of seeing awards made in any of their favorite classes. This objection, however, is at least partially overcome by the excellent parade of live stock. Under the skilled generalship of Dr. Routledge, the imposing array of prizewinning stock becomes one of the most attractive features of the fair. With the ribbon-wearers of the different classes following each other in order, the spectators see the best that have appeared before the judges, and have an opportunity of arriving at a conclusion as to what is the most approved type in each of the breeds.

## CLYDESDALES.

Always the pride of those who love a strong horse with quality, the Clydesdales at the Western this year did not fall below the mark. Graham-Renfrew Co., with Sir Marcus, sired by Sir Simon, and out of Bowfield, was at the top of the list, and two-year-old Top Spot, sired by Baron Hood, and from the same stable, did not appear to any disadvantage beside his older competitor when the sweepstakes awards were being made. E. W. Charlton, of Duncrief, placed the ribbons.

The following had fine animals in the Clydesdale stalls: Graham-Renfrew Co., of Bedford Park; Dalgety Bros., of London; Chas. Bean & Sons, of Brinsley; Jas. Henderson & Sons, of Belton; T. E. Robson, of London; J. D. Ferguson & Son, of Mapleton; Jas. Robson & Sons, of Telfer; Thos. Delaney, of Inferson; Wm. Gray, & Sons, of Mount Brydges; Fierheller Bros., of Mount Elgin; P. H. Petrie, of Stratford; John Campbell, of Hay; Wm. Young & Son, of Mt. Brydges; Jas. Smellie, of Inwood; Chas. Fallon, of Ballymote; Alex. F. McNiven, of St. Thomas; J. F. Burr, of Waubuno, and S. J. Prouse, of Ingersoll. The ribbons were placed as follows:

Stallion, 4 years and upwards—1, Graham-Renfrew Co.; 2, Dalgety Bros.; 3, Bean & Son. Stallion, 3 years—1, Dalgety Bros.; 2, Henderson & Son; 3, T. E. Robson. Stallion, 2 years—1, Graham-Renfrew Co.; 2, Dalgety Bros.; 3, Ferguson & Son. Stallion, 1 year—1, Delaney; 2, Jas. Robson & Sons. Stallion, any age—Graham-Renfrew Co.

Brood mare, with foal by side—1, Graham-Renfrew Co.; 2, Fierheller Bros.; 3, Young & Son. Filly, 3 years—1, Petrie; 2, Campbell. Filly, 2 years—1, Dalgety Bros.; 2, Young & Sons; 3, Smellie. Filly, 1 year—1, Smellie; 2, Fierheller Bros.; 3, Fallon. Foal of 1908—1, McNiven; 2, Burr; 3, Young & Sons. Mare, any age—Graham-Renfrew Co. Stallion and three of get—Smellie. Pair geldings or mares—S. J. Prouse.

In the class for stallions four years and upwards, Sir Marcus was as fit as when in Toronto. His closest competitor, Dalgety's Marchfield Baron, sired by Prince Shapely, a strongly-muscled, clean-boned brown, though a very fine stallion, could not take the red ribbon from the thick-set and stylish Sir Marcus. Chas. Bean & Sons, of Brinsley, had a good third in Ardlethen Goldsmith. Graham-Renfrew's Prestwick Freeman, sired by Baron Solway, had to be content with fourth place.

Baron Lomond, sired by Baron Ruby, and second to Graham Bros.' Baron Laird at Toronto, was a comparatively easy winner. This recent importation is a good type, well developed, and strong in bone and body. In the fight for second place, Henderson won out, though a few thought Robson should have the blue ribbon.

Although the stallions standing at the top of the two-year-olds were unplaced in Toronto, they were very fine specimens, not of the conformation and substance sought by the judge in that class at the Canadian National. Top Spot has plenty of quality, and will be heard from another season. He is sired by Baron Hood, and out of Lady Stormont. MacNeil, sired by Revelanta, and out of Bell of Big Park, was a close second, while Ferguson's colt also will do much to improve heavy horses in the vicinity of Mapleton.

Toronto's female Clydesdale grand champion repeated the feat at the Western Fair. This fine yeld mare, Thorncliffe Duchess 2nd, sired by Lyon McGregor, and out of Princess Belle, was a popular winner, though Petrie's three-year-old filly, with strong body and a nice set of limbs, stood close for the honors, while Smellie's one-year-old filly, sired by Baron Bombie, a fine horse, that won the honors for stallion and three of his get, showed good breeding.

## SHIRES.

Shires were not numerous, but of fair quality. Awards were made by Mr. Charlton, and were as follows:

Stallion, 4 years and upwards—1, C. K. Geary, of St. Thomas. Stallion, 3 years—1, F. Drury, of Charing Cross. Stallion, 2 years—1 and 2, Geary. Stallion, 1 year—1, Drury. Grand champion—Stallion—Geary.

Brood mare with foal by side—1, Geary; 2, Andrew Millar, of Middlemarch; 3, Palmer & Sons, of Thorndale. Foal of 1908—1, Geary; 2, Millar; 3, Palmer & Sons. Filly, 3 years—1, W. D. Monkman, of Bond Head. Filly, 1 year—1, Drury; 2, J. F. Burr & Sons, of Waubuno; 3, Palmer & Son. Best mare, any age—Drury won with his fine one-year-old filly, sired by Sand Boy, formerly owned by J. M. Gardhouse, of Weston, and three times champion at shows in Toronto.

## PERCHERONS.

A fair string of Percherons showed Ontario farmers what was to be looked for in a large, strong animal of plenty of style. John McDiarmid, of Lucknow, distributed the prizes among Hamilton & Hawthorne, of Simcoe; Crouch & Sons, of Lafayette, Ind.; N. E. Burton, of Port Stanley, and Ina Davis, of Goderich. Crouch & Sons also had some fine Belgians and German Coach.

## CANADIAN HEAVY DRAFTS.

Awards were made in the Canadian Heavy-draft classes by John McDiarmid, of Lucknow, who, it might be said, was an overworked man, in so far as he was his own bookkeeper, ribbon-getter, and ribbon-placer. Considerable time was lost owing to the fact that no director or assistant was on hand to aid in keeping the awards posted in the judge's book, or to have the ribbons ready when the judge had arrived at a decision. The exhibitors were: R. Herold, of Tavistock; T. Kalbleisch, of Tavistock; D. R. Palmer & Son, of Thorndale; Robt. Hobbs, of Thorndale; Jas. Smellie, of Inwood; Fierheller Bros., of Mount Elgin; T. McMichael & Son, of Seaforth; David Jackson, of Pond Mills; F. H. Harris, of Mt. Elgin; Wesley Kent, of Embro; Jas. Henderson & Son, of Belton; Walter Annett, of Watford; P. H. Petrie, of Stratford; J. W. Dickson, of Atwood; Chas. Fallon, of Ballymote; and John Campbell, of Hay.

Kalbleisch's four-year-old stallion, Fairfield Boy, sired by Leading Article, is a good horse, with plenty of substance. In the three-year-old class, Herold's first-prize entry showed to good advantage alongside two specimens, the condition of which made them appear to be inferior animals, unworthy of a prize at the Western Fair. They were, nevertheless, awarded second and third place, in the absence of competition.

Four fine mares answered the call for brood mare with foal by side, Henderson & Son winning with a five-year-old brown mare that never before was shown, and already has raised three colts. She has stout muscles and clean limbs, and carries herself to please the judge. Later she was pronounced female champion over Annett's three-year-old and Dickson's two-year-old.

As fine a pair as Ontario's borders enclose won the prize for heavy-draft team hitched to wagon. They won at Toronto, and can win anywhere. If all the stallions of the Province were of as high quality, there would be a vast improvement in Ontario's work horses in a very few years. They are owned by Murray Bros., of Bennington. Second prize went to A. McVicar, of Derwent, on a fine team of mares.

## AGRICULTURAL HORSES.

Many of the best animals in the agricultural or general-purpose classes were drafty—in fact, some of them could have won in the heavy-draft competition. Kent's seven-year-old winner in the brood-mare class is a blocky beast, sired by Brown Agent, while the blue ribbon went to one of similar conformation, sired by Glendrie Prince. Wagster's two-year-old filly, Royal Daisy, should have proved a strong competitor in the heavy drafts. She was sired by Royal Sovereign, and last spring won at Galt Horse Show.

Those who had entries were: T. McMichael & Son; Wm. Young & Sons, of Mount Brydges; Jas. Smellie, Wm. Sullivan, of Bridgen; Robert Hobbs, John Campbell, Wesley Kent, W. Annett, Jas. Henderson & Son, J. W. Dickson, P. H. Petrie; J. F. Burr & Son, of Waubuno; Henderson & Brazier, of Belton, and W. Wagster, of Tavistock.

## HACKNEYS.

The presence of such horses as Brigham Radiant, Forest Fashion, and the filly, Saxon's Queen, show what was to be seen in the Hackney classes. Graham-Renfrew Co. was first in the four-year-old class with Brigham Radiant, sired by Rosador, and grand champion at Toronto, as well as later awarded the sweepstakes ribbon at the Western. Baron's Queen, sired by Saxon, is a fine roan three-year-old filly, with great action, and rightly won the female championship. The exhibitors were: Graham-Renfrew Co., of Bedford Park; Hamilton & Hawthorne, of Simcoe; Dalgety Bros., of London; C. K. Geary, of St. Thomas; McWilliams Bros., of Dutton; S. J. Prouse, of Ingersoll; T. A. Cox, of Brantford; Alex. Duncanson, of Dutton; John McPherson, of Campbellton; W. H. Shore, of Glanworth.

Awards, made by H. Darroch of Harriston, were:

Stallion, 4 years and up—1, Graham-Renfrew Co.; 2, Hamilton & Hawthorne; 3, McWilliams

Bros.; 4, Dalgety. Stallion, 3 years—1, Prouse. Stallion, 2 years—1, Cox. Stallion, any age—1, Graham-Renfrew Co. Brood mare with foal by side—1, McPherson; 2, Duncanson. Filly or gelding, 3 years—1, Graham-Renfrew Co.; 2, Shore. Foal of 1908—1, Duncanson; 2, McPherson. Mare, any age—Graham-Renfrew Co. Stallion and three of get—McWilliams Bros.

## CARRIAGE HORSES.

Carriage and coach classes were strong. The awards were made by John Cromarty, of Galt. The leading exhibitors were: W. H. Shore, of Glanworth; W. Chambers, of Harriston; A. B. Creighton, of St. Mary's; J. McMillan, of Belmont; F. N. Casey, of Beaconsfield; Crouch & Sons, of Lafayette, Ind.; W. Holman, of Newry; J. C. O'Brien, of London West; Thos. McMichael, of Seaforth; Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt; McWilliams Bros., of Dutton; Jas. McCartney, of London; R. A. Small, of Komo'ia; C. Woodhull, of Kilworth; Mowbray Bros., of Thamesville; and W. E. Lumley, of St. Thomas.

## SADDLE HORSES.

The bulk of the saddle horses belonged to Adam Beck, of London; P. H. Petrie, of Stratford; H. G. Rankin, of Stratford; Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt; W. Chambers, of Harriston; Ramsay & Tyler, of St. Thomas; F. N. Casey, of Beaconsfield, and A. Smith, of London. There were many admirers of these fine animals. The ribbons were placed by W. H. Millman, of Toronto. High-steppers were placed by H. Darroch, of Harriston, who selected ribbon-wearers from the stalls of Miss K. L. Wilks, T. A. Cox, Jas. McCartney, and Geo. Matheson, of Bennington.

## ROADSTERS.

Roadster classes were well filled with as good specimens as ever graced an Ontario show-ring. The entries included Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt; Hamilton & Hawthorne, of Simcoe; Daniel Thody, of Thamesville; Robt. Coventry, of Woodstock; M. Kreh, of New Hamburg; Geo. Langley, of London; W. A. Jen'ins, of London; W. Holman, of Newry; John Cook, of London; W. H. Shore, of Glanworth; H. E. Haddock, of Zenda; F. N. Casey, of Beaconsfield; B. H. Davis, of Lambeth; J. A. Hill, of Strathroy; T. Hortop, of St. Thomas; R. J. Young, of London; W. Fitzpatrick, of Belmont; John Watson, of Listowel; W. Chambers, of Harriston; T. S. Lawrason, of Woodstock; Jas. McCartney, of London, and John McKibbin, of Milton.

## THOROUGHBREDS.

Thoroughbreds were judged by W. H. Millman, of Toronto. As a whole, the animals were of superior quality, and only a few classes were not well filled. Among the winners were: Adam Beck, of London; F. Donley, of St. Thomas; S. H. Fellones, of McMillan; A. Coventry, of Zenda; J. McCartney, of London; J. Coventry, of Woodstock; Ola Johnston, of London Junction, and J. H. Banbury, of Zenda. Beck's animals were of special merit.

High-class representatives of the Standard-breds, as found in the stables of Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt, were admired by all horse lovers. Chief among the number was five-year-old Mograzia, a fine stallion, sired by Moko, grand champion at Toronto, and given the same proud place at the Western. Her three-year-old filly, Dora Chimes, sired by Liberty Chimes, never has been beaten. She was awarded first and championship. The two-year-old filly, Okambelle, sister to Mograzia, also was a popular winner. Miss Wilks' stables were represented in the roadsters by such animals as Peah W. and Merry Vincent.

## PONIES.

Miniature horses, in the form of ponies, were very conspicuous. John McPherson, of London, placed the ribbons. Among the winners were: Norman Fraser, of Wyoming; A. Lackie, of London; J. H. Banbury, of Zenda; Pert C. Ratz, of Tavistock; Lloyd-Jones Bros., of Burford; John Spearin, of St. Mary's, and T. A. Cox, of Brantford.

## CATTLE.

## SHORTHORNS.

The lightness of the prize-money offerings at London, as compared with the fat list hung up at Toronto, where the breed society duplicates the fair board's provision, probably accounts mainly for the lightness of the showing of this class at the Western Fair, while the uncertainty as to who or how many will come on with exhibits from the larger show deters local breeders from fitting and bringing out selections from their herds. The result of it all has been, for the last two or three years, a slim show in numbers at London of this important breed, only one of the herds shown at Toronto, that of T. E. & G. C. Robson, of Iderton, being present here, and only three other Western Ontario herds, those of G. H. Oke, of Alvington; John Barr, of Blyth, and H. Fairbairn, of Thedford, represented, with one entry by J. A. Govenlock, Forest. But, while short in numbers, some really good animals, well fitted, were in the competition. The prize awards

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