

He has capital all-round action, both easy and attractive. To Graham Bros. Neptune 2nd 2608, sired by Norfolk Gentleman, was given second. He is a horse of capital finish, full of mettle and brilliant in action. D. & O. Sorby gained third with Mid Norfolk Swell 2nd 2595, sired by Young Redoubt, both of the latter having been recently imported. R. Beith & Co. showed a beautiful lot of mares and fillies described in our September issue. These were awarded special, as no regular place had been given them in the prize list.

Horses of Hackney type of Canadian breeding, and of capital quality and beauty were to be met in many of the turnouts on the grounds, and we have abundant material for breeding them, provided the best class of English Hackney stallions are patronized.

AGRICULTURAL HORSES

are generally bred from Clyde and Shire crosses, and form a lot of useful horses; but the money prizes offered to stallions in this class might be made better use of. In this year's list general purpose stallions have been left out, which is an improvement. There is no necessity for encouraging stallions of the non-pedigreed sort; these only curtail the patronage of the better kinds that require all the encouragement, as large sums of money are required to bring these out. In the agricultural class there were some very fine specimens of mares and fillies which it is all right to give prizes for, as they will be bred in the draught line, and will produce capital, saleable horses from good imported stallions.

CANADIAN BRED DRAUGHT HORSES

were a very good, strong lot, especially among the mares and fillies, which displayed size and quality often the equal of those bred from imported dams. In this class is recognized those bred up straight with imported Clydesdale stallions, and also with the Shire out cross, individuality having been kept more in view than straight breeding. Although it has produced capital horses, yet the sale of these latter will be likely to be at lessened prices as the demand for straight breeding yearly increases.

SUFFOLK PUNCH

horses made a nice display. The recently imported horse owned by Jos. Beck, Thorndale, was much admired, as also were a lot of good mares exhibited by Mossom, Boyd & Co., Bobcaygeon.

PERCHERONS

had but two representatives, shown by Mossom, Boyd & Co., Bobcaygeon, and J. M. & D. Parker (stallion), and a Belgian horse shown in this class by T. W. Wambold, which competed successfully with these.

ENGLISH SHIRE.

Aged stallions had but three entries, the first going to Hisey & Sons', Cremona, King Tom, a horse that still retains his good form. Morris, Stone & Wellington showed Chieftain Second, a useful horse, and Geo. Garbutt exhibited Darnley (imp.). Morris, Stone & Wellington won first in three, two and one-year-old, respectively, and D. B. Birrell second in the same sections.

CLYDESDALES.

Those who came to Toronto with the expectation of observing a weakening in the display made by this grand breed of draught horses, were, doubtless, agreeably disappointed, for not only was the entry large, but individually exceedingly strong. Especially was this the case in the mare and filly classes, which were far before any previous show. To Messrs. R. Gibson, Delaware, G. Moore, Waterloo, Ont.; and A. Bell, Athelstan, P. Q., was assigned the task of awarding the prizes.

In the aged stallion section there were fourteen entries. R. Beith & Cos'. Sir Walter, often described, was given the red. He was in great form and flesh, and carried himself well. Macneilage, shown by James Addison, and never before vanquished in his class in Canada, was awarded second. He was not in the same bloom about the legs that we have seen him, otherwise he was much as usual. To R. Beith & Cos' East 1st Laddie, was awarded third place, and he, too, was in capital form.

Three-year stallions had eleven entries to their credit. Energy, by Macgregor, imported by Graham Bros., and now at the head of the splendid stud of mares at Thorncliff Stock Farm, Todmorton, and owned by Robert Davies, Esq., Toronto, was an easy first, and also won sweepstakes for the best Clydesdale stallion at the show. This horse has thickened out immensely since the spring show, and is a horse of wonderful proportions and scale for his age. Crosby Chief, owned by Graham Bros., recently home from the Paris district, was given second, and looked as though he had been taken care of while away from his own quarters. Graham Brothers' Arbitrator, a neat horse with capital ground works, was third, and was also much admired by some competent judges visiting here from Scotland.

Among the two year-olds several new-comers were forward, the call for colts of this age bringing out a large and good class, Messrs. D. & O. Sorby, Guelph, winning first with a very handsome bay colt of their own breeding, sired by Boydston Boy, dam Jane Eyre, by Prince of Kilbride. This colt has capital feet and legs and moves attractively. The second went to Graham Bros'. Craigronald, a thick, good colt, sired by Cragisla, a son of the Prince of Wales' horse Prince George, Irving & Brown's colt, Montrave Monk, sired by Macneilage, winning third. Yearling colts had ten entries, but only three came to the call, the first in this case going to Graham Bros'. Symmetry, who was an easy winner, and is the most promising yearling brought out in many years. He has wonderful feet and legs, heavy bones of the best possible quality, with pasterns that cannot well be improved upon, while his top piece is well developed, and yet denotes any amount of outcome. This colt is sired by the Darnley horse Ensign, and is the type that is in demand both sides the Atlantic. Graham Bros. won second with the Macgregor colt MacCrone, a fleshy, good one, of extra good quality, Jno. Black, Coleraine, winning third with Duke of Wellington, bred by S. Shunk, Jr., of Edgely, Ont. A grand ring of three-year-old fillies was that which sought the honors offered for this section. The beautiful Lord Lyndock filly Edith, from Thorncliff, was given the red, Graham Bros'. Daisy, by Belted Knight, second, and L. Smillie, Hensall, winning third with Eugena, bred by himself. For two-year fillies first went to the credit of Thorncliff for the Macgregor filly Sweetheart, A. Doherty gaining second with Miss Fleming, and Prouse & Williamson third with the Sir Everard filly Nelly Muir. In yearling fillies D. & O. Sorby won first with a filly of grand quality, sired by McCamon. Thorncliff Stock Farm had a good mate to her in Candour, by Macgregor, which gained second, Graham Bros. winning third with a Canadian bred filly, by Tannahill. Brood mares with foals by their side was the best ring we ever saw at Toronto, and contained eight exceedingly good ones. The first was sent to a Cairnbrogie stamp mare of good size, owned by Alex. Cameron, St. Marys, Thorncliff winning second with the beautiful mare Lady Dunmore, and Prouse & Williamson third with Jean of Greenhill. Foals, first went to Thorncliff, second to Graham Bros., a foal by Macneilage; Prouse & Williamson third. The best mare of any age was won by the grand mare Bessie Bell, from the Thorncliff contingent, which was perfectly right, although the judges appeared divided on this point. Bessie Bell was spoken of last year in a strong article in the London Live Stock Journal on "The Clydesdale Mares of Scotland," she being mentioned as among one of the five best. She was sired by Darnley, and is, without doubt, the most beautiful mare of the breed on the continent to-day. The two imported mares Bonnie Bell and Nellie that were also imported last year by Graham Bros. made up a grand team, which were much admired, winning first for pair Clydesdales.

CATTLE.

A look through the cattle stalls at the recent Toronto fair was enough to settle the question as to the fitness of fair Ontario for the production of first-class stock. An extensive acquaintance with the great stock-raising states of the

neighboring republic, and personal observation at many of the western state fairs, enables the writer to say, with entire confidence, that at no exhibition on the continent can so large a collection of first-class representatives of so many different breeds of cattle be seen as are annually brought out at the Toronto Industrial Fair. This is saying a great deal, but not too much, and it ought to help to give to Canadians more of that sense of pride of country which moves our neighbors to claim that their's is "God's country," or "the greatest country on earth." All the classes of cattle were well filled at Toronto, and in our necessarily brief report we take them in the order of the catalogue. First come the

SHORTHORNS.

When it became known that Mr. Hope would not make a show from the Bow Park herd this year it was feared that the display in this class would not be equal to that of the average of previous years, but in this we were agreeably disappointed, as the class was acknowledged by all to be well sustained, both in regard to numbers and quality. It speaks well for their faith in their favorites that the breeders of Shorthorns have stood firmly by them through good and through evil report, and it must be encouraging to them now to know that their future looks brighter, and hope is on the wing. Let us again urge upon the breeders in all the classes the importance of a large number of them preparing a few of their best for competition at the annual exhibitions, in order that the best possible representation of the breeds may be made. There are nearly four hundred breeders of Shorthorns in the membership of the Association, and who will say that less than twenty of these who made entries for the Toronto fair have in their herds all the best that could be brought out? Let the smaller breeders take encouragement from the fact that at this fair the owner of a single animal in this class, not only won first prize in a strong ring of his own age, but made a powerful stand for the sweepstakes for best bull in the class.

The exhibitors in this class were happy in the selection of judges made for them from the list nominated by the Breeders' Association, and the names of W. H. Gibson, J. C. Snell and James Davidson, Jr., were a sufficient guarantee that the best would win. Just here we may remark that if the exhibitors in the other classes would insist upon the appointment of judges from among a list nominated by the breeders' associations there would be less cause for complaint, and less dissatisfaction with the awards made. In the section for the Shorthorn bulls over four years old there were three entries, and the competition was mainly between the eight-year-old roan, Challenge, by Bampton Hero, bred and owned by Messrs. Watt, and his five-year-old roan son, Stanley, owned by Messrs. Russell, who have had such signal success in past years in winning with the substantial, thick fleshed, meaty and mellow bull which heads their herd. The older bull is remarkably smooth in his flesh and form, and for age is well preserved, while he has proved an exceptionally good breeder, as the many good things of his get brought out at this show abundantly testify; but the son stands on a better set of legs and has more depth of ribs and flanks and a more stylish carriage, and so Stanley was placed first, Challenge second, and Messrs. Smith's Prince Albert, another roan son of Bampton Hero, bred by the Watts, a lengthy, stylish, useful bull, and a rare good breeder, was awarded the third prize. There were only two three-year old bulls in competition. Both were good ones, Mr. James Rennie showing imp. Gravesend Star, a red, of grand scale and even proportions, but not in as high show condition as his rival, the neat, trim, smooth, well balanced, but somewhat effeminate looking red imp. Cruickshank bull, Northern Light, shown by Mr. Davies, of Toronto. The judges were evidently taken by the rangy, masculine character of the Gravesend bull, and, therefore, gave him first place, though the other bull had many friends, who thought the order might well have been reversed. In two year old bulls Mr. Eastwood's roan, son of imp. Warrior, bred by Messrs. Nicholson, was a clear first. This bull was brought out in the pink of condition, and is an animal of fine proportions, great length and