

## The Dominion Fair

Generally speaking the Dominion of Canada Exhibition, held at Winnipeg, July 26 to August 5, was a success. The attendance on the whole was good, though it was felt that the rush of visitors from the big west was not so great as was expected. Still there was no lack of onlookers for the various events. To see the "Free for all" there was a regular jam on both days. If the management could have pulled off an event of this kind every day the grand stand receipts would have been trebled. The westerner dearly loves a horse race. No expense or difficulty is seemingly too great to prevent his being present when the event comes off. The management endeavors to gratify his wishes as much as possible and consequently the horse race is the chief attraction of the Western Show. In fact, to an outsider it would seem as if the racehorse man was more than "in." He had the best attention in stabling, etc., and there were numerous complaints from stockmen as to the inconveniences they were put to in finding accommodation for their exhibits, all because the best had been given up to the racehorse fella. While the horse race is a big drawing card, the interests of the regular stockman should not be neglected. He it is who gives a show permanence and character. The live stock show at Winnipeg was one of which any country might well feel proud, and those who made it so should receive every consideration. While the stabling arrangement for stock was fair, we heard many complaints about scarcity of bedding for stock. To ask a herdsman to care for his pets without proper bedding, and to arouse his ire up to the boiling point.

A large tent did duty as an arena for judging cattle, while a ring outside the Colonnade served the same purpose for horses, though the judges in the latter classes had to place the ribbons without the protection of a suitable ring. But there is a reason for this. A little over a year was too soon for the show to get ready for a big Dominion fair, even for a country where they rush things as they do in the west. A great deal had been accomplished, however, and the grounds, buildings, etc., were much improved over what they were when we last visited Winnipeg's big fair in 1901. The present grounds are on the small side, and with the big prairie to choose from a larger and better location could be secured we think with little difficulty. The side show, which was very much in evidence this year, could then be regulated to some paid-up grounds, where it would not continuously be before the eye of the visitor desirous of seeing what the west could do in live stock, grain, etc. But with an energetic manager and board of directors we look for these things to be set right in the near future. Winnipeg's annual fair will continue to grow, and to be one of the leading shows of the Dominion. Every effort should, therefore, be made to equip the grounds and provide facilities for holding an up-to-date agricultural show.

From the farmers' point of view the live stock exhibit must be given first place. In Clydesdale horses, Shorthorn and Ayrshire cattle there were shown as fine a lot of animals as one could wish to see. The west has never seen a finer display, and outside of Toronto, Ontario has furnished no better exhibit.

### HORSES.

The heavy horses were judged by Robert Ness, Howick, Que., who as usual did his work well. In Clydesdales there were placed before him as fine a lot as he has ever judged. The exhibit throughout was a grand one.

The number was not very much greater than has been seen at previous Winnipeg fairs, but the quality was better.

The greatest interest centered around the aged stallion class. Fourteen fine animals entered the ring, among them being the first and second prize winners at Chicago last fall. Pleasant Prince, the Chicago winner of last year, was placed first. He was shown by J. A. S. McMillan, Brandon, and was in fine fettle. He is clean limbed and moves well. Baron's Gem, by Baron's Pride, shown by A. G. Mutch, Lumsden, Assa., was a close second and a popular winner.

Concord, the champion Clydesdale last year, was placed third, with Woodend Gartley shown by the Napinka Clydesdale Horse Breeders' Association, a second winner at Chicago, fourth. He was not in good show condition and therefore had to drop down. The three-year-olds were a fair lot. The two-year-olds were a strong class. From this came the stallion championship in Baron William, by Baron's Pride, shown by J. A. Mitchell, Winnipeg, and imported by Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont. He is a big strong fellow of good quality, and already has a good show ring record.

He was first at Toronto and Chicago last fall as a yearling. Second place went to Sonnie's best, shown by Wm. Moodie, De Winton, Alta., a representative type but without the size of its successful rival. Tully Elder, Brandon, and Jas. I. Davidson, Balsam, Ont., had third and fourth place. The latter took the red in the yearling class for a get of old Macqueen. A good ring of brood mares with foals by their side faced the judges. Mutch Bros. had first for Charming Lassie, a low set, smooth one and a good mover. Tully Elder had second and Stephen Benson third in Princess Sonia, a clean cut good one. The class for brood mare and two of her offspring brought some good ones to the front. Jno. A. Turner, Calgary, had first with Sonnie Lass and a daughter and son. They made a fine trio and would be hard to beat in any company. Tully Elder had second and Andrew Graham, Pomeroy, third. Three-year-old fillies were strong with Princess Ethell of Mitchell's string first and Charming May, shown by J. B. Thompson, Ilamora, second. Mutch Bros. had the best of it in two-year-old fillies. In yearlings, a new man, M. E. Sutton, Roland, Man., had first honors. There was a big battle for the Association prize for best mare between Mutch Bros. imp. Montrave Geisha and Turner's Sonnie Lass, the champion of many show rings. Both were hard to beat, though the latter showed a little more style, and secured the coveted honor.

The show of Shires was small and away below in number what it was last year. It was disappointing, and why it should be so is hard to say, as there is certainly room in the west for this favorite English horse. Only three Percherons appeared in the ring and two of those were from Galbraith's stable at Brandon, he also showing two Suffolks.

The show of draft horses was not as large as might have been expected at a show of this magnitude. Generally there was not a heavy showing. The lack in other classes was more than made up in the draft teams. Never has a finer lot been seen in the west. They were six in number and of the true draft type. The entry for general purpose was fair, with some good useful animals to the front.

Generally speaking the show of light horses was nothing to be proud of. They were judged by Dr. J. H. McMillan, Victoria, B.C. One or two fine specimens were shown. A broad mare shown

by C. F. Brunell, Winnipeg, with foal by her side, was worthy of special note. Wilson & Mathew, Regina, showed a yearling filly of much merit. She showed great speed in both pace and trot. In roadsters the single drivers were very good, the strongest perhaps in the light classes. Thos. Kelly's entry came first, beating Lou Bradford, first last year, and shown by J. & E. Brown, Portage La Prairie. Carriage horses made a poor showing. The entry for Thoroughbreds was not large and the competition was not very keen in any of the classes. The ribbons were placed by Dr. Rutherford, Ottawa. Though there was a class for them, the real high-stepper was conspicuous by his absence. In dogcart horses, J. A. Mitchell had one of fair action. In Hackneys, Puritan, winner in the two-year-old was male champion. He was shown by Wm. Moodie, De Winton, Alta., and was bred by Rawlinson Bros., who have produced some noted high steppers. The competition was not at all keen and not what one would expect at a Dominion fair.

### CATTLE.

The cattle display throughout was a fine one and a credit to the Dominion. Short-horns were to the front in the beef classes. The plums of the contest did not go to western breeders, though a fine display was put up by them. They were judged by J. M. Gardiense, Weston, Ont., and Walter Lyndhurst, Lehigh, in the absence of the regular judge, who disappointed. They had no easy task. For bulls four years and over some noted ones entered the ring. Spicy Marquis, recently bought by Sir Wm. Van Horne for a high figure, was among them, as was also Scottish Canadian, shown by Geo. Little, Neepawa. The latter was in splendid form, and great at all over done. Spicy Marquis is a bull with lots of character, fine touch and great depth in front. He showed a little more roughness than some of the others, but was well handled by James Yule. The judges placed Spicy Marquis first, Scottish Canadian second, Nobleman, a good masculine type, though not in as good bloom as the others, third. Though the judges no doubt had good reason for placing as they did the decision was not a popular one, and many a nod judge would have reversed first and second place. Senator Edwards' Village Champion was an easy winner in the three-year-old class. In two-year-olds a Marquis of Zenda bull, shown by G. & W. Bennie, Castlereagh, Man., was first. The senior yearling class was not a strong one. J. G. Barron had first for Nonpareil Victor, a big red fellow. The junior yearling class was a notable one, as in it was found the junior and grand champion bull. He is a level, smooth fellow, but with no outstanding features. He came from the Salinas, owned by Capt. Robson, Ilberton. In senior bull calves, the red ribbon went to the Pine Grove herd, for a deep, masculine-looking calf by Village Champion. Barron had second and Edwards third. In junior bull calves a get of Spicy Marquis carried first honors to Van Horne's herd. The senior championship went to Village Champion, Edwards' Dunlop bull, with some fine young stock to his credit. His competitor was Spicy Marquis, who is Marr bred. The honor was no mean one as both bulls were worthy of it. The females were even a stronger lot than the males, cows four years and over being a collection of good ones, among them being Missie 153rd, of \$6,000 fame. She was content with third place, being beaten by Van Horne's Mayflower 3rd and Empress 12th. The former is a remarkable cow, with much substance, good size and a fine pedigree. She is a Sailor. She came in for the senior and grand championship honors, which