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Ottawa Racing Association.

This association has lately been incorporated at Ottawa, with a capital of \$100,000. Among the promoters are four cabinet ministers, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. S. A. Fisher, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, and several men of capital in Eastern Ontario. The association intends establishing a race-course and steeplechase course in the neighborhood of Ottawa, probably on the Quebec side of the river, and maintaining a racing association, jockey club and hunt club. A training and breeding stable may be established in connection, as the grounds on which they at present have an option are sufficiently large to accommodate this. As an adjunct to the training stable a riding school is spoken of. In cities there are always a considerable number of people willing to patronize a good riding-school, and who would be only too glad of an opportunity to ride to hounds. Our Ottawa correspondent writes: It is difficult to say what will be the effect of such an association on the horse-breeding of the district. There is no doubt that an increased interest in hunting and cross-country racing would facilitate the sale of horses adapted to these purposes, and it would appear that it would be in this respect that greatest good would accrue to the farming community. The ordinary farmer has little use for the Thoroughbred, and would not think of breeding him, but the heavy hunter is a different class. It might appear that even here the demand would soon be satisfied if the production were much increased, but it is a fact that in our cities there is a ready sale for them, and the market is increasing rapidly, as hunting and cross-country racing becomes more popular. In Great Britain, where such sports are much more universal than in this country, there is a demand for heavy hunters which cannot be met by breeders, and frequently fabulous prices are paid for horses suitable for hunting under a good weight. An Englishman speaking lately in this city, said that since coming to this country several months ago, he had seen numerous mares which, if properly mated, were suited exactly to the breeding of this class of horse, and were really useful breeders of no other class. He was sure if the breeding were followed up with any sort of system a good profit could be made by catering to the Old Country market. There need, therefore, be no fear of loss if the home market were overstocked, but this condition is not apt to be existant for some time to come."

Horse Show for Ottawa.

At a meeting held in the City of Ottawa recently of horse-breeders and others interested in equines, a motion was adopted favoring the holding of a Spring Show of horses in that city on the 16th, 17th and 18th of March, provided sufficient funds can be raised to offer an attractive prize-list. Mr. Wm. Arnold was elected President and Mr. E. McMahon Secretary of the Provisional Organization. It was stated that the Clydesdale and Shire Horse Associations would give \$400 towards the prize-list, and the Dominion Department of Agriculture the same amount, making \$800 already available. Among those present were Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Mr. F. W. Hodson, Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto; Mr. Peter Christie, Manchester; Mr. Wm. Smith, Columbus; Mayor Cook, and Messrs. Wm. Hutchinson, J. G. Clark, J. C. Smith, and E. McMahon, Ottawa.

Veterinary Graduates.

The examinations of the Ontario Veterinary College were held in the college building, Temperance street, Toronto, on December 22nd. The following, after passing examination by the usual Board of Examiners, which is composed of prominent veterinary surgeons in the active practice of their profession, were awarded diplomas:

Graduates—Charles W. Bandy, Litchfield, Ill.; C. F. William Bauer, St. Louis, Mo.; Anson W. Beach, Iroquois, Ont.; Henry N. Berthiaume, Woonsocket, R.I.; William J. Boddy, Walkerton, Ont.; Thomas E. Bowes, Castlederg, Ont.; George Bulgin, Elmira, Ont.; William S. King, Katonah, N.Y.; Jas. McDermid, Harriston, Ont.; William H. Mahoney, Rochester, N.Y.; James Henry Mann, Grand Valley, Ont.; P. Ernest Pallister, Ottawa, Ont.; Thomas A. Parker, Lynn, Mass.; Daniel J. Selfert, Linwood, Ont.; John E. Taylor, Toronto, Ont.

We look forward with interest to the weekly "Farmer's Advocate," and predict for it a still larger field and greater usefulness. We know of no agricultural journal that has in the past been such a great factor in improvement along agricultural lines.
WALTER SIMPSON.
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Smithfield Show, 1903.

This year's show secured a grand entry of high-class animals in each section, fully an average in respect to quality, and the largest on record in respect to numbers. The system of single judges has been adopted for several years at this show, and hitherto it has worked well, but this year, owing to some cause, the public do not so unanimously approve of the awards. Reference to the particular awards to which there appears to be the most exception taken will be made as



Duke Thomas (10733) (imp.).

A five-year-old Clydesdale stallion. Weight, 2,000 lbs. Sire Sir Thomas 9681; dam Darling VI. 13487, by Gallant Lad 2781. Imported by J. B. Hogate, August, 1903. Sold by H. H. Colister, salesman, to Ed. Henderson and Hugh Buchanan, of Komoka, Ont.

they come under review. This year's cattle entries number 287, as against 262 in 1902, the increase being in some measure accounted for by the reintroduction of the classes for small cross-bred cattle.

THE HEREFORDS numbered fifteen, quite one of the best entries as a breed, and certainly one that met with as much hard luck as any; particularly so with the specially fine two-year-old steer which represented H. M. the King, the Birmingham champion, for he only managed to win the breed cup and the r.n. for the best ox in the show; Lord Llangattock and the Earl of Coventry were the other leading winners. Average daily gains of the classes were: Young steers, 2 lbs. 1.76 ozs.; older steers, 1 lb. 13.77 ozs.; heifers, 1 lb. 10.17 ozs.

THE SHORTHORNS secured an entry of seventeen present, and all through the several classes the merit ran high. The award of the breed cup was one of those questioned by some, but it was not far from being correct. Mr. J. Thornley secured this honor with his first-prize heifer, beating that of His Majesty, which secured the preference at Birmingham. Another second was also secured by the Royal herd, and the other

two leading winners came from Lord Tredegar and the Earl of Rosebery's herds. Average daily gains: Young steers, 2 lbs. .42 ozs.; older steers, 1 lb. 14.01 ozs.; heifers, 1 lb. 10.11 ozs.

IN THE ABERDEEN-ANGUS classes a grand exhibit was found all through, and, particularly so, that noble, deep-fleshed steer which won the breed cup, the cup for the best ox, and was r.n. for the best beast in the show. This grand animal was owned by Mr. J. J. Cridlan, and in the opinion of very many experts its relegation to the r.n. for champion honors was a mistake. The same exhibitor was also first in the heifer class with another specially good animal, and the Earl of Rosebery came to the fore in the young steer

class with one of great merit. Average daily gains: Young steers, 2 lbs. 2.07 ozs.; older steers, 1 lb. 12.51 ozs.; heifers, 1 lb. 7.8 ozs.

THE GALLO-WAYS made, viewed as a breed, one of the best entries they have ever done at this show. The notable improvement being shown year by year in respect to early development is remarkable, and proves that those who are in possession of this breed are fully alive to its importance. That they have succeeded in placing it in this respect on a level with most of its competitors is seen by reference to the average weights of the classes given below. Messrs. T. Biggar & Sons led in two of the classes, and won the breed cup, and Sir John Swinburne led in the other, the whole

of these animals being of first-rate merit. Average daily gains: Young steers, 1 lb. 12.30 ozs.; older steers, 1 lb. 9.23 ozs.; heifers, 1 lb. 4.62 ozs.

THE CROSS-BREDS had four classes, two for steers and two for heifers. The entry, as a whole, was a thoroughly good one. Each of its classes was headed by a notable animal. The older heifers had for their leader Mr. Flaggate's heifer, which won in addition to the breed cup that also for the best heifer in the show, and the champion prize as best beast in the show, her average daily gain being most remarkable, namely, 2 lbs. and 13 ozs. at 1,055 days of age. This award, which was evidently given to gross weight, was one that put to the front rank an outsider. In fact, whilst not desiring to belittle the great success of the exhibitor, it would not be doing justice to the other grand animals in the competition unless it were stated that the award was not at all popular. Mr. R. W. Hudson, in the younger heifer class, headed it with the best beast under two years old. The older steers were headed by Mr. J. D. Fletcher's entry that won the King's challenge cup for the best beast bred and fed by the exhibitor, and Sir John Swin-



Clydesdale Stallions.

Baron Robgill. Woodend Gartly. Blacon Kenneth. Sir Christopher. Airle.
Imported and owned by Alex. Galbraith & Son, Janesville, Wis. Average weight, 1,985 lbs.