

celebrated sire, Prince Albert of Baads, which some of your readers must have seen and admired in Mr. R. Anderson's herd at Daugh, and which was recently sent to the butcher. This was the most formidable opponent of the Ballindalloch bull, Justice, at the centenary show of the Highland and Agricultural Society a few years ago. Some five years ago, when the boom for Polled cattle had reached its height, Mr. Reid could have made "the three figures" without solicitation for any of his female Sybils or Islas; indeed, I believe he refused 500 gs. for a young cow, but, *mirabile dictu*, at the sale a splendid young cow, a grand-daughter of Isla, before mentioned, could not find a purchaser at a higher figure than 27 gs., while her heifer calf, a perfect gem, by the Crown bull, Clan Duff, went much below value at 20 gs., both animals being taken out for Mr. Hannay, Banff. The average for the entire herd was only about £15. When breeders looked at their daily paper next day, the extraordinary depreciation that had taken place in the value of this old herd, compared with what it would have been worth, say six years ago, formed a subject of frequent comment. It is quite true that some of the top crosses were not in favor, and that the time chosen for the sale was unfortunate, being in the height of harvest but, after all that can be said, the sale was an extremely disheartening affair. Following the Baads dispersion came the sale of the Kincaid herd, which made an average of little more than £10. The quality of the stock in this case was not of a high order; the animals were exceedingly ill brought out, and the dispersion took place in a deluge of rain. Still it was another "damper" to breeders, which the sale of the Greenwood Polled herd did not help to remove. At this auction, a cow, which three years before had cost her owner 140 gs., changed hands at less than 30 gs., and the gross average was only about £15. Several important sales are fixed to take place this month, and at these a better demand may be experienced.

On the 28th September, things were much more lively at the dispersion of the Shorthorn herd belonging to Mr. James Watt, Mullen (late of Garbity). There was a goodly company present, and the buyers were apparently in good heart, and willing to give fair prices, as things go, for really superior animals. The herd was founded some 20 years ago, and was chiefly composed of a local family bred years ago at Mebbroom. Mr. Watt had a liking for Booth bulls, as sires, and through the top crosses the animals had a dash of English blood, but still they were of a Scotch type, though the Booth head now and again peeped through, and a very excellent type, too. There has not been a better lot of animals brought to the hammer in Morayshire for several years. The cows were, as a rule, big, square, fleshy animals, while their milking properties had not been lost sight of. Mr. Duthie, C.-lynie, who likes a good substantial animal, carrying its flesh well, bought the best lots in the herd at prices ranging from 20 gs. to 37 gs. The specimens he bought were perfect in flesh and colors. An average of £20 for 65 head was considered as satisfactory as could have been looked for a present.

These notes have been delayed in order that I might be able to give a brief summary of the dispersion of Mr. Baird's famous Uries stud of Clydesdale horses. They were sold on Saturday, 1st inst., in consequence of the owner, who is in delicate health, being obliged to go abroad. A good representation of breeders put in an appearance. Twelve Clydesdales were offered, but judging from the roughish state in which they were brought out, one was inclined to think that the sale had been decided on hurriedly. It must not be assumed on this account that the stud was an inferior one. The Urie Clydesdales have been almost as famous as the Urie Shorthorns were many years ago, Mr. Baird having spent almost a fortune in filling his stables, but whether his purchases were always judiciously made it is not for the writer to say. The most valuable animal in the stud was a three-year-old brown filly, named Zeynab, after Darnley (222), the best stud horse in the country. The dam was Bonnie Jean (982), a winner of 13 money prizes, and two cups. Zeynab is expected to be in foal to Mr. John Marr's champion sire, Cairnbrogie Stamp, and is a young mare of uncommon quality and style, with splendid feet, though at the sale suffering from a slight blemish in her heels. She was purchased by Mr. McFarlane, Stirling, for 17 gs., which was the highest price at the sale. Plantagenet, a two-year-old son of the famous horse, Prince of Wales, which was sold at 200 gs. when 18 years of age, was a horse of good

quality. He was said to have cost Mr. Baird over £200, but being undersized and short in his lower jaw, he was knocked out to W. Fleming, Charleston, at 103 gs. A yearling colt by El Ameer (3591), and out of Kate (15), showing good fore-legs, was bought for Mr. J. Harris, Fort Collins, Colorado, at 39 gs. A crack filly foal, with size, substance and great quality, and Clydesdale character, out of Concetta (6), a mare that won 9 prizes, and by that useful Clydesdale horse, Springhill Darnley (2429), was sold for 75 gs., to Col. Williamson, of Lawres. The average for 12 animals sold was £59 1s. 3d., the sale being regarded as highly successful, considering the dullness of the times.

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QUIDAM.

The Provincial Exhibition at Ottawa.

The live-stock departments of this exhibition were on the average very well filled, and the quality was good on the whole. While the show of horses was not equal to that at Toronto, that of Ayrshire dairy cattle was superior. In several lines, as Galloways and Devons, amongst the cattle, the competitors were the same, but in most of the classes, while some of the Toronto competitors went to London, others dropped in from the eastern country with some good, thrifty stock, but much of it was below the standard aimed at by several of our western breeders. We are waiting for the time to come when some of our eastern brethren (we refer to Ontario), with their strong, deep soil to produce feed, and abundance of cedar and stones to build barns, will bring out herds that will show to our western breeders the folly of bringing out stock to compete in the east. They are doing well in all the dairy lines, and we shall expect that in time they will achieve still greater things in the line of beef.

HORSES.

The same old time difficulties met us in our effort to get notes of the horses as in former years. The classes mixed, stable doors locked up or a groom in charge who could tell you but little about the breeding of the animal in charge, and in many instances cared to tell you less. When the breeders of horses learn to value a description and notice of their favorites, by the agricultural press, they will seek out a remedy, not sooner. The desire for improvement must begin with them. Our notice of the horses is very imperfect.

Clydesdales.—In past years the show of Clydes at the Provincial show, when held in Ottawa, has been weak. We cannot say there was a falling off in this department this year, but we are sorry not to be able to say that there has been some improvement. Although there were a number of entries of horses owned in central Ontario, there was a small turnout from that quarter. In the aged class for stallions there were some twelve horses, and only half that number put in an appearance. Robert Beith, Bowmanville, gained the first place with a very nice horse named Rakerfield, lately imported. He is a very nice, compact, stylish, active and strong-made horse, and we understand he is sold to Mr. Colquhoun, near Mitchell, Ont., in whose hands he will no doubt do a lot of good for Canada.

The second place fell to the hitherto unbeaten Windsor [547] (2509), the winner of the gold medal at Toronto, two years ago. He is still a grand horse, and a great many would have placed him first; but this was evidently not the opinion of those who were to decide. Third place was taken by Peter the Great [267] (3384), owned by A. T. White, Esq., Pembroke. He was shown in bad condition, the result of a very hard summer's travelling. He was a good horse at one time, and is yet, but he does not look nearly so well as when in better bloom. Baron of Auchindor [476] (1577) is still looking and wearing well. He has great weight and style, and had many admirers about the ring.

The three-year-old class had only one representative, although there were six entries. Robert Beith was the exhibitor of that, and of course gained first. This horse looked worthy of a harder struggle. He shows immense bone and great strength throughout,

and will surely be of some benefit to Canada when crossed on our light mares.

In the two-year-old class, as in the other classes mentioned, there were many entries, but there were only four horses forward, and we think them a weaker show of two-year-olds than is usually seen at our large shows. John Dryden, M. P. P., of Brooklin, gained first with a strong colt, and we hear that he sold him to stay in the neighborhood. R. Beith gained second and third, with their colts just landed, but promising to make good horses.

There was no yearlings, and the mares class, with the exception of one or two exhibits, were filled by those living near with animals that would not be taken far from home to show, except in the case of Geo. Kydd, Petite Cote, P. Q., who carried the special for best Dominion bred, and all the prizes on brood mares and foals.

Horses for Agricultural Purposes.—The entries here were not numerous, but the character of the exhibit was very creditable. Here, too, nearly all the prizes went east.

Heavy Draughts—Cross-bred.—In this class the prizes were local, Geo. Eddie, Manitock, being the chief winner.

Suffolks.—John Carson, Kingston, brought out the only exhibit in this class, consisting of an aged stallion, a fine specimen of the breed.

Percherons.—The quality of the animals on exhibition was very good, and on the whole they were well represented. E. A. Brickman, Rednerville, was the strongest exhibitor. The prize list will give further details.

Thoroughbreds.—Hon. W. A. Henry, Toronto, with an aged stallion, carried first prize and diploma along with other prizes, and A. Frank & Sons, The Grange, were first, and won the diploma with a very beautiful two-year filly. R. N. Stanley, Ottawa, came in also, in several of the classes.

Roadster Horses.—The competition here, as it usually is, was strong. A main feature of this exhibit was the very large proportion which came from the counties adjacent to Ottawa. While in the exhibit of Shorthorns scarcely a prize went east of Brooklin unless in the case of R. K. Sangster, Lancaster, who is doing so nobly in Glengarry, in that of roadster horses the only prize that went west of Brooklin was that won by the two-year stallion of A. Frank & Sons, The Grange. As the prizes were much distributed, we refer our readers to the prize list for further details.

Carriage Horses.—In this class the prizes were also widely distributed, although here, too, a large proportion went to eastern men. The exhibit was, on the whole, very good, although several of the contestants gave evidence of a scarcity of feed.

THE BEEF BREEDS SHORTHORNS.

The class of Shorthorns at the Provincial had a smaller representation, relatively, than that of any of the other breeds, but there were many really meritorious animals brought out. The holding of the Western Fair the same week divided the class, and thus prevented a court of appeal from the decisions of the judges at the Industrial Exhibition in most cases. This is an argument in favor of the arrangement of a circuit of fairs, by which such clashing might be avoided, and exhibitors should interest themselves in bringing about harmony in this respect. Mr. Dryden's herd, with imp. Prince of the Realm at the head, won a large number of the prizes, including the herd prize for imported animals, and also that for Canadian bred animals, Mr. Sangster, of Lancaster, coming in for second prize on his herd headed by the imp. Cruickshank bull, Count of the Empire, and mated with a very useful lot of females, which were only in fair condition, and not fitted so highly, as the Western men do it. Mr. Nicholson showed a very fine young herd headed by imp. Warrior, bred at Kinellar, and was allowed to show in the imported list, where his herd was awarded second place.

Among the females shown, Mr. Watt, Salem, white three-year-old cow, Moonlight, by imp. Bampton Hero, and descended from imp. Margaret, by Snowball, was decidedly the most conspicuous, and a rarely good one she is, filling the modern type to perfection, and winning the sweepstakes for best female.

While writing of the whites, which made such a strong record at Toronto, we note here Mr. Nicholson's white yearling heifer, 11th Maid of Sylvan,