

more high-class animals than at any former Toronto Exhibition, there were yet few, if any, phenomenal or sensational numbers, and it is, we think, correct to say that on more than one occasion we have seen here one or more better animals than the best at this show. While admitting this, however, it is also safe to say this was the greatest show of Shorthorns ever seen in Canada, the largest number of first-class animals, and the highest average in quality and type. The class was judged by John Miller, Jr., Brougham, and J. C. Snell, London, with Thos. Russell, Exeter, as referee, who was several times called upon to break a tie, and was associate judge in some classes. The entries were so numerous, and the subsections of the class in many cases so largely filled, that it must have been an onerous and difficult task for the judges to place the animals to their own satisfaction, and still more difficult to do it to the satisfaction of the exhibitors, if indeed that were possible. So formidable was the competition, classes of 15 to 20 entries and upwards being common, that though no complaints of the judging being unduly slow were heard, three full days were occupied in disposing of the prize-list, which comprised from three to five prizes in a classification of 25 separate sections, including herd and family groups, and senior and junior championships.

In the section for aged bulls there were eleven entries, nine of which were forward, making the strongest show of mature sires seen here in many years, and including the two well-known imported roan bulls, Marquis of Zenda, six years old in February last, bred by Mr. W. S. Marr, sired by Wanderer, out of Missie 123rd, by William of Orange, and shown by Senator Edwards; and the four-year-old Joy of Morning (imp.), bred by Mr. Duthie, sired by Pride of Morning, and shown by Geo. D. Fletcher, who purchased him at the dispersion sale of the herd of the late Hon. M. H. Cochrane last month. It was, perhaps, generally expected from the reputation of the Marquis that he would head the list, but after a careful examination and comparison, the judges agreed to place Joy of Morning first, Marquis of Zenda second; the roan five-year-old Watt-bred Spicy Robin, shown by Jas. A. Crerar, third; the white five-year-old Nicholson-bred Valasco 29th, shown by John A. Aitchison, fourth; and the red five-year-old Watt-bred Prince Rupert, shown by Geo. Crawford, Ora, fifth, as reserve number. The placing of the first met with some criticism, owing to the extremely high condition of the winner, which was not so much his fault as that of the feeding he had received, for those who remember Joy of Morning as he appeared as a yearling at Toronto will agree that with judicious feeding and treatment he had in him the qualities of a very high-class bull, which, notwithstanding his present overdone condition, he still retains; his character, thickness and quality of flesh, depth and spring of ribs, fulness of thighs, smoothness of shoulders, and his handsome, yet strong head, combining to constitute him a great bull. It is but fair to his rival to state that he was not in show fix, having had but little preparation, and being in little more than ordinary breeding condition, and it is not easy in all cases to estimate the difference that show condition or the lack of it makes in an animal.

The three-year-old section had a fitting leader in Mr. W. D. Platt's Imp. Spicy Marquis, bred by Mr. W. S. Marr. He is a rich roan, was the male champion at Toronto last year, and is a bull of excellent type, conformation and quality, without doubt the best show bull in Canada, and a capital sire as well, as was evidenced by his winning here against very strong competition, the first award for a bull and three of his get. He was also at this show awarded the senior championship for bulls in the class, and has been sold for \$3,000 to Sir William Van Horne, to head his herd on his farm at Selkirk, Manitoba. Hon. John Dryden & Son furnished the second winner in this section, in their red Prince Gloucester, of the Cruickshank Duchess of Gloster family, a bull of sterling worth individually and an impressive sire, as the capital class of calves by him brought out at this show amply attests. The Russells had the third-prize winner in their Imp. Fitz-Stephen Forrester, who, though in only fair breeding condition, made a very good impression on his first appearance in public, being straight and strong in his back, having long, level quarters, a capital head and horns, the best of handling quality, and a splendid set of limbs, well placed. If put in show condition, he will make a hard bull to beat, and his calves prove that he is a superior sire. There were five excellent bulls in the two-year-old section, and the judges differed as to the placing of the first and second between Capt. Robson's roan, Imp. Prince Sunbeam, bred by Bruce, of Heatherwick, and Mr. Edwards' red Imp. Village Champion, bred by Duthie. The former, a handsome, strong-backed, well-fleshed bull of fine quality and character, is nearly three months younger than his rival, being only two in May last, while Village Champion was two in February. The latter, however, is deeper ribbed, and is stylish, level and attractive. The referee decided

in favor of the roan bull, and the red ribbon, first prize, went to Capt. Robson's entry. Village Captain, a lengthy, level, well-fleshed roan shown by Pettit & Sons filled third place creditably, and but for temporary lameness from foul in the foot would have made things interesting for his competitors. Senator Drummond's Cicely's Pride, a straight, level roan, much admired by the outside talent, came into fourth place. In a very strong class of senior yearlings, Hon. John Dryden & Son's Clipper Hero, a sappy, deep-ribbed, smoothly-formed and well-proportioned bull, claimed the right to first place, which was granted by general consent, and he was adjudged worthy to wear the junior championship badge. Second position was as freely accorded to Goodfellow Bros.' red Imp. Famous Pride, a very stylish, level-lined and smoothly-turned bull, third prize going to Edwards' Lancaster Comet, by Marquis of Zenda.

Junior yearlings numbered ten, and were a very excellent class, first honors going to Mr. Platt's handsome and typical Diamond. He is young for his class, being less than a month over the year. Second position was accorded to Mr. Davidson's Imp. Choice Archer, bred by Mr. Durno, of Jackston. He is a nice roan of good stamp and promising to make a valuable bull. Third prize went to Haining Bros.' Jilt Victor (imp.), a roan of excellent style, conformation and quality, and one that made a stiff fight for higher place.

Senior bull calves, as usual, made the largest entry in the class, no less than twenty-one lining up for inspection. An outstanding winner was found in Capt. Robson's Royal Wanderer, a rich roan son of Imp. Wanderer's Last, and of Imp. Jealous Girl. He is of the best type, low-set, wide-backed, and well-fleshed. His half-brother, Wanderer's Star, by the same sire, made a stiff fight for second place, but was forced to yield the position to Goodfellow's red calf, Remus, by Shining Light, while third went to another son of Wanderer's Last, a very deep-ribbed, fleshy, sappy youngster, thought by some to be even more promising than the first winner.

In an interesting class of junior bull calves, the first award went to Edwards' Clipper Champion, a handsome red-roan son of Village Champion. Captain Robson's Vain Baron, by Vanguard, made a good run for the lead in this section, but was placed second, the Dryden herd filling third place, Davidson's coming in fourth, and Fletcher's fifth.

A baker's dozen of well-fitted cows over four years old, made the largest, and, in many respects, the best show in this section ever seen in Toronto. There have been better single animals here than any in this collection, but the average for so many was high. The placing after the first was difficult, and might have been different without doing injustice to any, and if mistakes were made in any section it may be that they were in this. The cow selected for first place, Crerar's imported Gem of Ballachin, a red-and-white five-year-old, was clearly entitled to the position, being a fresh-looking young cow, with a strong, fleshy back, deep-ribbed, smooth-shouldered, and having a breed, feminine appearance. For second place the noted cow Missie 153rd, bred by W. S. Marr, for which Mr. Edwards paid \$6,000 at a Chicago sale two years ago, was chosen. While scarcely a first-class show cow, Missie is an attractive cow. Standing on short legs, she is level and smooth, and matronly in appearance, and being not over-fitted, she looked fresh and wholesome, and likely to prove a useful breeder, as, indeed, she has already, winning easily later on first place for a cow and two of her progeny. Goodfellow's Imp. Water Cress, a roan four-year-old cow, was given fourth place. Having calved only a few days before, she was not looking her best, but is a grand cow, with wonderful heart-girth and spring of ribs, and general quality. Had she been at her best, she could hardly have been kept from going higher in the list. After this, though all were good cows, it was difficult to make a selection, and a different rating might have been more popular. Rosa Bonheur, a red four-year-old cow, shown by the Russells, not highly-fitted, but having many good qualities, was placed fourth, and Mayflower 3rd, a handsome, low-set roan, four years old, daughter of Imp. Royal Sailor, and shown by Wm. McDermott, Living Springs, was given fifth place.

In a good, strong class of ten three-year-old cows, a clear first was found in Crerar's red-and-white Gem of Ballachin 2nd, daughter of the first-prize aged cow, born when her dam was but eighteen months old. She has been a winner from calfhood, and won the senior championship here this time, her mother being her strongest rival for that honor. Level, low and lengthy, sweet, smooth and symmetrical, she is as nearly right as they are made, and considering that she has always been fitted for the show ring, her record as a breeder is remarkable, as she showed for a cow and two of her progeny, with a 17-months son and a 6-months daughter, winning second

award. Pettit & Sons' Imp. Martha 4th, a large, smooth, well-proportioned young cow, bred by Mr. Anderson, Saphock, and sired by Spicy King, made a strong second. Goodfellow's Imp. Orange Blossom 2nd, a wealthy-fleshed cow, of good quality, was given third position; and Groff's Imp. Olive Wenlock 2nd, bred by Mr. Menzies, of Trinie, a sweet young cow, of breezy appearance and good form, came in fourth.

In a large class of over a dozen two-year-old heifers, of varying types and hard to place, Capt. Robson's Topman's Queen, a big and bountiful roan daughter of the old champion Topsman, could be given no other place but first. She was the first-prize yearling here last year in stronger individual competition than she met this time, and has gone on well, though having raised and nursed a calf. Lilly of Pine Grove 2nd, of the Edwards string, a big roan daughter of Marquis of Zenda, though not a strong show heifer, would have been lonesome in any other than second place. Groff's Roan Mary, by Golden Count, a compact heifer, of fine quality of flesh, came in to third place, and the judges tied between Edwards' White Flower 3rd and Haining Bros.' Imp. Pandora for fourth place, the referee deciding in favor of the White heifer. The senior yearling section was the strongest in the show, there being eighteen entries, and hardly a weak one in the lot. There was, however, an outstanding first in Mr. Edwards' white heifer Golden Bud, by Marquis' Heir, out of Imp. Golden Wreath, by Remus. She is a model of the breed. Sweetly feminine, smooth, level, round and deep, full of the best quality of flesh, and standing well on her pins, she will do for a standard of excellence. The junior sweepstakes fell to this heifer without a struggle, though the rivalry was strong. A worthy second in her class was found in Mr. Dryden's Bertie 4th, a red daughter of Prince Gloucester, out of Bertie 3rd, by Imp. Collynie Archer. She is an excellent heifer, true in her lines and combining quality and substance in a high degree. Captain Robson's roan heifer, Lady Winsome, is winsome and hard to pass by. She has fine quality of flesh and hair, and level top and bottom lines, and was well worthy of the third place, if not a higher. Imp. Susan 2nd, a good red heifer, shown by Mr. Davidson, fell into fourth position, and his home-bred Necklace 28th was placed fifth. In a really good class of junior yearlings, Mr. Edwards' Missie of Pine Grove, a rich roan daughter of Missie 153rd, sired by Bapton Favorite, and imported in dam, was a popular first. She is a sweet heifer, full of quality and character, a credit to her mother and the whole family. She was reserve number for the junior championship. Second honors also went to the same herd for Orange Blossom, a compact roan heifer, of fine quality, sired by Marquis of Zenda, out of Imp. Flora, by Topsman (63447). The third prize went to Groff's Duchess of Athelstane 4th, a big, sappy heifer, with capital flesh, shown at a disadvantage owing to being in heat, else she might have gone higher. Goodfellow's Mamie Stamford, by Golden Standard, made a good fourth.

In a class of twenty senior heifer calves, a clear winner of first honors was Mr. Platt's Dolly Marquis, a charming daughter of the champion bull, Spicy Marquis, out of Dolly Eugenie, by Chivalry. She is a rich roan, with level top and bottom lines, nice character and quality, and a credit to her illustrious sire. Second and third were placed two beautiful roan calves shown by R. & S. Nicholson. The second-prize heifer, Imp. Spicy Wimple, by Spicy King, out of Lady Bell Hope, by Prince of the Vale, is fine in her make-up, and promises to remain a show heifer of high-class character, while the home-bred Pine Apple of Sylvan 2nd, by Imp. Chief of Stars, and out of Imp. Pine Apple 12th, by Challenger, is a close rival for favor, and is full of quality. The prize list, on another page, gives the awards for sweepstakes, herds and family groups.

HEREFORDS.—The popularity of a breed of cattle is estimated largely by the number and quality of its exhibits at the leading fairs. If this grand breed of beef cattle at the Dominion Exhibition at Toronto this year was disappointing in this respect, the result is mainly due to the narrow spirit and policy adopted by the Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association in requiring that only animals registered in their herdbook be allowed to show at the Toronto Exhibition. The Exhibition Association, we presume, is guided by the Breeders' Association in formulating its rules, and the latter must shoulder the responsibility of shutting out one of the leading Hereford herds in the Dominion, owing to its being registered in the American Herdbook, the standard of which is more strict than that of the Canadian. The Aberdeen-Angus Association shows a more excellent spirit, their class not being hampered by such narrow-gauge rules, and the result is that the breed is strengthened at the shows, rather than weakened. We know of no other important show in America from which pure-bred registered stock is excluded because of the book they are recorded in, and the Ontario Hereford breeders, who practically control

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