



W. E. Wellington is not the only authoritative man who thinks the horse show was a marvel of excellence. I had a little chat with the Hon. Adam Beck and he did not hesitate to say that the exhibition of harness horses, hunters and saddle horses was exceptionally fine, perhaps the best he has ever seen. And Mr. Beck has missed few of the famous shows held by the National Horse Show Association of New York in Madison Square Gardens, his excellency the governor-general was also greatly pleased with what he saw and expressed regret that he had not been able to give more time to the show. It was exceedingly kind of the governor-general to manifest so much interest in the proceedings as he did, but at the same time it is doubtful if his presence in the city did not disastrously affect the attendance. Too many functions were going on simultaneously and Toronto is clearly not so much of a metropolitan city as to be able to stand with success Paderewski, "Parsifal" and the horse show on one night and that night following a ball at which society pretty well attended en bloc. Thanks to the splendid figures the boxes fetched there is little fear of a deficit. At the same time it is certain the attendance would have been larger and the financial success consequently more pronounced had society been at liberty as in former years to concentrate its attention on the horse show.

The show once more made it apparent that a building especially adapted to such purposes is the most crying need in Toronto. From what I understand there is grave danger of there being no show at all next year for a lack of a building. The military are said to be most decidedly averse to allowing the armories to be used again for the purpose, and considering that the spring drill of the troops is interrupted and considerable inconvenience caused in other ways, this is not at all surprising. Even at its best the structure is not exceedingly well adapted for the purpose. It is too narrow, while even more length would be a decided advantage. This should convey a suggestion to the exhibition people to put up their proposed edifices, plans for which should be prepared and tenders let even now, if it is to be in readiness sixteen months hence. That it will then be ready I have not the slightest idea, for as civic contractors do their week in Toronto it can safely be estimated that two years or more will be absorbed in the work; in which case, if the armories be not available, there will be no horse show for three years, and one of Toronto's three great attractions—the horse show, the races and the exhibition—will remain in abeyance for that time, greatly to the loss of tradesmen, dressmakers, livery men, harness and carriage makers, horse dealers, hotelkeepers and the city generally. If, however, when the structure is completed it is found to be on a scale that will permit of a horse show being held to better advantage than the armories allow, Toronto will soon recover from her temporary denial and bless the directors. If, on the other hand, they crimp the building, they will have disappointed the people and lessened their own sphere of usefulness.

And now to the show proper. If the attendance was not as large as last

year, the entries were no fewer than 331 more, being like this:

Thoroughbreds	15
Carriage stallions	11
Heavy draughts	21
Saddle horses	111
Roadsters	57
Polo ponies	21
Standard-breds	21
Hackneys	39
Harness horses	267
Hunters and jumpers	82
Ponies	67
Special classes	67
Total	1013

It cannot be denied that this is a remarkable showing, and considering the average quality it was marvelous. In 1905 the figures read like this: Breeding classes (Clydesdales and Shires were then included), 10; harness horses, 166; saddle horses, 63; hunters and jumpers, 65; roadsters, 22; a total of 413, against 1904 in 1905 an increase of 625 in the ten years. Up to 1898 there was an actual falling off in the entries, only 322 being recorded in that year, but after that they began to pick up.

As usual, the exhibit of thoroughbreds was light. Mr. Robt. Davies' imported Orme Shore, by Orme, looking very fit, walked away with the first class, his stable mate, the Kapanga Colt, and Bill of the Play, by Billie's Gold, who has filled out in great style, won first for hunter-getting stallions and carried off the sweepstakes, good old Dalmoor coming second. Ben Carrick, by imp. Ben Strone, a real good one, third, with St. Jolly, by Juvenal, reserve. In class four, best stallion any age or breed, best qualified to get carriage horses, Dr. Rutherford awarded the red with good judgment to the Graham Bros.' (Claremont) Whitewall Fashion, a rare type of hackney stallion bred in England, Ben Carrick, thoroughbred, coming second, Rousseau Performer, another imp. hackney, third and imp. Income, another bred stallion were in the class, but in the eyes of the judge they were undeserving of anything, altho admirers of the breed expressed the opinion that at least one of them should have been in the money. There was not a numerous exhibit of standard-bred stallions, but there was excellent quality on view. Miss K. L. Wilks of Galt won the pleasure of carrying off first for aged stallions and sweepstakes with Oro Wilkes, by Sable Wilkes, and first for standard-bred roadster stallions with Oro Dell, by Delmarch, "Jimmy". Noble's Prodigal Son, by Prodigal, an excellent specimen, took second in aged stallions, and Simon James D. L. C. by Accoli, third. Red Badge, by Red Heart, was second to Oro Dell in his class, but Robert Davies' Earl of Chester, by Dare Devil, ran them both close and by some judges was thought more eye-filling than either. Gilbert Parker, a Belleville-owned horse, was reserve.

The hackneys were an exceptionally good and bountiful lot, but the Graham Bros.' aforementioned Whitewall Fashion, a veritable king of his species, had them all beaten to a standstill, easily winning first in the aged class and the King's sweepstakes for the best hackney stallion, imp. Copalder Bonny Gabriel, an easy winner elsewhere and owned in Bushnell, L., being second in the first instance, and imp. Warwick Pearson third. Wood Baronet, another imported one, owned in Bushnell was third. It must be acknowledged that Copalder was unlucky in coming up against anything so really

good as Whitewall Fashion, a horse that will win in New York and everywhere else he is shown unless the judgment of Messrs. Stericker and West is astray, which it is hardly likely to be. The Graham had another easy victory and the honor of winning the first prize in the opening class at the show, with imp. Anticopator, a beautiful free-stopping and up-standing four-year-old by the champion Rosador, Truman's Bonny Gabriel, for the first of the aforementioned Copalder, being second; Salford Rosens, another Rosador, third, and Squire of Chester, by Squire Rickell, fourth. Anticopator also got the reserve, both in the sweepstakes class for the cup given by His Majesty the King for the best hackney Stallion both of which were won by Whitewall Fashion.

Hillhurst Sensation, owned by A. Yeager, Simcoe, missed getting a prize in the aged hackney stallion class, but he deserves a paragraph to himself, nevertheless, for the unique showing he made with ten of his get, all rattling good ones, altho of somewhat uneven quality, and for winning in the high-stepping stallion class and the hackney sweepstakes. Hardly as gentlemanly in appearance as Whitewall Fashion, Hillhurst Sensation is of a grand workmanlike type and puts a bold stamp on all his get, whether the dam be a hackney or a more common mare. The spectacle presented by him and his get was one to be remembered, but that yet might have been heightened had the offspring like their sire each wore a white band. The star, when the sons and daughters gathered pretty and impressive, that might have been repeated in the eastern end of the ring, where horsemen most do congregate. However, Mr. Yeager deserves much praise for his splendid exhibit.

The hackney mares were a good lot, altho not so numerous as their brothers. Dr. Herbert Bruce's fine mare Priscilla, by Robin Adair and bred at Calgary, N.W.T., that won first at St. Louis and that the doctor purchased at the recent sale of Robert Belth's horses, carried off the red ribbon in herdsome fashion. Lady Mellund, by Barthorpe Performer, being second, and Viola, who subsequently won the British Hackney Society's medal as the best mare by an imported sire out of an imported dam, third. Chorus Girl by Hillhurst Sensation, was reserve. The victory of Priscilla, she being bred in the territories out of a home-bred mare, is an especially noteworthy one.

Every one of the harness classes was worthy of commendation. They were all well filled and I hardly think anyone will dispute the truth of the statement that in each and every instance the standard of excellence was of a high order. While there was some difference of opinion as to the placing of J. J. Dixon's Gay Boy in the under 15.2 class, one or two recognized judges thinking he should be placed higher than third, the awards generally met with both expert and general approval. Mrs. Adam Beck, like her husband Hon. Adam Beck, both rode and drove her own exhibits with a pronounced sense and of course with a pronounced prize. She had won a whole heap of prizes up to Friday night, including first with Sparkle in the under 15-hand class, B. F. Gregory taking second here with The Bishop, first with Lady Elgin and Lord Aylmer in the pairs over 15.2 and not exceeding 16 hands. Dr. Young's cracking good pair of previous winners, The Governor-General and Her Excellency, being second, first in amateur tandem class, Mr. Beck driving a tandem that a gentleman who had frequently judged in New York said could not be beaten in any ring, Dr. Young again being second and a startlingly close second, too, and a tandem driven by Mrs. Beck herself, third, and first with Lady Mandal in middleweight qualified hunters, H. B. MacDonald's (Montreal) Donation being second. Mr. Beck's stellar exhibit was a magnificent four-year-old bay gelding styled Grand Master and got by imp. Grand Falconer, that, after being beaten by George Pepper & Co.'s new crack Brother Wilson in the heavyweight green hunters' class, carried off first in the amateur heavyweight hunters' class, Joseph Kilgour's Lady Wise being second, and first in the open class for hunters up to carrying 180 lbs. and over, E. H. Weatherbee's old-timer Senator being second, Mrs. Adam Beck's Westmaster Belle third and the previous victor, Brother Wilson, reserve.

If Dr. W. A. Young's grand pair of bays, the Governor-General and Her Excellency, had to take second place to Mrs. Beck's pair in one instance there were other classes in which they carried all before them. They won first in amateur pairs over 15 hands, Captain Grafton's (Dundas) Sunshine and Happiness being second; first in amateur pairs any height, Chas. Boeckh's Castor and Pollux being second, and J. W. T. Fairweather's attractive pair, High and High Tide, third, and first in the appointment class, J. J. Dixon's Gay Boy and Lady Disdain being second, while the Governor-General, beautifully driven by Miss Long, whose picture driving the horse was given in last Sunday's World, won in the class for mare or gelding suitable for a lady to drive, J. J. Dixon's Gay Boy being second, capably driven by Mrs. Dixon, another lady especially clever with the ribbons and a finished and fearless rider. Mrs. Adam Beck's Sparkle was third in this very difficult and excellent class.

In the combination (saddle and harness) class J. J. Dixon's ch. g. Montrose was the headliner, as he is wherever shown. Mrs. J. J. Dixon's Othello alone offering him any decided opposition, and coming second in this class for mares or geldings 15 hands and over, and first in the class for mare or gelding over 14.2 and not over 15.2, the namesake of the fatally jealous black fellow beating a rarely strong lot, including George Pepper & Co.'s My Lady and Glendale, and Jos. Kilgour's Harkwind, who secured judgment in that order. Mr. Kilgour, however, won out in the amateur class up to 160 lbs. with Cingalee, a capital, well educated mare, and took third with Harkwind, Gordon J. Henderson of Hamilton, who had hard luck in only running up several times, separating them.

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Jumping class, performances only to count, Miss Pepper's Myopia getting the reserve ribbon. The same gentleman's Pearl and San Toy got first and third in the class for the best performance over half a dozen jumps, S. D. Robinson's (Hamilton) Hussar being the intervening second, while Hume Blake's useful-looking Grey Friar in consequence of a piece of hard luck only got the reserve in a class that originally numbered 30. Gordon J. Henderson (Hamilton) was not always second by any means, for his particularly clever good looking, Sir Robert, landed both the Toronto Hunt Plate and the ladies' hunter class, Hon. Adam Beck's Merryfield being second in the one, and J. E. Osborne's Lorraine in the other. I would like to have something to say about the ponies, both polo and otherwise, but I must defer my remarks to another time, resting content just now with congratulating Dr. Myers on his several wins with good old Pinto and others of his splendid polo string, of which mention was made in these columns last week. Lieut.-Col. Victor Williams' Queenie and Fly ran the doctor pretty hard, both singly and as a string, but the latter got the award and deserved it.

After the horse show public attention will naturally concentrate itself on the races. Down Woodbine way everything is going on well, and the railbirds are beginning to gather each and every morning. Reports of the horses are generally favorable, while the track is now in the best possible condition. Mr. Seagram's King's Platers continue to look like the goods, altho Mr. Davies' Capercailzie is moving

ing along nicely, and M. Will King grows in favor. English horse Allen O'Rourke is going, is attracting a lot of attention, and he is doing something. If he proves his make, shape, past performance, breeding there will be things afoot when he is anticipated last week the case the O. J. C. evened on the 22nd all filled with the highest class of men around here.

The horse show did not customary bull in Burns and Sheppard had a Friday, while the sale of on Saturday, of which met elsewhere, was most, and prompt under the Burns' influence. On Tuesday will be the usual sale of pairs and singles, general delivery horses, carriage drivers, including a number of horses, two carloads of a consignment of twenty young draught horses from which mechanism is animal power.

At the Canadian Horse Show during the week business good and well up to the set from the beginning. A half a hundred to be tomorrow at the exchange of extra quality draught horses, as well as a pair of standard-bred roadsters, standard-bred colts and fillies looking over and specimen of a pony, with has been regularly driven lady, and that will be a source of happiness to anyone.

It really is funny, the read sometimes and the you, occasionally come single paragraph. A speaking of McDaniel, Joe Keenes, says "he does not but gets to work early and a prominent position the tunity he gets." Such a most laudable in a jockey are we to think when we the next breath that "he runs around the horses in ing advantage of opening

Major Daingerfield, man Keenes' stud farm, and sake the horse has just be P. J. Dwyer for \$3000, a \$91,900 in stakes, is, I am to be invited to judge it at the next exhibition. "I will be remembered, judge and earned golden opinion both for his decision and teous and unpretending again inviting him to action management are possible course towards entry of our leading breeders in such instances b stone to success.

"If I had my way," said known horseman to me "I would have a horse shal admission to which with only 25c more for re The exhibition is run on If there is more joy in the saving of one sinners ty-nine just persons that pentance, then I distinct should be more joy in ordinary man and woman of the horse than in cater of people whose love is m selves and their kind an ture cannot be changed. ing to have a millinery sh it. If we are going to h show, let's have it. If we have a parade of inaniti it. But if we are going horse show, let's have it. people see it and rejoice. air horse parade and shon lon Day is in the right I am glad to hear that f last year are repeating treasurer, Dr. W. A. You less, tell me the respon quest for funds thus far most gratifying."

Three valuable foals we the Edenwold Stud of Waver on Monday. They we colt by The Governor-General Van, the dam of Advan filly by Yankee, out of Fister to Hypocrite and a colt by imp. Sandring Madam Reel, sister to L of Hamburg. Mr. Parn house at Edenwold Stud invitations being extended horsemen and visiting look the stock over.

Kentucky horsemen a that the coming Kentucky race will be run May 1st best race run on Church years. According to v ments, this opinion is ba evitable meeting between Ram's Horn, but recent at Memphis and New conclusively that the year-olds will not have themselves. The victory ago of Ivan the Terrible performances of John Sn cords which have been Leggo in California. Dr. New Orleans and Cour race next week make the dates serious contenders ribbon classic. Secretar is has prepared a table of ances of the twenty-ni bles as 2-year-olds las this table shows that will start in the Derby p ders on the turf last y amount of money won A list with \$12,768, but K close second with \$11,60 Smulski added \$10,100

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