

### Ontario Horse Breeders' Exhibition.

The first Ontario Horse Breeders' Exhibition, held February 20th to 23rd, was a gratifying success in every way. There were splendid classes of both light and heavy breeds, classes that would compare favorably with those at the Canadian National in the fall. This exhibition takes the place of the Clydesdale and Shire Spring Stallion Show, formerly held in the Repository. The addition of Hackneys, Standard-breds and Thoroughbreds makes a complete breeders' exhibition. A pleasing event was a banquet in the King Edward Hotel on the evening of the opening day. It was tendered as a token of goodwill by the Canadian Horsemen's Association (consisting of professional and amateur harness and saddle horse exhibitors) to the Ontario Horse Breeders' Association, organized according to the provisions of the amended Agricultural and Arts Act. Noteworthy among the many excellent speeches was that of Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, who said that the value of the output of the horse business in the province had doubled in the last ten years. He also intimated that when the findings of the horse investigation committee are published and digested there will be a general recognition of the need for some legislation, though just what form it will take he could not yet say. Among the many who endorsed the minister for his practical efforts to assist the horse-breeding business were Mr. Geo. P. Graham, leader of the Opposition at the Provincial Legislature, who declared his sympathy with any judicious legislation.

St. Lawrence Market proved an excellent accommodation for the show, being wider than the Armouries and only 10 feet shorter. If the Canadian Horse Show be held again, the Market Building will doubtless be secured, as there has been difficulty about arranging for the Armouries.

#### CLYDESDALES.

"Canada's Pride" was out in full strength of numbers and excellence, most of the leading Ontario breeders and importers being represented. Smith & Richardson, of Columbus; Hamilton & Hawthorn, Simcoe; T. H. Hassard, Millbrook; Thos. Mercer, Markdale; O. Sorby, Guelph; Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton; Andrew Aitchison, Guelph; G. A. Brodie, Bethesda; John Boag & Son, Ravenshoe; H. G. Beag, Barrie; T. D. Elliott, of Bolton; J. W. Lowes, of Bethany, and Ambrose Lewis, Ringwood, made up a rattling good competition. Judging was done by Jas. Torrance, of Markdale, and Jas. Henderson of Belton. In the aged stallion class the contest for the first place lay between Sorby's Acme and Smith & Richardson's Prince of Mayfield, a horse bred by P. McFarlane of Stirling, Scotland, got by Royal Stamp and rising six years old. Choice was divided and the placing would have been fair either way. Both are medium sized but powerful, strongly built, horses, with great bone, of the clean flat quality. There were those who preferred the set of the latter horse's hocks, and liked his muscling inside the gaskin, but Acme has, perhaps, an advantage in his breadth over the rump, and got the decision. Awards: 1, Sorby, on Acme (imp.), by Baron's Pride; 2, Smith & Richardson, on Prince of Mayfield (imp.), by Royal Stamp; 3, Hamilton & Hawthorne, on Castle King (imp.), by Sir Everest; 4, H. G. Beag, on Lyon Stewart (Canadian bred), by Lassodie Rover; 5, T. H. Hassard, on Culdrain Prince (imp.), by Prince Thomas; 6, Ambrose Lewis, on Adam Bede (imp.), by Baron's Pride; 7, O. Sorby, on Prince Victor (imp.), by Royal Favorite; 8, T. D. Elliott, on Gallant Barrie (imp.) by Prince Thomas; 9, J. W. Lowes, on King Alfred (imp.), by Prince Alexander.

Section 2; viz., Clydesdale stallions foaled in 1903, brought out the champion, in Baron Richardson, the massive bay horse imported and exhibited by Smith & Richardson. There are plenty of bigger Clydes, but few that are put up on better lines. In body and limbs he fills the eye beautifully, and is a great mover. The second place went to Hassard's Vigoreus, an impressive big stallion, with a magnificent forehead, but underpinning that would look better with a bit more breadth of bone. Third position was granted to the Columbus horse, Whimbloom, by Baron o' Buchlyvie. There were many who would have reserved their vote for Hassard's Dunur Baron, by the same sire, while many more would have kept a higher rank for the fifth prize, Baron Hugo, imported and exhibited by G. A. Brodie, of Bethesda. He is not too large, but excels in other respects, particularly his way of going.

Royal Ardlethen headed a magnificent string of young stallions, foaled in 1904. He is the dark brown horse, bred by Thos. Winter, Crosbie, Eng., and imported and exhibited by Thos. Mercer. He is big, weighty, well muscled and possessed of plenty of good bone, with large feet and the best of pasterns. The second prize, Baron Buchanan, is a clean-limbed quality sort; while third was a stout son of Old Acme. Fourth went to John Beag & Son, on Lord Newlands, by Good as Gold. He is a well-knit topky kind, with his back taut and strong. The prize list must tell the rest, though there were several good animals left out of it: 1, Thos. Mercer, on Royal Ardlethen (imp.), by Ardlethen; 2, Smith & Richardson, on Baron Buchanan (imp.), by Baron Robgill; 3, O. Sorby, on Baron Acme (imp.) by Acme; 4, John A. Beag & Son, on Lord Newlands (imp.), by Good as Gold; 5, Smith & Richardson, on Sir Henry (imp.), by Prince Thomas; 6, Andrew Aitchison, on Gallant James (imp.), by Baron o' Buchlyvie; 7, Thos. Mercer, on Ardlamont (imp.), by The Real Mackay; 8, T. H. Hassard, on Prospector (imp.), by Lord Londonderry; 9, O. Sorby, on Blacon Hero (imp.), by Pride of Blacon.

The three stallions foaled in 1905 were placed thus: 1, Smith & Richardson, on Baron Columbus (imp.), by Baron o' Buchlyvie; 2, T. H. Hassard, on First Baron, (imp.), by Hiawatha; 3, Smith & Richardson, on Passport (imp.), by Marmion.

Of mares foaled previous to 1904 there were only a couple, Meg (imp.), a breedy young Elator mare, shown by Hassard, for first, and Ardne Bell (imp.), by the same sire, imported and exhibited by Andrew Aitchison.

In the next class, mares foaled in 1904, the judges got down again to real work. Thirteen were forward. Hodgkinson & Tisdale took first and second on Fifehire Lass, a big roomy filly, and Silver Queen. Fifehire Lass was later chosen for female championship. Full awards are: 1, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Fifehire Lass (imp.) by Time Enough; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Silver Queen (imp.), by Royal Favorite; 3, T. H. Hassard, on Fashion's Gem (imp.), by Baron's Fashion; 4, John A. Boag & Son, on Miss Pattinson (imp.), by Lord Londonderry; 5, John A. Boag & Son, on Lady Dick (imp.), by Marmion; 6, Walter Leonard, Craigville, Ont., on Lady Barclay (imp.), by Sir Simon.

Fillies of 1905 were out to the number of five, and proved an interesting bunch to place. Queen's Maid is a sweet filly, with all sorts of quality and a capital mover. Heather Bell is a larger filly, and the makings of an excellent mare, though her hocks are not set just exactly to one's liking, and she might stand more firmly on her knees. Awards: 1, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Queen's Maid (imp.), by Royal Favorite; 2, Andrew Aitchison, on Heather Bell (imp.), by Ascot; 3, Thos. Mercer, on Fanny of Greenfield (imp.), by Royal Citizen; 4, Jno. A. Boag & Son, on Darkie of Culton (imp.), by Gartly Brand; 5, Thos. Mercer, on Longburgh Lass (imp.), by Picador.

#### CANADIAN-BRED CLYDESDALES AND SHIRES.

Out of eleven entries in the class for Canadian-bred Clydesdale and Shire stallions, foaled previous to 1905, all; so far as we observed, belonged to the Scotch breed. First went to Smith & Richardson, on Prince of Gladden, a white-stockinged bay, bred by John Lawrie, of Malvern, Ont. He is a well-grown horse, of considerable quality, rather rangy as yet, but giving promise of growing into a right good one. Awards are: 1, Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont., on Prince of Gladden, by Hopewell; 2, Smith & Richardson, on Bold Archer, by The Archer; 3, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Royal Prince, by The Royal Standard; 4, Jos. E. Teeson, of Thornhill, on Golden Conqueror, by Cloth of Gold; 5, A. E. Frisby, O'Sullivan's Corners, on Sir William Walter, by Balmanno; 6, Smith & Richardson, on Lavender's Best, by Lavender; 7, W. J. Howard & Sons, Amber, Ont., on Balmanno Pride Prince, by Balmanno.

In foals of 1905, the red ribbon decked a rather thick, pleasing colt, called Scottish Commander, bred and exhibited by Geo. Clayton, Peepabun, Ont., sire Scottish Celt; 2, O. Sorby, on Baron Charming, by Elator; 3, R. B. Cowie, Derryville, Ont., on Nelson Foremost; 4, David Pilkey, of Balsam, Ont., on Earl Macqueen, by Macqueen.

A couple of nice fillies foaled in 1904 were shown by Smith & Richardson. First was Lady Lavender, by Lavender; second, Miss Lavender, sire Lavender. The same firm exhibited the only two 1905 fillies, receiving first on Blair Gowie Lass, by Michabo, and second on Mysie, by Prince of Scotlandwell.

#### SHIRES.

The show of Shires was not large, but fairly good. Half a dozen aged stallions were forward and first prize went to Berrywood Drayman, a big bay, purchased, we believe, at the Chambers sale in Toronto by his exhibitor, Thos. Skinner of Mitchell. The line-up found them: 1, Thos. Skinner, on Berrywood Drayman, (imp.), by Iceland; 2, Hamilton & Hawthorne, on Ranging Duke (imp.), by Ridware Ranger; 3, J. B. Hogate, Weston, on Grimsargh Admiral (imp.), by Gunthorpe Advance; 4, Joseph Jacobs, Peterborough, on Merrie Andrew (imp.), by Harold; 5, Joseph Jacobs, on General Buller (imp.), by Ruddington Lord Chancellor; 6, Joseph Jacobs, on Scarcliffe Pilot (imp.), by Saxon Pilot.

Stallions foaled in 1904 turned out the champion of last fall's Canadian National, Birdsall King (imp.), also champion of this show. He is a fine, big, massive stallion, with plenty of flat bone, nice pasterns of approved length and obliquity, first-class feet, and a true free way of going. He was bred by Geo. Hill, of Birdsall, Eng., got by Birdsall Caliph, imported and exhibited by Hamilton & Hawthorne, though sold now to J. Moore and Jos. Belton, of Grey Co., Ont., second came to John Guardhouse & Sons, of Highfield, on Admiral Togo, by Mars; third, Thos. Irving, of Winchester, Ont., on Whitewall Prince (imp.), by King 3rd.

The only Shire female was a rather good imported filly, rising three years old, bred by Jno. Chambers & Sons, Holdenby, Eng., and exhibited by J. Gardhouse & Sons.

#### HACKNEYS.

Ontario's interest in Hackneys shows no diminution. Year after year we come to the exhibitions to find something sensational. Enthusiasm runs high when the judging is going on, for there is no finer sight than a nicely-modelled Hackney stallion performing on the line. There were a lot of good ones in the aged class, over 15.2. First of all was Baltimore, later chosen for reserve champion, who made his first address in the Canadian ring. He is a chestnut, by Rosador and was imported and shown by Graham Bros. Of excellent conformation, he possesses an extra amount of substance, and has a free, true and pretty level action. Next to him came Colorito and then Scotch Hazel. Down to fourth they set Hogate's Samuel Smiles, because, while walking, he weaved a bit with his hocks. The judges were: Wm. H. Gibson, Beaconsfield, Que., and Capt. T. E. Robson, London, Ont. Awards follow: 1, and 2, Graham Bros., Claremont, on Baltimore (imp.), by Rosador, and Colorito (imp.), by the same sire; 3, O. Sorby, Guelph, on Scotch Hazel (imp.), by Dairyman John; 4, J. B. Hogate, Weston, on Samuel Smiles (imp.), by Blanch Squire; 5, Graham Bros., on Linden R. Renown (imp.), by Danegelt's Son; 6, T. H. Hassard, Millbrook, on British Yeoman (imp.) by Pilot 2nd; 7, T. H. Hassard, on Gay Falconer (imp.), by Unique. The male champion, Dalton King came forward in the section for stallions under 15.2. Dalton King is a smooth, well-built horse, with a clean set of limbs, and grand level action. The placing was: 1, Graham Bros., on Dalton King (imp.), by Garton Duke of Connaught; 2, W. H. Nichols, Hamilton, on Moordale Duke (imp.), by Garton Duke of Connaught; 3, Graham Bros., on Terrington Activity (imp.), by Lord Drexton 2nd; 4, Hamilton & Hawthorne, Simcoe, of Forest Fashion (imp.), sire Coply Ganey; 5, T. H. Hassard, Millbrook, on Tregarthon (imp.), by Garton Duke of Connaught; 6, Jno. A. Boag & Son, Ravenshoe, on Blanche Surprise (imp.), by Rosador; 7, J. Gordon McPherson, V. S., Toronto, of Sharplov (imp.), by Sir Horace.

To the call, stallions rising three years old, four responded, headed by Crayke Mikado, champion last fall at the Canadian National. His action is something extraordinary, and it was rather a surprise that when shown later on against his stable mates, Dalton King and Baltimore, he failed to land either championship or reserve. In his class, however, he was an easy first. Up next to him they moved King's Chocolate, a pretty good mover, howbeit inclined to travel just a bit wide behind. A close rival for the blue colors was Terrington Cleophas, but the judges thought the other horse had enough more quality to entitle him to the place. 1, Graham Bros., on Crayke Mikado (imp.), by Garton Duke of Connaught; 2, Hamilton & Hawthorne, on King's Chocolate (imp.), by Chocolate Jr.; 3, Graham Bros., on Terrington Cleophas (imp.) by Clifton 3rd; 4, T. H. Hassard, on Cedar Conquest (imp.) by Conquest 2nd.