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GUERNSEYS.

Representatives of this excellent dairy breed were shown by E. P. Ball, Rock Island; Guy Carr, Compton Station, and Mrs. F. M. Ball, Stanstead—all of Quebec—the awards in the class being as follows: Aged bull—1, Ball; 2, Carr. Bull, 2 years old—1, Ball; 2, Carr. Bull, 1 year old—1, Carr; 2, Ball. Bull calf—1 and 2, Carr. Senior champion and grand champion bull, E. P. Ball (Superbus of Lee Farm, 2 years old). Junior champion, Carr (Maple Ridge Togo, 1 year old). Cow 4 years or over—1, Carr; 2, E. P. Ball. Cow, 3 years old—1, Carr; 2, Mrs. Ball. Heifer, 2 years—1, Carr; 2, E. P. Ball. Heifer, 1 year old—1, E. P. Ball; 2, Carr. Senior heifer calf—1, Carr; 2, E. P. Ball. Junior heifer calf—1, Carr; 2, E. P. Ball. Herd—1, Carr; 2, E. P. Ball. Female senior champion, Guy Carr, the first-prize aged cow. Junior champion and grand champion, Carr's first-prize senior heifer calf, Maple Ridge Eulalia. Herd—1, Carr; 2, E. P. Ball.

DAIRY GRADES.

Dairy grades were not numerous, and were confined principally to grades of the Jersey breed, all shown by B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton. Only one of the Short-horn grades entered in the aged class, a useful cow, shown by W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, being brought out. She had a nice udder and took second prize in the class for four-year-olds and upwards, being sandwiched in between two Jersey grades.

HORSES.

An innovation was made this year in the horse-judging. Previously, the breeding classes have been shown in the small ring behind the Manufacturers' Building, only the harness and saddle classes being exhibited before the grand-stand. At the eleventh hour, it was decided to have all the horses shown this year on the track before the grand-stand, the harness classes towards the west, and the breeding classes towards the east end. A further change was in arranging the judging of the breeding classes on the horse-show system; i. e., judging a few classes of each breed every day, the whole programme extending over six afternoons, besides the opening day, when the ponies were shown. Thus, there were judged on each afternoon two or three classes of Thoroughbreds, two or three of Standard-breds and Roadsters, three or four each of Hackneys and Clydesdales, and the same of Shires and Canadian-bred heavy drafts. While no doubt the change adds a touch of variety for the grand-stand patrons, and also gives exhibitors a chance to have their entries promptly on hand when the judges are ready for them, nevertheless it does not meet with the approval of exhibitors or farmers, for the judging is witness by few of the people who would be most interested, and even these few cannot see it to the best advantage. The average grand-stand occupant cares little about draft horses, and not too much for breeding classes of any kind. As a matter of fact, the east end of the stand was practically empty so long as there was room in the west end and center. A farmer who visits the fair for a day or two usually wishes to divide his time among horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, and numerous other departments, and he does not care to pay a quarter and spend a whole afternoon to watch, at long range, the judging of but two or three classes of his favorite breed. Another objection to the new plan is the difficulty of inducing expert judges to spend enough time at the exhibition to dispose of all the classes in the breeds they judge. This year four men passed on the several classes of the draft breeds, while there was some substitution necessary in Thoroughbreds and Hackneys. Under these circumstances, the judging is liable to lack the consistency that should characterize the work, in order to make it educational in the highest sense of the word. When the horses were judged in a separate ring, and each breed disposed of in one or, at most, two days, the fair-goer could arrange his visit accordingly, and dispose his time so as to see as much as possible in the few days he had to spend. Most of the grand-stand spectators would see all they wished of the breeding classes if the prizewinners were paraded once a day around the race-course. Such an arrangement, we are convinced, would be best for the exhibition, because acceptable to the visitors and exhibitors who patronize the fair.

One other fact must be mentioned in connection with the horse department, and that is the "vetting" of several horses after they had been judged. In the Live-stock Department of the 1907 prize-list of the Canadian National may be found, under the head of "Horses," rules 4 and 5, which read as follows:

"4. Veterinary surgeons appointed by the Exhibition Association shall be in attendance on the grounds during the Exhibition, for the purpose of pronouncing on the soundness of the horses entered for competition. No horse shall be allowed to compete for a prize until it has been examined by the Association's veterinary surgeons, and the Certificate placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee before the judging takes place. These certificates shall be private and confidential, and shall be used by the Chairman of the Committee only.

"5. The veterinary examination of all horses shall be conducted jointly by two of the Association's veterinary surgeons. Should they disagree as to the soundness of a horse, a third shall be called in, whose decision shall be final."

These rules are eminently right and proper, and if

any meaning can be drawn from the words, it surely is that the horses shall be examined before they are judged, and that horses passed by the veterinarians are entitled to prizes if of merit deserving such distinction in the opinion of the judges. Imagine, then, the feelings of exhibitors and spectators to find, in several cases, that horses which had been passed and given certificates of soundness, and finally placed by the judges, were re-examined by the veterinarians in the open ring, before the public, pronounced unsound, and disqualified from winning prizes! One of the most flagrant cases of this kind occurred in the aged Clydesdale stallion class, when, after the horses had been finally placed by the judges, the vets were called in, and disqualified the third horse on account of sidebones, although we are informed that they had passed him on the forenoon of the same day as sound and eligible to compete. Several other cases of the same kind happened before the eyes of all, while, in Shires, the judges informed our representative that one mare—a solitary entry in her section—was allowed to show, although, as one of them expressed it, she was "rotten with sidebones." In fact, the veterinary inspection, as practiced in the horse department of this year's show, was strongly resented by the exhibitors. Everyone concedes the justice and wisdom of a careful preliminary inspection, but the exhibitors desire that this should be final. We regret the necessity of mentioning these things, because the horse department furnishes the only blot of which we are aware on the conduct of this year's exhibition.

So far as the press representatives are concerned, there was but little ground for complaint. Reasonable freedom was allowed in moving about to inspect the entries from the most advantageous point of view. Thomas Graham, the Director in charge, was courteous and considerate in every way, and pulled the classes off punctually on schedule time.



Drawdykes Baron (imp.) [7792] (13446).

Clydesdale stallion; bay; foaled 1905. First in two-year-old class, Canadian National, Toronto, 1907. Owned by Graham, Renfrew Co., Bedford Park, Ont. Sire Baron's Pride (9122).

A notable omission from the prize-list this year were the classes for Percherons and Coach horses. Of the former, none were exhibited, but Robt. Ness, of Howick, brought a few French Coachers along, and had an aged stallion class by himself, with Cervau, Standard and Quiva.

THOROUGHBREDS.

The show of blood horses this year was very fair, away ahead of 1906 all round. The judge was Dr. J. G. Rutherford, of Ottawa, with J. S. Bratton, of St. Louis, Mo., disposing of a few classes. A pretty good class of five responded to the call for aged stallions. First went to Davies' imported Orme Shore, who was subsequently acquitted with additional credit by the winnings of his progeny. When the judge was through, they stood: 1, Robert Davies, Todmorden, on the six-year-old imported chestnut, Orme Shore; 2, Crow & Murray, Toronto, on Cricklade, by Ladas; 3, Messrs. Barbour, Toronto, on Kapanga, by Spendthrift. The other two entries were Hallding, shown by Patterson Bros., Toronto, and Cobourg, exhibited by Jas. Henderson, of Belton. The next class in the catalogue is for stallions four years old, of type and conformation calculated to produce saddle and hunting horses. First went to Morris & Wellington, of Fonthill, on a fourteen-year-old horse, Shafford (E. S. B., Vol. 18); 2, Robert Davies, on Ailes D'Or, by Melton; 3, Wm.

McKay, of Doncaster, on Procession, by Order. In three-year-olds, the red went to a solitary entry, Chari-vari, by Disguise; exhibitor, Charles Verral, Toronto. Two-year-olds—1, Jas. Bovaird, Brampton, on St. Bassett, by Imp. Bassettlaw; 2, Messrs. Barbour, on Long Boat, by The Greek. Yearlings were headed by Davies' chestnut colt, Lee Shore, by Orme Shore; 2, T. Ambrose Woods, of Toronto, on Irish Consul, by Salvator; 3, Davies, on Wings of Dawn, by Ailes D'Or; 4, Woods, on Hughie Wilson, by Ben Holliday. The special class for stallion any age, most suitable for getting half-bred stock, horse to have covered at least thirty mares during the season, resulted in another victory for Shafford, Crickdale being second, Procession third, and Kapanga fourth, or reserve.

An encouraging feature of the exhibition of this breed was the show of mares and fillies. Beginning with three-year-olds, we find Davies first on Gay Dora, by Kapanga Horse; 2, Fred English, Toronto, on a chestnut, Mode, by Sir Modred. In two-year-olds, Davies had it his own way with one called Beware, by the same sire. Yearlings—1, T. A. Woods, on Liqueur, by David Garrick; 2 and 3, Davies, on French Shore and Fairy Form, both by Orme Shore. Brood mares with foals, brought out Davies' redoubtable Lou D., by Stonehenge, with a filly foal by Orme Shore; Parisian Lady, by the same exhibitor; Lassie Lou, by Head Lad, exhibitor Wm. J. Stinson, High Park; and Mischiefs-maker, by Meddler, exhibitor Robt. Davies—these four winning the three prizes and reserve in order of mention. The foals were placed as follows: 1, Davies, on Lou D.'s filly foal; 2, Davies, on a colt by the same sire, out of Parisian Lady; 3, Wm. J. Stinson, High Park, on Lou Corval, a chestnut colt by Cormorant. For championship, Lou D. and Liqueur showed against a couple of additional entries, viz., Barbour's Victoria Girl, by Billette, and Spes, by Atheling. Lou

D. was chosen, with Victoria Girl reserve. It made a nice class. Lou D. is a grand mare, with size, substance, conformation and quality, combined with all the fire and spirit of a colt.

STANDARD-BREDS.

Excepting the classes for aged stallions, brood mares and foals, the American trotting breed was not numerously represented. Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt, cleaned up the best money, although a number of other exhibitors mixed it up here and there. The junior classes of colts and fillies reflected added honors on the redoubtable old champion stud horse, Oro Wilks, although the sire himself was missed from the ring. Honors were distributed with care and discrimination in the Standard-bred and Roadster classes by Dr. Routledge, of Lambeth, Ont., who rather upset expectations, however, in the aged stallion class by preferring the Cruickston Park entry, Bingen Pilot, to last year's Madison Square champion, Mograzia, from the same stud. Mograzia is a spanking good bay four-year-old, by Moko, with size, conformation, action and speed. Bingen Pilot is a brown five-year-old, by Bingen, and, from a ring-side point of view, did not cut any such a figure as Mograzia. Dr. Routledge explained that he gave it to the latter horse on the score of bone and shorter pasterns. He was not judging them from a speed standard. Third went to J. W. Horton, of Shedden, on a slashing big horse whose name and pedigree were not catalogued. Reserve was A. C. McMillan, of Erin, with John M. B., a bay four-year-old by Steel Arch. Three-year-olds called a trio headed by Tilt & Ross, of Derry West, with Jud Posey, a flower of a colt, by Baron Posey, out of Honey Sweet; 2, W. A. Collins, Sunderland, on Bud Bryson, by Bryson; 3, Porter Bros., of Appleby, on Archie K. Pointer, by Kettie, dam Thyra Pointer. A pair of very good two-year-olds were shown for first and second, respectively, by Michael Kreh, of New Hamburg, and Miss Wilks. The New Hamburg entry was a bay colt, of Cruickston Park breeding, called Inspector Nick, sire Oro Wilks. Miss Wilks' entry was a chestnut, Peter Milton, by Peter the Great. Yearlings were represented by another get of Oro Wilks, viz., Ormondo, bred and exhibited by Miss Wilks. Champion stallion, Bingen Pilot; reserve, Jud Posey.