

ton. He is owned by Robt. Thompson. He is a flash-topped, smooth-turned chestnut, but he did not go well enough to please many outside the arena; in fact, two or three other horses had the preference with a number of good men. Goddard and Golden Lake, shown by Graham Bros., and Monotony, exhibited by Dr. F. J. Gallanough, Thornhill, are all well-bred 16-handers, and of fine saddle pattern, and withal have nice free action. Goddard won third award. Three three-year-olds competed. The chestnut, Romanee, by Prince Royal, and out of Sasin, from the stud of J. E. Seagram, won the coveted trophy. He is a typical saddle colt, and of nice weight. Unnamed, by Leonatus, shown by Gales Elliott, Toronto, and V. R. Customs, by Duke of Montrose, owned by W. F. McLaren, Toronto, were second and third in the order named. They are of strictly turf pattern, as nimble as kittens. Four half-breds three years old and under faced the judge. Peacock, by Regent, and owned by Geo. Pepper, Toronto, is well named. He is a good mover, has plenty of substance, and should be someone's pride as a saddle horse. A roadster-looking son of Tyrone won second, and a rangy get of Tulloch Gorum third.

Carriage or Coach Stallions had just sufficient entries to use up the three money awards. James McCartney's (Thamesford) German Coach, Graf Bremer, holds his old place in the lead. He possesses remarkable finish and graceful and speedy action for so large a horse. He was in nice show form, and pleased the audience. Prince George, by Prince Victor, and out of Hattie Bell, exhibited by W. C. Brown, Meadowvale, is a magnificent coacher, 16½ hands, but he has not the freedom of action of the German. He was placed ahead of Hannibal, by Marquis, a powerful black but not much of a goer. These were judged by Richard Gibson.

Standard-bred Stallions had five entries forward, and were judged by C. E. Elliott, V. S., St. Catharines. A Quebec horse, Larabie the Great, by Jay Bird, and out of Kate Brooks, proved too much for the Ontario entries. He is owned by McLaren Stock Farm, Buckingham, Que. He is bay in color, seven years old, 16 hands high, and powerfully built; in fact, he is built for the roads or the track, with his strong quarters, deep girth, and free but easy action. Altonceer, by Spinx, and out of Pilotina Wilkes, owned by H. E. McCully, Toronto, showed the best gait in the class, but he had less substance than some of the others. Jas. McCartney's Frazier, by Zilcaadi Goldust, was of good type and well fitted. He was placed third.

The Harness Classes were judged by Harry Hamlin, Esq., and Seward Cary, Esq., both of Buffalo. Their task was not an enviable one, as the various sections were well filled with high-class animals. Of course Toronto horsemen supplied the bulk of the entries, but the trophies did not all stay in the city by any means. Robert Beith, Bowmanville, had forward a well-fitted string, largely of Hackney breeding, with which good results were realized. In a class of eighteen, not exceeding 15.2, Mopsa and Rosalind, by Ottawa and Jubilee Chief, won second and third, being beaten by G. Pepper's Coronet, a beautiful bay mare going just right; and in pairs, the same height, Mopsa and Rubicon (illustrated in this issue), the latter by Canada Southern, from a Thoroughbred dam, won first, while Rosalind and Royal Jubilee, both by Jubilee Chief, and out of Morgan mares, won second; the third going to a pair of bays shown by Thos. A. Crow, Toronto, one of the most successful exhibitors at the show. In mare or gelding over 15.2 he won first on Blucher (illustrated in this issue), a six-year-old chestnut, nearly 16 hands, and as handsome a horse in action or at rest as we saw at the show. He is by the Hackney sire, Lord Roseberry, formerly owned by Robert Beith, Bowmanville. His dam was by Aaron Chief a noted roadster horse. In this class of twenty entries S. B. Fuller, Woodstock, and E. B. Clancy, Toronto, won second and third with Headlight and Phyllis. In pairs over 15.2 Thos. A. Crow won second on Wellington and Blucher, being beaten by S. F. McKinnon, Toronto, with Monte-Christo, in a hot class of fifteen entries. Mr. Crow again scored with Blucher and Wellington in harness tandems, where he also scored third on Gladstone and Skylark; Mr. Pepper's noble-acting entry coming between them. The four-in-hand class was away ahead of that of any former Toronto show, and it was no little credit to Messrs. Beith, Bowmanville, to secure the first award, nor to Quinn Bros., Brampton, to come next in order. The teams were well made up, and handled in good old English fashion. The harness classes throughout were well worth going a long distance to see.

Saddle and Hunter classes always fill well, but lack of space forbids a protracted report. The entries in the various classes ran from about a dozen to upwards of twenty-five, and indifferent horses were very scarce among them. Of course Thoroughbred blood largely predominated; in fact, to all appearances many of the horses had very little else in their veins. Mr. Adam Beck, London, was forward with ten nicely fitted animals, with which he landed a number of good premiums; Huntsman and Lady Roseberry doing praiseworthy work at the jumps, besides being well up in conformation. Messrs. A. R. Curzon, Guelph; Wm. Hendrie, Jr., Hamilton; S. B. Fuller, Woodstock; Miss Ottaway, Hamilton; and W. D. Grand, East Orange, New Jersey, were among the most successful competitors who are non-residents of Toronto; while Messrs. G. W. Beardmore, G. Pepper, P. A. Manning, G. A. Peters, Hume Blake, G. A. Stinson, W. J. Mills, and Dr. Andrew Smith were among the leading Torontonians competitors.

The roadster, also the pony, classes were tolerably light, but, like the foregoing, good quality prevailed.

A Canadian Victory.

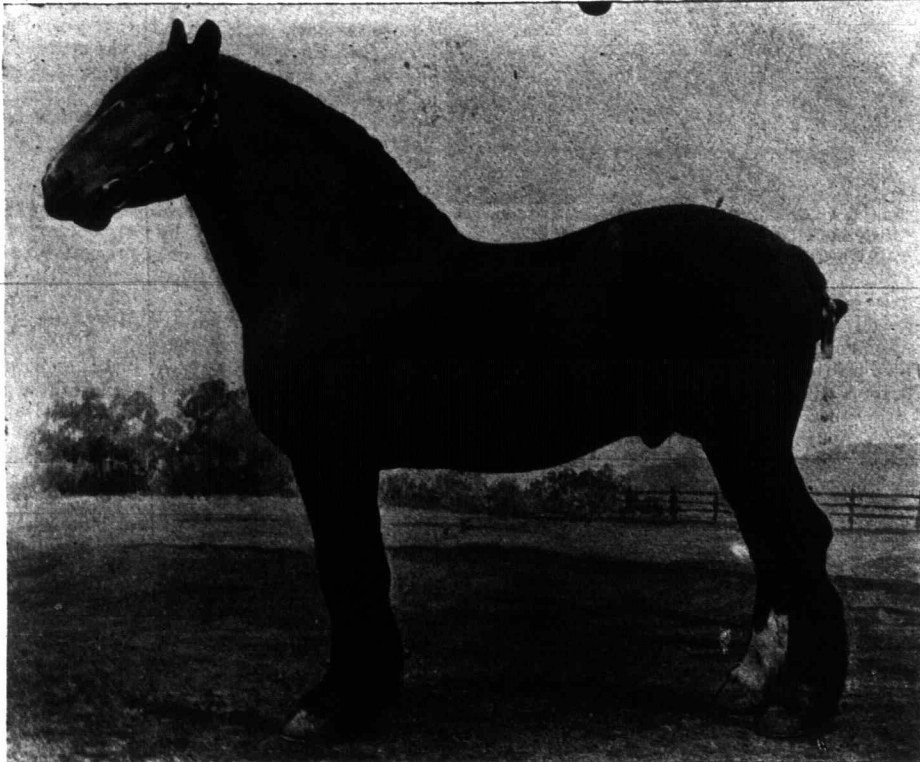
To the Editor FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

SIR,—The result of the comparative test made by Armour, of Chicago, with Canadian and Western States pigs (referred to in the ADVOCATE for May 2nd) furnishes valuable testimony in favor of the Canadian pig breeders. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the point, nor can it be too often repeated that one of the greatest drawbacks Canadian farmers, fruitmen and dairymen suffer from is that their products are, as a rule, in the retail trade, no matter what happens in the wholesale department, in most cases sold not as Canadian but as American. The most notable exception is that of cheese, and this commodity it is generally possible to procure in retail shops as Canadian, and the result, owing to its generally superior quality, is that it meets with a good demand. With other products it is not so in a general way, and one of the greatest benefits that could be conferred upon the agricultural population of Canada would be for your Government to make more arrangements whereby your produce should be sold, not only wholesale but also retail, as "Canadian" and not as "American." If such steps were taken it would put your producers on their mettle, for they would then feel sure that if they, by greater care, attention and ability, sent products of first-class quality and merit here, they, and none other, would receive the reward that first-class labor and first-class articles always secure, namely, a ready sale at top rates with renewal orders. Of course in this matter, as in all others, there is the other side, and evil results would follow if second-rate and inferior products were sent; but this, however, would be far less likely to happen under the conditions named above than under the present system, for now the blame cannot, like the praise, be given direct, and thus it is possible that damage may be inflicted where it is not deserved. The sooner this question is taken up the better it will be for all concerned, both for you as producers and for us as consumers, for it is a certain fact that England, without outside assistance, cannot support her teeming millions, and therefore, without doubt, there would always be found to be a

Perth, and they had little reason to complain of their returns. Besides Lord Strathmore, others made good averages. The best were these: Balliol College Farm, £52 5s.; Auchorachan, £42; Ballindalloch, £40 8s. 6d.; Dalmeny, £36 15s.; and Aldbar, £33 4s. 1d. The herd of Shorthorns owned by Lord Lovat at Castle Beaufort, away in the Inverness Highlands, was strongly in evidence this spring. Its representatives did well at Perth, and three of the best, purchased for Irish patrons, have since come well out at the recent Dublin show. It is a defect in the Lovat cattle that they are often rather unpopular in color, and this year there were a few of that kind. They are, however, heavily-fleshed cattle, and like proving useful for any purpose. Their average at Perth was £47 5s.; and at Inverness, £38 17s. Mr. Fisher, Pittochry, a veteran breeder, had an average of £32 16s. 3d. Holl, a rising young herd, made £29 8s. 4d.; and Stonetown, another good herd in Morayshire, made £25 9s. 3d.; Gordon Castle beating it by a few shillings, and making £25 17s. 6d. The best Shorthorn average of the season, however, was made at Aberdeen by the Jackstown herd of Mr. James Durno, whose figure at the close of the day was £56 17s. 1d. This surpassed the Glamis average for the Aberdeen-Angus, and revived the drooping spirits of the Shorthorn men. Some extraordinary prices are being made by the best bred Highland bulls. Yearlings at Oban were sold for £80 and £70 apiece, and two-year-olds went as high as £57. Of the cattle sold in spring Highlanders made the best average overhead, £28 16s. 5d. being the sum finally brought out as their average, £25 13s. 6d. the average of the Aberdeen-Angus at Perth, and £24 9s. 8d. the figures for the Shorthorns at Aberdeen. Any comparison of this kind is really unfair, and it must never be forgotten that the Highlanders do not reach maturity until one year later than the others. The bulls are mostly sold as two-year-olds. At the Galloway tournament at Castle Douglas there was a brisk demand, and a large number of the best bulls went to Ireland or Norfolk, and other parts of England. The average of ten two-year-old bulls was £26 4s. The first yearling bull made £61, and the average price of 75 bulls of that age was £19 2s. 8d., the 15 best making an average of £30 14s. 7d. At the time of writing trade is very slack, and feeders are sadly complaining. Should prices revive a little it will be good for all parties, and never have we seen so few had ones at the bull sales as in 1898. Ayrshires have also had a look in this spring, and at a mixed sale, held at Auchenbainzie, in Nithsdale, 104 head made an average of £14 12s. 2d. This is not a sensational return, but it should leave a fair profit on an ordinary stock. Many Ayrshires have recently been exported to Sweden, America, and Canada, but the war between the United States and Spain will no doubt have an injurious effect on the North Atlantic trade, and few will care to ship cattle this season while it lasts.

In connection with Aberdeen-Angus and Shorthorn cattle the situation in Ireland is rather interesting. During the past fortnight the great spring shows have been held at Dublin and Belfast, and while at the former the Shorthorns were very numerous, one class of young bulls alone containing over 80 entries, the black polled cattle were in a distinct minority, nor were they at all equal in average merit to the Shorthorns. The leading breeders of cattle in Ireland, having regard to the interests of the smaller tenant farmers, who must always keep the dairy in view, are almost as afraid of introducing another cross than the Shorthorn as they are of introducing any other cross in the horse line than the Thoroughbred. Black cattle are undoubtedly very valuable when calf-selling for stall or court feeding is the object aimed at, and in an increasing number of districts in Scotland the A.-A. bull is increasing in favor for this purpose. It is, however, doubtful whether he would be as useful in Ireland; and there appears also to be some doubt as to the success of pure-bred black cattle in a country where the rainfall is so heavy as in the south and west of the Emerald Isle. In the North of Ireland the two rival crossing breeds are on much more of an equality; at Belfast during the last few days, alike in numbers and average quality, they were about evenly matched. I incline to think these relative proportions will be maintained, and that the black polls will make greater headway in the north than in the south.

Horse matters have been concerning us lately a good deal. The four great spring shows of young stock are over. Alike at Castle Douglas, Kilmarnock, Glasgow, and Ayr, Clydesdales mustered strongly, and the sires whose stock have again come well to the front in group competitions have been Baron's Pride 9122, Macgregor 1487, Royal Gartly 9814, and Sir Everard 5353, the sire of Baron's Pride. These have been the sires of the group prizes, and other horses whose produce are still well in evidence have been Prince Alexander 8899, Lord Lothian 6908, Prince of Carruchan 8151, and Prince of Wales 673, of whose stock there still



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Our Scottish Letter.

THE SPRING SALES OF BULLS—SOME INTERESTING HORSE NOTES.

Bull sales I promised to say something about a good while ago, but it is now rather late in the day to occupy space with an account of them. They begin in February and extend over three or four weeks. The great centers for Shorthorns and Aberdeen-Angus bulls are Perth, Aberdeen, Stirling, and Inverness; Highlanders are found at Oban, and Galloways at Castle Douglas. Curiously enough, while Aberdeen-Angus bulls sold better at Perth than the Shorthorns, at Aberdeen the positions were reversed, and the red, white and roan had the better share of the trade. The reason of this is self-evident. At Aberdeen the black bulls sold are of a secondary class, and are mostly bought by the smaller tenant farmers or crofters, while the pick of the leading herds are sent to Perth. The leading herd this year is that of Lord Strathmore at Glamis Castle in Forfarshire. He got an average for his bulls at Perth of £54 9s. 4d., and the top price of the day was £215 5s. The Shorthorns do not make such sensational prices at the spring sales, mainly because the bull calves from the two leading Cruickshank herds—those of Mr. Duthie, Collynie, and Mr. W. S. Marr, Uppermill, Tarves—are sold in the previous autumn at home. The quotations at the spring sales can hardly, therefore, be regarded as the top figures for Shorthorn bulls, but they do, as a rule, represent the top figures for Aberdeen-Angus bulls. All the best herds of Polled cattle send their young bulls to