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abundantly blessed this year, its barns being full to overflowing and its orchards laden to breaking, while pasture and prices for dairy products have been so steadily good that the cows have proved a veritable mine of wealth, and if in the West the crops are less abundant than last year, the improvement in prices will largely compensate, and the farmers of Manitoba and the Territories will receive many millions of dollars for their export of grain, while everything else they have to sell will bring good prices. And the prospect for the coming years is encouraging, hopeful, even bright and cheering.

Canadians have at length conceived something like a commensurate conceit of the importance and resourcefulness of themselves and their country, and the nations are taking note of us and of our potentialities. New markets are being opened, and improved facilities provided for the shipment of our products. The building of another trans-continental railway, and of the many branch and subsidiary lines projected, will set a large amount of money in circulation, and furnish an additional market for horses, cattle and many other products of the farm. Immigration will probably increase in volume for years to come, and many of the incomers will bring money in considerable quantities with them, which will be spent largely among the present settlers, who will thus be helped to higher things, and the helpfulness will not be one-sided, but mutual. More millions of sound agricultural lands remain to be utilized in Canada than in any other country on the face of the earth, and these will yet be made the happy homes of more millions of people than we could have dreamed of realizing the dream of the poet who wrote:

"I have the land of millions  
That none can ever see,  
The land that lies beneath the sea,  
And none can ever see."

Compare the present conditions with those of his class in the past, and you will find that a decade ago, the Canadian farmer was a much poorer

for thankfulness, and the dominant sentiment should be that of gratitude to a beneficent Providence for the bounties that are ours to enjoy.

### A Toronto Rip Van Winkle.

Some person, whose initials are given as "G. C. P.," Toronto, Ont., writes excitedly in the Country Gentleman, of New York State, about "Cattle Troubles in Canada." He has discovered that the cattle industry of Western Ontario is arrayed against that of the country "west of Winnipeg," and that feeling is getting hot on the subject. Ontario, it is alleged, is not selling the fat cattle she did, while the West is building up a great export trade, and so on. The cause of all this "ferce commotion" is the British embargo, which requires all cattle to be slaughtered within ten days after landing in Great Britain, which "G. C. P." gravely announces was imposed one year ago, and the Ontario farmer has neither the feed nor the facilities for holding his stock three to six months longer, by the "new order" of things unexpectedly "forced upon him." The Ontario farmer has not been worrying about the "embargo" half as much as the transportation companies and the Scottish cattle feeders. As a matter of history, the Embargo Act dates back to the year 1896. Everything else in "G. C. P.'s" communication being as trustworthy as his knowledge of "trouble" and dates, it must prove of very great value in enlightening his readers.

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## HORSES.

### Horses at Halifax, Sept. 9 to 17.

A gradual improvement is noticed year after year in the horses at the Provincial Exhibition held in Halifax, not only in the individuality and numbers of the horses, but also in their classification. While in some cases good animals are still shown out of their class, and hence did not win, which occasionally causes grumbling, this does not occur nearly as frequently as formerly.

Clydesdales.—While in this class the numbers were not large, the quality was good. In aged stallions, Glassey & Co., of Truro, won with their big brown horse, Adjutant, by Prince Shapely, ex Rosie. This is a horse of considerable substance and quality, and fair action. Second place was won by W. W. Black, of Amherst, N. S., with Prince of Annick, by Prince Alexander, ex Rosalind. This is a powerful, well-topped horse with fair action, but lacks, to some extent, quality of bone and feather. Third place went to Performer, by Transaction, ex Maid of Croy. This is a four-year-old owned by Wm. O'Brien, of Windsor Falls. He is a fair individual, and will probably improve with age. In two-year-old stallions, W. W. Black won with a nice bay of substance, quality and style, Cumberland Boy, by John Montgomery, ex Effie. This colt also won

the special prize given by the Dominion Clydesdale Association for best stallion of any age, recorded in Dominion Clydesdale Book. In one-year-old stallion, Wm. O'Brien won with Recorder, by Performer, ex Lady Flashwood.

In brood mares, two good ones were shown. First went to W. W. Black for Effie, by Kohinoor, ex Dandy of Maclash, while Lady Flashwood, by International, ex Effie Macgregor, got second. There were some good fillies of the different ages shown.

The diploma for stallion of any age went to Adjutant, and that for mare any age to Effie, while that for stallion and three of his get went to Prince of Annick.

Hackneys.—In this class, the competition existed principally between Hon. T. R. Black, of Amherst, N. S., and Chamcook Farm Sheep Co., St. Andrews, N. B.

In aged stallions, there was a field of four good horses. First place was won by Glassey & Co., Truro, with Rydale Fashion, by Langton, ex Grace. This horse has won often in the Maritime Provinces. He has substance, quality, style and action to a marked degree. Second place went to old Hayton Shales, by Pioneer, ex Polly, owned by Chamcook Farm Sheep Co. This is a horse of considerable quality and great style, but he lacks the action needed, probably due to a considerable extent to age. Third was won by Sea Gull, a chestnut horse, by Danegelt, ex Lady Lucy. This is a typical horse while standing, but also lacks action, to a great extent due to want of training.

In brood mares, T. R. Black won with Miss Lynn, by Hoyton M., ex Lady Lynn. This is a very superior mare, with type, quality, style and all-round action to a very marked degree. Second place went to the good mare, Barmaid, by Surprise, owned by the Chamcook Farm Sheep Co. In the other classes, Mr. Black won second in three-year-olds, second and third in two-year-olds, and first in foals. The Chamcook Farm Sheep Co. won first in three-year-olds, first in two-year-olds, and first and second in yearlings. The first in yearlings deserves special mention. She is a bay filly, Chamcook Sally, by Hayton Shales, ex Barmaid—a beautiful filly, full of type and style and very attractive action, both fore and rear. If nothing happens her we will hear more about her. In two-year-old stallions there was but one entry, viz., Sensation, by Majestic II., ex Queen Louise. This colt belongs to the N. S. Government, and was not eligible for money prizes, but was awarded the diploma for best stallion of any age. He is a chestnut colt, good enough to compete in any company. He possesses what is wanted in Hackneys, viz., quality, substance, style, type and all-round action to a very marked degree, and, if he develops as he promises, is bound to become a grand show horse.

Standard-breds.—This class, as usual, was well represented. In the aged stallions, an excellent field came out, and some superior animals had to go without honors. First place was given to the well-known horse, Warren Guy, 2.12, by Princeer, ex Lady Emery. This horse was shown in grand condition. He has almost the quality of a Thoroughbred, while his action causes a horseman to gaze in admiration. He is owned by F. C. Bell, of Northville, N. S. Mr. A. B. Etter, of Amherst, N. S., won second with his grand horse, Roberval, 2.20, by Wilton, ex Cane F., and third was won by T. D. Wilson, of Belmont, N. S., with the Western-bred pacer, Corncracker, 2.18, by Texas Jack, ex Kinner Booker. The second- and third-prize horses were in racing condition, hence were slightly handicapped as regards appearance. In the younger classes some excellent individuals of both sexes were shown, and it is probable some of them will be heard from later on as race horses and producers of speed. Warren Guy won diploma for stallion and three of his get.

The roadster class was well represented. Special mention may be made of a very sweet black mare, shown in the single roadster class by C. E. Smith, of Halifax. This is a typical roadster, with style, quality and speed.

In saddlers and hunters, the numbers were small, but the quality good.

Thoroughbreds.—In this class, the numbers also were small, but, especially in aged stallions, the quality was good. The N. S. Government stallion, Honfleur, by Galopin, ex Fleur de Marie, is a horse of size, substance and excellent quality. Cyclist, by Selby, ex Ups-and-Downs, owned by Jno. Doran, Windsor, N. S., won first in his class. Here is a typical horse, with good manners and quality. There were some fair brood mares and youngsters shown.

In the carriage classes, the quality, while better than in former years, was not high-class, there being a decided tendency to the roadster type, both in conformation and action.

In heavy draft and general-purpose horses, some very fine fields came before the judge.

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