

derickton, won, prize \$20. "Richmond Boy" and "Young Nelly," owned in Woodstock, contested. In the race for stallions, "John Bright," owned by R. K. Jones, Woodstock, won, against "Frank Pierce," owned by D. Lucy, Houlton, prize \$40. Four year old race, for purse of \$40, won by "St. Croix Maid," against "Young Woodbrook." Running horses, for purse of \$160, won by "Reinorse," a bay gelding, owned in Halifax, against "Lucy Long," of Fredericton, and "Sultan," of Halifax. On Friday, a match between "Woodbrook Messenger" and "Plato," both owned in Houlton, was won by former horse. In the sweepstake race, "Crown Prince" won in 2.28 against "Our Mary" and "Aroostook Boy." Consolation running race won by "Sultan."

On Friday, about ten o'clock, the

EXHIBITION CLOSED,

and the work of repacking commenced. In my last letter, I said nothing about the show of stock. The show of stock for the Province might have been better, still it shows decided improvement over previous exhibitions. Possibly the difficulty experienced in the transportation of live stock, militates much against an Exhibition. Mr. Robert Gray, of the St. John river, had a fine herd of Ayrshires; and Hugh McMonagle, Esq., of Sussex, had a handsome herd of pure breeds. Mr. George Dobson, of Sussex, exhibited oxen girting over 8 ft. I think they came originally from Westmorland. In the department of swine, there are some splendid specimens. From the show here of Berkshire and other imported stock, it is evident our farmers have their eyes opened as to the value of good breeds.

THE TORONTO EXHIBITION.

The twenty-fifth Annual Exhibition of the Province of Ontario was held at Toronto during the week commencing 3rd October. The Fair Grounds consist of a flat piece of low-lying land about two miles from the centre of the city, on the line of the Western railroads. The Fair week was preceded by wet weather, and the Fair-goers had therefore a lively revival of the old tradition of "Muddy Little York," as Toronto used to be called before it was a city. Notwithstanding the mud and mire, the grounds were comparatively comfortable for visitors, as nearly every point could be reached by board walks and crossings. The reporters of the Toronto newspapers displayed much alacrity and judgment in acquainting the public, from day to day, of the points of interest to be sought in the Exhibition, and the following notes are selected chiefly from the reports of the *Globe* :—

HORSES.

The show of heavy draught horses has never been excelled at any previous Exhibition held in this Province, and the turn out of to-day, both as regards excellence and numbers, amply testifies to the fact that Western Canada possesses the finest heavy draught horses to be met with on the continent of America. Of

late years breeders have been stimulated by the large prices realized for horses for the New York and other markets. A great many of the horses shown have been imported from England and Scotland, and Canadian enterprise has always secured the best specimens. In the class for stallions, four years old and upwards, there are twelve entries, and nine of these are imported. Mr. Kemp, of Weston, again exhibits the beautiful bay horse, "England's Glory," one of the finest horses of his breed. He is the winner of several first prizes at the Provincial Shows, and although only five years old, he weighs upwards of twenty-one hundred pounds. Mr. Robert Ferris of Richmond, shows his four year old horse that gained the first prize at London last season. "Sir Walter Scott," the property of Mr. Porter, of Darlington, is again on the grounds. Mr. Buckland, of Guelph, shows a very fine young horse, bred by Mr. Wilson, of Bayham Hall, Suffolk, England. We believe the show of aged stallions cannot be surpassed at any exhibition in Britain.

There are eight competitors in the three-year old class. Mr. Jas. Lawrie, Scarboro, shows his two import edhorses, "Tinto" and "Farmer's Fancy." They are both fine specimens of the Clydesdale, and were bred by that well-known breeder, Mr. Muir, of Hardington Mains, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Mr. Kitchen, of Whitby, shows a very fine Canadian bred horse, equal to many of the imported ones.

There are twelve two-year old stallions shown. Mr. Duncan McConnachie exhibits his grey colt, that gained the first prize as a yearling. He is a very fine young horse of perfect symmetry. One of the finest young horses at the exhibition is the two-year old colt, the property of Mr. Ferris, and imported two weeks ago from Scotland. This colt is one of the best ever imported into this country. He gained the second prize at the Highland Agricultural Show, in July last, and he is likely to be placed in the first position here. Mr. Simon Beattie exhibits a very stylish colt, bred by Joseph Hope, of Cumberland, England. Mr. Joseph Beith, of Clarke. Mr. McFarlane, of Pickering, and Mr. Morrison, show very good horses.

Of yearling colts there are five entries. Fourteen fillies are exhibited, five three-year olds, six two-year olds, and three yearlings. Mr. Jeffry, Whitby, shows a filly by Conqueror that is likely to be placed first in her class. Mr. Davidson, of Pickering, has his filly that gained the second prize at London, and Mr. Neal Taylor is again present with the filly that gained the first prize as a yearling last season. In this class the well-known breeder of horses, Mr. Beith, of Darlington, is also an exhibitor.

There are twelve brood mares exhibited. Mr. McConnachie shows two, both bred by exhibitor, one of them is a superior animal, and will be hard to beat. Mr. Beith, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Crawford, also exhibits excellent mares.

In section ten, Mr. Hendrie, of Toronto, shows a pair of handsome grays, and Mr. Simon Beattie a pair of imported Suffolk mares, five year olds—their combined weight being upwards of thirty-four hundred pounds. D. McLean, York, and Morrison, Scarboro', also show very fine teams.

CATTLE.

The Board of Agriculture have issued a catalogue of the entries of all the stock, each one with its name and number and owner's name, but in the cattle classes very few exhibitors have their animals in the proper stalls assigned to them, those who have several head preferring to keep them as much as possible together for convenience in feeding and attendance. This makes it rather difficult to get much information concerning them by reference to the catalogue only: nevertheless, it is a great assistance.

SHORT HORNS.

The absence of the fine herds of M. H. Cochrane and Geo. Miller, both of whom have many entries on the list, detracts somewhat from the quality of stock shown in this class, and many stalls are empty or occupied by animals brought rather for sale than show. Yet, on the whole, this class has never been surpassed as regards quality at any previous exhibition. A few more came in to-day, but none from prominent breeders.—Noticeable among them is a roan bull, in the aged section, owned by J. and W. Thompson, of Nepean, Carlton Co., named "Ontario John." He is a fellow of immense size, the largest animal of the kind that has yet been seen at any exhibition. Jno. Miller's yearling roan bull "Koscinko," recently imported from Kentucky, and bred by G. M. Redford, attracts much attention for his beauty and high quality. His bull "Fawsley Chief," imported from England last year, is also shown, and appears much improved in form and appearance. Good judges pronounce him the best animal in the short horn bull classes on the ground.

J. S. Thompson, Whitby, shows a fine roan heifer in the two years class—"Minnie Annandale"—recently imported from Scotland.

DEVONS.

The absence of the herds of those noted Western breeders, Pincombe & Peters, makes this class a small one compared with former years. Still there are some good animals shown, most of them coming from the counties of Durham, Wellington and Frontenac.