

would be almost if not quite invincible in Canada, won over a fresh, upstanding, excellent pair shown by W. B. Pool, Salford.

SHIRES.

The best lot of Shires yet seen at the London Western were forward this year in two mature and two 3-year-old stallions, all imported by Messrs. Bawden & McDonald, Exeter, Ont. Belshazzar, that arrived from the "Old Land" last year just in time to show and win, was in better form this year, although he has done a big stud season. His competitor was the 8-year-old Bolton Rufus, now owned by Chas. Bean, Brinsley. He is a grandly made horse, and weighs some 2,200 pounds. Judge Innis, after a very careful examination, pronounced them sound, and then spent considerable time scoring them, and finally concluded Belshazzar a trifle the better horse. The 3-year-olds were both shown by their importers. They were Calthorpe Loyalty, by Duke of Clarence, and Willcott Thumper, by Carbon. The former is the thicker, more finished horse, but either have capital feet and legs. They won as named.

HEAVY DRAFTS.

This class, which was judged by Col. Robt. McEwen, was rather light throughout. W. M. Faulds, Caradoc, showed a good-boned, upstanding 3-year-old, and W. H. Guest, Ballymote, a nice-legged, toppy yearling stallion. There were five 2-year-old fillies, the strongest section in the class. D. M. McPherson won 1st on a growthy get of Red Cross Knight; Malcolm McKenzie's get of Joe Anderson, a better-legged mare, won 2nd, and Jas. Henderson's daughter of Storm Signal, probably the best-limbed mare in the party, came 3rd. None of these were in high show fit. Three mares with foals at foot competed. Daniel Yake won 1st on the black get of Bright Boy, and her foal by Lord Brooklin won 2nd. Fred Foster won 2nd on his mare and 1st on her foal by Roslin. Daniel Yake also won 3rd on mare and foal.

Two good draft teams showed, as well as four pairs classed agricultural or general purpose. D. A. Murray, Bennington, won 1st in the former contest, and H. G. Mitchell, Rayside, 2nd. Of the smaller ones, a well-matched bay team of compact gets of Bold Boy won 1st, the 3rd going to a right fresh and good pair of grays owned by Wm. Ewing. Mr. McKenzie winning 2nd on a more rangy span.

CATTLE.

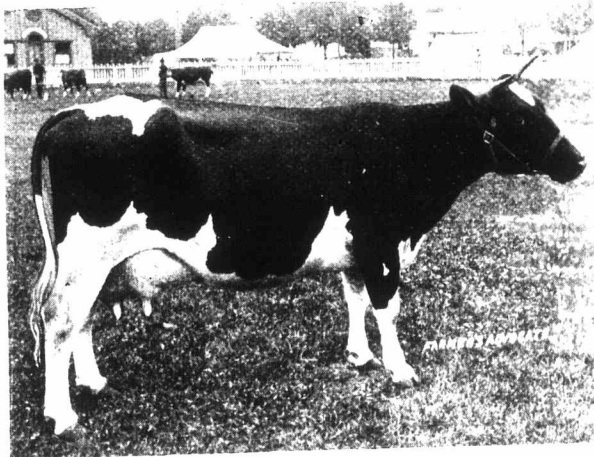
The show of cattle at the London Exhibition this year was probably the best, taking all the classes into consideration, that has ever been seen on these grounds, all the breeds, except the Guernseys, being represented, and nearly all by the bulk of the best cattle shown at Toronto the previous week, together with a considerable number of new competitors, every stall in the extensive stables being filled.

SHORTHORNS.

There was a strong show of the red, white and roans in nearly every division, but especially in the younger sections. C. M. Simmons, Ivan, made the awards, and did good work on the whole, considering how heavily he was handicapped by having a crowd of critics at his elbow, a circumstance which is no credit to the management of the Western Fair, which fails to provide a ring for judging in, and to keep it clear so that a judge can get a fair view of the animals and have room to think what he is doing. In our opinion, a judge would be perfectly justified in refusing to act unless protected from the intrusion of the crowd while performing his responsible duties. The judge on this occasion showed a disposition to be independent of previous verdicts, and in two or three instances made reversals of the Toronto decisions, though whether in all they were improvements is doubtful. In one or two cases he certainly did improve on the former renderings, notably in the placing of the young herds, while in others he might have made changes that would have been more generally popular, but of course he was acting on his own judgment, and if he succeeded in satisfying himself, it was all he had to do. One thing demonstrated is that one man in the judging-ring sometimes makes fewer mistakes than two, and as the one cannot shift the responsibility to the other, who was more stubborn, loquacious, or conceited, or may have had an object in holding out for his own way, the single-judge system scores one. As nearly all the winning animals were described in our Toronto Exhibition report, we make only a running comment in this review, and refer more to new entries or to changes in the placing of them. Aged bulls were headed by Watt's 1st Toronto winner, Charles Dickens, the 2nd prize going to Pride of Ridgewood, a fresh-looking roan three year-old from the herd of Mr. Atchard of Goderich, and 3rd to a substantial roan shown by W. Hogg & Son, Thamesford, leaving out Willie Oliver's short-legged, finely-fleshed and lean-quartered white Duke of Wadderburn, by imp. Baron Cruickshank, and out of imp. Violet M. a bull worth more money for a breeder than ten or three of these placed above him, but the judge had not got settled down to his work yet, for he gave as much for skin and hair and flesh of a faded quality as he used to, he would hardly have overlooked the white bull. It is so unusual to see a white one to get less than his due in the scoring, for as a rule if there is anything good in a bull, it is discovered and rewarded. However, in this case the court discovered its error too late to

amend, and owned it, which is well, as confession is good for the soul, though I wish Willie solemnly declares that it doesn't pay any freight bills. Two-year-old bulls were represented by Cregar's imp. Captain Mayfly and Fried's imp. Bonellar Stamp, which were placed in this order. Yearling bulls were a strong section, there being nine entries and nearly every one a good one. The prizes fell, 1st to Captain Robson's white bull, First Choice, the sweepstakes winner at Toronto and here; second to Morning Star, a handsome, well-fleshed, smooth, symmetrical red, shown by James Snell, Chilton, bred by Watt, and sired by Riverside Stamp; 3rd to Roan Cloud, shown by Hugh Thompson, St. Mary's, a substantial, straight and well-balanced bull, with good head and handling qualities, big thighs and much promise of growing into a show bull of more than ordinary character. He is nicely bred too, being by Lord Gloster, and of the Cruickshank Buckingham tribe on his dam's side, and by many was considered worthy of a higher rating in the prize list. Bull calves were placed precisely as at Toronto, the prizes going to Watt, 1st; Robson, 2nd and 3rd; Goodfellow Bros., 4th; Leask, 5th, with the Edwards calf, Knight Errant, which might well have gone higher. Captain Robson's Frieda was the 1st prize cow, Goodfellow Bros., Sowerby Lass 2nd, and Cregar's Red Ruby 3rd. The order in three-year-old cows was Cregar 1st, with imp. Ballechin Daisy; Goodfellow's Salem Stamford 2nd, and James Snell's entry 3rd. In two-year-old heifers, Robson's imp. Craibstone Baroness was 1st, Goodfellow's Lavender Lass 2nd, and Snell's entry 3rd.

Yearling heifers made the most interesting display in all the class, the 1st four prizewinners at Toronto being here, as well as several other excellent entries. The judge upset the Toronto arrangement, but certainly made no improvement by putting the 1st prize heifer there out of the list here, as she has as few holes in her as any of them. The rating stood, 1st to Watt, for Matchless 25th; 2nd to the same exhibitor, for English Lady 13th, the big red heifer, full sister to the 1st prize bull calf, and who was not placed in Toronto; and 3rd to Robson's Lady Sowerby. If the one judge was right



HIGHLAND CORNELIA.

First prize Holstein cow, Toronto Exhibition, 1899, and Western Fair, London, 1900.

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here, the two at Toronto must have been very wide of the mark; but we fancy His Honor might better have reserved his ammunition for the heifer calf class, in which there was more room for a quarrel with the Toronto rating, and in which he followed the former judgment faithfully, putting Goodfellow Bros. 1st, Robson 2nd, Cregar 3rd, and Leask 4th; the Edwards and Nicholson entries which figured in the prize list at Toronto not being shown at London. The sweepstakes prizes for best females any age were awarded 1st and 2nd to Watt's yearling heifers, Matchless 25th and English Lady 13th, and 3rd to Robson's cow, Frieda. The male sweepstakes were given, 1st to Robson's yearling, First Choice; 2nd to Watt's bull calf, Royal Wonder; 3rd to Watt's aged bull, Charles Dickens. The prizes for herds, open to all ages, went 1st to Captain Robson, 2nd to W. B. Watt. The young herd prizes were awarded, 1st to Watt, for his 1st prize bull calf and four yearling heifers, and 2nd to Robson, for his sweepstakes yearling bull, two yearling heifers and two heifer calves. This was a reversal of the Toronto decision, and is, to say the least, quite as defensible. The prizes for best four calves went, 1st to J. & W. B. Watt, 2nd to Goodfellow Bros.

HEREFORDS.

were well represented by entries from the herds of H. D. Smith (Ingleside), Compton; the Stone Stock Co., Guelph, and O'Neil Bros., Southgate, the bulk of the best prizes going to the two first named, and at the rating in most cases being the same as at Toronto, the principal change, that of placing the Compton 2-year-old bull 2nd here, being no improvement, as he is a grandly good one, and well entitled to the place he held at Toronto, at the head of the list. The sweepstakes awards for bulls of any age went: 1st to Smith for the 3-year-old, Mark Hanna; 2nd to the Stone Stock Co. for the imported 2-year-old, Baronet, and 3rd to Ingleside. The female sweepstakes: 1st to Smith's cow, Imp. Chatterbox; 2nd to the Stone Co.'s yearling,

Graceful 96th. The herd prizes: 1st and 2nd to Smith, 2nd to Stone. The prizes for best four calves went: 1st to the Stone Co., 2nd to O'Neil Bros., who had also the 2nd prize yearling bull and heifer calf and 3rd prize yearling heifer. The class was judged by George Brent, Warwick West.

GALLOWAYS.

cattle were represented by choice selections from the well-known herds of James Bowman, Guelph, and Walter Hall, Washington, between whom the prizes were divided in very much the same order as at Toronto.

GALLOWAYS.

were out in good force and in fine form, from the herds of D. McCrae, Guelph; A. M. & R. Shaw, Brantford, and T. Lloyd Jones & Son, Barford, who had a few entries, the bulk of the prizes going to the two first named, nearly as at Toronto.

GRADES AND FAT CATTLE.

were well shown by Jas. Leask, Greenbank; Goodfellow Bros., Macville; Fried & Son, Roseville, and others, and the awards were placed in much the same order as at Toronto.

DAIRY BREEDS.

The dairy breeds, while not so largely represented as at Toronto, made a very creditable show, the competition in most classes being keen, and the prizes widely distributed.

Ayrshires.

made a strong show in all divisions of the class, the herds represented being those of W. W. Ogilvie, Lachine Rapids; Hume & Co., Menie; R. R. Ness, Howick, and N. Dymont, Clappison's, with scattering entries by others, among whom were Geo. Hill, Delaware, and E. Marsh & Son, Gladstone, who captured 1st prize for a capital bull calf bred by Mr. Wyllie, of Howick, a son of his imported cow, Kate Wallace. Dan Drummond, Myrtle, judged the class, and, of course, put the prizes in their proper places as nearly as any one man could be expected to do, and it would be a doubtful compliment to so competent a judge to put another with him. The rating, as a rule, was relatively much the same as at Toronto, the principal reversal being the proper placing of Ogilvie's imported bull, Douglassdale, who was walking better than at Toronto. 1st in the class for bulls over three years; Dymont's Drummond taking 2nd place, and Hume's Caspian 3rd. Ness' invincible imported Duke of Clarence Barcheskie was again 1st in the 2-year-old section, and the sweepstakes winner of the class. Hume led in yearling bulls with White Cockade, and Marsh, as stated, was 1st in bull calves. Ogilvie's inimitable imported cow, Edith of Lessnesock, was worthily 1st, followed by two from the same herd for 2nd and 3rd. The 1st prize 3-year-old cow was readily discovered in Dandy Lass of Nethereraig, of the Ogilvie string; Hume's 1st prize 2-year-old heifer, Eva's White Pearl, taking the 3rd ticket for sweepstakes. Ness had the 2nd prize 3-year-old and 2-year-old and yearling heifers and the 1st prize heifer calf. The order of the prizes for aged herds was: Ogilvie, Ness and Hume; and for young herds of 1 calves: Ness and Ogilvie. The sweepstakes female was Ogilvie's 1st prize cow.

JERSEYS.

were judged by H. G. Clark, Brampton, who did good work, on the whole, and did it expeditiously. The class was not as full as in some former years, but a very creditable showing was made, the principal herds represented being those of B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton; John O'Brien, of Lake Roy Farm, near London, and W. G. Laidlaw, Wilton Grove; while smaller numbers were out from the herds of Mrs. D. L. White, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Geo. Gaffney, R. Edmonds, and Jas. Ramsay, all of London. Laidlaw's fine bull, Prince Frank's Son, winner of 1st in the 3-year-old class at Toronto, again won 1st here in his class, as he has wherever shown, and was this time honored with the male championship of the class. The Brampton herd had the 2nd bull in the veteran, Albert Easter, and O'Brien the 3rd in Benito of St. Lambert, by Earl of Highfield. The 1st prize 2-year-old bull was Maple Leaf Pogis, owned by Charles E. Rogers, Dorchester Station, a handsome youngster, with a good head, smooth shoulders, and deep ribs, got by Earl of Lake Roy, and out of Bessie Hugo of Townsend. Laidlaw's King of Beachland, by Queen's Count, and out of Adelaide's Daughter, was placed 2nd. He is a big, rangy bull for his age, with rich yellow skin and other fine qualities, and comes of large-producing ancestry, his grandam holding the record for milk, having given over eighty pounds daily. Bull & Son had the 1st prize yearling bull in Golden Lad of Brampton, by the champion imp. Monarch, a chip off the old block, and possibly a better than his sire, which is saying much. Second prize went to the same herd for Battina's Boy. First and second for bull calves were also won by Messrs. Bull for sons of the sweepstakes bull, Monarch, who is proving a signally successful sire of winners. John O'Brien gave the Jersey breeders a surprise party when he led into the ring four cows good enough to win the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, with a reserve one for 4th, if there had been prizes enough to go round. They were a uniformly good lot of cows, of medium size, but showing great capacity for work in their deep and well-sprung ribs and large and well-balanced udders, with well-placed teats, the 1st prize in the class, and the female championship going to his typical cow, Spot Cash. Laidlaw, a beautiful business