

The English Pedigree Sales of 1902.

Were it possible to give full details of the whole of these important events, there is every reason to know that information of great value to your readers could be rendered available. However, seeing that this is impossible, a summary of the more important results will be of interest, and, although the information will not be of so voluminous a character, it will still be of value, mainly because it will indicate which of the breeders of the different varieties of live stock were able, by the merit of the stock offered for sale, to secure the highest prices when tested by that best of all tests, the unreserved sale ring.

In England, the most important and popular breed of draft horses is undoubtedly the Shire. Throughout the whole of the year, the demand has been first-class, and many notable prices have been made. Comparing the ten principal stud sales of the year with a similar number in 1901, we find that in 1902 there was one sale, Lord Rothschild's, with an average of \$1,088, as against none in 1901; one with an average between \$850 and \$1,000, as against three in 1901; four with an average of more than \$500, as against three in 1901, and four with an average of \$250, as against the same number in 1901. The best price at auction sales during this year, \$3,142.50, realized at the draft sale of His Majesty the King, at which the best prices of the year for four-year-old mares, \$1,007.50, and for yearling fillies, \$1,837.10, were also made. Mr. R. Allen made the top price during the year for three-year-old stallions, \$1,732.10, Sir James Blyth making \$1,632.10, for another of the same age, whilst a third of this age, at the Shire horse sale, London, made \$1,575.00. The best price for two-year-old stallions was made by Lord Rothschild, \$1,660.00, and the corresponding price for yearling colts was \$656, at the Welsh pool sale, and that for colt foals was \$708, made at Mr. G. Nurbey's sale. Lord Rothschild's \$3,937.50 was the highest price for brood mares, and also the highest price realized for a Shire horse during the year 1902, His Majesty the King, at his bi-annual sale, making the next best price for this age, namely, \$3,018. A notable series of prices have been made during the past year for three-year-old fillies, the three best prices being \$2,312.50, at Mr. R. W. Hudson's sale; \$2,257.50, at Sir Oswald Moseley's sale; and \$2,152.50, at Lord Rothschild's sale; the two former being in excess of the top prices recorded in 1901, and the latter equal to the then highest price. The results of the sales of the two-year-old fillies have been more notable still, Sir Oswald Moseley making as much as \$2,940 for one of this age, the highest price recorded since previous to 1898. His Majesty the King purchased this record price filly, who goes to the Sandringham stud, from which last spring the second highest priced two-year-old filly of the present year was sold at \$2,362.50, a price which was closely followed by one at Lord Rothschild's sale, who made \$2,152.50. The best price for filly foals, \$1,260, was realized at the Welsh pool joint sale.

The reported sales of Clydesdales, unfortunately, do not afford so much scope for comparison as those for the Shires, nor have the sales been so numerous, but those results which are obtainable are indicative of a capital demand. The Seaham Harbor Co. realized the highest auction sale prices of the year for stallions, \$1,312.50; two-year-old stallions, \$787.50; colt foals, \$350, and for filly foals, \$200. Mr. Mitchell, of Millfield, made the top price for yearling stallions, \$850; brood mares, \$1,050; two-year-old and yearling fillies, at \$1,076 and \$461.50. The top price for three-year-old fillies was Mr. J. Craig's \$682.50. Amongst other notable prices realized during the past year was \$790 by Lord Durham for a stallion; \$600 and \$550 for brood mares by Mr. A. B. Mathews and the late Mr. Patrick.

The Hackney sales have been very numerous, and taken as a whole, some highly satisfactory prices have been secured. Mr. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., secured top price for stallions, \$1,050; Mr. J. Beldam making \$735, Mr. E. Ostlere \$680, and two others made \$890, one being sold at the London Hackney sale and the other at Peterboro sale. The best price for a three-year-old stallion was \$315 at the Hedon sale, whilst the three top prices for two-year-old stallions were \$970, \$587 and \$557.50, realized respectively by Messrs. E. W. Palmer, the executors of F. Pembroke, and R. V. Thornton. A grand yearling stallion realized for Mr. J. Baker \$735, the top price of the season, and Sir Gilbert Greenall made the best price for colt foals, \$190. Some excellent prices were made of brood mares; four of the highest recorded during the past season were \$1,102.50, \$840, and two at \$735, the vendors being Sir Gilbert Greenall, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Howell. Four-year-old mares ranged from \$1,102.50, Mr. J. Beldam's; the three-year-old fillies sold well, one from Mr. E. Smith's stud making \$1,680; another of Sir G. Greenall's \$890, and one of Mr. Thornton's \$813. The best

price for two-year-old fillies was made at the Hedon joint sale, \$1,102.50; Mr. Burdett-Coutts' \$630 being the next best price. Neither the yearling fillies or filly foals made any notable prices, the best for the former age being \$390, and for the latter \$320. Space will not permit of detailed reference to the numerous sales of hunters, but we may quote three prices as being indicative of the high values which are readily given for the



IMP. DIAMOND PRINCE.

Young Shorthorn bull, contributed by Mr. W. D. Flatt to the combination sale to be held at Hamilton, Jan. 28th. Sired by Bapton Diamond, dam Missie 15th.

best specimens of these horses: Mr. Wroughton made the top price of the year, \$2,875, Mr. H. Barkley making \$725, and Lord Southampton \$2,100 for two others.

The demand for harness horses has also been good. Mr. E. Smith sold one at \$2,250, Mr. H. Gould another for \$2,150, two of Mr. Burdett-Coutts' making \$1,510 and \$971, respectively. Pairs, when well matched, commanded very high prices; the top price for these being \$4,460, at Mr. E. Smith's sale, Mr. R. G. Heaton made \$2,615, and Mr. Burdett-Coutts \$2,365; the demand for ponies of different breeds being very keen; for polo ponies the top price of the year was \$1,835.

THE CATTLE SALES,

particularly for those of the leading breeds, have been most successful; in fact, in more than one instance more so than was generally anticipated, it being feared that the absence of the Argentine demand would have had a more prejudicial effect than has been the case.

It is possible to make a comparison of the Shorthorn sales with those of the preceding year, for these are, as a rule, fully reported. Taking thirty-five sales which took place this year, and comparing with the same number of similar sales last year, we find that of those held this year, one had an average of over \$400, Mr. Duthie's;

took top place in the bull prices, at \$1,810, and amongst other notable prices realized were \$1,280, at Birmingham March sale, \$655 at Mr. Shepherd's sale, \$760 at Perth sale, and \$605 at Mr. J. Wilson's sale. The top-priced female was made by Capt. W. H. O. Duncombe's noted Warrior Queen, whose price was \$900; two from the herds of Mr. V. Cavendish and Mr. W. J. Hoskin made \$840; one from Mr. C. J. Bates reached \$708, and two others sold by Col. Makins and Mr. James Dunro made respectively \$830 and \$608. A couple of two-year-old heifers from Mr. James Dunro made \$995 and \$760, the former being the top price for her age this season. The same breeder also made top prices in the yearling heifer class, with \$1,050 and \$498, and Messrs. G. Shepherd and F. Summers took the highest places in the heifer calves, with \$341 and \$315 respectively.

The Aberdeen-Angus sales of the past season have placed upon record a range of prices which require very successful sales to displace. The best prices for bulls, two-year-old and yearling were both secured at Perth, namely, \$1,890 and \$1,152.50; another of Mr. A. Geddes' making \$1,050. The Rev. C. Bolden made top price for bull calves, \$185. Col. G. Smith Grant led the price list for cows, with \$1,407.50, Sir G. Macpherson Grant being close up, at \$1,310. The top priced two-year-old heifer was found in an English herd, Mr. C. W. Sofer Whiburn's, where \$1,050 was realized for one of this age. Col. G. Smith Grant's \$775 topped the price record for yearling heifer, and Sir G. Macpherson Grant's \$775 was the highest price heifers under a year.

The Hereford sales at home do not reach the size or importance of those held in America, but it is satisfactory to note that, as a rule, the range of values realized have been most satisfactory. Mr. H. Hayward secured the top price for bulls, \$1,665, followed by Mr. E. Wright, with one at \$575; the best prices for yearling bulls being \$393 and \$315, at the Hereford sale. Mr. A. Rogers made top price for cows, \$575, and Mr. H. Hayward for three, two and one year old heifers, which were \$367, \$420, \$380, respectively.

The few Galloway sales reported were very successful. Good average runs of prices were secured, but nothing worthy of special note.

Of Jersey cattle during the past year, \$840, made by Capt. A. B. Fraser, was the top price for bulls, Mrs. McIntosh making \$365 of another, and the late Lord Braybrooke \$325 of a third. Lady de Rothschild topped the cow prices with \$1,110, the two-year-old heifer with \$575, and the yearling heifer with \$355; the other most notable prices for females being \$451 for a cow, at Mrs. McIntosh's sale; \$390 for a similar animal at Lord Braybrooke's sale, and \$325 at Capt. A. B. Fraser's sale. With the exception of two prices made at Mrs. Fowne's sale, those realized by Guernseys have been about an average with those of former years; these particular prices were \$1,050 for a cow and \$420 for a bull.

The best price noted for Ayrshires was \$125 for a yearling bull at Lanark, and \$215 for a cow at the same sale. The top prices for Dexter and Kerries were those made at Messrs. Robertson Bros.' annual sale, namely, \$420 for cows and \$105 for heifers.

THE SHEEP SALES have this year been considerably below the average of some of the previous years. The loss of the Argentine demand has been mainly responsible for this result. The highest price for a ram this year was Mr. R. P. Cooper's yearling Shropshire ram, which made \$785; for ram lambs, Mr. T. F. Duxton's Hampshire Down, who was let for the season to Mr. J. Flower for \$525; Professor Wrightson making the highest sale price, \$335, closely followed by Lord Ellesmere's Suffolk ram lamb, who made \$315. The highest price of the year for ewes was \$198 for a Border Leicester ewe, sold by Mr. T. McIntosh; Shropshire



WHITEFACES LOOKING THIS WAY.

Herefords on the farm of J. E. Marples, Deleau, Man.

ewes making up to \$80, and yearling ewes \$75, whilst Suffolks made up to \$50, and Hampshire Downs to \$51. Shropshire ewe lambs and Border Leicesters of the same age, both made up to \$52.50. Briefly summarizing the results of some 1,500 sales, we find that the best averages for rams were those secured by Mr. R. P. Cooper with Shropshires, whose average was \$195, the Oldhamstock flock of Border Leicesters, \$133; the