

to be in any show ring. British Columbia breeders have a future ahead of them if they only improve their herds sufficiently. The writer met a number of American buyers, and they are men who pay good prices if they see what suits them. They also have a market at home now and for all time to come.

What is needed most in the improvement of live stock in British Columbia are some good bulls and cows from beefing strains, and what is asked for most is a good milking strain of Shorthorns. In sheep it seems that the Down breeds will take the lead. Owing to wet, damp climate the long wools are not so well adapted. In swine they require more length and size in all classes. Swine industry should pay well in British Columbia. Live pork is now selling for six cents per pound.

Horses.

I think a person would be justified in saying that with the exception of a few light horses owned in British Columbia and the horses shipped to the fair from outside the province that the horse show was a pretty poor affair. There needs to be a general revival in the horse trade in the western province. Light horses made the largest showing; heavy horses made a light entry. Two very good standard-bred stallions were shown that are owned in British Columbia. King Patchen, a Vancouver horse, is a beautiful brown with white feet, having good carriage and action. He won first and championship in Standard-bred class; Wilkinson's old-timer Coloquy had to be content with second. The former horse also won first for stallion and five of his get.

In coach-horses Rellington's Pride, 1021, an imported horse owned by McLaughlin, of Calgary, won first place, which, judging from his fine appearance, action and breeding, he was fairly entitled to.

In the Roadster class McLaughlin again won with Bob Kirk, 1st for stallions three-year-old and upwards. Although the smallest in the ring, yet his speedy, free-going action made him an easy winner.

The same firm also won on Nancy G. for best driver.

In the heavy draft classes the only good heavy stallion shown was an imported shire stallion Rising Sun, 12165, shown by the above-mentioned firm from Calgary. This horse won championship and silver cup for best heavy horse shown. He is a very superior animal, and is fit to go in any show-ring. He weighs over a ton; is a beautiful brown. He is a good actor in the ring, has plenty of quality, is clean-limbed, and a horse which is hard to fault. There was only one other entry in the shire class.

In the Clydesdale class not a single stallion was shown. Several mares were out. The winner in aged class being a beautiful blocky bay mare, shown by Butler & Sons, Dereham Centre, Ont. This mare was bred by Whiteside Bros., of Innerkip, and sired by Self Esteem. She also won first championship for best heavy mare, and she and her mate won first for best heavy draft team.

In Reichen class, H. F. Page, of Mission, showed a very nice brown two-year-old stallion, which won first. The same competitor also won for the best brood mare.

Little more can be said about the horses shown at the Royal Fair, other than that nearly 90 per cent. of the money offered for races was for farmers' races, and that there is not even a suitable ring provided for exhibiting horses. There was also great lack of knowledge of how to handle and show horses by the people who did exhibit. It would cause comment by the average schoolboy in Ontario to see men trying to trot horses that would make very good harness horses if properly trained. Possibly the association is partly to blame for not offering prizes for such instead of giving all the prizes for green trotting races. The writer would very much like to see an improvement in the horse exhibit for 1900.

Cattle.

SHORTHORNS made a good exhibit. In this class some excellent animals were shown, but several scrubs also appeared in the aged class.

In 2-year-old bulls first went to W. H. Ladner's, the only one shown.

In yearling bulls first went to J. Sampson on Surveyor, 29113, a very neat meaty red bull, bred by A. W. Smith, of Maple Lodge, Ont. This bull also won sweepstakes.

In bull calves 1st and 2nd prizes went to Mr. Ladner.

In aged cows Ladner won 1st and 2nd on Daisy Bell and Delta.

Daisy Bell was bred by W. H. Ladner, and shows good quality, but is a little small and rough. Sweepstakes also went to this heifer.

Third went to W. J. McGillivray, Sumas, on a red cow, showing considerable dairy type and also very smooth. Only one 2-year-old was shown, which went to W. H. Ladner.

Yearling class—S. Mitchell, North Arm, won first on a red heifer bred by himself; 2nd and 3rd went to Ladner, which were a little coarse. In heifer calves Mitchell took 1st and 2nd.

AYRSHIRES made a poor showing; only two exhibitors showed, McCullough, of Westminster, and A. C. Mills, of Chilliwack. Prizes were pretty evenly divided.

GUERNSEYS were a light exhibit, only two exhibitors competing. Mr. E. A. Kipp again secured 1st with his bull from Butler & Son, and also 1st on young stuff, while Geo. Beebe, of Agassiz, secured the most of the prizes on females. No Devon, Galloway and Polled Angus were shown, and only three Red Polls.

HEREFORDS.—Some very good specimens of this breed were shown by Mr. Kirkland of Ladners, who had this class all to himself.

JERSEYS—Made a very large showing, 105 competing. Some excellent animals were shown. The principal exhibitors were: J. S. Smith, Chilliwack; Mr. Balfour, Langley; G. Goudy, Ladners; A. J. Street, Chilliwack; W. J. Elliott, New Durham, Ont.

In the aged bull class ten animals were led into the ring. After some consideration on the part of the judges the 1st went to A. J. Street for Liverpool Boy, which won first the two previous years; while 2nd went to R. Balfour and 3rd to Wells & Sons, of Chilliwack, while Mr. Elliott's Stoke Pogis, a bull which won first in Toronto, 1898, was left out, and some thought the last-named bull was entitled to first place.

In the two-year-old class only two animals were shown. A bull lately imported by J. S. Smith from Mrs. Jones of Brockville, won 1st, and 2nd went to W. J. Elliott, of New Durham. The yearling and calf class made a large showing and prizes were pretty well divided.

Cow class, 3-year old and upwards, 9 cows competed, all of which were a good lot, and several of them were good enough for a first place. The awards were finally placed. Mr. Street first with Queen of Summersay, Mrs. J. S. Smith second, Lilly May of Brockville, and 3rd to E. Goudy; while the first prize cow of 1897 and '98 was left without a place.

In two-year-olds 10 competed, 1st went to J. S. Smith on a beautiful heifer showing a very fine udder, Jenny la Blanche. This heifer was considered to be the best female shown, and had she been in Toronto she would certainly have taken a place; Mrs. Smith was the breeder.

In yearlings 8 were out. 1st went to A. J. Street with a light fawn heifer sired by Liverpool Boy; 2nd to J. S. Smith with heifer imp. from Mrs. Jones; 3rd to J. S. Smith. In heifer calves 4 were shown, which were an uneven lot; 1st went to J. S. Smith, 2nd to A. J. Street, 3rd to J. S. Smith.

For best bull and four females, four herds competed. 1st went to A. J. Street, having in his herd 1st bull, 1st aged cow, 2nd prize yearling, 3rd prize 2-year-old, 1st prize cow 1898; 2nd prize herd went to J. S. Smith.

Four females, get of one bull, 1st, E. Goudy, Ladners, which were a fine lot, consisting of four yearlings; 2nd went to J. S. Smith.

HOLSTEINS.—This class made a good showing in the cow classes, but the bulls were a poor lot. H. F. Page, of Mission, and McLeod & Mitchell, of Lulu Island, were the