

The Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

The very discouraging reports coming from the country only a few weeks ago made a successful exhibition appear next to impossible, but ever since the breaking of the drought early in July the prospects have daily improved, until it was realized on the closing dates that the most successful show in the history of the Association had concluded. There were more and better animals shown than ever before, and a greatly reduced percentage of inferior, thin stock. Considerable extra accommodation had to be provided after the stock com-

trotted out as the occasion demanded, so that all who wished could see and learn the desirable points of the best animals. In this connection, too, much more seating accommodation for spectators could be provided at the ring-side, which would be very liberally patronized by would-be students of ideal animal forms. That there is a demand for such provision was amply demonstrated many times during the judging of cattle and horses, when the crowds surrounded the animals so closely that neither the judge nor anyone else could obtain a clear view of the competitors. The condition of the

horse ring also needs attention, especially where the action of the animals is required to be shown. If the ground cannot be all made level, at least a track a few yards wide could be provided surrounding the ring inside the fence. If sufficient cinders, gravel or crushed stone cannot be gotten to cover such a track, the ground could at least be levelled and re-sodded so that a horse could trust himself to show his action without fear of receiving a sprain. These are a few of the needed improvements to send this Exhibition forward in a substantial, helpful manner, and will, if carried out along with other features of a like nature, do more to help the show in public favor and financial support than all the Midway performances, even though of a much more elevated character than most of those on display this year beneath the canvas.

Speaking of the entertainment feature as provided before the grand stand, it is a pleasure to note that the board deserve praise for providing such a liberal programme of worthy performances. In addition to the succession of meritorious and keenly contested horse races during the after-

noons, and the wonderfully grand spectacular events winding up each evening's programme, the immense crowds that thronged the capacious and comfortable new grand stand were maintained in the best of humor by the clever feats of performers, which seemed to rest and please the immense courses of people who had come in for these features alone or had trudged the rounds of the stock ranges and other buildings earlier in the day.

From Monday morning till Saturday night, when nearly all of the exhibits had been removed, the weather was as nearly ideal as the board could have wished. At no time was it excessively warm, disagreeably windy, or at all wet, so that it was not surprising that the attendance was the record-breaker in the history of the Association. The classes, too, that came in from the farms of the Canadian or American West or from centers of population were of sorts worth encouraging as visitors or residents to a country or city that needs development. Whether Anglo-Saxon or those speaking in foreign tongues, practically all were well dressed and intelligent; so that if this Exhibition does nothing more than attract outsiders and then show them our resources, it has done a work that will bear fruit in keeping with the fertile prairies surrounding the metropolises where the "Industrial" finds its home.

HORSES.

The commodious accommodation in the horse barns was taxed beyond its capacity, a number of animals having to accept space in the sheep pens. This was no hardship, however, as Winnipeg has perhaps the best exhibition sheep barn on the continent. The quality of the exhibits was, as a rule, good, and unfitted prairie-fed stock was less conspicuous than ever before at this exhibition. The judging in all the classes was done by Prof. J. A. Craig, of Iowa Agricultural College, which institution is the only one on the continent attending horse-breeding on any considerable scale.

CLYDESDALES.

Clydesdales put up a showing that would do credit to any showring, as many of the best breeders in the western country presented animals which were produced from the leading studs of Great Britain, Ontario, and the United States of America. The mature stallions, seven in number, were a massive, typical lot, and generally presented in flesh and fitted form regardless of having concluded heavy stud seasons at very recent dates. Among these were the following: Burnbrae, owned by Wm. Bailey, Carberry, the champion of two years, and a favorite when shown as a two-year-old in Chicago; Geo. Cartwright's Golden Hero, a thick-bodied, good-legged sort that grows in popularity as his stock become known. Benaven, owned by P. B. McLaren; and Erskine Lad, owned by C. Colquhoun. None of these, however, were privileged to participate in the spoils, although in the opinion of many good horsemen one or more from among them could have justly done so. The decision was not hurriedly given, nor was it a light task. The first award was fairly popular, going as it did to J. A. S. Macmillan's Pilgrim, a really good sort, sired by MacLure. He is an upstanding, massive brown, with a grand set of timber, perhaps a bit wide in front. He is thick and deep before and behind, and carries a proud head. His action is fine, perhaps a trifle wide to suit a Scotchman, but he flexes his hocks well and goes forcefully in front. The second award fell to a big young, well-topped horse brought up from Ontario at the commencement of the present stud season. He is Jubilee Prince, bred by Neil Smith, Brampton, and is owned by Messrs. D. Fraser & Sons, Emerson, and sired by Kintore Hero (imp). The third prize fell to the tried and true Balgreggan Hero, an eleven-year-old horse that has done thousands of dollars of valuable service on R. G. Robinson's Elbow Park ranch, and previously on J. A. Turner's ranch, Calgary. He is a grand specimen of the breed, one of the wearing sort, good in all his parts and at all gaits. The judge admitted his superiority and would have placed him higher had he been a few years younger. Three-year-olds included only three entries of good type. It was here that the sweepstakes male was looked for, and when the final contest came the interest was keen, as two good horses had met. We refer to John E. Smith's Prince Charles that came against Pilgrim, but the older horse by his maturity carried the day. Prince Charles is indeed a hard colt to fault, as he has abundance of substance for his years, while he is of the real Scotch type and goes true and level at all gaits. He was bred in Scotland and sired by Sir Morrell McKenzie. His class rivals were G. & W. Bennie's Aberdeen and D. Stephenson's Jubilee Prince. The former, by Macquaker, in the hands of Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont., won good premiums in eastern competitions. He appeared on this occasion in only moderate condition, but defeated by a narrow majority the more rangy, finer Jubilee Prince, sired by Prince Patrick. The two-year-old section presented five really beautiful colts,



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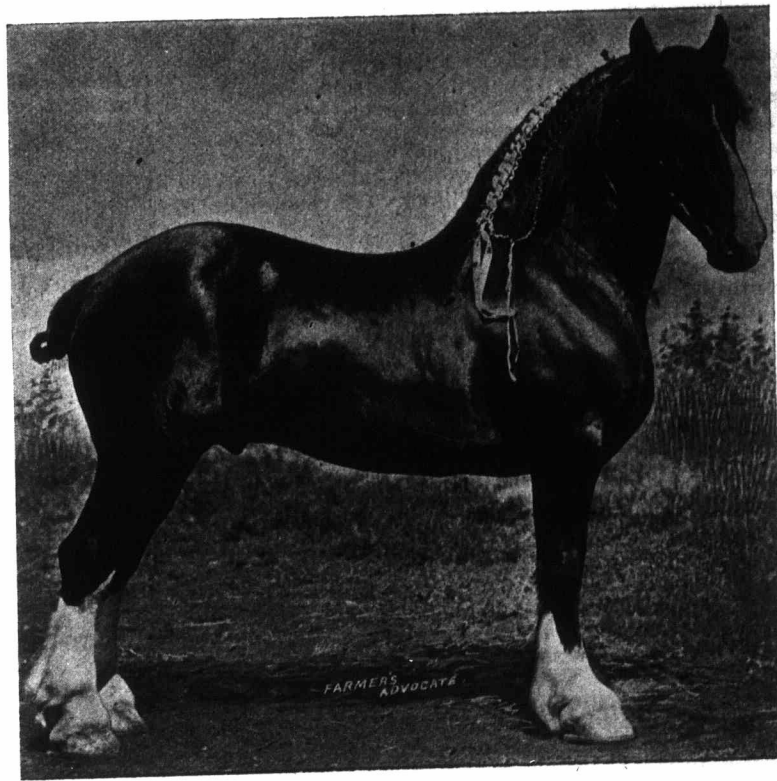
First-prize 2-year-old Clydesdale stallion at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1900.

OWNED BY W. SWENERTON, V. S., CARBERRY, MAN.

menaced to arrive, and when all were placed under cover, there were sheep, horses and cattle in the same sheds, but they were made comfortable and well looked after, so that no complaints were heard from exhibitors, who evidently accepted the inconvenient, but best obtainable, accommodation in the spirit it was given.

For a country so young, it is truly remarkable that such a collection of live stock can be brought together, and it serves well to indicate the possibilities of Western Canada as a stock-producing country. Much credit is due Manager Heubach and his able board for the provision made for the exhibitors and the attention given them during their stay, all of whom seem to fully appreciate the efforts made on their behalf. In fact, the stockmen feel at home to such an extent that it would seem quite safe to direct some of the energy of the live-stock committee in the interest of visitors, with a view to increase the educational value of the exhibition. The "Industrial" may now be considered established quite as much as the larger shows of the East, and the time has come for a more systematic effort in the direction just mentioned. To this end we would suggest a closing of the entry books at a somewhat earlier date, and then keeping them closed. If this were done there would be no excuse for an incomplete and imperfect live-stock catalogue, which was this year a help, but not an authority. Imperfect as it was, it might have been of some value had the cards corresponding with the catalogue numbers been attached to the stalls while the animals were in, and attached to the attendant or animal while in the ring or on parade. The intention in getting out the catalogues was no doubt good, but the effort in carrying out the system seemed to end too soon, apparently, as though visitors did not care much after all, and came to the Exhibition to be entertained rather than enlightened. The educational value of such shows as the Winnipeg Industrial must not be lost sight of or it will degenerate at a much more rapid rate than it grew to its present prosperous position.

While the delays in judging had of necessity to be made as short as possible on account of the enormous amount of work shouldered unto single judges, more care might have been expended by allowing the spectators to see upon which animals the awards were placed. This could have been accomplished by having the winners drawn out from the others, and after attaching the cards, walked or



PILGRIM 7020.

First-prize and sweepstakes Clydesdale stallion at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1900.

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including one of the best things in the show in Prince Stanley, bred by D. & O. Sorby, and sired by Grandeur, and out of Miss Stanley. He was shown by Messrs. A. & G. Mutch, Lumsden, Assa, who purchased him from John A. Turner, Millarville, Assa. Unfortunately, however, he was not placed. The 1st award went to Rosemont, shown by W. Swenerton, V. S., Carberry. The 2nd went to John A. Turner's Grand Prize, by Grandeur and out of Lady Fleming; and the 3rd to his stable mate, Prince