

# CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The thirtieth annual Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, August 29 to September 14, was bigger and better than ever. In live stock, particularly in Clydesdale horses, shorthorn cattle and sheep, the display was indeed gratifying to the exhibition board, and satisfying to interested visitors. The attendance, too, was in keeping with the standard of the exhibition in every department. Delightful weather, with slightly high temperature during the second week favored the management, and record crowds were in order. On Labor Day all previous records were broken with 135,000 in attendance. The net result is that the Industrial fair stands thousands to the good, and is in a position to erect new buildings and make arrangements for a greater and a grander show in 1909.

## HORSE DISPLAY

Seldom, if ever, have the stables in the exhibition grounds at Toronto been filled with horses in greater numbers or higher class.

In heavy horses the sections were well filled with Clydesdales. Other breeds, however, were not sufficiently numerous to shake the faith of the Clydesdale men in the future of their chosen breed. Percherons, brought in by Crouch and others, attracted considerable attention, but it will be many years before this French breed does much in Ontario to displace the noble Clydesdale.

## CLYDESDALES.

There may be difference of opinion as to whether or not this year's Clydesdales were the best ever seen at a Toronto exhibition, but all will agree that the interest, from the standpoint of exhibitor and onlooker, never was greater. The judge, Mr. James Weir, of Sandilands, Scotland, kept everyone guessing. As a rule, the large strong-boned animals were his choice, and the casual observer was led to believe such specimens were the type desired by the judge. But now and again an animal of neater, finer and more compact form was given the preference, and, in fact, sometimes placed between two of the more massive representatives on the award sheet, so that before the judging was over some not very complimentary remarks on the consistency of the rating were passed.

The Canadian, rightly or wrongly, likes to see uniformity of type in the list of winners, if it can be found in the class competing, and unless some positive reason exists, it is exceptionable to follow the first choice with any but an animal of similar stamp, if available. In the class for stallions, four years old and upwards, for instance, few judges, we surmise, would have separated Sir Marcus and President Roosevelt, by Rowallan. Possibly some would have placed the latter at the top, though it is, we believe, generally conceded that Sir Marcus was given his proper place. Then, although Rowallan may have a slightly better pair of feet in front, it seemed a rather far jump to so break the type as was done in the placing. The same feature was noticeable in the ruling in the two-year-old filly section. In the championships, however, genuine surprises were coming. The choice of Thorncliffe Duchess 2nd as grand champion was evidence of a return to the popular type. But when it came to the stallion championships, and Sir Marcus was passed over for his two-year-old opponent, Landsdowne, a fine colt, of the larger and more rugged build, with exceptional scale for his age, with strong, well-set legs and honest feet, the enthusiasts again were non-plussed. If Landsdowne was entitled to beat Sir Marcus, then why not Ness' two-year-old, Bouquet, for supreme female honors?

The list of exhibitors included such well-known breeders as Smith & Richardson, of Columbus; Graham Bros., of Claremont; Graham-Renfrew Co., of Bedford Park; Robt. Ness & Son, of Howick, Que.; Thos. Mercer, of Markdale; J. M. Gardhouse, of Weston; Donald Gunn & Son, of Beaverton; Dalgety Bros., of London; T. D. Elliot, of Bolton; and Hodgkinson & Tisdale, of Beaverton. J. D. Larkin, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, also had a fine string. Other competitors were: W. J. Cowan, of Cannington; John A. Boag, of Queensville; A. G. Gormley, of Unionville; Robt. Young, of Mono Mills; John Davidson, of Ashburn; W. A. Shields & Son, of Milton; Neil Blair, of Brooke; Wm. Woodley, of Dundas; and John Brown & Sons, of Galt.

Following are the awards: Stallion, 4 years and upwards—1, Graham-Renfrew on Sir Marcus; 2, Mercer, on Rowallan; 3, Smith & Richardson on President Roosevelt; 4, Dalgety Bros., on Marchfield Baron. Stallions, 4 years and upwards (importers excluded)—1, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Royal Baron; 2, Cowan, on Buteman; 3, Young, on Sir Mark; 4, Davidson, on Baron Montague. Stallion 3 years—1, Graham Bros., on Baron Laird; 2, Dalgety Bros., on Baron Lomond; 3, Larkin, on Fairtown; 4, Graham-Renfrew Co., on Craignair. Stallion, 2 years—1, Graham Bros., on Landsdowne; 2, Ness & Son, on Galtly Forever; 3, Graham Bros., on General Favorite; 4, Smith & Richardson, on Dunure Noble. Yield mare, 4 years and upwards—1, Graham-Renfrew Co., on Thorncliffe Duchess 2nd; 2, Gunn & Son, on Dunrobin Mabel; 3, Gormley, on

Beauty. Filly, 3 years—1, Larkin, on Baron's Rose; 2, Larkin, on Blythe Baroness; 3, Cowan, on Crosby Gem; 4, Gunn & Son, on Margherita. Filly, 2 years—1, Ness & Son, on Bouquet; 2, Graham Bros., on Queen of the Waves; 3, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Bishopton Queen. Best stallion, any age—Graham Bros., on Landsdowne. Best mare, any age—Graham-Renfrew, on Thorncliffe Duchess 2nd.

When the winners of the stallion classes came together, any of those who were supposed to know, had it all settled that Sir Marcus, last year's champion at Toronto and Chicago, would repeat his triumph. The feeling of the hundreds of Clydesdale men when Landsdowne was ribboned as the grand champion was shown to be one of disgust. Not one clap of approval was heard, but when Sir Marcus pranced in front of the stand the crowd showed their preference in claps and cheers. A mighty good colt carried off the championship, but a wonderful horse, fully matured, took second place.

In the female championship, also, the calculations of competent Clydesdale men were set at naught. Thorncliffe Duchess 2nd, although a great mare, of high quality, could not be expected to stand over such animals as Bouquet and Baron's Rose, after Sir Marcus being beaten out by Landsdowne. However, the yield mare got the championship ribbon, and the judging of Clydesdales ended without interested parties knowing what type was considered by Judge Weir as being preferable.

The shire exhibit was decidedly small in numbers and was made up by John Gardhouse & Son, J. M. Gardhouse, Thos. Mercer, Geo. Allen and A. G. Clarke. Gardhouse & Sons won the championship for stallions with Royal King third. Gardhouse & Sons also won the female championship with Tutlebrook Fuchsia. Percherons were exhibited by Little Missouri Horse Co., of Pennsylvania, J. Crouch & Son, of Indiana, T. H. Hassard, Millbrook and Hamilton & Hawthorn, of Simcoe.

## HACKNEYS.

Hackneys of both sexes and all ages were admired for substance, combined with action. Animals of higher quality never have appeared at the Canadian National. The entry list included Graham Bros., of Claremont; T. H. Hassard, of Millbrook; Hodgkinson & Tisdale, of Beaverton; Calkins & Augsbury, of Byron, Mich.; J. D. Larkin, of Niagara-on-the-Lake; Graham-Renfrew Co., of Bedford Park; A. Yeager, of Simcoe; Hamilton & Hawthorne, of Simcoe; Oak Park Stock Farm, of Brantford; Geo. A. Bennett & Sons, of Carlisle; John A. Boag & Son, of Queensville; T. A. Cox, of Brantford; B. Gallop, of Milton West, and Cessford Thomson, of Malvern. Awards were made by Richard Gibson, of Delaware.

The awards were: Stallions, four years and upwards, 15 hands 2 in. and over—1, Graham Bros. on Colorito, by Resador; 2, Oak Park Stock Farm, on Crayke Mikado, by Garton Duke of Connaught; 3, Calkins & Augsbury, on Woodlawn Beau, by Sir Augustus; 4, Hassard, on Atwick Astonishment, by Atwick Jubilee. Stallions, four years and upwards, under 15 hands 2 in.—1, Graham-Renfrew Co., on Brigham Radiant, by Rosador; 2, Yeager, on King's Chocolate, by Chocolate Jr.; 3, Calkins & Augsbury, on General Carboy, by Garton Duke of Connaught; 4, Graham-Renfrew Co., on Copmanthorpe Swell, by Garton Duke of Connaught. Stallion, 3 years—1, Benet & Sons, on Admaston Nugget, by Goldfinder 6th; 2, Calkins & Augsbury, on Ossington Grand, by Lord Ossington, and 3, on Blanch Sportsman, by Rosador. Stallion, 2 years—1, Graham Bros., on Shawhill Duke, by Polonius; 2, Cox, on Langton's Colonel.

Filly, 3 years old—1, Graham-Renfrew Co., on Saxon's Queen, by Saxon; 2, Hassard, on Salford Nebulla; 3, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Gingerbread. Filly, 2 years—1, Oak Park Stock Farm, on Oak Park Daisy, and 2, on Fyde Beauty. Brood mare, with foal at side—1, Graham-Renfrew Co., on Carmen; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Wild Cherry; 3, Thomson, on Lady Clendrie.

Best stallion, any age—Graham-Renfrew Co., on Brigham Radiant.

Best female, any age—Graham-Renfrew Co., on Carmen.

## STANDARD-BREDS.

The true quality of the stock bred by Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt, was found in the classes of Standard-breds. In the stallions, four years and up, her horse, Mograzia, sired by Moko, winner at the Horse Show at Toronto, is of special merit. Hamilton & Hawthorne, of Simcoe, stood second with Kings' Counsel sired by Mambrino King; S. E. Turner, of Barrie, third, with The Reprobate; and Tilt & Ross, of Derry West, fourth, with Jud Posey. These exhibitors also won in other classes. Among other successful competitors were, J. J. Wolfe, of Cooksville; Wm. J. Martin, of Binbrook; and Paterson Bros., of East Toronto.

## THOROUGHBREDS.

The classes of Thoroughbreds were not well filled, but the animals were to the taste of the ring-lover. Paterson Bros., of East Toronto, had the best stallion, in Haling. Wm. McKay, of Todmorden, stood second with Procession; and Messrs. Barbour, of Toronto, third with Billeneer. In three-years-old stallions, James Bovaird, of Brampton, was first with St. Basset, and Barbour second with Longboat.

## BEST TEN HORSES.

An imposing array of horseflesh came before the judges, Messrs. Weir, Starr and Bishop, on Thursday, when five groups of ten each entered the ring. The competitors were, Graham Bros., Graham Renfrew Co., Smith & Richardson, Miss K. L. Wilks, and Hodgkinson & Tisdale. Each group comprised many ribbon-wearers of superior quality. The choice fell on Graham Bros., whose seven Clydesdale and three Hackney stallions are hard to beat. Graham-Renfrew Co. also had a good string, but, although four were champions in their classes, one was a gelding, and three mares, five of the group being Clydesdales and five Hackneys. Smith & Richardson had ten Clydesdales, only one of which was a female. The winning group comprised Baron Alister, Baron Laird, Bonnie Doon, Boreland Chief, Landsdowne, General Favorite, Baron Sceptre, Colorito, Cuddington, and Shawhill Duke.

## CATTLE.

### THE BEEF BREEDS.

Of the beef breeds of cattle at the Toronto exhibition it may be said that in numbers the Shorthorns were out as strong as usual, and the quality, on the average, was quite up to the standard of former years. Entries were made by over twenty breeders and quite that number shared in the competition. The principle exhibitors were: Sir Geo. Drummond, Beaconsfield, Que.; the Little Missouri Horse Co., Meadville, Pa., and the following Ontario breeders: W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland; J. A. Watt, and J. Watt & Son, Salem; W. G. Pettit & Son, Freeman; A. Duncan & Son, Carluke; W. R. Elliot & Son, Guelph; Geo. Amos & Son, Moffat; T. E. and G. C. Robson & Sons, Ilderton; John Gardhouse & Son, Highfield; Eastwood Bros., New Toronto; Kerr & Davidson, Balsam; Kyle Bros., Ayr; H. Smith, Exeter. W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont., as single judge, made the awards for the whole class with much satisfaction. In the aged bull section a clear first was found in the light roan, 3 year old Sidelight, bred by F. W. Harding, of Wisconsin, (sired by Rayne Wonder) and shown by the Little Missouri Horse Co. He is a bull of excellent type, character and quality, but had no walk-over in the contest with the Dryden bred Bertie's Hero, a red 5 year old, shown by Edwards & Co., and Jilt's Victor, a roan 6 year old shown by J. A. Watt, the rating being in the order named. The surprise of the bull sections was found in the first prize 2 year old bull, Royal Chief, a rich roan of ideal form and quality bred by R. A. and J. A. Watt, sired by Mildred's Royal, out of Crocus, (Imp.) and shown by A. Duncan & Son Carluke, Wentworth County. This bull, shown for the first time at Toronto, won easily the senior male and grand champion awards, the reserve for the former being Sidelight, and for the supreme position, Eastwood Bros. first prize senior yearling, Gallant Sailor, a rich roan of excellent type and quality, bred by T. Redmond and sired by Sailor Champion. Elliot & Son were second in the 2 year old section with Rose Victor, a capital red son of Sittyton Victor (Imp.) and out of Mina 8th (Imp.), an animal showing fine character and type. Second in the senior yearling section was Gardhouse & Son's Archer's First, a promising roan son of Prince of Archers (Imp.). In junior yearlings two excellent white youngsters, Pettit's Silver Prince and Harry Smith's Viscount Vanity were first and second.

In an uncommonly strong class of nineteen senior bull calves, Kyle Bros. won with a deep bodied, straight lined red, Broadhook's Chancellor, by Bapton Chancellor (Imp.). Second and fourth awards went to Edwards & Co., for a red and a roan, by Missie Champion, then to J. F. Mitchell, Burlington, for a red by Ben Lomond (Imp.). In a good class of cows the noted champion-winning heifer of former years, Queen Ideal, bred by H. Fairbairn, sired by Royal Prince, 31241, and owned by Sir Geo. Drummond, a roan cow now 5 years old, of grand conformation, and fine quality, was a clear first, followed by Edwards & Co.'s roan Pine Grove Clipper, by Marquis of Zenda, third going to Robson's roan, Queenston Bellona, by Derby (Imp.), and fourth to Drummond's red Lavender 44th, by Cicely's Pride (Imp.). The 2 year old heifer class was led by an uncommonly strong red heifer, Mina Princess, recently imported from the States by J. A. Watt, bred by Carpenter & Ross, of Ohio, and sired by Whitehall Count. This heifer was rightly awarded the senior championship over Queen Ideal, as she is smooth and true in all her make up, but was beaten in a very close contest for grand champion by Amos & Son's red senior yearling, Pleasant Valley Jilt, by Old Lancaster (Imp.), a former Toronto grand champion who died too soon, as he proved a remarkable successful heifer getter. The second prize senior yearling Lancaster Bud, a white half-sister, by the same sire is a close compeer of the supreme champion. In junior yearling heifers, Edwards & Co. won with a charming roan daughter of Missie Champion, and in a very strong class of senior heifer calves, J. A. Watt had a popular winner in the roan, Queen of Dreamland, by Royal Prince, and of the same family as Queen Ideal.