

Graham Bros.' Firefly, by Triffitt's Fireaway, and Seagull, by Danegelt; Robert Beith & Co.'s Jubilee Chief, by Pilot; J. D. O'Neil & Co.'s (London) Sir Garnet 3rd, by Guardsman; Dr. C. F. McLean's (Meaford) Chiropodist, by Denmark; Geo. H. Hastings' (Dorset Park) Lord Bardolph, by Confidence.

Firefly was awarded the first place, which he quite rightly deserved. He was in his best form, showing his great action, both at knee and hock, to the very best advantage, while his all-round quality and beautiful finish charmed judge and spectators alike. Jubilee Chief gained second. He, too, was in beautiful fix, and has improved immensely since he last appeared in the show ring. He was going at his best. Seagull made a strong candidate for third position. He, too, was in grand, good form, but did not show to the same advantage that he did afterwards when shown at the head of his family circle, at which time he and his foals made a capital display. Altogether the class was a good one, the strongest yet seen at a Canadian show. Several meritorious horses went out without ribbons, among which we particularly noticed Sir Garnet 3rd, a horse that requires a little making up.

But one entry came forward in the three-year-old section, which was (imp.) Maxwell, shown by Hon. H. M. Cochrane, Hillhurst, P. Q. This horse is by Prince Alfred, and is a superb mover, is full of quality and exceedingly breedy in appearance.

Three horses answered the summons to appear in the two-year-old section. Here the entry from Hillhurst, Danesfort, by Danegelt, was the fortunate winner. He is a handsome colt of neat proportions, with good action, and displayed the right type of breeding and form.

R. Beith's chestnut colt Ottawa, imported in dam, and sired by the celebrated horse Lord Darwent, made a capital second, his dam Mayflower also being in this stud. Ottawa is a most likely colt for future honors, and has made a wonderful improvement since his last appearance at the Spring Stallion Show.

The third place was carried by Irving & Brown's (Winchester) Kilnwick Fireaway, by Lord Swanland, a colt of stronger makeup and with plenty of action, but requiring a little time to recover his trip over the ocean, he having recently landed.

In three-year-old fillies, the first was placed upon Charwoman, by the celebrated American winner Marquis of Londesborough, from the Hillhurst contingent. She was indeed a beautiful filly, and displayed good moving power and the correct style of doing it.

Graham Bros. won second with Comet, an imported daughter of Dorrington 2nd, that is a capital pattern of the breed. She was brought over last season by the exhibitors; she moves neatly and well.

In the brood mare class, the famous mare Princess Dagmar, from the Hillhurst Farm, imported by Mr. Cochrane last season, was an easy first. She is indeed a grand specimen of the breed, and it is hard to say which is the most to be admired, her beautiful form or her brilliant action. To her was also awarded sweepstakes for the best mare of this breed.

R. Beith & Co.'s very neat, good all-round mare Mona Queen, by Dictator, made a capital second; George Hastings' mare won third place.

Seagull and three foals of 1892 made a capital show for stallion and his get, this horse proving thereby how exceedingly useful he is in the stud.

To Firefly was given the sweepstakes for best stallion in the class; where he again showed to the very best advantage.

#### CATTLE AT THE TORONTO EXHIBITION.

The display of cattle of the various breeds at this the "royal show" of Canada, while it was in point of numbers quite equal to the average of past years, did not strike us as being up to the standard in quality and condition. It was nevertheless a great show, and we doubt whether it is equalled by any other on the continent of America, yet we think the exhibitors themselves will freely admit that there is room for improvement, and we sincerely hope that a reflection upon this fact may lead to increased interest and zeal on the part of all our breeders of improved stock to raise the standard of the quality, so that we may maintain the high character we have

attained in this regard. In undertaking to report upon so large a number of classes a reference to each animal cannot be reasonably expected in the space allotted, and as the list of awards of prizes will be published in this paper, we can only hope to deal with the most striking features in each class, and in doing so we desire to say we are disposed to think and to write charitably of all concerned, but at the same time we want to impress upon exhibitors and judges the fact that the eyes of the public are upon them, and that they are properly looked to to furnish education and examples worthy of being followed, and therefore should not object to fair and candid criticism, especially where so much of commendation is given when deserved. Following the order of the catalogue we refer first to the class of

#### SHORTHORNS.

We have seen larger and better displays of this class in Toronto, especially in the older sections, but the younger things were very good. The judges in this class were Messrs. J. J. Davidson and R. R. Sangster, both admittedly honest and capable men, who did their work on the whole in a satisfactory manner, yet there were two or three instances in which it seemed to onlookers they made mistakes of considerable consequence. Of course, we admit that even good judges sometimes differ in their opinions as to which is the best animal among a number; but when there seems to be a general consensus of opinion entertained by a number of men competent to judge that a mistake has been made, we may fairly conclude that there is something in it.

In the section for bulls, four years old and upwards, there were three large red bulls, two of which were imported, both being bred by the late Mr. Campbell, of Kinellar, and both sons of his well-known stock bull Gravesend. Toft-hills, owned by S. J. Pearson & Son, of Meadowville, a bull of great substance and good form, with immense scale and depth and width, was placed first, and Mr. Wm. Shier's Hopeful, a bull of similar description and character, got second place, the third prize going to Mr. John Mitchell for his Duke of Waterdown.

The section for bulls three years old had only three entries, and the first prize went to Mr. Currie's War Eagle, bred by Mr. Arthur Johnston, a red son of imported Warfare and out of Daisy's Star, by Duke of Lavender, a low-set, thick-fleshed bull, brought out in blooming condition by boys who know how to do it. The second prize went to Mr. Leask's Roan Duke, a bull of fine form and character, bred by Mr. James Graham, of Skugog; and the third to Mr. James Oke's Ironclad, a low-set, thick-fleshed, blocky bull, bred by Mr. Gardhouse, sired by imported Eclipse, and out of imported Mary Anne of Lancaster 12th.

The ring for two-year-olds included two sons of Mr. Johnston's imported Indian Chief, one of which, Mr. W. B. Coburn's Greenhouse Chief, in addition to being placed first in this ring, was also at a later stage promoted to the premiership as best bull of any age; is a lengthy, smooth, straight, stylish bull; he is young for his section, being only two years old in June, which may account for the lack of depth and weight of body one expects to see in a two-year-old bull, but time will probably make up for this, and we shall expect to see him go on to make a hard one to beat in any ring.

The second prize bull, owned by Messrs. Simmons & Quirie, is a short-legged, thick-fleshed fellow, well calculated to get good feeding steers, but wanting in that style, scale and finish that we look for in a show bull. He was, however, in the absence of better ones, fairly entitled to the place given him in the list of awards.

The yearling bulls, always an interesting section of the show, were in this case no exception to the rule, and included ten very good ones. The rich roan, Mina Lad, shown by S. J. Pearson & Son, of Meadowvale, a son of Messrs. Russell's Stanley, the twice-crowned king of former years at this show over bulls of all ages, and of imported Mina Lass, a Kinellar bred cow, by Gravesend, was a favorite from the first with many of the leading Shorthorn connoisseurs present. He is a model of the breed-type at

present most popular, and such as one would have thought would have caught the eye of an Aberdeenshire man every time, yet, strange to say, it was in this section that the judges more than in any other surprised and disappointed spectators. True there was no walk over for any one, for the ring included Messrs. Russell's red Prince Royal, the first prize bull calf of last year, and a candidate for the premier place in the sweepstakes contest then. This youngster has gone on well and is still a hard one to beat, being lengthy, straight and smooth, though not so near the ground as he was last year, and showing less of depth of barrel than one could wish, a deficiency which he may and probably will make up for before another year goes round. Mr. D. D. Wilson, of Seaforth, showed two imported bulls bred by Mr. Duthie, of Collynie—one a red by Chesterfield, dam Princess Lovely, by Field Marshal, the other a roan by Gravesend, dam by Vermont. While both of the latter named had some good qualities and some strong points, yet we think no one with a care for his reputation as a judge would risk the statement that either of them was entitled to be called a show bull in first-class company. No one outside the ring, we venture to think, expected that either of them would be in it for first or second place, the contest being clearly between the first two named in the list; but the judges apparently could not see the Meadowvale bull. He was not on stilts, and the first prize went to the Russell entry, a decision on which there was room for difference of opinion, and of which we heard no complaint, but the invariable opinion of good judges was that the roan son of Stanley should at least have had second place. The judges, however, willed it otherwise, and the two imported bulls were given second and third prizes.

There were 25 bull calves entered, and they made a strong show. It was no easy task to pick out the best five, but it was not a difficult problem which should be first. Messrs. Russell's white Lord Stanley, so smooth and level in all his points, with thick flesh in the best parts, with strong back and loins and soft hair and skin, challenged admiration at sight and was generally admitted to be the best calf shown here in many years. Messrs. Nicholson came in for second prize with their red Norseman, bred by Arthur Johnston and sired by Indian Chief. He is a thick, deep, blocky bull of good quality, giving good promise of future usefulness both in the herd and the show ring. The third and fourth prizes were also awarded to the same exhibitors for two sons of Nonpareil Chief, the sweepstakes bull of last year, a son of Indian Chief, sold last spring to Col. Moberly, of Kentucky, which has been winning first prize in his class at the leading shows in the United States the present season. He won our admiration here last year, and his offspring shown here now confirms our high opinion of his usefulness.

The cows over four years were a good, useful lot, the first place being assigned to the white cow Village Lilly, owned by H. & W. Smith, of Hay. This cow is half sister to the renowned show bull Young Abbotsburn, being from the same dam, imp. Village Blossom. She is a cow of good size and substance, with straight outline and fine constitution, and well deserved her place. Messrs. J. & W. Russell won second prize with a useful red cow, Isabella 9th, and the third place was given to Moss Rose of Strathmore, sired by Vice-Consul, and shown by Mr. W. B. Coburn, of Aberfoyle, a good representative of the Rose of Strathallan family, showing much of the family character.

Mr. Thomas Russell, of Exeter, won first and third prizes in the section for three-year-old cows with Medora 10th and Bracelet 5th, both strong, useful cows with faultless fore-ends, but a bit wanting in finish behind.

The same exhibitor won first honors in the two-year-old ring with a beautiful white heifer, Bracelet 6th, one of the best things in the class, showing fine character, smooth flesh, and general finish that is not often excelled. J. & W. Russell came in for second with their Queen Mary, a substantial roan by Stanley, and Mr. Coburn secured third prize on his Wimple of Halton, by Grand Warrior, a heifer of much promise.