

away some of the hours, and it is difficult to say which has the advantage!

But a short distance, a mile or two away, in close proximity to Sittyton, is Alex. Crombie's place, known as Woodend. We expect to find a thorough cattleman and Shorthorn enthusiast here, as Mr. Crombie was a ward of Amos Cruickshank, and has inherited the volumes of Coates, once owned and sedulously coned by that master craftsman. From Woodend came Inspector, a noted British show bull. Among the females were three Lancasters, all fine, big, milky-looking cows. Many of the cows are hand-milked, and are heavy yielders, their udders for six to eight weeks after calving needing relief three or four times daily.

These Scotch farms have plenty of grass and water, and cattle grow without a check, yet nature is not as generous in her bounties as on the prairies; in fact, her bounty has literally to be wrung from her, by cultivation, rotations and the liberal use of artificial manures, and the feeding of cake to the cattle, but the cattle grown are good, and are only spoiled by housing in, in many cases, dark, poorly-ventilated byres, among which surroundings the germs of disease live, thrive and multiply.

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The Dominion Exhibition.

As the result of judicious advertising, good management, and the hearty co-operation of the public, the Dominion Exhibition held in Toronto, August 27th to Sept. 12th, this year, was admittedly an unqualified success. The attendance of visitors was a record one for Toronto exhibitions, and the show strong in every department, clearly evidencing the remarkably prosperous condition of the farming community and the people generally. Great and good as the show was, however, it cannot truly be said to have been an adequate exposition of the country's best capabilities in the lines of agricultural and industrial production. The small Government grant of \$50,000 was, of course, entirely insufficient for the purpose of making it a Dominion exhibition in any other sense than in name, and the time for preparation after the grant was given was far too limited for the consummation of plans such as would give it any true claim to a Dominion character. It was, therefore, simply a Toronto Industrial Exhibition improved, and as such was an event exceedingly creditable to the management and to all participating in its make-up.

As a live-stock exhibition, taking it in all its departments, this was, without doubt, the greatest ever held in Canada, and was a worthy representation of the country's best in that line, and a presentation of which our people may well feel proud, as it would do credit to any country in the world, and compares well with the best of any other land under the sun.

HORSES.

As was expected, the horse exhibit was one of the big attractions of the fair. In all there were 1,179 entries, being about the same number as were made last year. A large proportion of this number was made up of driving and saddle horses, the breeding classes being very little larger than last year. The novel feature of the horse exhibit this year was the section for ten horses, the property of one exhibitor, the award to be made on the money valuation of each lot. Those having horses out were Graham Bros., Clydes and Hackneys; Geo. Pepper, Saddle and Harness; Morris & Wellington, Shires; A. Yeager, Light horses; Smith & Richardson, Clydesdales; O. Sorby, Hackneys and Clydesdales; Miss Willes, Standard-breds; Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Clydesdales, and R. Davies, Clydesdales. Out of such a miscellaneous lot the task of selecting the most valuable was no easy matter. However, in the opinion of the judges, Graham Bros. were entitled to first place, Geo. Pepper second, Morris & Wellington third, and A. Yeager fourth.

In the breeding classes Clydesdales were the most numerous, as representatives of several of the stables have scoured Scotland for new blood. Competition among the larger importers and breeders was keen throughout all the sections. There have been horse shows and fairs in the past at which there was more general unanimity of opinion in connection with the placing of the entries in the Clydesdale sections, but seldom has there been a show that rivalled that at Toronto last week for dissatisfaction among exhibitors and spectators with the awards in this class. Through some unaccountable maneuvering, the nominees of the delegates representing the Horse Breeders' Association for judges of Clydesdales were not appointed, and as a result, while making all due allowance for differences of opinion regarding the merits of a ring of horses, we are still forced to the conclusion that the experience of this year should teach us that we do not need to go out of Canada to get experts to pass judgment upon horses that are selected, imported or bred particularly for Canadian conditions.

The first class to come out was that for stallions four years old and over. Nine horses of varying size and quality made up the lot, and, probably, there never was a more difficult class to place. No one individual seemed to stand out prominently. Dalgety Bros. had a horse, Stewart's Pride, that many would have placed first. He is one of the large type, with a very good quality of bone, and a well-put-up horse all through. He was given the third place. The first-prize horse, owned by Graham Bros., although of good size and fair quality, is not as well turned, especially

was selected. It would have been better policy had the judges chosen a bigger horse for first place, as the greatest need in horse breeding in Canada to-day is more size. In Scotland, where the country is well stocked with big mares, a little size in the stallions may be sacrificed to quality, but we have not the same conditions here.

SHIRES.—There were but three stables competing in the Shire classes, Morris & Wellington's, Fonthill; J. M. Gardhouse's, of Weston; and John Gardhouse's, of Highfield. The judge was S. Bell, of Wooster, Ohio, and his duties were not of a very arduous nature, as there were no classes with more than three entries. The senior honors easily descended upon J. M. Gardhouse's Chewton Prince Harold 3rd, a horse that moves free and clean. He is now four years old, has good feet and body, but hardly as massive as Mars, who stood second, but whose age and condition was against him. Bank Statesman was the only three-year-old out. He is rather a nicely-turned horse, and acts well. Modern farmers, however, look for a little finer quality and less feather than is found in many Shires, and the breeders of these horses cannot improve in this particular any too soon to suit the Canadian public. The two black coats, Coronation and General Favorite, from the Fonthill stables, were again out in the two-year-old section. The Royal winner, General Favorite, while still developing into a grand horse, is being left a little behind by his mate Coronation, who is getting thicker and more masculine looking. He has a lot to lose before he can be beaten. The sweepstakes silver medal for Shire stallion any age was afterwards won by him.

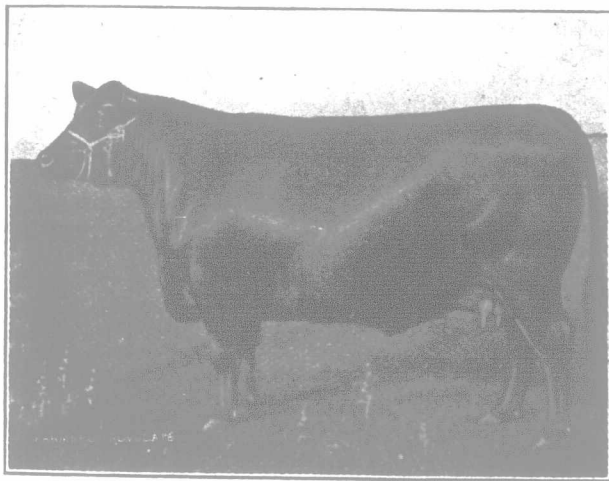
HACKNEYS.—Last spring when the stallion Saxon carried off the sweepstakes at the Canadian Horse Show at Toronto, it looked as if he would remain champion of the breed at Canadian shows for some time. Saxon certainly is a grand type of the modern Hackney, neat, well muscled, and a clean, high mover, but a greater than Saxon has come. Cliffe Roberts, imported this summer by O. Sorby, of Guelph, is the new champion. He is something of the Lord Roseberry type of horse, having lots of substance, with a very neat head and neck, a round body, nicely-turned quarters, and his action is of the superlative degree. In two particulars Cliffe Roberts had the advantage of his rival, first in his greater substance, and second in his higher knee and hock action, although it must be said for Saxon that he did not act his best in the contest. Pedro, lately imported by J. B. Hogate, of Sarnia, made a good number for third choice.

CATTLE.

The entries of cattle for the Toronto Exhibition this year exceeded those of any former year, numbering about 700 head, divided into nine classes, all being well filled, while some, notably those of Shorthorns and Ayrshires, were overflowing. The average quality was also of a high standard, some of the classes showing marked improvement, while all are holding their own in character very satisfactorily.

SHORTHORNS made an abnormal display, the entries totalling nearly 250. This exceptional entry was partly due to the increasing interest shown by the farmers of the country in the improvement of their beef cattle, and largely, no doubt, owing to the large and liberal prize-list provided for the class, the Dominion Shorthorn Association having supplemented the list by a grant of \$1,500, making a total offering of about \$3,000 for this breed alone.

While the general character of the competing animals was of a higher standard than ever seen at any Canadian show, and there were very many



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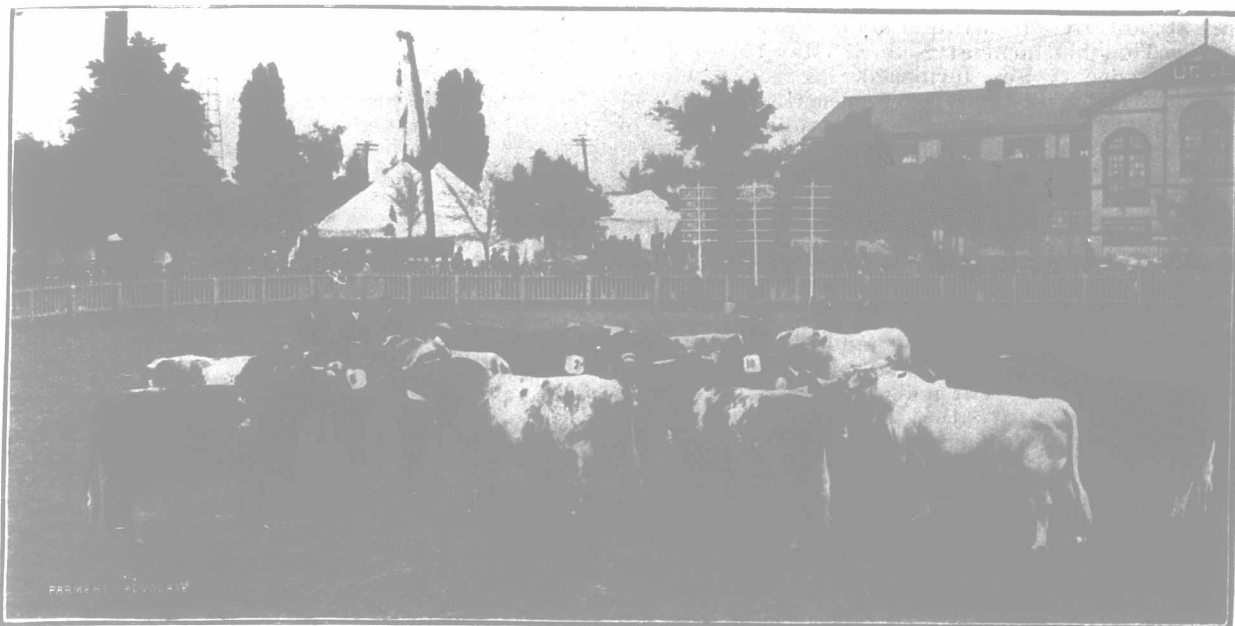
Aberdeen-Angus cow. First and champion at Forfar, and second at the H. & A. S. Show, 1903.

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on the rump, and when in motion keeps his hind legs too far under him, which makes his rump peaked, and gives him a drawn, plain appearance all over; otherwise, he is a very good horse, well muscled, closely coupled, with good shoulders and a strong masculine appearance. The second place was taken by O. Sorby's Vanora's Pride, a baron's Pride horse, a very neat fellow, and one that is bigger than he looks. He has a particularly well-turned body, and the quality usually found in the get of Baron's Pride. The winner of fourth was Right Time, just imported by T. H. Hassard, of Millbrook. He is a well-got-up horse from the feet over all, but fell a little behind the others in size, although he is not a small one. Several splendid horses were outside the placing, the one standing fifth being Smith & Richardson's Ruler, sired by the great Baron's Pride, a grand horse that does credit to his illustrious sire.

The three-year-olds were a more uniform lot than the seniors. The two first horses were two that competed at the Spring Stallion Show, Graham's Cairnhill, and Lavender, from Smith & Richardson's stables. Although Cairnhill was placed first, Lavender has closed up on him during the summer, until to-day it is hard to see where the Claremont horse excels sufficiently to win. Cairnhill may show a little more quality in his bone, but Lavender is a more compact and better-muscled horse. One of J. B. Hogate's new importation, Gallant Chattan, secured the yellow ribbon for his quality of bone and smoothness of body. The fourth prize went to J. M. Gardhouse, on Robson's Fidelity, who won first in his class last year.

The two-year-old section had one of the largest entries of the show, and the judges had no easy task selecting the winners. For the red rosette, Criterion, belonging to Graham Bros., a solid, rather low horse, with good action, bone and feet,



THE AGED BULLS AT THE DOMINION EXHIBITION, TORONTO, 1903.

The prize winners in foreground, reading from the left: Joy of Morning, 1; Marquis of Zenda, 2; Spicy Robin, 3; Valasco 29th, 4; Prince Rupert, 5.