

The Western Fair.**HORSES.**

The show of horses at the recent Western Fair, in point of numbers, was not the success we have seen in former years; especially was this the case in some of the sections of the heavy classes. If the show of stock is intended to be a leading feature in this exhibition, the management will have to see to it that their prize list in this department is larger than in those exhibitions that are being held during the same week, as exhibitors consult closely where the largest money prizes are to be won, and then exhibit accordingly. This is the case in all the stock classes, and as the past show turned out such a financial success it is to be hoped another year will see a larger grant given to this department. The seeming impossibility of holding a show in London without one or more exhibitions being held simultaneously makes this all the more necessary. As usual at the Western Fair the light horses were by far the most numerous.

BLOOD HORSES

are given premier position, and in this class there was rather a meagre entry. The aged thoroughbred stallion owned by J. B. Martin, Forest, was first. He is a horse that should take well among those who are aiming at breeding saddle horses. He is a nicely finished bay of good size, with plenty of bone below the knee, carrying a good middle, but with rather small feet for road work.

T. D. Hodgins, London, was quite a prominent exhibitor in this class, having forward some choice mares and fillies.

CARRIAGE HORSES

had a large entry, and the imported Coach stallions in this class very properly held the winning cards. Fred Rowe, Belmont, received the red for Candidate, a large horse of good Cleveland character, standing fully 16½ hands. Yorkshire Lad, a well-known horse, made a strong second. He is a registered English Coach of good quality, showy action, and has been very successful, having won sweepstakes at Toronto and London as a two-year-old, and has also won frequently here since. He is owned by Messrs. Cameron & Dewar, Duncrief. Messrs. Robson & Ardell's Falconer won third. This is also a horse of good quality, and is leaving a lot of good youngsters, some of which were winners at this show. Falconer is a Cleveland and is a beautiful color, but does not stand as high as either of the other winners in his class. Quite a few promising colts and fillies were brought forward which could boast of Cleveland and English Coach parentage.

ROADSTERS

were the most numerous of any class of horses at this show, no less than twenty-two entering in the ring for aged stallions. The Excelsior Stock Farm, of London, won in this class with Morelight, a horse that was also entered in several of the trotting races. Some well-bred young stallions were also forward among those that won the right colored cards.

AGRICULTURAL HORSES

were represented by a lot of exceedingly useful mares and fillies. Among the exhibitors Prouse & Williamson, Ingersoll; Hider & Parker, Oxford Centre; had a splendid lot. And right here we might remark there is plenty of room for more of this excellent class that was forward, as our farms cannot be worked without plenty of size in our horses.

PERCHERONS.

The Haras National made a show themselves in this breed, having no less than five aged stallions in the ring. D. C. Dorman, and R. Whitelaw, St. Mary's, also exhibiting in this section, Mr. Whitelaw being the sole exhibitor of mares and fillies.

SUFFOLK PUNCH.

Jos. Beck and Messrs. Salmon, of Thorndale, divided the honors in this breed of horses.

CLYDESDALES

were not out in such numbers as we have seen at some previous Western Shows. The aged stallions made a good showing, the Macgregor horse, MacCombie, owned by Bean & Bantlin, of Brinsley, winning first and sweepstakes. This is a horse of good size, with good feet and legs, and capital Clydesdale character. Jos. White, St. Mary's, winning second with Lord Russell, by Jordan Shaw, Anthony Hughes' Good Kind taking third place.

Only two three year-old stallions turned out. A nice blocky horse, owned by Nathan Norton, Westminster, taking first. J. Begg, of St. Thomas, took second with a promising colt shown by James Gault, Glanworth. Two-year-old stallions made the strongest ring of Clydesdales at this show, nine being entered. In this section it was evident that the judges were not in accord, they giving onlookers plenty of time to decide twice, while they disagreed. The first was sent to Jos. White, a good bodied colt in heavy flesh, but certainly not the best at the ground or on the quarter, P. Curtin, of Centralia, winning second with a nicely finished bay, the third going to J. Henderson, Belton, with a neat blocky horse.

Hugh Thomson showed a nice all-round colt by McCammon, that many outsiders expected to see placed higher up. Messrs. A. B. Scott & Son, Vanneck, had a useful colt with plenty of outcome about him, sired by The Belted Knight, Corporal Logan, but this colt unfortunately happened with an accident by which one of his hocks was swelled, he plainly favoring his leg while standing.

Only two yearlings came forward, both shown by Hugh Thomson, St. Mary's.

Very few mares were shown, A. Hughes and D. Acheson dividing the section in the order named. A. B. Scott & Son got first sweepstakes on a very neat filly by MacCombie, also first on a half sister, a yearling, by Good Kind.

CANADIAN DRAUGHTS

were a splendid lot, and showed the attention that has been paid to this branch of horse breeding, and it would well repay more of our farmers to enter into the same line. Good draught animals are wanted everywhere that heavy teaming is to be done, while the rank and file of the lighter classes were too weedy to ever find purchasers.

Messrs. Prouse & Williamson, Ingersoll and Hider & Parker, Oxford Centre, had some grand specimens on exhibition, and took the lion's share of the prizes for mares and fillies. The sections of this class were principally made up of Clydesdale and Shire breeding, and we cannot too strongly urge our horse breeders to look carefully at the good work this breeding has done, and not to be eager in selling the grand young mares that they have been breeding, as they will not be easily replaced if sold.

HACKNEY HORSES

have now quite properly found a place in the

prize list of this and other exhibitions. Mr. Jos. Beck, Thorndale, exhibiting in this class.

THE CATTLE

made a most creditable display, and although some of the breeds were not as largely represented as we have seen them, still there was an absence of anything second-rate, and many of the sections were quite strongly contested.

SHORTHORNS.

In bulls over three Thos. Ballantyne & Son's imported Prince Royal, by Prince Rufus, was first, Snell Bros., Clinton, taking second with Neptune, a bull of the Campbell Ruby Hill family, bred by S. Isaac, Baltimore. Messrs. Nicholson, of Sylvan, carried off third with imported Warrior. Mr. Davis' Nonpareil, a useful good bull was also shown.

The Bow Park two-year-old, Master Ingram, by the sweepstakes sire Sir Arthur Ingram, dam Havering Nonpareil, carried off first and sweepstakes, James Oke, Alvinston, second, and James Milne, White Oak, third.

In one year-old bulls the Bow Park Roan Duchess bull, by Ingram, took first, a very thick bull, by imported Mariner, bred and owned by T. Russell, Exeter, second, George Dickie, Hyde Park, winning third with a neat bull of his own breeding.

Bull calves were an even class, twelve being forward. Messrs. Nicholson were again to the front with their Warrior calf, Thos. Ballantyne second with a thick useful calf, bred by A. Johnston, by the Cruickshank bull Indian Chief, Smith Bros., of Exeter, gaining third with a neat good one of the Matchless family by Prince Albert.

In cows the Bow Park Waterloo cow won the red, the white Isabella, by Lord Zetlan, second, and Nicholson's third.

In three-year-olds the Bow Park Isabella, a large thick daughter of Lady Isabella, took first, Messrs. Nicholson second.

The Bow Park two-year-old Lady Aberdeen 9th, by Ingram's Chief, took first and his other heifer, by the prize-winning Oscar, second, and Messrs. Snell third with a Vice-Consul heifer.

In yearling heifers the Bow Park Isabella 5th, by the Baronet, was first, Smith Bros., with a Village Blossom, by Prince Albert, second, Nicholson third, with a heifer by Warrior.

A good class of heifer calves, in which a Missie from a Duthie bred dam, and a Meadow Sweet from a Retty dam, both calves sired by Prince Royal, carried a first and second to the credit of Thos. Ballantyne & Son, C. M. Simmons winning third with a well developed calf by Sir Christopher. A number of other real good calves were forward, which should help to keep up the reputation of the breed in future.

HEREFORDS

were lacking in numbers, but the exhibit of Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst, P. Q., and Mr. Fleming, Weston, Ont., were well up in quality. Mr. Cochrane's Cassio is just the pattern of what a beef bull should be; he is low down, with a wonderful width, and carrying a depth of natural flesh that is rarely seen, but which he comes honestly by as a son of the noted The Grove 3rd, and a goodly array of his daughters are inheriting his grand beefing qualities, thereby showing that he is equally as good as a sire as he is individually. Mr. Fleming made quite an exhibit, some of which were particularly good.