

A Canadian Embargo.

The reported outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Yorkshire, England, having been corroborated by the British Board of Agriculture, the Dominion Department of Agriculture has, on July 23rd, suspended permits for the importation into Canada of cattle, sheep and swine from the Old Country. The suspension will affect only those who have already made their purchases, but have not yet shipped. It was, of course, impossible to impose the restriction upon animals already on the water, so arrangements are being made for the veterinary inspection of these in mid stream. As far as reports have been received there have been no further outbreaks of the disease, and all the infected animals, totalling 124 in number, have been slaughtered. There is good hope that the British Department has the outbreak so well in hand that in a very short time it will be entirely stamped out.

A similar embargo has been enforced by the United States upon the cattle trade with Britain, and will be rigidly enforced, until the extent of the infection is made clear.

Foot-and-mouth disease is, like the more deadly rinderpest, of Asiatic origin, and Europe will never be safe against infection until better methods of sanitation became known and practiced in the localities where it is constantly lurking. It is a germ disease, but its pathogenic organism has never been isolated. In the course of its progress it produces eruptions, and thus provides the means by which it may easily be conveyed from one animal to another. It consequently spreads rapidly whenever it obtains a foothold, and the resulting mortality is always considerable and often serious. Human beings may become infected by the use of the milk of diseased animals, or of the butter or cheese made from such milk.

It is a curious irony on Great Britain that Canadian live cattle are not allowed to be imported except for slaughter within a few days at the place of landing, while the importation of British cattle from this infected district into Canada must absolutely be prohibited. The disease supposed to endanger British herds by the free importation of Canadian cattle is pleuro-pneumonia, from which Canadian herds are free. This is what leads to the suspicion that the embargo on the importation of Canadian cattle is a pick-wickian outcome of economic protectionism.

Highland and Agricultural Society Show.

This show, one of the best ever held under the auspices of the H. & A. S., opened Tuesday, July 19th, and was held at Dumfries. There was a grand show of female Galloways, a highly uniform show of Shorthorns, an unusually large show of Ayrshires, a very creditable show of Highland cattle and ponies, a splendid show of Blackface sheep, an exceptionally strong show of Border Leicesters, and an exceptionally good show of Clydesdales. The arrangements were excellent, and everything moved off satisfactorily.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns.—In the aged bull class, six animals were forward. First prize went to the well-known Alnwick Favorite, now rising five years, the property of J. Deane Willis. He is heavily and deeply fleshed, yet keeps his shape perfectly. Mintmaster, by Royal Violet, out of a Bapton Diamond cow, the property of George Harrison, Darlington, stood second. He is a strong, level animal, showing quality in all points. Third went to F. Miller, Clifton Road, Birkenhead, on Good Friday. There were four two-year-old bulls, of average stamp, in that class, George Harrison winning first on Prince Olaf II., second going to Viscount Tredegar, on Pretender. The yearling bulls were a quality class. First and second were bred at Collynie, the former being Collynie Cruickshank, a roan; the latter, Primrose Star, a white, both by Golden Primrose, and of the choicest breeding; Duncan Stewart, of Crieff, owned the first, Wm. Scott, Stow-on-the-wold, the second.

Cows were a very good class. First went to F. Miller, on Daisy Queen, true in type, quality and style. Lord Polwarth, St. Boswell's, was second, with Butter Scotch. Geo. Harrison's fourth-prize winner, Elvetham Ruth, showed scale and quality enough to have moved her higher, with much argument. Two-year-old heifers were an attractive lot. J. Deane Willis was first with the broad-backed, level, straight, well-sprung Fairy Princess, by Prince of the Blood. W. T. Malcolm had a tasty second in Dunmore Garland, by March Past. She is a heifer hard to beat for breediness. G. Harrison's Ruth of Gainford was third. There were thirteen yearling heifers out, making a promising and interesting lot. F. Miller received first on Augusta CXXV., a sensation, and one of the greatest yearlings ever seen. She is by Golden Flash. James McMillan's Rosebud was second, and R. Cornelius third with the blocky white, Eastham Belle. Best female of the breed went to F. Miller's Daisy Queen, with Augusta CXXV. reserve. Champion male was awarded

Alnwick Favorite, with Collynie Cruickshank reserve.

Aberdeen-Angus.—Much interest centered about this ring. The judges, in awarding the championship for the best breeding animal, did what we are not aware has ever been done at any show, and to this extent they were certainly original. When Metaphor won the President's medal as the best of the breed, one naturally thought he would get the breed society's prize for the best breeding animal, but the judges decided otherwise, and if they thought the cow was the best breeding animal, they placed reserve to her the two-year-old heifer, which it can be safely said has not bred yet. The decision at a show of breeding stock appears very contradictory, but there it stands. It should be stated that the umpire, Mr. James Whyte, Hayston, Glamis, judged several of the classes, Mr. McLaren being the breeder of animals entered. One of the old bulls was in enforced retirement. The quality of the stock is up to the average on the whole, but there is nothing sensational in evidence. The aged bull Metaphor, fresh from his victories at the Royal and Aberdeen, was placed first; Eagle of Balmory, belonging to Andrew Brools, Tranent, was second; while third went to George Cran, Morlich, on Just Jeshurun, a level, strong bull. In two-year-olds, R. W. Hill received first on Erino, a blocky, well-covered, smooth chap; T. H. Bainbridge received second on Gerace of Ballindalloch, that has good winnings to his credit, and is an argumentative competitor. The yearling class was small, and was headed by Lord Allendale's blocky Elmhore, a very breezy, strong, meaty youngster; second was Lord Emerald, the property of the Earl of Strathmore. The cow class was short, but of high merit. J. E. Kerr's Juanita Erica took first. She is a splendid animal. Next to her stood Eramosa, the property of Jas. Kennedy. The two-year-old class also had few competitors, though good ones. The yearling heifers, perhaps, were the best class of the breed. Jas. Kennedy got first on Elmyra, a beautifully-built Erica, short, thick and stylish. T. H. Bainbridge was second with Belinda of Clury, and J. E. Kerr third with Enlogia, by Prince of Wassail. The cup for best cow went to the owner of Juanita Erica, the medal for best of the breed to Metaphor, as also award for best male.

Galloways.—The display of Galloway cattle is much better than at former shows, although there is a slight decrease, compared with the last show at Dumfries, in 1903, when there was an exceptionally fine turnout. The decrease, however, is mainly due to the large number of dispersion sales which have taken place during the interval. The quality of the exhibits to-day, and more especially of the females, is particularly good. In old bulls, T. & R. Graham took first on the 14-year-old Marchfield Despised, a very fine, quality bull. Javelin, that beat him last year, stood second. He is a bull of immense scale and ruggedness. Three two-year-olds appeared, while seven yearlings came out; these last were a good class. W. & D. Wilson took first on Mascot, a promising young bull; J. M. Kennedy took second on Niel Gow. Male championship fell to the old bull. The female classes were especially good. Ten cows entered the ring. First went to Lady Primrose or Castlemilk, a ten-year-old cow belonging to Mr. Fox, Brockbank. Good ones stood all down the line. John Cunningham stood second with Nettie XXX. of Culmain, an exceptionally fine, breezy cow; third went to Biggar & Sons on Lizzie of Chapelton, a first-prize winner two years ago. A particularly large entry of meritorious animals entered the two-year-old heifer class. First went to Robt. Graham on Kitty of Auchengassel. The yearlings were numerous, but not sensational, save for one or two at the top. W. A. McTuit's Brownie IV. stood first, and later champion female; J. M. Kennedy's Gladys II. stood second.

Ayrshires.—In the aged-bull class was keen competition amongst an unusually large number of entries. Andrew Mitchell's well-known Peter Pan came to the head of the list. He is four years old, massive and stylish. Robert Osborne took second on Valmont, a half-brother of the winner. Two-year-olds were a strong class. James Howie had first on Sir William; Andrew Mitchell second on Silver Crest, a handsome, big bull; while Howie's Andrew Likely stood third. The yearlings were a very large and difficult class. Eventually, James Howie's Full Bloom landed first, a splendid, thick, growthy bull. H. B. Wilson received second on Lord Darnley, and third went to Howie's Ayr Review, after a keen competition. Peter Pan was awarded male championship. Cows were a splendid class. However, James Lawrie's Bloomer VIII. was an easy winner, being in every way a first-class cow. Andrew Mitchell was second with Favorite. Three-year-olds in milk were numerous, and of good quality. Charles Douglas had a clear winner in Janet, a stylish cow, of scale and milking capacity. Second honors fell to Alex. Hunter on Polly II. Two-year-olds did not form a large class, but had good ones forward, while the yearlings were numerous and difficult. Best female award went to Lady Mary Stewart, John Murray's first-prize winner in the class cows any age in milk, Bloomer VIII. being reserve.

CLYDESDALES.

Clydesdales have rarely made a stronger show than on this occasion. The aged-male class was well filled with a grand collection of big stallions. The three-year-olds were still better. Two-year-olds had a long string of grand big colts. In the aged class were eighteen entries, nearly all forward. The judges placed the awards thus: 1, Scotland Yet (14839); 2, Gartly Bonus (13491); 3, British Time (14610); 4, Sir Spencer (13211). Scotland Yet for feet, pasterns, flatness of bone, cleanness of joints and size takes a lot of beating. Montgomery's Gartly Bonus is a son of Everlasting. He is a big horse with good feet, good bone, and a good walker. British Time (also Montgomery's) is a massive son of Up to Time, and a great mover. Needless to say grand horses stood beyond the ribbons. In three-year-olds were twenty-one entries, mostly all out. The awards were: 1, Baron Ashvale (14579); 2, Memo (15313); 3, Black Douglas (14599); 4, The Right Honorable (14879); 5, Baron Ideal (14585). Baron Ashvale, belonging to A. & W. Montgomery, is a big, upstanding bay, by Rozelle (10638), out of a Hiawatha mare. He is altogether an uncommonly good horse, that fills the eye standing or going. Memo is a promising colt, belonging to Matthew Marshall, lacking some in the top of his superior, but well grounded. The Right Honorable belongs to Wm. Dunlop; he has plenty of size, good feet and flat bone. The two-year-old class numbered twenty-nine, and took a lot of judging. Substance and weight were much in evidence among the winners. Messrs. Montgomery's Royal Guest stood first, and the same owner's Title Deeds second, both being by Everlasting. Mr. Taylor's Sir Rudolph was third. Over twenty colts were entered in the yearling class, and mostly all appeared. First went to a powerful Everlasting colt, owned by James Kilpatrick; second to Montgomery's Royal Edward colt; third to Wm. Dunlop's Dunure Index. Baron Ashvale was made champion stallion, Scotland Yet being reserve.

Brood mares were quality ones throughout. Mr. Stephen Mitchell, of Boquhan, received a large share of the honors in the mare classes. His Blossom of Newhouse won first in brood mares; Wm. Neilson taking second on Daisy Primrose, a very close runner-up, of excellent type. Boquhan Lady Leggy easily won first in yeld mares for Mr. Mitchell, having been unbeaten this season. Nerissa, her closest competitor, belonging to J. E. Kerr, came second. Third went to J. P. Sleigh's five-year-old Everlasting mare, Lucilla. A small class of three-year-olds was forward, Mr. Mitchell taking first and second on Thelma II. and Boquhan Beatrice, respectively. A very large class of two-year-old fillies lined up, and most of them had claims to distinction. J. P. Sleigh's black filly, Moira, by Baron's Pride, and own sister to Thelma II., was first; R. Chapman came second with Heather Gem, a beautiful Revelanta filly; Richard Dunn was third with a chestnut filly by Revelanta. The yearlings also came forward in great strength. Wm. Dunlop got first and third on Dunure Myrene and Dunure Sympathy, respectively, both by Baron of Buchlyvie; J. P. Sleigh got second on a black filly, Elaine, own sister to Moira.

The President's medal and Cawdor cup went to Stephen Mitchell for Boquhan Lady Peggy; the reserve was Moira, the winner of the Cawdor cup last year.

HACKNEYS.

These made an average show; the numbers were not great and the excellence not sensational. The best stallion in the show probably was Flash Mathias, full brother to the celebrated Grand Vulcan, and perhaps his superior as a harness horse, and sprightly Danogelt, Mr. Enoch Glen's two-year-old. This is a beautiful mover and a promising colt.

The sheep show was a grand one, Cheviots and Border Leicesters being out in great numbers and unsurpassed excellence. Blackfaces maintained their standard in numbers and excellence. Throughout it has been a very excellent show.

Coming Show Dates.

Saskatoon, August 9th to 12th.
Edmonton, August 23rd to 26th.
Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 27th to Sept. 3rd.
Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, August 27th to September 12th.
St. John, N. B., Dominion Exhibition, Sept. 5th to 15th.
London, September 9th to 17th.
Ottawa, September 9th to 17th.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 20th to 24th.
Victoria, B. C., Sept. 26th to October 1st.
Halifax, N. S., Sept. 28th to Oct. 6th.
New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 4th to 8th.
Maritime Winter Fair, Amherst, N. S., December 5th to 8th.
Smithfield Club Show, London, Eng., Dec. 5th to 9th.
Ontario Winter Fair, Guelph, Dec. 5th to 9th.
Toronto Fat-stock Show, Union Yards, December 12th and 13th.