

Pleuro-pneumonia at Quebec, for had he been there we have every confidence that he would have been equal to the occasion. Had the Bow Park exhibit gone, there had still remained to Canada a splendid exhibit of Shorthorns, one of which any country might well feel proud, and we feel very confident that the exhibit at Guelph from this Shorthorn home would have been quite equal to the occasion, even though it did comprise some of the persecuted whites.

The Clydesdales at Guelph.

(Too late for October.)

The show of Clydes at the Provincial this year was equal, if not superior, to that of any former year. Some of the studs that were well represented at Toronto were conspicuous by their absence at Guelph, but the loss was more than made up by the appearance of fresh horses from other studs. To say that the judges had a hard task would be using a mild phrase. Their work was extremely difficult and the great heat made it very unpleasant to be forced to stand in the ring for several hours each day. The Clydesdale judges had to decide between the Shire horses also, and there were a great many of them; this enlarged their work.

After having the aged horses returned to the ring for the second time and repeating the close examination of the day previous, the red ticket was given by general consent to Lucky Getter (1483). This horse might be called Lucky Winner, for he has been winning first prizes ever since he was imported in August last by Simon Beattie and James Torrance, of Markham. He was sired by Lord Lyon (489), and had proved himself a good as well as a lucky getter before leaving Scotland. Second place was allotted to the Messrs. Beith's Peer of the Realm (3882), a horse of fine form and good breeding, but lacking a trifle in bone and hair for a show horse in such company. He was sired by British Empire (1599). Third position was taken by Messrs. Brooks, of Whalen, by Farmer's Friend, whose breeding could not be got by us.

Macmaster (3823), Defiance (3558), and several others that swelled the class at Toronto were not forward. In the three-year-old class, Pickwick (3885), was again the choice, and indeed, we may here state that it would be a wonderful horse that would rightfully deprive him of the foremost position in the class for three-year-olds. He was imported by Messrs. Beattie and Torrance, and has been doing double the work of his stable companion by winning sweepstakes as well as his class prize wherever shown. He is sired by Royal Sovereign (3151), a son of the noted Old Times (579). Next him in the class stood McCartney (3816), a fine bay with strong bone and plenty of hair, but not fleshy and rather short in his fore pasterns, to please a Clyde fancier. His sire, Prince Albert (616), was by Premier (595), and his dam was by Rob Roy (714), the horse that long ago did a work that cannot be reckoned in value now. Reform (3947), a recent importation of John Duff, Everton, was placed third, and it speaks well for the Clydesdales in Canada to say that he was able to stand third at Glasgow just before leaving Scotland. He is a dark brown chestnut and has white rings around his hind legs just above the hoofs, a color and markings peculiar to the get of his sire Prince Albert Victor (618), a horse that cost £1,200 sterling when purchased from Lawrence Drew by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon for the benefit of his tenantry. Several other horses of merit graced this ring by their presence, but we failed to learn their breeding. The second and third prize winners at Toronto were taken home from there. In the class of two year olds perhaps the greatest mistake of the day was made when Middleton Laddie (3843) was given the red. The best of the two-year-olds owned by the Messrs. Beith was confined to his stall with what proved to be a fatal attack of inflammation; but they were still represented by two colts that should have had first and second, and nothing but the size of the bone could possibly be claimed as a point in favor of the winner. Lord Dalketh (4517), and Gleythian (4413), won second and third for the Messrs. Beith. They are promising colts of good quality and fine breeding. Two or three more colts made the list of two-year-olds, and all were a credit to those exhibiting, and show promise of doing some good for the country to which they have been brought.

In yearlings there were only three forward, several

of those entered not coming up. The committee did not spend much time on this class but gave the tickets the same as they were given the week before at Toronto, with the exception of the third prize, which was taken by Bold Lionel, instead of by Mr. Birrell's importation. First place was given Bay Wallace, owned by John Miller & Sons, Brougham, Ont., and sired by Lord Derby (485), the horse so often mentioned by Ravenswood as having been of so much benefit to Canada and the States. Second place fell to Messrs. Beith with Self-Esteem. All these colts have been large winners, and Bold Lionel was shown in Canada for the first time and sustained his first defeat. Self-Esteem won fourth at the Highland Agricultural Society's Show at Dumfries this year.

In mares, the Messrs. Sorby, of Guelph, made a good display, and won the first position with their brood mare Princess, by Prince of Renfrew (664); Simon Beattie won second with his well named mare Comely, that has so seldom taken anything but first place, and J. Hunter, of Alma, secured third with their little Susan. She is not large, but is doing a good work for the Messrs. Hunter. Messrs. Sorby also got first with their three-year-old, and the second place was filled by a Shire filly.

In two-year-olds, the winner at Toronto was again successful, and added another to her long list of reds. Her colors have never been lowered but once, and then by her stable companion. She is owned by John Miller & Sons, and is a half sister to Windsor (2509), that won the Gold Medal at Toronto last year. Second place fell to a Shire filly, and third (we think) to a Clyde, but we are not sure.

There were no yearling fillies forward and only two teams. The Messrs. Sorby winning first and Mr. Thos. McKee, Guelph, second. The first prize team consists of the two best mares, in the opinion of the writer, that have been harnessed together in Canada, but they were beaten in Toronto, which shows very plainly that a person does not always get the credit for what he does in the way of trying to improve the stock of this country, or for trying to get a collection of horses to win in their classes when the judges are not all experts. Importers have to stand many a rebuff, but we believe the ring at Guelph was as free from mistakes as any ring we have carefully criticized for some years.

The Western Exhibition.

BY S. B. G.

The Western Fair for 1886, although circumstances were not the most favorable, has been a most decided success, and the board are to be congratulated on the result; for although one-half of their grounds have been disposed of since the holding of the Provincial Exhibition here last year, yet with the addition of the military grounds, which they were permitted to occupy, the space was almost if not quite as large as before. The show of machinery was probably the largest that was ever made in the city of London, if not in the province of Ontario, comprising machines and agricultural implements of every conceivable description, every manufacturer in western Ontario, we believe, being represented, and occupying in all, ground to the extent of several acres.

In the horticultural hall the show, although not so large as on some former occasions, was good. The display of field roots was not large, but it comprised some turnips, mangolds and potatoes of immense size. The greatest novelty, however, was the Mummy pea, a new variety, found some years ago in a mummy pit in Egypt, and now shown for the first time in this country by Mr. J. T. Morden, of Hyde Park, Ont.

who has a considerable quantity of them this season. The show of live stock was not so large as we have seen, owing partly, no doubt, to the fact that the prizes were not so large as they have been of late years, but for quality we doubt if they were ever surpassed at any former show.

In passing through the grounds we found that very great dissatisfaction prevailed among exhibitors and agriculturists generally on account of the refusal of the local papers to publish the prize list as on former occasions, and we were not surprised that they felt a little sore over it, for what is more interesting to breeders and farmers at this season of the year than to know the result of the competition at the different fairs that have been held? Where is the consistency in newspaper men putting themselves to so much trouble, and often, no doubt, to considerable expense,

to get full particulars concerning some at a minable prize fight or drunken brawl, in order that they may enlighten the minds of their numerous readers, and then refusing to publish information that every farmer and almost every individual in the broad Dominion wants to get? There is probably not a farmer in the County of Middlesex who does not take one, and many of them take both of the local papers, but if we can judge of them by what we have heard there will be a mighty falling off in their subscription lists for '87.

The principal exhibitors of Durham cattle were Thos. Russel, Exeter; Frank R. Shore & Bros., White Oak; Thos. Nicholson & Sons, Sylvan, and John Morgan & Son, Kerwood.

CATTLE.

In the Durham class the prizes were pretty well divided among the exhibitors. The class for aged bulls might well have challenged any exhibition on this side the Atlantic. The first winner was Messrs. Nicholson's Prince Albert, a massive animal, bred by J. & W. Watt, Salem, and sired by the old prize-winner Barmpton Hero. Mr. C. M. Simmons, Ivan, came next with a three-year-old roan bull Sir Christopher, bred by John Isaac, Bomanton, from the imp. Cruikshank bull Prince of Northumberland, and out of a cow bred by Mr. Campbell, of Kinellar. This is a grand bull, and in the opinion of some judges should have been awarded the red ticket. Messrs. Frank R. Shore & Bros., White Oak, took the third with their imported Cruikshank bull Vermillion, of marvellous flesh and substance and deep, blocky frame; while Messrs. Snell & Son's bull was forced to take a back seat, although he is not by any means a bad bull. James Fisher, Hyde Park, also showed in this class imp. Royal Victor.

In the class for two-year bulls there were only two competitors, Mr. Russel, of Exeter, taking an easy first with his red Mariner, a remarkably straight, well topped, sweet, stylish bull, bred by Mr. Campbell, Kinellar, Scotland, and imported by Mr. Russel. The second went to Mr. Gilson, of Masonville, for a white bull, bred by Hugh Thomson, St. Marys, from imp. sire and dam.

In yearling bulls Messrs. John Morgan & Son, Kerwood, came first with a very nice little animal, Golden Star, from the sire Scottish Rose (50419), dam, Rosebud 3d, by Royal Duke (35356); the second went to the same firm for a promising red bull of their own breeding. Frank R. Shore & Bros. took third. In bull calves Mr. Hugh Thomson, St. Marys, took first with a roan calf of great quality and excellent shape, sired by the Bow Park Sheriff Hutton bull, Sir Arthur Ingram. The second went to Frank R. Shore & Bros. for a calf of exceptional quality; and the third was taken by Mr. Heber Rawlings, Ravenswood, for a red calf of the Fashion strain, sired by Clarence, a bull got by 4th Duke of Clarence. The contest for diploma for best bull of any age was very close between Mr. Nicholson's aged bull and Mr. Russel's two-year-old, Mr. Nicholson's Prince Albert finally coming out victorious.

Mr. Russel's cow Ury, a roan, remarkably straight, even and well fleshed, was passed to the front in the aged class and was also awarded the gold medal, a special prize offered by the McMartin Bros., of the City Hotel, for the best fat cow, ox or steer, of any breed on the grounds. Ury was bred by John Isaac, Bomanton, from imp. sire and dam of the Campbell stock. Mr. Russel also took second in this class with an imp. roan cow Bracelet, bred by Mr. Taylor, Kincardine, Scotland, Mr. Morgan coming third with a straight, well-fleshed cow.

For three-year-old cows Messrs. Frank R. Shore & Bros. took first with a beautiful roan heifer of the Ruby Hill family, bred from imp. sire and dam by John Isaac, Bomanton. This cow carries a very showy head, while she is straight in top and bottom line, with good rib and grand quarter, and if she meets with no misfortune will no doubt be heard from again in the show-ring. The second prize went to a red heifer, a thick, fleshy animal, bred and owned by Jno. Morgan from the dam Fair Queen 3d, by British Statesman (42848). Mr. Morgan also took third for a red heifer of the Crimson Flower tribe, from a Crimson Flower 7th, by imp. Royal Barmpton (32996).

In the two-year class there were only two entries, the first ticket going to a white heifer owned by Mr. Russel. This is a heifer of grand symmetry and one that, although she may not be of a fashionable color, would not do any discredit to any herd. F. R. Shore & Bros. took second for a beautiful red heifer, having great style in head and neck, grand shoulders, well-