

it imperative that the strict rules of standard breeding be enforced in the stallions awarded prizes. Among the numbers some particularly good ones appeared, and some of their produce had capital form for gentlemen's drivers, and very speedy ones appeared in the driving class, but for what purpose some were on exhibition we cannot understand, as they had neither quality, speed or anything else to recommend them.

CARRIAGE STALLIONS.

No less than 20 aged carriage stallions had entered for the coach class over 16½ hands, and comprised horses of many types, but taken in all was probably as good a lot as ever appeared in a Canadian show ring. There were Cleveland Bay, English Coach, French Coach, Canadian Coach, and in others there was quite a sprinkling of trotting blood. When this class appeared it looked as though there was plenty of work for the judges, but they went systematically to work, drawing a short "leet" of six, out of which the three awards were to be given, the first prize going to S. Hisey & Son's imported English Coach, Wild Harry (1265) Y. C. S. B., a horse with capital coaching action, this horse also winning sweepstakes, the second going to Messrs. Marsh & Son's Prince Alexander, an imported Cleveland Bay which won first in the three-year-old class and sweepstakes at this show last year. He is a horse of great substance and capital coach character. The third was won by Shining Light 1178, a very neat imported English Coach, but wanting in size. Two capital horses were also drawn out, one of which was disqualified for want of height, the other an imported Cleveland Bay, shown by Fred Rowe, Belmont. Some French Coachers were also in this ring, but they were hardly in their proper class, as they are more of Hackney type, only with more size than English Hackneys.

Among the Canadian-bred carriage horses shown some very useful animals were to be found, but there was also a great want of attractive carriage among them. And here we might say that the roadster horse very seldom includes size sufficient and action of the right stamp for this class. The Coach horse must have perfectly straight, square action or he will not pass muster, whereas the roadster-bred horse almost invariably straddles with his hind outside his forward feet, which is all right for speed but is altogether too ungainly for the Coach horse, the Mail Phaeton, Brougham or any other horse that is required for street or park work.

The class for three-year-olds brought out a beautiful horse, Young Peacock, sired by the Duke of Cleveland, dam by the old imported coach horse Peacock. This horse was bred and shown by Mr. Cunningham, and he does much credit to his breeder. The rest of the three-year-old class, as well as the two-year-olds, had nothing of special notice.

The class for matched teams over 16½ hands brought out some well-matched good specimens. A pair of bays shown by Mr. Tisdale, Brantford, were much admired and won first, Grand & Co., Toronto, second, and a pair shown by Thos. Brownridge, Brampton, third.

The other classes were numerously represented, and were driven in light buggies, Gladstones, wagonettes, and in all sorts of harness, as were the single horses, which varied still more in the manner of harnessing and the styles of vehicles they drew. Of course it would be hard to oblige

breeders to be restricted to the sort of vehicles that their different horses should be driven to, but it is quite necessary that extra classes for turnouts, both single and double, should be added to the breeding classes already defined. This would at once separate them, giving better satisfaction to all concerned. The

SADDLE AND HUNTER

classes were quite strong in numbers, and some exceptionally good ones were on the grounds, but among the rank and file were some of the veriest weeds. Stallions for

GENERAL PURPOSES

embrace a lot that would be quite useful in harness, but not of the slightest use on the breeding farms of the country. The mares and fillies are all right and deserve encouragement, and many of them are just what is wanted to breed to stallions of good breeding in any of the classes.

THE AGRICULTURAL CLASS

is a good one through all Canada, and that at Toronto was no exception to the general rule; but we should like the stallions of this class to show a certificate from some of the stud books. Many of those showing in this class are too light for their own classes, and the temptation to win prizes by shunting down is quite strong. There is no reason that this class should not be encouraged, but the best bred stallions are none too good for this purpose.

CANADIAN DRAUGHT

horses are a living proof of what the imported Clydesdale and Shire stallions have done for our Canadian horses, and the different classes were filled with specimens that are a credit to the breeders of this country, and year after year this class gets still harder to show in. Especially is this the case in the brood mare, foal and filly classes, many of which are above any of the imported mares and fillies, excepting those brought out for especial show purposes. In looking over the catalogue many familiar names are brought to mind of the successful sires, as well as stallions, that were prize winners themselves in years past.

IMPORTED CLYDESDALES,

the classes of which give much interest to on-lookers, as well as to those more closely connected with this great breeding and importing business. Some exceedingly choice representatives of this popular sort have lately been imported. So strong in numbers and quality have Clydesdales become, that it is only the most select that can obtain a foot-hold in our prize rings.

Messrs. Graham Bros' Macneilage was again to the front in the class for aged stallions. He came out in wonderful form, many of our breeders going as far as to proclaim him the very best ever shown in a Canadian show ring.

Messrs. Robt. Beith & Co.'s Sir Walter, so successful as a three-year-old last season, was an easy second, and has improved exceedingly during the year. Paragon, another stylish, good horse, also shown by R. Beith & Co., taking third place.

T. W. Evans, Yelverton, showed the Darnley horse Royal Salute, a strong-boned, good, useful beast.

Three-year-old stallions were especially good, and were strong in numbers, 17 being entered. There was much more difficulty in placing the awards in this class. The first was sent to R. Beith & Co.'s Eastfield Laddie, a gay horse of

nice quality, sired by Old Times. The Prince Lawrence colt, Eastfield Chief, that won such honors for Mr. Beith at last year's shows as a two-year-old, was given second, Messrs. Graham Bros' Gilroy, sired by Master of Blantyre, taking third place. Gilroy is an exceedingly good colt. This is his first appearance in the show ring here. He was the best at the ground of any in the class; is full of life, a grand mover, and just wants a little time to furnish, being a big up-standing fellow.

Dunglass, another good one of Graham Bros., is close to the ground, and looked good enough to have been among the winners.

Just the Thing, a horse that has been forward at several shows prior to this, and has always been among the prize takers, was looking well, but the class was too heavy for him.

John McMillan, Constance, had a good horse bred in the Keir stud; this was a strong horse of great weight.

The two-year-old class was not nearly as closely contested. Messrs. Graham Bros' Arbitrator being a clear out standing winner.

The yearling class was quite weak.

Messrs. Graham Bros. have imported a lot of grand mares and fillies. In these they were first in every class, taking four reds and a sweepstake. The beautiful mare and foal owned by the Hon. John Dryden took first in their respective classes, and special sweepstakes for the best mare and progeny.

Of the special prizes S. McKenzie, Brucefield, won first for best Clydesdale stallion and five of his progeny. This was a horse of great scale, but has not the finish that is now required.

SHIRE HORSES

were the best lot ever shown in a Canadian show ring, the class being full of horses of great size, substance and useful type, just such as should help to build up our draught horses.

The first went to King Tom, shown by S. Hisey & Son, Creemore, Ont. This horse was in capital form and was moving nicely, and was in condition hard to beat; he is a useful horse of nice quality and plenty of size.

Jas. Gardhouse & Sons' King of the Castle was a good second. This horse had only just recovered from distemper, and was not in as good shape as we have seen him. He is one of the best Shire stallions that ever was brought to Ontario, and is a No. 1 stock horse.

The third was given to Chieftain, a horse shown by Morris, Stone & Wellington, a neat, good horse and good mover.

Young Enterprise was a horse of much width and some particularly good points, but moved a little wide behind; he is owned by E. Small, Jessopville.

Leake, Cramp, shown by Ormsby & Chapman, is a four-year-old of nice quality and with particularly good action, but was too light for this exceedingly strong section.

A particularly good lot of young Shire stallions are now coming on for future shows, among which we notice one shown by Ormsby & Chapman, and another by Morris, Stone & Wellington, besides a lot of other good ones.

Mares and fillies also were well represented, Green Bros., Inverkip, winning first with the grand Shire mare Georgia. This mare has plenty of Shire character, and is full of quality; she has been very successful in the show ring in the past; she also won sweepstakes given for best mare and one of her progeny.