

obliged to take their meals on the grounds. If some system of inspection could be inaugurated to require caterers to pay a little more attention to cleanliness and hygiene, it would remove one of the most serious objections to attendance. Sight-seeing is hard work—hard on muscle, nerves and stomach. The stomach, perhaps, gets the worst of it, especially if one is obliged to remain constantly on the grounds. Dirty booths, untidy waiters, poorly-cooked food, and vile coffee or worse tea, are a few of the things you come to accept with stoic resignation. The trouble is you cannot always pick and choose, for the few decent places are generally jammed, and the option is to wait uncomfortably at the door, put up with a rank service at an inferior table, or content yourself with a glass of ginger ale and a "Coney Island Red Hot," eaten while you walk. Allowance must be made, of course, for the rush and inconvenience, and one cannot reasonably expect everything to be as it is at home, but considerable improvement, it seems to us, might be effected without injustice. The tendency is, in such cases, for concessionaires to become lax, hence the need for some provision to ensure the digestion of exhibition patrons. If, in licensing the caterers, a clause were inserted as a condition of the agreement, and official supervision exercised to see that the bargain was lived up to, it would secure the gratitude of the public, and inure to the great advantage of the fair. The immense improvement of late years in the lavatory and other accommodation warrant the hope that the management will give its earnest consideration to this matter.

CATTLE.

The beef breeds, while represented by somewhat less numbers in most of the classes than last year, were, as a rule, well up to the standard in quality and fitting, and made a very creditable showing.

SHORTHORNS.—The number of entries catalogued in the breeding sections in this class was 198, including those for herds and groups. The number of exhibitors was 22, of whom about a dozen were successful in getting into the list of the first three prize awards in the various sections, which does not mean that there were many inferior entries, but rather that in many sections the entries were so numerous and the exhibits so good that when the judges had selected a half dozen for the heading of the list there were yet many excellent animals left, and possibly some which later, and with a little more skillful fitting, may surpass some of the winners on this occasion. Uniformity of type was perhaps never more noticeable in the whole class at any Toronto show, and it is gratifying to be able to say that in nearly all the breeds shown this statement holds good. The exhibits in the younger sections of the Shorthorn class were especially excellent, while superior animals were found in nearly every section.

The officiating judges were Capt. T. E. Robson, Hlerton; Prof. Geo. E. Day, Guelph, and F. R. Shore, White Oak, two of whom, after the first section, worked together, alternately, the other acting as referee when required, and when past the first section, generally satisfactory awards were made, as was expected of so capable a tribunal, few complaints being heard.

In the first section, that for bulls three years old or over, there were nine entries, all of which were forward, including Sir Geo. Drummond's Imp. Cicely's Pride, bred in the Sandringham herd of His Majesty King Edward; Nonpareil Archer (Imp.), shown by Mr. P. White, Jr., Pembroke; Scottish Prince, owned by John Gardhouse & Son, Highfield; Gold Drop, exhibited by Harry Smith, Exeter; Valasco 40th, from the herd of R. A. & J. A. Watt, Salem, and Crimson Ribbon, shown by J. W. Sutton, Ospringe, all good bulls and in fine condition, except that two were badly off in their underpinning, a defect which, though generally considered objectionable, evidently did not seriously discount their standing in the estimation of the judges, as these were finally placed at the head of the list. Judging in this section was started under the antiquated system of a three-cornered bench, or a committee of three, which was evidently soon found unsatisfactory, as it was changed immediately after the first section had been shown, and to the relief of the onlookers, who were kept guessing for nearly an hour as to what the rating would be before a move was made that could be regarded as an indication of the serious intention of the bench, and probably ninety-nine out of a hundred found they had missed their guess when the placing was completed. The general opinion of the ringside talent was that the most likely numbers for first and second positions were Nonpareil Archer and Scottish Prince, both of which were fresh and in fine form, and free from any apparent disqualification, while Watt's white bull, Valasco 40th, smooth, and full of quality, was reckoned as hard to pass over, but to the surprise of most present, the final line-up found Cicely's Pride first, Gold Drop second, Scottish Prince third, Nonpareil Archer fourth, and Valasco 40th fifth, a rating which required the combined courage of a committee of three, for it is doubtful whether any one would have been brave enough to have assumed the responsibility, though no one doubts the sincerity and honesty of the ruling, and since all in the prize-list, and some others, are good bulls, especially Mr. Sutton's typical Crimson Ribbon and the class a difficult one to adjudge, the public, though failing to follow them, bow respectfully to the ruling of the judges, who

were in the best position to make a critical examination, and are alone responsible for the decision.

In the section for two-year-old bulls, two of the judges declined to act, owing to remote relationship to some of the entries, and Frank Shore ventured into the ring alone. There were eight entries, and an outstanding winner was found in Old Lancaster, a thick, smooth, blocky bull, bred by Mr. Crombie, of Wood-end; imported by W. D. Flatt, and shown by Geo. Amos & Son, of Moffat. He is a typical Scotch Shorthorn, full of quality, and was later awarded the senior championship, and also the grand championship as best bull of the breed of any age. The judge hesitated unnecessarily in making the second award, and called Prof. Day for consultation, when the place was given rightly to Wanderer's Star, a worthy son of Imp. Wanderer's Last, shown by W. R. Elliot & Sons, of Guelph; third position falling to John Dryden & Son's Clipper Prince.

In a strong class of senior yearlings, two exceptionally meritorious entries were found. One is Mr. White's roan, Marigold Star, who was the first-prize senior bull calf and junior champion here last year. He has gone on admirably, as was expected, and came out smooth, straight and well balanced, showing splendid Shorthorn character and type. The other is Messrs. Dryden's Bertie's Hero, a red son of Clipper Hero, of ideal type, and very complete in his make-up, level, straight and smooth, with well-sprung ribs, good depth of body and first-class handling quality. The two judges split on these, one favoring each, and the referee decided for the roan, which made Marigold Sailor safe for the junior championship, and he was a very close competitor, and the reserve number, for the grand championship. A third very strong bull in this contingent was Scottish Prince, shown by Jas. A. Crerar, of Shakespeare, a red son of the prizewinning cow, Gem of Ballechin (Imp.), a substantial, deep-bodied, thick-fleshed bull, of excellent type.

The junior yearling class was not strong, there being only four entries, the first award going to Sir Geo. Drummond's Huntleywood 3rd, by Cicely's Pride; second to T. Redmond's Lord Primrose; third to John Gardhouse & Son's Success, and fourth to E. C. Attrill's Blythesome Ruler—all good, straight, useful young bulls, not highly fitted.

A very strong class of 18 senior bull calves was forward, probably the best ever seen at Toronto for uniformity of type and quality. Twelve of these were first drawn out, then eight were selected from which to choose six for the prize-list. It was a difficult task for the judges to decide the order of placing among so many good ones, and the first award was not a popular one, though Messrs. Dryden's roan, Golden Satellite, has many good qualities, but the second-prize calf, Village Clipper, shown by Messrs. W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, was, we believe, the favorite of most of the breeders present, being very level, thick and smooth, and giving promise of a brilliant future. This firm showed three exceptionally good calves in this class, admirably brought out by Bruce and his boys, newly imported from Uppermill, in Aberdeenshire. Mr. Redmond, of Millbrook, had the third winner in Thornhill Sailor, a capital red calf, straight in his lines and smooth to a turn. The same exhibitor won fourth, with a handsome and good-quality roan, named Challenge Plate, and fifth place was given a nice, blocky red calf, shown by Harry Smith, named Brave Prince.

In a capital class of 15 junior bull calves, Jas. I. Davidson, Balsam, came first, with a very handsome young roan, Cherry's Prince, of excellent quality. Second went to Gold Mint, shown by Geo. Amos & Son, and third to Harry Smith for Sea Dog.

The cow class was smaller in number than for years, but included two extra good cows, shown by R. A. & J. A. Watt, of Salem, one being the noted Mayflower 3rd, the female champion of last year here and this year at Winnipeg. The great daughter of Imp. Royal Sailor, in her five-year-old form, came out in splendid condition, full of femininity, fresh and active, thickly covered with good flesh, and carrying a shapely udder, proclaiming her a regular breeder. The same firm had a capital second in Olga Stamford, a broad, thick, five-year-old roan cow, of fine character; third place was given to Carrie Nation, shown by Mr. P. White, and fourth to Martha 4th (Imp.), owned by Geo. Amos & Son.

The Watt brothers again supplied the winner in the two-year-old heifer section, in Tina Maud, a sweet, smooth, straight-lined, red and white heifer; second position being given to the white, Cargill-bred, Moss Rose 4th, shown by Mr. White; third to J. A. Crerar, for Gem of Ballechin 3rd.

In senior yearlings the Watts again scored, with the famous Queen Ideal, own sister to the American champion, Fair Queen. She has wonderfully developed, and easily headed a very strong class. She has length and levelness, smoothness and symmetry, quality and breed character in fine combination, and is evidently on the road to as great a show-yard career as her distinguished sister. The second award went to Blossom, a sweet red heifer, of excellent type, shown by John Dryden & Son; third place being taken by Watt's Spicy Duchess, who was placed first here last year over Queen Ideal, though not with unanimous approval, and is yet a grand good heifer. Lady Hope of Ridgewood, by Nonpareil Archer (Imp.), shown by Mr. Attrill, of Goderich, much admired for her straight lines, smoothness and quality, was placed fourth, and might well have gone a notch or two higher without protest.

Junior yearlings were not so strong a section, but

some very good things were out. Here Crerar was first with Scottish Lass, a very deep ribbed and sappy heifer, and second with Rosabel 6th, a very smooth, sweet heifer, of choice type. Amos & Son had the third winner, and A. J. Watson, Castlederg, the fourth.

Senior heifer calves were an uncommonly strong class of 18 all told, as good a lot as was ever seen at Toronto, from which twelve and then eight were drawn as a short list. Here, after a searching examination, the premier place was finally given, amid applause from the grand-stand, to W. C. Edwards & Co.'s white Pine Grove Sunshine, thick, deep, and full of quality, admirably shown by the sturdy Scotch boy Bruce, hardly as high as his charge, but nearly as thick, and wearing a smile that seemed to say, "What for no." Redmond's roan, Marigold 43rd, a beautiful type of heifer, thick, symmetrical and promising great things for the future, was given second place, followed by Attrill's roan, Lady Hope of Ridgewood 2nd, considered by one of the best judges in America the peer of them all, fell into third position. She has quality and thickness of flesh of the highest order, and no one need have complained had she been placed at the head of the best class of calves ever seen together in Canada.

Junior heifer calves were a very good class, in which Harry Smith had the winner, Mr. White's entries coming in second and third, and Israel Groff's fourth.

The female grand championship went to Watt's cow, Mayflower 3rd.

The awards for graded herds, of a bull two years or over, cow three years or over, two-year-old heifer, yearling heifer and heifer calf, went first and third to R. A. & J. A. Watt, second to P. White, Jr.

The junior herd prizes for bull under two years, two yearling heifers and two heifer calves, went, first to White, second to Watts, third to Dryden & Son.

For the best four calves bred by exhibitor, the awards were, first to W. C. Edwards & Co., second to H. Smith, third to J. A. Crerar.

For the best three animals progeny of one bull, the rating was, first to R. A. & J. A. Watt, for the get of Royal Prince; second to Dryden & Son, for the get of Prince Gloster; third to W. C. Edwards & Co., for progeny of Village Champion.

For two animals, produce of one cow, the awards were first to Watts, second to Attrill, third to H. Smith.

HEREFORDS.—The Whitefaces were less numerous than they were in 1904 by just thirty head, the Stone Stock Co., of Guelph, and Jno. R. Penhall, Naber, not being represented this year. They were judged, as last year, by R. J. Mackie, Oshawa, and R. W. Stutt, Forest. The exhibitors were W. H. Hunter, The Maples; John A. Govenlock, Forest, and H. D. Smith, Compton, Que. The only representative in the aged class was H. D. Smith's fine bull, Bourton Ingleside, a smooth, typical representative of the breed. He was first here as a two-year-old in 1904, and also carried off the sweepstakes, a feat which he again performed, as well as the grand championship for males. He is a worthy son and successor of the old-time champion, Mark Hanna, and his dam is Lady Bountiful. There were two competitors in the two-year-old section, both good useful bulls; W. H. Hunter's Orion, with a good hind end and hams, won the red ribbon, and J. A. Govenlock's Imperial, a lengthy, well-grown bull, and a son of the sweepstakes cow, Buttermaid 2nd, the blue. These two bulls stood in the same order here last year, but at London this decision was reversed. Govenlock's Forest Pride captured the premier honors in the yearling class, with Hunter's entry second. H. D. Smith had a grand bull calf, of "excellent quality and conformation, in Rupert of Ingleside, a son of the grand champion bull, Bourton Ingleside, which headed the bull-calf section, while Hunter's General Togo and Spartacus 4th were second and third, respectively.

There was a close contest in the aged cow class between those old-time competitors, Hunter's Buttermaid 2nd and Smith's Duxmoor Brenda, for the red ribbon. The latter came out ahead in 1904, but her opponent beat her this time; Hunter's Sunflower being placed third. Smith's Sylvan 19th of Ingleside, a good topped cow, and one of the thick sort, beat Govenlock's Little Beauty in the three-year-old class. These were the only two entered. In two-year-olds also Smith won, with a thick, well-fleshed heifer, with a typical head and frame, Amy 4th of Ingleside, a winner here last year. Govenlock's Rosebud, of a smaller build, but good, was second, and the same exhibitor's Violetta was third. Yearling heifers were five in number, and here again Smith was first, with Sylvan 20th of Ingleside, a heifer with a good front and back, a little light in girth, but lengthy, and with good hams. Hunter's Venus, whose top and back were good, was second, and Govenlock's Little Sweetheart, also thick and good on back, carried third honors. In heifer calves, Jessie 9th of Ingleside, a well-developed calf, of H. D. Smith's, that did not show herself off well, came first. Govenlock took second place with Pansy, also a good one, while Hunter's younger calf, Ruthlin, a capital little thing, take her any way you please, was placed third. She might very properly have been higher up. The graded herd prizes went to Smith, Hunter and Govenlock, in the order named, and the junior herd to Hunter and Govenlock. Hunter's Buttermaid 2nd (Imp.) won the sweepstakes for females, and the grand championship for the same. Hunter won first for four calves bred and owned by exhibitor, and Smith for best three animals the get of one bull, owned by exhibitor.

ABERDEEN-ANGUS were slightly less numerous than last year. Only one of the old-time exhibitors