

Successful Stock Show at Brandon

Rain somewhat spoils attendance—Clydesdale show best on record—Cattle, high class, and numbers well up to former years—Sheep and Swine very good.

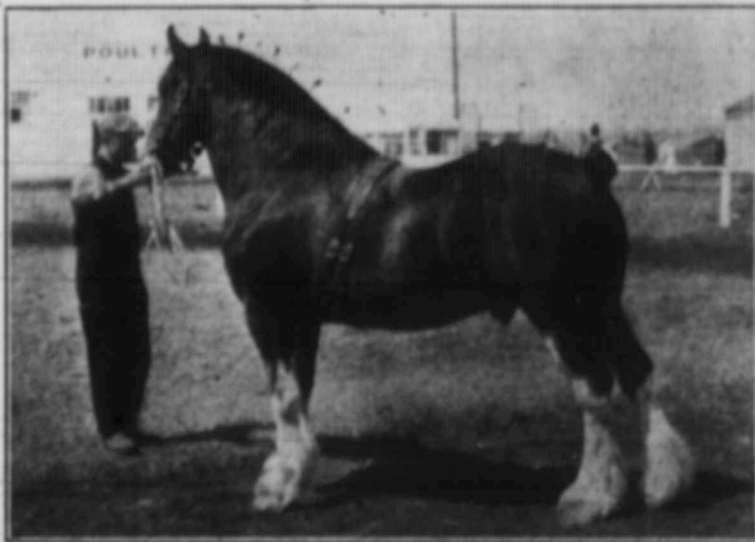
THE 1918 Inter-provincial Summer Show at Brandon, is again a matter of history. It was, on the whole, and in nearly every department, the equal of any previous show ever held in the Wheat City. In some of the livestock classes there were exhibits of young stock good enough to line up in either the Scottish "Highland" or the English "Royal." Rain to a very considerable degree spoiled the attendance especially from the outside points, but if the weather was bad for the show, it was mighty good for the country. As the steady down-pour of rain following the high wind, which undoubtedly played some havoc with the tents and booths around the Midway, kept up hour after hour, the faces of the farmers and stockmen lost their anxious look, and an expression of relief took its place. There is now every prospect of feed in the country, sufficient at least to tide the winter over, and men who, the week previous, were contemplating parting with some of their stock will now hold on to them, and make the best of matters for another year. The past month has been an anxious one for the farmers, but the rain, if a little late for the grain crops, has materially altered feed conditions, and they very cheerfully put up with any little discomforts they experienced at the fair, while a much more optimistic feeling prevailed all round. Towards the close, the attendance improved considerably, and made up to a large extent the deficit at the beginning of the week. Besides the show of livestock, Brandon fair has always been to the fore-front with its industrial exhibits. Quite a number of the displays seen at the previous fairs on the circuit were here, and in addition there was some particularly fine exhibits staged by the Manitoba Agricultural College, reference to which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

As is invariably the case at Brandon each year, the machinery exhibit was a special feature, and this year it was, as usual, quite up to the standard. The plowing demonstration, in which 44 small tractors were working, also came in for a large share of the attention of the farmers visiting the summer show. The McGregor sale of Aberdeen Angus cattle, which took place on the last day of the fair, brought quite a number of well-known stockmen from all over the continent, and these were especially interested in the good livestock show staged here. The attractions suffered somewhat owing to the rain, but the horse-racing was good, the auto races, however, had to be postponed. Taken all over, Brandon fair measured well up to its usual standard, and Manager Smale, his directors and staff, deserve a vast amount of credit for the manner in which everything passed off, despite the handicaps they found themselves up against. Had the weather been good all through, the show as a whole would have been superior to any on the circuit this year.

THE CLYDESDALES

Brandon being for a long number of years the "Mecca" of the Clydesdale, it was expected that the show of the breed here would surpass anything seen on the western circuit. And Brandon lived up to its reputation. The classes were well-filled, while the quality was of a high average, especially in the female classes. The judge of the pure-bred classes, A. L. Dollar, of High River, Alta., stated that some of the younger sections of females were superior to any show he had seen in the Dominion, while Dean Curtiss, of Ames, Iowa, passed some very complimentary remarks on the agricultural and heavy draft grade classes. The horse judging was very well done, the Clydesdale fraternity at Brandon are nothing loath to express their approval, or the reverse, of the placings, and this year many compliments were passed on the work of the judges.

The exhibitors in the pure-breds were as follows: McKirdy Bros., Napinka, Man.; Thorburn & Riddle, De Winton, Alta.; Leslie Bros., Moore Park, Jas. T. Wilson, Carnduff, Jas. Mayhew, Wawanesa; W. F. McRae, Hayfield; Robt. Leckie and Hugh



"Scotland's Splendour," by "Scotland Yet," Grand Champion Clydesdale Stallion at Edmonton, Saskatoon, Brandon and Regina Summer Shows. Owned and Exhibited by Thorburn & Riddle, DeWinton, Alta.

McLean, Arrols, Sask.; Wm. Blair, Ochre River; Geo. A. Stott, Brookside, Sask.; E. G. Solly, Cromer; John Graham, Carberry; R. F. Chapman & Sons, Nipora, Man.; Tretheway Bros., Forrest; Hamill & Hunter, Regina; Swanton Haggerty, Belle Plaine, Sask.; John Crawford, Chater; Vanstone & Rogers, North Battleford; G. D. Herbert, Dunrea; W. J. McCallum, Brantford, Ont.; R. G. Rowntree, Ochre River; R. H. Bryce, St. Charles; A. A. Titus, Napinka; Walter Payne, Carnduff; T. G. Chambers, Brandon; H. Caruthers, Carberry; Jas. Turner, Carrol; Jno. A. Turner, Carrol; Freeman Rice, Rinscarth; Geo. A. Stephens, Balcarres; Jas. McInnall, Broomhill; L. J. Hamilton; D. J. Gray, Brandon; P. S. Dawley, Carrol; Wm. Buchanan, Justice; Jas. Hall, Neepawa; L. Martin, Wapella and one or two others.

Clydesdale Stallions

In the aged stallion class, which was judged by Dean Curtiss, owing to Judge Dollar having imported the first-prize horse, "Scotland's Splendour," there were eight entries. It was a fair class, the first horse above named, owned by Thorburn & Riddle, being an outstanding and easy winner, the second place going to Blair's "Royal Astoria," a horse with a fine head and neck, fairly good feet, an indifferent top, and whose movement was a trifle faulty behind. Third went to McLean's "Nether Baron," a big, well-topped horse, with a good record. Fourth went to Leslie Bros. with "Leslie Resolute" and fifth to Mayhew's "Country Blend." Three-year-olds brought out five entries. Stott's "Brookside Mahomet" was in first place. This is a very acceptable type of a three-year-old, he displays a fair amount of style, is good

at the hoof heads, and handles himself well. Second went to McRae's "Mount Pleasant Prince," a horse with a very typical manner of going; third to Graham's Carberry "Lord Viceroy," a superior kind of animal with fairly desirable action; fourth to Wilson on "Garnet," and fifth to Leslie Bros. on "General Allenby."

Two-year-olds brought out 12 entries, but with the exception of the first three horses they were only a fair lot. McLean's "Proud Hugo," a half brother to the second prize colt at Glasgow spring show a year ago, captured the red ribbon. This colt, which was imported by Ben Finlayson, Olds, Alta., is of a beautiful breed-type. He does not carry much flesh, and he stands on good timber. He has a lot of other points of merit, and if he has any luck, should make a champion in a year or two. Haggerty's "Caradoc Diamond," the first prize horse in his class at Saskatoon, was second. Tretheway Bros. had "Evanhoe" third, a colt showing muscular development and a smart goer. Hunter & Hamill were fourth with "Golden Nugget," and Crawford fifth with "Electric Shock."

The yearling class did not call for any special criticism. They were a fairly acceptable lot. 1, Haggerty, "Caradoc Magic"; 2, McRae, "Crystal Prince"; 3, Rowntree, "Pride of Turtle"; 4 and 5, McCallum, on "Gay Hampton" and "Scottish Blend."

The Females

The females were a much superior lot to the stallions, and this is especially true of the young stuff. It seems almost an anomaly that breeders of horses in Western Canada, and this is true of all breeds, can produce the finest kind of females and have only very indifferent success with their

colts. In the class for brood mares with foal at side there was a good entry. Thorburn & Riddle took first honors easily, with "Lady Ruby Rose," a very feminine type of mare, a trifle small, perhaps, but stylish and right at the ground. McRae was second with "Beatrice Cardonant," a mare carrying the best top of any in the line-up, falling away a little in the hind quarters and not so good in feet and ankles as the mare above her. Third place went to Crawford's "Heather Blossom," a mare of distinctly good pattern, and fourth to Leslie's "Dunne Lodge Bonnie." Gray was fifth with "Fairy Lily," Wilson sixth on "Lady of Glenora," and Bryce seventh on "Lady Leah." Dry Mares were, with the exception of the yearling fillies, the best class of the show. First and second places, as at Edmonton and Saskatoon, went to Thorburn & Riddle's "Nell of Aikton" and "Maggie Fleming," and they well merited the awards. Third went to Haggerty's "Harvestown Nell," which, as a yearling filly, cost \$1,500 at Laramie sales a few years ago. She was in the same place at the previous show at Saskatoon, but she appeared fuller in the hocks here, and did not handle herself very well. Fourth, Stull's "Shallock Queen," fifth, Thorburn & Riddle, on "Albioness" and "Rose Elcho."

Three-year-olds brought out another nice class. Bryce had a very flashy filly "Deanton Inn," by "Dunne Lodge Hevelanta" at the top. This is a big outstanding filly with long pasterns, nice silky feather and the best of bone. Graham had "Victoria Burgie" second. This filly was third at Calgary three weeks ago, but is still lacking in condition. Blair third with "Rosy Montrose," Chambers fourth with "Lottie McNeve," Payne fifth with "Lady Blossom."

Eight entries were out in the two-year-olds, and they were a fair average lot. Leckie was first with "Lady Margaret," a compact filly, with a shapely top; second, Haggerty's "Caradoc Lily," first in this class at Saskatoon, third, Thorburn & Riddle, on "Maggie Merrilies," fourth, Wilson, on "Minnie of Glenora," fifth, Graham, on "Gold Bangle."

Yearlings were the premier class of the show, and the placing of the 15 entries kept the judge busy for some time. The red ribbon went to McKirdy's "Bonnie Belle Bree," sired by their stock horse "Crowned King." She is a clean-boned, true quality filly, might have been a little broader in the feet, and have had a little more slope to her pasterns, but all the same she displayed the breeds ideals most creditably. She might easily have been made reserve champion female. The blue ribbon went to Haggerty's "Caradoc Jean," which won in her class at Saskatoon, third place went to a substantial filly, Hamilton's "Ivory Rose," fourth to Gray on "Lady Lang," fifth to McInnall on "Rose Gartley." There was not a bad entry in this whole class. The other placings are equally worthy of mention, but lack of space forbids. Foals were a hard class of 13 to judge. 1, Thorburn & Riddle; 2, Bryce; 3, Crawford; 4, Hamilton; 5, Wilson; 6, Buchanan; and 7, McRae.

Clydesdale Futurity

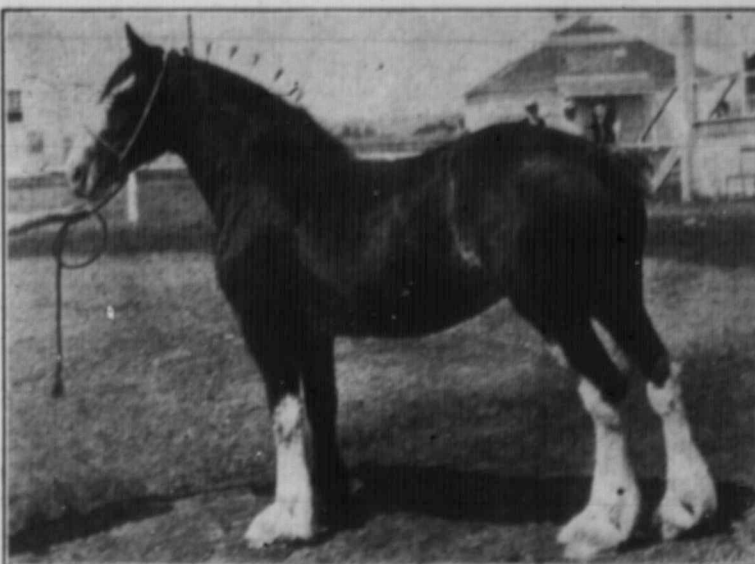
The placings in both colt and filly classes were the same as in the yearling awards, already given only in the colt class "Crystal Prince" was not entered, and thus "Pride of Turtle" goes up a place. These were the only two colts out. In the filly class, the placings are the same up to seventh, where Thorburn & Riddle's "Bankview Lady" which was not entered, makes way for McKirdy's "Royal Lady Lu."

Specials and Championships

Open Champion and Grand Champion Clydesdale Stallion.—Thorburn & Riddle on "Scotland's Splendour," reserve, McLean on "Proud Hugo." Canadian-bred Champion, Stull, on "Brookside Mahomet," reserve, Leslie on "Leslie Resolute." Open Champion and Grand Champion Mare, Thorburn & Riddle on "Nell of Aikton," reserve, Bryce on "Deanton Inn." Canadian-bred champion, "Deanton Inn," reserve, Thorburn & Riddle on "Lady Ruby Rose." Three of a get, Canadian-bred, 1, McKirdy; 2, Stephens; 3, Mayhew. Canadian-bred two-year-old filly, 1, Leckie on "Lady Margaret"; 2, Graham on "Gold Bangle"; 3, Rice on "Jessica."

Heavy Draft and Agricultural Classes

There was a very fine showing in all the above sections, and each class was interesting and keenly contested. In the heavy draft filly or gelding three-year-old class, Hamilton, of Brandon, was first and Jno. Stott, Scarth, second. In two-year-olds Leckie had a great gelding "Dan," first. He is big, well proportioned and of good quality. P. S. Dawley, Carrol, was second with "Doll." Hamilton was first and second in yearlings, and first, third and fourth in foals, with Blair, Ochre River, second in the latter class. Brood mares, 1, Hall; 2 and 3, Hamilton; 4, Blair. Mare, any age, and two of her progeny, 1, Hamilton; 2, Blair. Best single draft mare or gelding, 1, P. Burns & Co., Calgary, with "Jim," a beautiful gelding with great action, fair weight, long pasterns and clean joints. He also walks and trots well; 2, Hall. Three-year-old agricultural filly or gelding, 1, Bryce on "Lily"; 2, Harrower Menzie on "Fanny"; 3, McRae on "Babe." Two-year-olds, 1, Chambers, Brandon, "Monday"; 2, Leckie, "Donald"; 3, Bryce, "Flora." Yearlings, 1, Bryce, "Willie"; 2, McLean, "Lib"; 3, Hirt, Brandon, Foals, 1, McRae; 2, Lang; 3, Mayhew. Brood mare, 1, McRae; 2, Hamilton; 3, Lang; 4, Mayhew. Mare



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