

### Cattle at the Pan-American.

The cattle show at the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo, on Sept. 9th to 21st, was a great event, the display of animals of the different breeds being a grand one both in point of numbers and quality, the following fifteen breeds being all well represented by two or more herds, with entries in every section of each class: Shorthorns, Herefords, Aberdeen-Angus, Galloways, Devons, Polled Durhams, Red Polled, Brown Swiss, Jersey, Ayrshire, Holstein-Friesian, Guernsey, Dutch Belted, Polled Jersey, and French-Canadian.

It was a magnificent spectacle when the judging was in progress in the capacious circular stadium nearly a quarter of a mile in circumference, in which the games and races had been held during the summer, with a seating capacity for over 20,000 people, the different breeds of cattle, in their great variety of color and contour, being grouped and paraded upon the greensward.

The Pan-American marks an era in international cattle contests, and competent judges acknowledge a marked improvement in nearly all classes at Buffalo, as compared with the display at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. As at the latter event, so at the Pan-American, Canadian herds scored high in the competition in all the breeds in which they were represented, winning the sweepstakes for the best bull and for the best cow of any age in the Shorthorn class, and also the first prize for the best herd of Shorthorns, the sweepstakes for the best Hereford bull and the best Galloway bull any age, the sweepstakes for the best bull and the best cow, and the first, second and third herd prizes in Ayrshires, the sweepstakes for the best bull and best cow and the first herd prize in French-Canadians, and the sweepstakes for the best cow in the Holstein and the Guernsey classes, besides a large share of the first and second prizes in the various sections of each of the classes named, and in others.

Shorthorns were represented principally by the strong herds of W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont.; Hon. Thos. Greenway, Crystal City, Man.; Bronson C. Rumsey, Buffalo, N. Y.; D. R. Hanna, Ravenna, Ohio, and W. A. Boland, of Grass Lake, Mich., who had the courage to beard the lion in his den at the Toronto Exhibition two weeks previously. The judges were John Davidson, Ashburn, Ont., and Prof. Curtis, of the Iowa Agricultural College, who in several instances reversed the judgment delivered at Toronto and at Syracuse the previous week. There being no separate class at Buffalo for three-year-old bulls, they competed with older animals, and the premier place was given to Mr. Flatt's three-year-old bull, imported Speculator, over the same exhibitor's roan four-year-old Valiant, by Abbottsford, the sweepstakes winner at Toronto, who was here placed third; Mr. Boland's red three-year-old Deputy Marshall being sandwiched in second place; and Mr. Rumsey's Scottish Victor, by Lavender Lad, rated fourth. Speculator is so level and symmetrical in form, so smoothly fleshed and has such satisfactory handling quality, that it is hard to find a fault in him, and from a show-ring standpoint the judgment is scarcely open to criticism. Deputy Marshall has a stately presence and many good qualities to commend him, but he stands a bit high from the ground and lacks width and thickness of crops, and was not looking as well as at Toronto. Valiant was in good form, and is of the most approved type, short-legged, wide-set, and full of breed character. We feel sure that nine out of ten of the breeders present would prefer to place him at the head of their herd before either of the others, and we cannot but feel that his proper place was at the top. Mr. Flatt's Imp. Lord Banff, the sweepstakes winner at Syracuse, led the way by consent in the section for two-year-old bulls, followed by Sittytton Hero 7th (of the Greenway herd), the Winnipeg sweepstakes bull, looking much better than at Toronto, having benefited much from a week's rest, as had all of the Prairie Home herd. He is a straight, smooth, level bull, with fine quality of flesh and hair, and only needs a little more time to develop into a formidable show bull. Royal Victor, a red-roan son of Imp. Royal Sailor, bred by J. & W. B. Watt, Salem, Ont., had been sold to Riley Bros., of Nebraska, to be delivered at Buffalo. He was only in good working condition, but is of a real good stamp, and made a worthy third-prize winner in the competition.

There was a good class of seven yearling bulls, in which the roan Knight Errant, of Mr. Flatt's string, was a good first, his scale and smoothness and quality of flesh and hair easily carrying him to the front. Greenway's red-and-white Ribbon's Choice, straight in his lines, stylish and smooth, looking much fresher than when last seen, was promptly moved into second place, though he had a very strong rival in Silver Mist, a Duthie-bred son of Silver Plate, imported by Mr. Flatt, and shown by Mr. Hanna, of Ohio. He is a bull of fine form and character, young for his class, and only needing time and fitting to make a high-

class show bull, while for a sire he is one of the most desirable sort. In a good class of bull calves, King Tom, a compact roan, bred by J. & W. B. Watt, and sold to Riley Bros., Nebraska, was given first place, followed by Boland's red Gay Sharon for second position, and Flatt's Britannia's Duke for third. The championship for best bull any age was awarded to Flatt's three-year-old Speculator.

In a grand good class of cows three years old and over, the invincible and unbeaten roan Cicely, bred by the late Queen Victoria, and shown by Mr. Flatt, in her three-year-old form, was without protest given first place, though she had a very strong rival in Imp. Empress 12th, of the same herd, the first-prize three-year-old last year at the English Royal, and reserve for the female championship. These are great cows. Their like has not been seen in America for many years, if ever before; and there were three other high-class cows present, the third award going to Mr. Greenway's Imp. Jenny Lind 4th, and fourth to Imp. May Blossom, also shown by Mr. Flatt, and bred by the late Queen. This ruling relegated to fifth place Mr. Boland's excellent cow, Lady Sharon 4th, who was second at Toronto to Empress 12th, as also at Syracuse, and we believe properly so. The only reason stated for setting her back, so far as was learned, was the softness or looseness of her flesh, a condition which might well be excused in a cow that has bred regularly and is near to calving again. She is a cow of grand type, form and quality, one of the best shown in recent years, and was competing in a breeding class, where she properly belonged, not in a fat-stock show where firmness of flesh is rightly required.

In a strong class of seven two-year-old heifers, Boland's Lady Sharon 6th, who was first at Toronto and Syracuse, held the same place without demur here, her herd companion, Carrie Abbottsford, being given second position, a ruling with which few were disposed to quarrel, although she was placed further back at Toronto. Third place was given to Mr. Hanna's Avenir Mayflower, fourth to Greenway's Matchless 25th, and fifth to Village Princess, of the same herd. A beautiful class of nine yearling heifers gave the judges considerable trouble in their rating, which finally placed at the head of the list Boland's pretty white Snowball, by Blue Jeans, which had stood second at their two former meetings to Flatt's Lady Hamilton, who was here turned down to second position, followed by Greenway's Imp. Brightlight for third, Hanna's Proud Avenir for fourth, and Rumsey's Lady Marengo for fifth. A good ring of heifer calves was headed by Boland's Lady Sharon 8th, who was also first at Toronto, second going to Duchess 2nd, by Sir Tatten, shown by McDonald Bros., Woodstock, Ont., a right good one; third to Flatt's Fame's Matchless; fourth to Rumsey's Mario Heiress 2nd. The female championship went to Flatt's Cicely, and the herd prizes for best bull, cow, two-year-old heifer, yearling heifer and heifer calf were awarded as follows: 1st, Flatt; 2nd, Boland; 3rd, Greenway.

**HEREFORDS.**—There were four strong herds of Herefords in the competition—two from Canada, those of Messrs. H. D. Smith, Compton, Que., and W. W. Black, Amherst, N. S., and two United States herds, those of Messrs. Clem Graves, Bunker Hill, Ind., and C. G. Comstock & Son, Albany, N. Y., the former of these two being well known as one of the strongest show herds in the States, the owner being a master in the art of fitting show cattle. The Albany herd was also in first-class fix, and the competition was very keen, yet the Canadian herds secured a fair share of the honors; Prof. Curtis, as judge, balancing the merits of the entries fairly and satisfactorily. The first place for a matured bull and the male championship of the breed was given to Mr. Smith's great bull, Mark Hanna, the sweepstakes winner at Toronto the last two years, an animal of magnificent proportions and superb quality, and one that ranks high among the best of the breed in any country. Only second to him stood Mr. Black's typical Sir Horace, the champion of the Maritime Provinces, a bull of the truest type and character, who if put in highest condition would be hard to down in any company on this continent. Comstock's well-known show bull, Gentry Lars, was the third-prize bull in the class for three years old and upwards. He is a bull of fine quality and character, but a bit short in body and wanting in the scale and levelness of the Canadian entries. The Ingleside herd of Mr. Smith secured the second prize for two-year-old bull with Prince Ingleside 2nd; the second for cow with Sylvan 5th, and the third in two-year-old heifers with Miss Hanna, and the Amherst herd the second prize for yearling bull with Cassie of Ingleside. The first herd prize went to the Indiana herd, and the sweepstakes for best female to the New York herd for the first-prize cow, Lady Briton 16th, by Christmas Gift, a model cow of the breed, level in her lines and smoothly covered with first-class flesh. The same herd supplied a popular winner in the two-year-old heifer section in Martha Washington 4th, and the Bunker Hill herd a marvellously good yearling heifer which was easily the leader in her class.

**ABERDEEN-ANGUS** cattle were exceedingly strong in quality and well represented in numbers, the herds competing being those of W. H. Davis, Triumph, Ill.; H. C. Allen, Georgetown, Ky.; D. Bradfute & Son, Cedarville, Ohio; James Blair, Espyville Sta., Pa.; and James Bowman, Guelph, Ont. The States herds were in great condition, and were a heavy proposition to face, yet Mr. Bowman succeeded in securing second honors for his grand bull, Kyma's Heir, in the class for three years old and upwards, and the second for herd of one bull and four females, and got into the prize list fourth and fifth in a great class of cows, third for two-year-old heifer, and fifth for heifer calf. He also won first and second for fat cows. F. W. Phillips, of Oakville, Ont., had also two or three entries, on which he received third prize for his two-year-old bull and fifth on bull calf. The first herd prize went to Bradfute & Son, the sweepstakes for best bull any age to Allen for his first-prize yearling bull, McHenry Blackbird, a magnificent representative of the breed, true in his lines, smoothly turned and full of quality. The female championship was won by Bradfute's first-prize cow, Bertha of Meadow Brook, a wealthy-fleshed cow of well-nigh perfect conformation. The same firm had the second-prize cow in Violet of Meadow Brook (both sired by Zaire 5th), and the first two-year-old heifer in Lady 2nd, by Gay Eric. Blair had the first-prize yearling heifer in Nosegay Ida C, and Allen the first-prize heifer calf in Sweet Perfection, by Valiant Knight 2nd. Prof. Curtis and John Davidson judged the class.

**GALLOWAYS** were very strongly represented, and the States cattle were a grand lot and brought out in splendid show condition. The competing herds were those of Messrs. D. McCrae, Guelph, Ont., and Otto H. Swigart, Champaign, Illinois. Messrs. Curtis and Davidson were the judges. The keenest competition for premier place in the class was that in the section for bulls three years and over, between the two world-famed imported bulls, McCrae's Cedric IV. of Tarbreoch, the Canadian champion, and Swigart's Druid of Castlemilk, champion of the United States last year. Both are magnificent representatives of the breed, and it was not easy to decide which should head the list, but the superb style and commanding presence of Cedric IV., combined with his length and depth of body, his straight lines and fine quality, finally won for him the coveted honor, which was later in the day enhanced by his being awarded the Pan-American male championship of the breed, a position he fills with dignity and grace. The Canadian herd also won first in two-year-old bulls with the typical Johnny Faa of Castlemilk; second in a splendid class of cows with Maid Minnie (a beautiful cow bred in the herd and sired by College Boy), second in yearling heifers with Lady Harden IV., second for herd of one bull and four females, and third for bull calf, for cow, for two-year-old heifer and yearling heifer. The Illinois herd had the first-prize cow in Lady May (a cow of great substance and good quality, and in very high condition, having the appearance of a non-breeder), first for two-year-old heifer and for yearling heifer, Latie Lake, a charming heifer, which was made the female champion of the breed.

### THE DAIRY BREEDS.

As was expected, the dairy breeds made a magnificent show at Buffalo, and the thoughtful observer, comparing the display here with that at Chicago in 1893, could not but note with pleasure the march of progress and improvement in the fixing of a more uniform type in all the breeds, in which utility and beauty are being blended in a most satisfactory manner. Canada was represented in only the Ayrshire, Holstein, Guernsey, and French-Canadian classes, but grandly represented in each, and successful in winning the first herd prize and the male championship in two out of the four, and the female championship in all four, a proud record, considering the strength of the competition, which was great in all the classes.

**AYRSHIRES.**—While all were great, none will dispute that the Ayrshires made the grandest display of all in numbers and in uniformity of type and excellence of character. The modern Ayrshire cow as moulded by the cannie Scot and perpetuated by Canadian breeders sets the standard for the model dairy cow in style and conformation and in the size and shape of milk vessel and placing of teats. She is a thing of beauty, and also carries with her all the indications of usefulness as a worker in the dairy. In this class Canadian herds created a sensation, calling out unstinted expressions of admiration and commendation from all beholders. It was a sight never to be forgotten by those privileged to see it when the long line of twenty full-uddered and sprightly cows (aptly described by an enthusiastic admirer as "the milky way") faced the judges and when the seven herds of five animals in each were strung out on the race track, extending nearly half way round the spacious circle of the stadium. And it was a proud day for Canada, when the premium ribbons were counted