

Classification of Horses

FOR MARKET AND SHOW RING

A detailed classification of horses is here given for two reasons. First, it is hoped that this classification will be of use to farmers in getting their horses entered in the proper class at the Agricultural Society and Live Stock shows. Secondly, it is intended to give a clearer idea as to what types of horses are in the greatest demand on the market, and to set forth the requirements of horses for the more important kinds of work, that the farmer may know to what kinds of work the horses he has to sell are best suited and where to look for buyers of them.

While the Agricultural Societies and Live Stock exhibitions have already done much toward educating the people as to the proper types of horses for the different kinds of work required of them, it frequently happens at the smaller agricultural society shows that a good horse is defeated by a somewhat inferior one because the latter conforms more nearly to the requirements of the class called. This circumstance has frequently come before the writer in judging at Agricultural Society fairs, and the same situation has confronted many others who have been judging at shows in the Province. An occurrence of this kind can be credited only to a lack of knowledge upon the part of the exhibitor as to the use to which his own horse is best adapted. In such cases there is bound to be a certain amount of dissatisfaction and there always will be until both the exhibitors and the onlookers are better informed as to classification. It is not intended that this classification should be taken as a hard and fast one to be adhered to by all societies, but simply as a guide and one which may be altered to suit conditions in each locality.

Most farm horses are bought by dealers who travel through the country on horse back from place to place buying what horses they can as they go, or stopping at a small country town