

pens enough for the very large number of entries. The water supply was also very deficient. In fact, everything was in a state of chaos, it taking several days to get all the snarls unravelled and things working smoothly. Instead of the judges getting to work on Tuesday, as announced, they did not get started till Wednesday, and many not until Thursday. Many of the leading exhibits shown at the Winnipeg Industrial appeared here also. There was a magnificent display of agricultural and dairy products, etc.

Highland and Agricultural Society's Show at Dumfries.

This show, which is the most important in Scotland, was well up to its highest point of excellence this year. There have been years when entries were more numerous, but seldom, if ever, has the quality of stock reached the fine distinction of this year's exhibit. There are 269 cattle, as compared with 255 at Aberdeen last year; 333 horses, against 324; and 226 sheep, against 183. Of the cattle, 51 are Shorthorns, 73 Aberdeen-Angus, 55 Galloways, 27 Highland and 63 Ayrshires. Agricultural horses number 159, draught geldings 22, hunters and roadsters 76, Hackneys 33, turn-outs 3, ponies 40. The sheep comprise 61 Blackfaced, 49 Cheviots, 64 Border Leicesters, 21 Shropshires, 11 half-bred, and 17 in extra sections.

CATTLE.

As might be expected, Shorthorns made a fine display, as the best in the country were there. Lord Polwarth's bull, "Nonsuch," illustrated and described in the *ADVOCATE* of July 15th, was the 1st premium winner in an exceptionally well-balanced class of stock. Mr. John Gordon Smith, of Minmore, Glenlivet, was 2nd in this class with a stylish roan, Faugh-a-Ballagh (61013), bred by Mr. Bruce, Inverhormery, and got by Banadullac, whose get have so often distinguished themselves at the Smithfield Shows. He is of the thick, fleshy sort, short in the leg, with a grand, smooth top. Mr. Geo. Harrison's Royal Ury (63302), the 2nd winner at the Bath and West of England, was placed third here. Lord Rosebery's Sittytown Seal, a white bull of Collynie breeding, was very highly commended. Two-year-old bulls were a very fine class; in fact, they were better all round than the old bulls. The 1st and reserve champion at the Royal came 1st here. This famous youngster, Champion Cup (63240), shown by Mr. Geo. Harrison, was bred by Mr. Deane Willis. He is of that fascinating roan color, has fully more quality than most, and in thickness of flesh has few equals. Next came a red bull, Sign of Riches (63320), bred at Uppermill. He was champion at Dublin and Belfast. He is possessed of marked quality, being especially straight in his lines and particularly good over the rib. Lord Rosebery's Collynie bull, Lord Provost, a son of Scottish Archer, came 3rd. He is a big, stylish animal, likely to get useful stock. In a fine class of yearlings, Collynie-bred stock scored well. The roan bull Watchword, by Scottish Archer, shown by J. Douglas Fletcher, was 1st, followed by Mr. Gilmore with another roan, Bridgroom; both of these were bought at Collynie last year. The 1st winner is a remarkable yearling, full of Shorthorn character and quality. Bridgroom, by Touchstone, is a bigger bull than Watchword, but is scarcely so nice in front.

The female classes were fairly well filled with good ones. In the cow class, Lord Polwarth scored 1st with his roan cow, Heroine, by Royal Riby. She was 4th at the Royal. She carries a wealth of even flesh, but might be better covered on the shoulder. Lord Rosebery came 2nd with the Collynie cow, Fragrant Blossom; much might be said in her favor. Mr. W. T. Malcolm, Dunmore, was 3rd with the neat cow Rain Drop, bred by himself. Two-year-old heifers were a specially good class. Among them was found the champion female of the breed in Graceful III., shown by Mr. Arthur W. Law. She was bred by Mr. C. E. Law, Holl Farm, Keith, and got by Prince of the North. She has been a winner on several former occasions. Last year she was 2nd at Aberdeen, and 1st and champion at Nairn. She also won 1st in her class and the championship premium at the Royal Northern this year. She is full of quality, being extremely hard to fault. Her position as champion female was not for a moment criticized. Second to her, in her class, came the roan heifer Pearl, the property of Mr. John Hill, Langside, Kennoway, who bred the champion bull Nonsuch. Mr. Geo. Harrison was 3rd with Gratia, also a roan, by British Ingrim II. Yearling heifers, after the first and second, were only of moderate quality. Mr. A. W. Law was again 1st with Aggie Grace, a beautiful roan, got by Sanquehar, which stood champion at Aberdeen when a two-year-old. Second prize went to Mr. Geo. Harrison for his red heifer, Rose Blossom, bred at Kinellar. Lord Rosebery and Lord Polwarth came 3rd and 4th with a red and white heifer respectively. It is worthy of notice that roans and whites captured a very large per cent. of the best premiums.

Aberdeen-Angus cattle were out in big force, although not nearly so large as at the corresponding show last year. At the same time there was a strong representation of the best of the kind. The president's medal for the best Aberdeen-Angus was won by the veteran, Prince Inca, the Ballindalloch stock bull. He is an extraordinary animal, being much admired for his enormous scale, and especially the wonderful development of his thighs. To refer to all of the many good winners in this grand

breed would take more space than is at our disposal. It will suffice to say that in every class extremely worthy animals were found to carry off the awards, and in some cases good ones had to leave with only the commendation of the public. Females were numerous and meritorious in every section, there being as high as twenty entries in the yearlings, which number was followed quite closely in the two-year-olds.

Galloways are always a strong class at Dumfries. This year's exhibit lost nothing by a comparison with that of any former like occasion. The first Royal winner was not present, but R. F. Dudgeon's Crown Jewel II., the 2nd Royal winner, took 1st and championship here. He was followed by H. B. Murray Stewart's Pathfinder II., who fell behind the first winner only in gait. They are both grand animals, being large, firm and level throughout. Two-year-olds numbered five entries. The cow class had twelve entries, among which were some of extraordinary scale. In eleven entries of two-year-old heifers was Mr. John Cunningham's Dora of Durhamhill, who won the female championship award. One-year-olds numbered 16 entries, the first ten of which may be truthfully spoken of as being extra fine.

Highlanders, although far from home at Dumfries, made out a nice showing. The entries numbered as follows: Aged bulls, 4; two-year-olds, 4; yearlings, 8. Aged cows, 5; two-year-olds, 5. The champion male was Valentine XI. (1160), a two-year-old shown by Mr. Smith, of Ardnornish.

Ayrshires.—Taken as a lot the Ayrshires were of very good quality, and some of the classes were pretty well filled. This, of course, is nothing more than should be expected when it is remembered that the show was held quite near some of the best dairy districts in Scotland. The champion of the bulls was the Royal winner, Mr. Reid's Royal Kyle. He was bred at Lessnessock, and is owned by Mr. Robt. M. Reid, Bonshaw, Stewarton. He also led in the aged bull class, being followed by Mr. Thos. Barr's White Cockade, bred by Mr. W. Hood. He held the same position at the Royal. The 3rd was Mr. Leonard Pilkington's Field Marshal, the champion at Ayr last year. In two-year-olds, Mr. Mitchell's Son-of-a-Gun, from Barcheskie, won 1st after a long struggle and the calling of a third judge to decide between him and Mr. Montgomery's Royal Magregor, who was ultimately placed 2nd. First Choice, shown by Mark J. Stewart, M. P., was placed 3rd. This is the reverse order from what they were placed at the Royal. There was rather a good show of cows and heifers; indeed, of the latter the show was about the best ever seen at the Highland Society. Cows in milk made a class of ten entries. Mr. Alexander Cross, of Knockdon, was 1st with Soncy of Outmain, a useful cow that deserved her place. Mr. Robt. Wilson, Mansuraes, was 2nd with the black cow—the first winner in Paisley. Mr. Pilkington secured 3rd award on Brownie, bred by Mr. George Alston. There was yet another class of three-year-old heifers or cows of any age calved in 1892, and due to calve within one month of the first day of the show. Here the champion of the breed was found in Mr. James Lawrie's Beauty (7807), from West Newton, Strathaven. Mr. Cross, of Knockdon, was 2nd with Bright Lady, by Bobby. Two-year-old heifers were the best class of the show. Mr. W. P. Gilmore, Balmangan, Bogue, was 1st with the white heifer bred at Orchardton. She is a very pretty heifer, and it is noteworthy that last year's 1st prize winner in this class came from this herd. Mr. Andrew Mitchell was 2nd with Cecilia, a handsome heifer bred in Eaglesham parish, and got by an Orchardton bull. Mr. Pilkington was 3rd with Daisy Bell, which was 1st at the Royal. Yearling heifers numbered seven entries.

HORSES.

The Clydesdale exhibition was one of the great features of the show. Although there were numerous empty boxes, the quality of those present brought the exhibit up to a successful issue. Eight evenly-matched aged stallions put in an appearance, but the winner was easily found in the Marquis of Londonderry's famous Holyrood (9540), which thus secured his third 1st prize ticket at the Highland; having won as a two-year-old at Edinburgh, and as a three-year-old at Aberdeen. This grand horse has improved up till the present, when he may be rightly regarded as one of the great horses of the country. He also won the championship. His sire is Mr. Riddle's Gallant Prince. Holyrood stands 17 hands high, is very evenly-balanced, and moves close, free and easy as a colt. His bone, ankles and feet lack nothing desirable. Prince Albert of Rosehaugh (8857), shown by Mr. J. Douglas Fletcher, was placed 2nd, after a close contest with Gold Mine (9540), who has for three years captured the 3rd award at the Highland. Gold Mine is a hard horse to get over while standing, but his action is not as good as his more successful competitors. The 2nd prize horse was sired by Prince of Albion, and his dam a Springhill-Darnley mare. Gold Mine is owned by W. C. McFarlane, Greenburn, and got by Goldfinder.

Three-year-old stallions were a fair lot of eight. Mr. J. Douglas Fletcher's celebrated McEachran (8732), which won at the Royal, Darlington, and the Highland last year, was an outstanding 1st winner. He is one of the best sons of Macgregor. His general quality, action, bone, pasterns and feet leave very little to be desired. A gay and stylish horse of rare quality named Macfie (8791), owned by Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery, stood second. He, too, is a Macgregor, and out of Jess of Banks.

He is sweet, thick, short-coupled, and moves like a hackney. The 3rd ticket was given to Mr. Matthew Marshall, Stranreer, for Vanguard, bred by Mr. James F. Murdock, and got by Flashwood, out of the Darnley mare Anita. Last year he stood 1st at the Royal. He is well-limbed, but lacks a little in style.

Two-year-old colts formed the strongest class in the male division, numbering, in all, seventeen. The 1st winner was not hard to find in Mr. Wm. Carr's grand colt, Knight o' Corval. He has been shown all the season and has won all the way along. He is sired by Gallant Prince and out of a Top Gallant mare, owned by Mrs. Lamont, Killellan. Wm. Graham, Edengrove, came 2nd with his Royal winner, Bridegroom (9886), by Knight of Lothian, out of Delilah by Macgregor. Messrs. Montgomery's MacMartin (9048), followed next in order. He is own brother to their 2nd prize three-year-old horse Macfie.

Yearling colts made a fine display. Here the Messrs. Montgomery stepped up to 1st place with a son of Macgregor and a Lord Erskine mare. Messrs. James A. Wallace and Matthew Marshall took the 2nd and 3rd awards.

Brood mares numbered half-a-dozen good ones. Wm. Graham's Royal Rose was chosen as the best. She was champion at Glasgow, 1st at the Highland last year, and 1st at the Royal this year. She is a daughter of Macgregor and a Top Gallant mare. The Darnley mare, Vanora, owned by Mr. Geo. Alston, came next; Lady Louise, bred at Hill of Petty, and owned by Mr. Wm. Park, Brunstane, stood 3rd.

A fine class of barren mares came forward. Here many really good ones had to return to their stalls ticketless.

Three-year-olds were a medium lot, and two-year-olds were an extra fine lot of seventeen. Yearlings, twenty-three strong, contained many good ones.

Hackneys.—Although the entries in this section were not very numerous, the quality was well up; nearly all the principal Scotch studs having exhibits forward. In stallions any age, Mr. G. E. Galbraith was 1st with Danebury. Mr. Alexander Morton was 2nd with Glenlyon, and Mr. J. G. Mackie was 3rd with Sir Wilton. For brood mares 15 hands and upwards, Mr. G. E. Galbraith again scored 1st with Lola, followed by Mrs. Mackie's Lady Wilton II. For brood mares under 15 hands, Mr. Galbraith carried off another 1st premium for Danish Lady. Mrs. Mackie again followed with Lady Wilton III. The filly sections contained many good representatives.

SHEEP.

Blackfaces were altogether the best and most numerous shown, although Border Leicesters and Cheviots were well shown. Shropshires were not very numerous represented, and confined exclusively to the flocks of Mr. Buttar, of Corston, Coupar-Angus; Messrs. Jordan & Sons, of Kendal; and the Earl of Strathmore. Mr. Buttar carried off all the leading prizes.

FARM.

Notes from Prince Edward Island.

Crops are looking well now since the extended drouth is at last broken.

Haying is just finished. The crop is under an average.

Pasturage was good early in the season, and the dairy industry has been very successful so far. The output of cheese will be nearly double that of last year.

Prof. Robertson and Mr. McLaren have visited the Island cheese factories and are well pleased with the quality of cheese made.

The Patrons of Industry are being organized on the Island.

The sixth annual Provincial Exhibition will be held at Charlottetown on Sept. 24-27. Mr. A. B. Warburton is the Secretary, from whom prize lists and other information can be obtained.

Sowing Clover Alone.

When people advocate sowing clover without a nurse crop, it is a little hard to see where the advantage comes in. While it is a fact that clover sometimes winter-kills, or fails to obtain a good catch when sown with wheat or barley, the same may be said of a clover crop either sown alone or along with timothy. When grass or clover seed is sown alone, every opportunity is afforded strong growing weeds to develop, and not only smother the desired plants, but, unless they are mown once or twice during the first season, they will go to seed. Another disadvantage is that of losing the most of one season's crop. It is true that some autumn pasture will be afforded; but, as a rule, very little.

Sacaline.

Mr. Falconer, editor of *Gardening*, states that he has had the *Polygonum Sachalinense* under cultivation since 1873, and that it is a much more gigantic plant than the *P. cuspidatum*, and is not as useful for ornamental purposes as the latter. He also finds that the former is not as pestiferous a runner as the latter, and this is very much in its favor, as one of the chief objections to the plant has been that it would prove as bad a thing to get rid of as the Canadian thistle. He says he has had no experience with it as a forage plant, for which it has been boomed.