

Another Successful Fair at London, Ont.

Favored for the most part by fine weather and firm grounds, the Western Fair, in London, last week, measured well up with the very successful event of 1908. Weepy skies on Wednesday afternoon interfered slightly with the attendance on Farmers' Day, but, fairing up towards evening, a good crowd came forth at night, bringing admission figures nearly up to the number at the corresponding date of last year, while a clear, temperate atmosphere on Thursday afforded ideal conditions for fair-going. Live-stock entries, taking them all round, about levelled with 1908, horses slightly in the lead. The quality of the stock ranks high. The dairy exhibit was excellent, judges pronouncing the cheese the best they had seen for some time. Agricultural and horticultural exhibits were very creditable, the drouthy season considered.

Secretary A. M. Hunt has once more proven himself a faithful steward of the Exhibition fortunes, while his unflinching courtesy and tact toward exhibitors, concessionaires, patrons, press, and all concerned, well merit this record of unanimous appreciation toward a competent manager.

LIVE STOCK.

It seems strange that, with such a courteous and capable management, the Western Fair should be run on a system—or with a lack of it—discreditable to a county show of ordinary pretensions. In the first place, a catalogue is needed, and could be had without the probability of any material decrease in entries, if the directors were to manifest a very small lump of gumption, and insist upon entries by a fixed closing date. So long as exhibitors know they may enter any time, right up to the last minute, they will take advantage of the fact, and decline to apply until they see how they have made out at Toronto. But let a reasonably early date be set for closing of entries, and exhibitors who have a thought of entering will weigh the matter betimes, and those who have something worth bringing will come. Indeed, the assurance of a catalogue would attract many who would appreciate its commercial advantage to themselves. In the absence of this invaluable adjunct of a live-stock show, the least that might be done would be to furnish printed cards to the exhibitors, to be filled in, giving the breed and age, class and section of entry, owner and sire of the animal, these cards to be tacked up and kept up under penalty, the award ribbons, when granted, being similarly hung up on the stalls of the winning candidates. As things now are, a reporter or other visitor may haunt the stables, looking long and often, with but partial success, for the prize animals, and finally seeking out the exhibitor or groom to ascertain name and breeding. It is disgraceful.

Judging of live stock commenced on Monday afternoon with horses, the bulk of it being completed the next day. With bright though somewhat hot weather, and dry, firm footing, the judicial task was accomplished under favorable conditions.

HORSES.

CLYDESDALES showed up very well. Graham & Renfrew, of Bedford Park, Toronto, were on hand with several capital entries from their recent importation, while strong competition was furnished by Dalgety Bros., of London, and a number of other exhibitors, including A. F. McNiven, St. Thomas; Smillie Bros., Brucefield; G. A. Attridge, of Clachan; J. L. Guest, Wyton; Wm. Young & Son, Mt. Brydges; Geo. Spearin & Sons, St. Mary's; John Guest, Ballymote; J. Spearman, Inwood; Jno. F. Burr, Waubuno; Henderson & Mahon, Evelyn, and Wood Bros., of Langbank.

In aged stallions, the Toronto firm secured top place, and afterwards sweepstakes, with the newly-imported bay horse, Cowden's Prince, by Lothian Again. He is a grand, thick stallion, with good bone, well built from the ground up. Though a good first, he was closely followed by Dalgety Bros.' Sir Randolph, sixth in his class at Toronto. Third was a horse of Dalgety's importation, shown by Wood Bros., Baron Lomond by name, sire Baron Ruby, first as a three-year-old in London, and second in Toronto. Dalgety Bros. showed Pentland Pride in fourth. Graham & Renfrew had a pair of three-year-olds, first an upstanding dark bay, with capital underpinning, bearing the very appropriate cognomen, Proud Chieftan, got by Cairnbrogie, out of a dam by Hiawatha; second, Top Spot, by Baron Hood. Dalgety Bros. had a winner in two-year-olds with the good heavy, dark brown, Royal Mulben, by Baron Albion, out of a mare by Upton-time. Graham & Renfrew showing for second a good bay colt, not quite so heavy-set, Wamphray Lad, by Count Victor, dam by Sir Everard. Third was a very nice Hiawatha colt, with first-class feet and legs, but thin in condition. It was in this class that Mr. Delaney showed a big, grand topped colt, but worn about the ground, and lacking somewhat in slope of pasterns. On a pro-

test, Mr. Boag's judgment was sustained by a board of two. First of a trio of yearlings was Mr. Attridge's tippy, Canadian-bred colt, Duke of Orford, by Harvester, from a mare imported by Dalgety Bros. J. L. Guest was second with a fair colt, though thin in condition, got by Masterpiece. Coming to females, Mr. Attridge was forward with an extra good, all-round mare of Dalgety's importation, Bloom of Ironside, by Holloway, with a foal by Harvester. With first-class conformation, she combines a very good way of going. She was followed by another very good imported mare of much the same type, but going just a little bit wide at the hocks, exhibited by Spearin & Sons. Young was third with a very good aged mare. John Guest had honors in three-year-old fillies with a Dalgety importation, Kirkton Princess, a big, upstanding filly, with excellent underpinning, got by Baron Ruby, and a full sister to Baron Lomond. McNiven's was a thick mare, but with feet badly broken, while Young's mare in third was quite innocent of fit. Bedford Queen is the name of Graham & Renfrew's recently-imported two-year-old filly that won first in her class and sweepstakes. She was sired by Keir Democrat, from a dam by Ethiopia. Spearman followed closely with a bigger and more rangy filly, though not quite so good about the hocks, nor yet at the ground. Graham & Renfrew's third-prize, Bedford Rose, lacked condition, but may perhaps be the making of a better one than her stable mate. McNiven got to the top with an extra good yearling, not overly large, but well made, well bottomed, and with a nice way of going. In foals, Spearin & Sons scored with a good colt by Baron Luck, Young coming second with a nice roan, not so large as the other. Female sweepstakes was very close between the aged mare and the two-year-old, Graham & Renfrew finally winning out with a little more flash. Henderson & Mahon secured a red ribbon with the compact, heavy-boned, imported King's Herald, by Cannongate, exhibited with three of his get. Awards follow:

Judge—John A. Boag, Queensville.
Stallion, four years and up—1, Graham & Renfrew, Bedford Park, Toronto; 2, Dalgety Bros., London; 3, Wood Bros., Langbank. Three-year-old stallion—1 and 2, Graham & Renfrew; 3, A. F. McNiven, St. Thomas. Two-year-old stallion—1, Dalgety Bros.; 2, Graham & Renfrew; 3, Smillie Bros., Brucefield. Yearlings—1, G. A. Attridge, Clachan; 2, J. L. Guest, Wyton; 3, Wm. Young & Son, Mt. Brydges. Sweepstakes stallion—Graham & Renfrew. Brood mare with foal—1, G. A. Attridge; 2 and 1, Spearin & Sons, St. Mary's; 3, Wm. Young & Son. Filly or gelding, 3 years old—1, John Guest, Ballymote; 2, A. F. McNiven; 3, Young & Son. Filly or gelding, 2 years old—1 and 3, Graham & Renfrew; 2, J. Spearman, Inwood. Filly or gelding, 1 year old—1, A. F. McNiven; 2, John F. Burr, Foal of 1909—1 and 3, Geo. Spearin & Sons; 2, Young & Son. Sweepstakes mare—Graham & Renfrew. Stallion and three of his get—Henderson & Mahon, Evelyn.

SHIRES. When it comes down to a question of merit, Shires furnished the surprise, if not the sensation of the show. John Gardhouse & Son had things to themselves in mature stallions with Royal King. The issue of the competition between a pair of two-year-olds was a red for Robt. Ferguson, of Port Stanley, on a compact stallion with good bone and action. Second was Frank Drury & Son, of Charing Cross, who showed Joe Gans, a bigger colt, wanting a little more slope of pasterns. Drury came to the front in yearlings with Sandboye 2nd, whose sire, Sandboye was three-times first at Toronto. Royal King, sweepstakes stallion at Toronto, added another championship to his honors. But it was in females that the stellar attraction appeared. It began in brood mares, where John F. Burr showed a snapping-good black six-year-old, Parkside Countess, by Tartar Second, with a foal by Sandycroft Major. She is a Hogate importation, purchased four years ago as a two-year-old by Mr. Burr, who has since bred from her three foals by the above-mentioned sire. Of medium size, she shows all the points of good draft-horse conformation, including clean, flat bone, displays abundance of breed and feminine character, and could spare points on quality to many a Clydesdale. Second was creditably taken by a blocky, useful type of mare, shown by Ferguson, Parkside Countess' quality as a breeder was amply tested when the sensational two-year-old filly, Sandycroft Rose, walked into the ring. She is an extraordinarily sweet mare well grown for her age, smooth, and supported by a set of splendid-quality, flat-boned legs, pasterns of right length and slope, and number-one feet. She was pronounced by good judges the best Shire filly they had ever seen in Canada, and secured easy championship honors. A promising yearling is her full sister, Folly Annette, which crossed Gardhouse's Black Beauty in her class. Awards—

Judge—John A. Boag, Queensville.

Stallion 4 years and up—1, John Gardhouse & Son, Highfield, on Royal King. Stallion, 2 years—1, R. D. Ferguson, Port Stanley; 2, Frank Drury & Son, Charing Cross. Yearling stallion—1, Drury & Son; 2, A. A. Miller, Middlemarch. Stallion, any age—1, Gardhouse & Son.

Brood mare with foal—1, Burr, Waubuno; 2, Ferguson. Filly or gelding, 2 years—1, Burr, Filly or gelding, 1 year—1, Gardhouse & Son; 2, Burr. Foal of 1909—1, Burr; 2, Ferguson. Mare, any age—1, Burr.

PERCHERONS.—Hamilton & Hawthorne, of Simcoe, exhibited a capital string of six Percherons, out of a recent importation of twenty, having it all to themselves save in the two-year-old stallions, where a competing colt, shown by Robert Hoar, of St. George, took second place. First in the mature class was a black four-year-old called Caton, sire Balkan; second was the black Gazouiller, by Ravissant. These are a splendid pair of tippy stallions, furnished with a very nice kind of underpinning. Premier of the two-year-olds was Gambier, by Bayard; second, the dark-gray Cratere. The winning two-year-old was a colt named Hachard, by Besigue. A. Blakie, of White Oak, exhibited a solitary mare.

BELGIANS.—Alex. McArthur, of London, exhibited the only Belgian, in his thick, massive stallion, Luron.

CANADIAN-BRED HEAVY DRAFTS.—Some very creditable candidates were forward among the Canadian-bred Heavy Drafts. Sweepstakes stallion was the solitary three-year-old entry, Baron McKinley, sired by Baron Bombie, and exhibited by Jas. Smillie, of Inwood. His only competitor for championship was McMichael Bros.' first-prize two-year-old. A pair of brood mares, with foal, were headed by McMichael Bros. Sweepstakes mare was G. W. Nott's grand-topped, three-year-old filly, Princess Garty, by Garty Gold, third in her class at Toronto this year, and winner of honors at several local fairs. D. A. Murray, of Bennington, showed his capital team of geldings for a red ribbon. A list of winnings follows:

Judge—J. A. McDiarmid, Lucknow.
Stallion, 3 years—1, Jas. Smillie, Stallion, 2 years—1, McMichael Bros., Seaforth; 2, Henderson & Mahon, Evelyn. Stallion, any age—Smillie. Brood mare with foal—1, McMichael Bros.; 2, Jas. Marr, Ingersoll. Filly or gelding, 3 years—1, G. W. Nott, Clinton. Filly or gelding, 2 years—1, Henderson & Mahon. Filly or gelding, 1 year—1, W. Sullivan, Bridgen; 2, McMichael Bros.; 3, Henderson & Mahon. Foal of 1909—1, Jas. Marr; 2, Henderson & McMahon. Sweepstakes mare—1, G. W. Nott. Pair of geldings or mares in harness—1, D. A. Murray, Bennington; 2, A. M. Dickie, Hyde Park.

AGRICULTURAL HORSES.—Judge, J. McDiarmid, Lucknow. Brood mare with foal—1, McMichael Bros., Seaforth; 2, Jas. Marr, Ingersoll; 3, Henderson & Mahon, Evelyn. Filly or gelding, 3 years old—1, W. H. Johnston, Rutherford; 2, Jas. McCartney & Son, London; 3, A. F. McNiven, St. Thomas. Filly or gelding, 2 years old—1, W. H. Johnston; 2, McNiven; 3, Henderson & Mahon. Filly or gelding, yearling—1, Henderson & Mahon; 2, McNiven. Foal of 1909—1, Henderson & Mahon; 2, Marr; 3, McMichael Bros. Geldings or mares, pair—1, Henderson & Mahon.

HACKNEYS.—Quality compensated for slim Hackney classes. In aged stallions, Graham & Renfrew won easy money with Brigham Radiant and Crayke Mikado, third in the mature class going to a horse shown by McFarland, named Woodland Performer, if we are not incorrectly advised. T. A. Cox, of Brantford, had a lone entry in the three-year-old Langton Colonel, championship passing easily, however, to Brigham Radiant. The Western Fair lets a mare show as a Hackney if she has more of that blood than of something else. First brood mare with foal was an unregistered one, by Sportsman 3rd, shown by McPherson, who got first in two-year-old fillies or geldings with a get of Inkston Denmark. Duncanson had second on a broody, roomy brood mare. Three-year-old fillies or geldings afforded another victory for Cox's Oak Park Drusy, first and champion at Toronto, and also awarded diploma for best registered mare, any age, at London. Second was St. Clair, and third Duncanson's filly, Flora Dreyton, by Royal Dreyton. The judge was Hugh Darroch, Harriston. Awards—

Stallion 4 years and upwards—1 and 2, Graham & Renfrew, Bedford Park, Toronto; 3, McFarland, Falkirk. Stallion, three years—1, T. A. Cox, Brantford. Stallion, any age—Graham & Renfrew. Brood mare with foal—1, McPherson; 2, Peter Duncanson. Filly or gelding, 3 years—1, T. A. Cox; 2, A. St. Clair, Glen Colm; 3, Peter Duncanson, Dutton. Filly or gelding, 2 years—1, McPherson; 2, J. McMillan; 3, Wm. Gould, Rutherford. Filly or gelding, 1 year—1, Wm. Blacker, Brantford; 2, Peter Duncanson; 3, J. McPherson, Campbellton. Foal of 1909—1, J. McPherson; 2, Peter Duncanson. Mare, any age—