

department, but the foremost feature was undoubtedly the high quality of the live stock. In spite of years of draining from all the world Britain by her wonderful recuperative power can show year after year the cream of the world's live stock.

Some say that the day of the horse is passing, but the Liverpool entries contradicted the statement emphatically. The horse classes were very strong—perhaps the best in the society's history. The quality was especially noticeable in the heavy classes. Shires, Clydesdales and Suffolks all made an excellent display. Hackneys and Hunters were also good classes. To haul the tremendous loads of merchandise through the great Lancashire cities powerful draft horses are needed, and the weighty Shires are most largely used for this purpose.

There was no getting away from the quality of the Shires; there was not a weak class. The yearling stallion class was not a large one, but of quality. The London winner, Sir W. Greenwell's "Marden Forest King," a good all-around colt, took first place and was followed by the massive bay, "Birdsall Forest King," owned by Lord Middleton. Two-year-old stallions were a larger class. The adjudication took a long time, but finally Lord Rothschild's "Halstead Blue Blood" was placed first, with the Duke of Westminster's "Eaton Nonsuch" second. A strong class was the three-year-old stallion class. There was not much doubt as to the first in this class—Messrs. Ainscough's "Tatton Herald." F. Farnsworth's bay "Wakeful Boy" was second.

The one-year-old fillies were a promising lot. A rare filly, John Bradley's bay "Halstead Royal Duchess," was first, beating Lord Rothschild's "Lorna Doone." The London winner, "Dunsmore Chessie," was certainly leader of the two-year-old fillies and was followed by Ellis Potter's bay "Champion's Choice." Three-year-old fillies were few in number but of high quality. The first place was easily taken by J. G. Williams' "Bardon Forest Princess." "Medbourne Duchess" was second for B. N. Everard. The class for mares with foal at foot was the strongest class, and many noted mares were entered. Very close was the contest for premier place. It fell to a weighty short-legged bay "Lilleshall Moss Rose," shown by the Duke of Sutherland. The second, Messrs. Whitley's bay "Mollington Movement" was very little inferior. The Shire colt foal winner was shown by Lord Middleton, and the filly foal first went to Sir Walpole Greenwell.

Keen interest was evinced in the championship awards. The champion gold medal for best stallion and the Derby challenge cup went to "Tatton Herald" and the reserve to Lord Rothschild's "Halstead Blue Blood." The champion is a grand black, compact in build, a good mover and bred by the late Earl Egerton, of Tatton. He cost 1,200 guineas at the Tatton sale. He was sired by "Tatton Friar"—dam "Tatton Aurora." The female championship contest was a keen one. It was secured by J. G. Williams' "Bardon Forest Princess," a big filly in full bloom. The reserve fell to the well-known "Dunsmore Chessie."

FINE SHOW OF CLYDESDALES.

Clydesdales made an excellent show, both in quality and numbers, and the best known Scottish breeders were represented. The yearling colts were a capital class. Messrs. Montgomery, of Netherhall, took both first and second places. The first had grand action and fine flat bone. In the two-year-old stallion class Messrs. Montgomery were equally successful, first place going to a grand horse "Royal Guest," and second to their "Baron Chapman." "Royal Guest"

afterwards took the champion prize for best stallion. Three-year-old stallions were few in number. Messrs. Montgomery again took both top places with "The Bruce" and "Glenavon" respectively. "The Bruce," a handsome, stylish horse, was Reserve for championship. He has been sold to Messrs. Graham Bros., for Canada.

The yearling fillies were a record class. The unbeaten bay "Dunure Myrene," shown by W. Dunlop, took first place, with W. S. Robertson's "Rose of Crossrigg" in second place. "Dunure Myrene" afterwards was awarded champion prize for best mare or filly. There was close competition for two-year-old filly honors. J. E. Kerr was first with "Harviestoun Rose" and S. Mitchell second with "Sweet Melody." The mares were the best class of all, of high average quality. A grand brood mare, S. Mitchell's "Blossom of Newhouse," was first. The second was scarcely inferior, H. B. Marshall's "Sarcede."

The compact, short-legged Suffolks were a popular exhibit, and there is no doubt that they are being increasingly used by farmers. They are capital walkers and their clean legs are an advantage. The quality of the entries was good, but the number was too few. The winner of the two-year-old stallion class proved to be Sir C. Quilter's "Bawdsey Volunteer," an animal of good color and quality. The three-year-old

average merit. Shorthorns are always the most numerous. This year the entries numbered 351, and included all the principal winners at the county shows. Very great interest was shown in the judging by a large audience. The old bull class was a very strong one—a grand class—and a referee was needed before a decision could be made. First place was given to the well-known "Alnwick Favorite," shown by J. D. Willis. He was a splendid bull, with good quarters, fine level top and full of character. He was afterwards reserve for male champion. The second was a grand bull and not much inferior. Sir R. Cooper's "Silver Mint 2nd." The Shorthorn bull class, calved between January 1st, 1908, and March 31st, 1908, was a fine class, and a referee was again necessary. A compact, heavily-fleshed animal "Collyine Prince," shown by G. Harrison, was first, with Earl Manver's "Notlaw Phoenix," a handsome bull, second.

The strongest class of all was for Shorthorn bulls, calved between April 1st, 1908, and December 31st, 1908. There was not much to choose between the first two for quality, but the stylish "Duke of Kingston 2nd" was placed first, and Lord Middleton's "Birdsall Croesus" second. Earl Manvers afterwards took the male championship with "Duke of Kingston 2nd." The champion's sire was "King Christian of Denmark," and dam "Bella Groat."

A well-fleshed roan, shown for the first time, "Village Phantom," bred by Messrs. Garne, took first place amongst the yearlings. There was a big class of junior yearlings, and a good white "Primrose Star," bred by W. Duthie, won for W. M. Scott.

There were several fine classes of Shorthorn cows and heifers. The best of the four-year-olds was J. H. Maden's roan "Magic Princess." Three-year-old heifers were good. A fine white heifer, "Daisy's Queen," took first honors and afterwards was reserve for female championship for F. Miller, of Birkenhead. That beautiful symmetrical roan heifer, Lord Sherborne's "Sherborne Fairy," was easily first amongst Shorthorn heifers calved between March 31st, 1908, and March 31st, 1909. She was also female champion. For the junior 1908 heifer class Messrs. Deane's unbeaten "Florrie" was first. In the senior 1909 class "Augusta 125th" took first for F. Miller, and in the junior 1909 class R. Cornelius' "Easthen Belle" was successful.

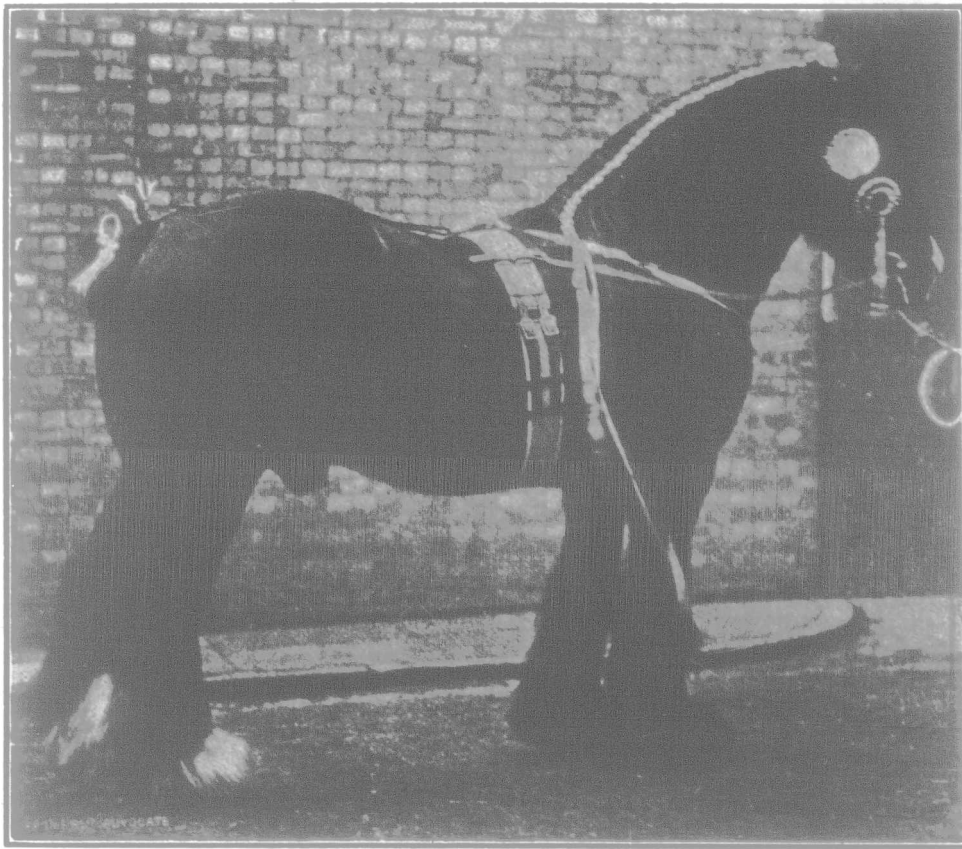
The Lincoln Red Shorthorns were rather uneven. John Evens and J. G. Williams were the principal winners.

In spite of big recent exportations Herefords were a capital class and most of the leading winners at recent shows were entered. A massive, well-grown bull, "Sailor Prince," took the male championship for G. Butters. Another grand bull, G. D. Faber's "Rob Roy" was reserve for male championship. A beautiful heifer, P. Coat's "Ladybird 2nd," took the female championship, a younger competitor, J. S. Cooke Hill's "Shelsley Prinmea" being reserve champion.

Aberdeen-Angus numbered 44 and were of good general quality. The winner of the old bull class, J. M. Petrie's "Metaphor," a grand bull, took also the gold medal for best animal. For the best animal of the opposite sex another gold medal was awarded to a fine, three-year-old cow, J. E. Kerr's "Juanica Erica."

Devons, South Devons and Longhorns were but few in numbers, and there were not many Sussex. Welsh black cattle were only sparingly shown.

Jerseys are always a big class at the Royal, and nearly one hundred were shown. Competition was very keen for leading honors. In a strong class of old bulls Lord Rothschild's "Champion of St. Peter" was first, and afterwards took



SHIRE STALLION, GAER CONQUEROR. CHAMPION AT THE LONDON SHIRE SHOW THIS YEAR

stallion honors were taken by Sir C. Quilter's "Bawdsey Laddie" in a keen contest. Female Suffolk honors were shared by Sir C. Quilter and K. M. Clark.

Hackneys were an unusually good exhibit. One of the finest three-year-old stallions ever bred took the champion cup and gold medal, Sir W. Gilbey's "Antonius," a grand chestnut. The reserve male honors went to W. Briggs, for "Albin Wildfire." The London winner, the wonderful filly, "Lady Beckenham," took the female championship, the reserve falling to Sir W. Gilbey's mare, "Gallant Girl."

Amongst Hunters, Simpson Hinchcliffe's grand dark-brown gelding was supreme, winning outright the gold challenge cup and the Storey challenge cup. He was easily first in his class. The reserve for both cups was J. H. Stokes' bay gelding, "Suspense." The grandstand was crowded for the driving and jumping contests. Perhaps most interest centered in the four-in-hand teams. There were four competitors for the gold challenge cup for best four-in-hand teams. After a spirited contest Miss Ella S. Ross was declared winner with her four black geldings.

WORTHY CATTLE DISPLAY.

The display of cattle was well worthy of the Royal Show. Not often was one privileged to see such a gathering of animals of such high

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