

made by the judges in placing the two-year-old filly, Royal Clara, owned by Hodgkinson & Tisdale, ahead of Sorby's Miss Charming, a much superior filly in many particulars, as her quality was about faultless, and her size exceeded Royal Clara. In our judgment, Miss Charming was the champion female of the class, but she is none the worse as an individual for taking 2nd ribbon. Geo. Crawford, Oro Station, won 3rd on May Belle, by Mountain Chief, a useful filly, lacking breed character. In yearlings, Crawford won 1st on Roseola, by Montrave Chief, a good-bodied filly. Hodgkinson & Tisdale won 2nd on Royal Bounce, by The Royal Standard, and J. H. Petrie 3rd, on Bessie. While there were eight entries in brood mares, only some four came out to face the judges. Alex. Doherty had an easy thing in Daisy Belle, a roomy matron, of good Clydesdale character. She also won with two of her progeny. Hodgkinson & Tisdale won 2nd on the mare, Moss Rose, and 2nd on her foal by Lord Early; the 3rd mare award being taken by Crawford's Moss Bank, the dam of his yearling and two-year-old fillies. Bowden & McDonnell won 1st and 3rd on choice foals by Belshazzar.

In teams, the best lot shown here in years competed for honors. It was a difficult matter to decide among seven where the awards should be placed. They were repeatedly looked over, walked and jogged, and finally unhitched from the wagons, and then the decision was slow. John Gardhouse showed the pure-bred Shire mares, Laura and Violet, both by Pride of Hatfield. O. Sorby had out his valuable Clydesdale mares, Diana McKay and Sonsie Lass, that did not make first-rate. Hodgkinson & Tisdale presented for inspection a very hefty pair of horses, well matched and fitted, by Pride of Perth and Lord Lieutenant. P. H. Petrie's pair consisted of Bruce and Wallace, beautifully-mated sons of Bold Boy, just three years old; and they all won in the order named, giving the Shire breed a victory not often secured in Canada.

HORSES FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.—This class calls for horses that will go suitably in road or work harness, or under the saddle, and usually consists of misfits of several other classes. The entry this year was light, there being less than 25 out for competition. They were chiefly clean-legged, useful horses, sired by Thoroughbred, trotting and carriage sires, and the awards gave no particular breed a preference for its get.

HUNTERS AND SADDLE HORSES.—In the various sections shown under saddle there were about 170 entries, most of them high-grade and pure-bred Thoroughbreds. A large majority of them were from Toronto stables, but a few from London and other places swelled the exhibit and carried away honors. The most extensive exhibitor at all was Mr. Geo. Pepper, Toronto, whose horses were well schooled for their respective work, whether for lady's saddle, heavy-weight hunter, or to take the jumps. Mr. L. Meredith, London, was also a successful competitor in various conflicts, although we have seen him with a better lot of horses.

CATTLE.

SHORTHORNS.—Not since the palmy days when the Hillhurst and Bow Park herds were at the height of their fame has such a display of high-class Shorthorns been seen at a Canadian exhibition as that concentrated at Toronto last week. It seemed in some respects like a case of history repeating itself, with some of the same actors in the play as in that of twenty years ago, to see James Smith, erstwhile herdsman at Bow Park, and now manager of the Trout Creek herd, carrying red ribbons out of the ring at the head of Royal winners as in days of yore, and Willie Watt keeping up the reputation of his firm and of Canada for home-bred winners of the right sort. But there were new actors in the drama this year, as on this occasion the enterprising importer and breeder, W. D. Flatt, of Hamilton, who in the last few years has been an inspiration in Shorthorn circles, made his debut as an exhibitor, and in this, as in all he undertakes, he played to win. The appearance for the first time at Toronto of a Shorthorn show herd from the United States, that of Mr. W. A. Boland (a wealthy electric-railway owner whose "Grey Tower" farm is at Grass Lake, Michigan), under the able management of Maurice Douglas, gave to the contest a somewhat international character, for the Grey Tower herd ranks high among the very best in all the States. The Province of Manitoba contributed a strong contingent in the Prairie Home show herd of Hon. Thos. Greenway, of Crystal City (in charge of Manager James Yule), fresh from its victory as the first-prize winning herd at the Provincial Industrial Exhibition at Winnipeg, in July, and including the champions of the breed there, a grand lot of cattle, but, owing to the long campaign of fairs and freighting in the hot weather, having lost much of the bloom with which they started out. In addition to these, there were present selections from the herds of the following breeders: J. & W. B. Watt, Salem; E. Jeffs & Son, Bondhead; J. & A. Somerville, Elder's Mills; Goodfellow Bros., Macville; W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland; G. D. Fletcher, Binkham; J. A. Crerar, Shibley; Geo. Crawford, Oro Station; Mc-

Donald Bros., Woodstock; D. Talbot & Son, Everton, and Jas. Leask, Greenbank.

The section for bulls four years old and upwards was filled by three good animals, one of which, Valiant, a rich roan, bred by Harry Smith, of Hay, sired by Abbotsford, and shown by Mr. Flatt, was, in addition to the first honors in his class, awarded the senior male championship of the breed. He is a typical Scotch Shorthorn, compact, low-set, thick-fleshed, full of quality, and strong in breed character. The second-prize winner was Gwen Allen, a red and white four-year-old, bred by Mitchell & Sons, Illinois, and shown by W. C. Edwards & Co. He is a smoothly-turned bull, of a good stamp, and shown in moderate condition. The third place was filled by Mr. Greenway's George Bruce, who was the first-prize two-year-old at Toronto two years ago in the herd of Capt. T. E. Robson. He has grown into a massive, heavy-fleshed bull, and has had a very successful show-yard career. The three-year-old bulls were five in number, and a strong class. The contest for first place lay between Mr. Flatt's imported white bull, Speculation, bred by Mr. Hosken, Cornwall, England, and Mr. Boland's Deputy Marshal, a red son of Sharon Marshal and English Lady 13th. The white bull is exceedingly straight in his lines, smoothly fleshed and of fine quality, and was a strong claimant for first honors, but the judges tied to the red, and met but little criticism, as he is a bull of splendid presence, stylish, straight lined, smoothly-turned, and full of fine masculine character and constitutional vigor. The third prize went to J. A. Crerar's Imp. Mayfly, by Captain of the Guard, a right good bull, showing fine breed character and well filled in all points. Spicy Robin, a long, level, well-furnished bull, bred by J. & W. Watt, and shown by G. D. Fletcher, fell into fourth place. He is a bull of fine character, and with more fitting would make a strong show bull, and his calves proclaim him a capital breeder. Two-year-old bulls made a very strong section. There were five entries, and these included the white bull, First Choice, bred by the Watts, of Salem, and now owned by Messrs. Somerville. He was the sweepstakes bull at Toronto last year, in the hands of Capt. Robson, and has gone on exceedingly well, having grown towards the ground and widened as well, while retaining his smoothness and thickness of flesh and fine handling quality. He is a hard one to beat in any company, and not a few would have tied to him for first place, but the judges were taken with the type of the Trout Creek entry, the roan Lord Banff, a bull of fine character and stamp, with a model head and proud carriage, and all the appearance of making a first-class sire. He was, after much consideration, moved into first place, and the Manitoba champion, Sittytown Hero 7th, bred by Mr. James I. Davidson, and shown in Mr. Greenway's string, had to be content here with third position. He is a bull of fine quality and straight lines, but the long haul had taken the bloom off him for the present. He will come again, however, and will doubtless make it more interesting later on. The senior yearling class was well filled with eight entries, from which selection for first place was made of Messrs. Watt's red bull, Royal Wonder, the first-prize calf under a year here last year, a son of Imp. Royal Sailor and English Lady 11th. He is undoubtedly one of the best bulls bred in Canada in many years, being true to type, straight, smooth and full of character. His strongest rival was Mr. Flatt's Knight Errant, a thick, sappy roan, bred by W. C. Edwards & Co., and sired by British Knight. He was placed fifth here among bull calves under a year in 1900, but by many considered worthy of a better place, and time has proven the correctness of that opinion, as he is now one of the best and most promising young bulls in the Dominion, having grand quality of hair and flesh and the walk of a winner. Only two were entered in the junior yearling class, but a worthy winner was Hillcrest Hero, a handsome and well-formed red bull, bred by the exhibitor, D. Talbot & Son. Bull calves under six months and under a year were out to the number of a score, and were a good average lot, but without outstanding excellence. The first position was, however, by general consent, given to Jas. Leask's red Moneyfuffel Banner, sired by the Watt-bred Royal Banner; the second to Boland's red Gay Marshal; third to Watt's roan King Tom; fourth to Flatt's Britannia Duke, by Imp. Christopher; and fifth to Goodfellow's Shining Light, by Grand Gloster. The junior male championship went to Watt's yearling bull, Royal Wonder, and, as before stated, the senior championship to Flatt's four-year-old Valiant. Bull calves under six months were a nice even lot, in which the winner was Edwards & Co.'s light roan son of Marquis of Zenda; Fletcher's Mysie's Prince, a handsome, stylish calf, by Spicy Robin, coming in for second, and Jeffs' Duke of Roseberry, by Prince Arthur, for third prize.

It is many years since five as good cows have been seen on a Toronto fair ground as those that faced the judges on this occasion. The tug for supremacy was between Mr. Flatt's imported Empress 12th, first-prize winner at the Royal

Show last year as a three-year-old and reserve for the female championship at the same show, and Mr. Boland's Lady Sharon 4th, first-prize cow and senior female champion at the Chicago International Exhibition last year. She is of the good old Syme family of cattle, bred at Redkirk, Scotland, and imported to Canada many years ago by the Millers, of Markham and Pickering, was sired by a Renick Rose of Sharon bull and has a cross of Barmpton Hero in her breeding. She is a great cow, immense in her width and depth of form, with a sweet head, a lovely bosom, full twist, and is active as a yearling, and a regular breeder, though she has been trained for the showing for years, having been one of the show string of the herd of Aaron Barber, of N. Y. It required an uncommonly good one to turn her down, but she met her match in Empress 12th, who is perhaps the equal of any cow ever shown in Canada. She, like her rival, is a breeder and looks it, yet is free from paunchiness, and shows a model Shorthorn form, with heavily-fleshed back and loin, splendidly-sprung ribs, elegantly-moulded shoulders, a handsome, cowy head, full crops and the finest quality of flesh. There was no other place for her but at the head of the line, and there she was sent, with Lady Sharon 4th in second place, and Mr. Greenway's imported Jenny Lind, the champion at the Winnipeg Show this summer, in third place. She is a grand cow too, and in any other company than the exceptional pair she met here would be a strong candidate for premier position. She is lengthy, level, smooth, and full of good quality and character. Her herd mate, the smoothly-turned Frieda, by Abbotsford, well known as a winner in former years in the hands of Harry Smith, her breeder, now in the herd of Mr. Greenway, made an acceptable fourth; and Crerar's imported Bellachin Daisy, a good fifth. Three-year-old cows were by common consent led by the peerless roan, imported Cicely, bred by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and owned by Mr. Flatt. She has all her life had a winning way, having been practically unbeaten in England, and she probably never met a more formidable rival than she found here in Empress 12th, in the contest for the championship, but she has such a captivating appearance that the judges could not find it in their hearts to turn her down. Cicely is Scotch-topped in her breeding, and all Scotch in her conformation; standing on very short legs, she looks not large; but lying down, she covers a lot of ground. She has wonderful width and thickness, a beautifully blended pair of shoulders, a sweet face, grandly-arched ribs and well-covered back, a great chest floor, and full twist. If she were a few inches longer in her hind quarters she would be absolutely perfect, but, as the Scotchman said, "There's aye something." It was a curious coincidence that the second-prize winner was also found in a heifer bred by the late Queen, the white May Blossom, of the same herd. She is of a different type, having greater scale and standing further from the ground, but smooth, well fleshed, and promising to make a grand cow. A strong competitor, and one of a popular type, is Crerar's Imp. Gem of Bellachin, a breezy-looking red and white, by Mutineer, which well filled the third place and was favorite with many for a higher position.

A class of 10 two-year-old heifers was the best all-round and most uniform ever seen on this ground, and they were not easily placed after the premier position was conceded, as it was by common consent, to Boland's red heifer, Lady Sharon 6th, of the same family as the second-prize cow, and sired by Scottish Chief. She has almost faultless form, a thickly-fleshed back and fine character. It must have grieved the judges to pass by her stable mate, Carrie Abbotsburn, the charming daughter of the noted prize-winning cow, Mary Abbotsburn 7th, by the World's Fair champion, for she is a grandly good one, but a sweet second was found in Imp. Lady Waterloo B. 2nd, of the Trout Creek string, and the beautifully-moulded Village Princess, by Abbotsford, of the Greenway herd, made a fitting number for third place, being followed by another of the Trout Creek contingent, Ascot Mayflower, a wealthy-fleshed heifer of larger scale. This rating left out several heifers good enough to be called first-class in any country, among which was Carrie Abbotsburn, Matchless 25th and Lavinia's Blossom, the latter two of which were in the prize list as yearlings at Toronto last year. Yearling heifers were divided into two classes, those calved before Feb. 1st, 1900, and those born on or after that date. There were nine out in the senior section, and a capital class they were. The first choice seemed to be soon narrowed down to a selection between Flatt's Lady Hamilton, by Marquis of Zenda, a thick, deep-ribbed and attractive heifer, which was bred and shown last year as a calf under a year by Mr. Edwards, getting into the prize list here and second at the Chicago Show in December, and the white heifer, Snowball W. of the Michigan herd, a Scotch-topped Young Phyllis, by Blue Jeans, that was so smooth and full in all points that she was hard to pass by. Crerar's Gem of Bellachin 2nd, the little yellow-red and white calf that barely got into the money last year,

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