

THOROUGHBREDS.

Thoroughbreds were quite numerous, and with some good newcomers excited a lot of interest. In stallions four years or over, five horses faced the judge, Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton. Jose Phillips took the red ticket. He is a breezy-looking race horse, and resembles his sire, Great Tony. Besides being a race horse, he has sired such good ones as Clown, Didsbury, Yukon, Pickaninny. Rumpus, a big brown horse, owned by Fulton, Brownsville, Ont., got 2nd place; he is a very rangy fellow, and has a stride like a road horse. Power's Hard Lines got 3rd place, and in spite of a heavy season, appeared in good shape, and was well thought of by the judge. A very interesting and useful competition was for stallions best calculated to improve the common

printed catalogue, so that there must have been fully 150 head of Shorthorns in competition. In addition to these there was a splendid contribution of over 30 head from the famous Prairie Home herd of Hon. Thos. Greenway, the farmer Premier of the Province, which were out for exhibition only and not for competition, and which attracted much attention, and were the subjects of general admiration.

The principal exhibitors were J. G. Barron, Carberry; W. S. Lister, Middlechurch; F. W. Brown, Portage la Prairie; D. Allison, Roland; Andrew Graham, Pomeroy; Purves Thomson, Pilot Mound; Walter Lynch, Westbourne; Thos. Speers, Oak Lake; J. S. Robson, Manitou; Geo. Allison, Elkhorn, and H. O. Ayearst, Middlechurch. Single entries were made by many others, who were, in several instances, successful in winning prizes. Mr. W. B. Watt, Salem, Ont., was the single judge, and he did his work expeditiously, without undue hesitation, with a confidence born of experience in the handling of high-class cattle, with general satisfaction to onlookers, and with little, if any, complaint from exhibitors.

The section for bulls four years old and over included Mr. J. G. Barron's red seven-year-old Topsman, by Stanley, dam Nonpareil Victoria, a first prize winner and champion in former years, and sire of the champion bull at the leading shows in Ontario last year and in several former years. Topsman carries his years easily and is fresh and smooth yet. His levelness of top and bottom lines, width and fullness of crops, thickness through the heart, the perfect setting on of his tail, the length and thickness of his thighs and fullness of twist, and his grand constitution evidenced by his great heart-girth and superior quality of flesh, made him invincible in his class, and carried him safely through in the competition for first honors in his section and the male championship of the breed. In the former case he had to contend with Purves Thomson's doughty Caithness, the red four-year-old who won 1st in the same section and headed the Premier's 1st prize herd last year, and was favorite with not a few this year. His level lines, great scale, massive and majestic appearance and many good qualities made him a powerful rival. He was on this occasion given second place. Mr. Lister showed 16th Crwn Jewel, a bull of great substance and thickness of flesh, who was first as a three-year-old at Toronto last year, where he was shown in fine bloom; but on this occasion he was rather overfitted and walked clumsily, which was greatly against his appearance. He was placed third.

Three-year-old bulls were headed by F. W. Brown's red Lyndhurst III., by the sire of Gem of Athelstane, the champion female at Winnipeg in 1898. He is a bull of good parts, deep-bodied, level, and of fine quality and character, and was a strong claimant for the championship. Andrew Graham's roan, Robbie O'Day, by the Duthie-bred imp. Prime Minister, and his dam by Challenge, made a worthy second. He shows fine character, and will develop into a grand old bull, while his stock is showing the influence of the good blood that is behind him.

In two-year-old bulls the first place was given to Lakeview Chief, a red, shown by Geo. Allison, Elkhorn; and the second to Mr. Lister's Heir of Parkdale, by Gravesend Heir II. Yearling bulls made one of the most interesting sections in the show. In this were three imported bulls, all good ones, yet only one found a place in the prize list. He is Baron's Pride, imported last year by Messrs. Cargill, and shown by Thomas Speers, Oak Lake. He is a sappy, substantial roan, with a good quality of flesh and hair, and is a thrifty sort. He was awarded 1st honors, second going to Riverside Stamp 2nd, bred by Thos. Russell, and shown by D. Allison. He is of the approved type, low-set, long and level, with deep ribs and flanks, a good head, and fine handling qualities. W. E. Baldwin won third money with Village Duke, a roan bred by Andrew Graham, and sired by Village Boy. It may be surmised that the winners were of no ordinary sort, when Mr. Barron's imp. Nobleman

and Mr. Lister's imp. Prince Alpine, which are both right good ones, and have gone on well in their new homes, were left unplaced. Bull calves were a strong list, numbering 15, with hardly a weak one in the lot. First honors were won by J. S. Robson, Manitou, with Royal Judge, a rich roan, of fine form and quality, bred by Mr. Greenway, and sired by Judge, the champion bull of last year. Second prize went to Mr. Barron for Judge 2nd, another roan, of similar style and quality, and a close competitor, bred by the Premier, and sired by Judge; while 3rd prize went to Andrew Graham for Chief Justice, by Manitoba Chief, which many would have chosen for 1st—a thrifty, stylish, level, well-proportioned calf, that evidently has the material in him to make a high-class bull. Mr. Lister won 4th prize with Advance, by Gravesend Heir, and showed two other exceedingly good ones, Manxman and Twilight, by the same sire. Walter Lynch showed a quartette of very meritorious calves, the get of Village Hero and What-For-No; H. O. Ayearst, a pair of very promising youngsters, by Gravesend Heir; and Mrs. C. H. Brown, Manitou, an excellent red calf, President, bred by Purves Thomson. Bull calves under 6 months numbered a round dozen, and 1st prize went to Alex. McNaughton, Roland, for Master Butterfly, by Robbie O'Day; 2nd to Mr. Lister for Crocus, imp. in dam, and by Violet Boy; 3rd to D. Allison for Daisy's Pride, a son of Daisy of Strathallan 12th, and by Hillary.

Cows over 4 years old numbered 14 entries, and were a very good collection. Mr. Lister was fortunate enough to win 1st and 2nd prizes with Rosabel, bred by Arthur Johnston, sired by imp. Vice Consul and out of imp. Rosabel, and Indian Princess, by Indian Prince, out of imp. Princess Royal 3rd; both of them of fine character and quality. F. W. Brown got into 3rd place with Gaiety 5th, by Clipper King, bred by the Watts, a lengthy, level roan, with a fine udder, and nursing a very promising calf. Among the other good ones in the section were Mr. Allison's Daisy of Strathallan 12th, bred by Mr. Simmons, the 1st prize cow of last year, shown in prime condition, and displaying an immense breadth of back, strong, and smooth, excepting at the rumps, where she has grown somewhat patchy, but she is a grand good one yet. Mr. Barron's Red Baroness 3rd, by Topsman, is another cow worthy of high commendation, having a capital back and much quality. Seven three-year-old cows lined up for review—an exceptionally good lot; Mr. Barron scoring with imp. Jenny Lind, a lengthy, level roan, bought at John Isaac's sale, a cow of much merit, and worthy of her place. Lister came in for 2nd with Crocus 24th, a straight, smooth roan, imp. by Arthur Johnston. She was handicapped by having raised the 1st prize bull calf under 6 months, or she might have made it more interesting for Jenny Lind, who has not yet calved. Mr. Allison scored in two-year-old heifers, with Jubilee Queen, the 1st prize yearling of last year in the Prairie Home herd, bred by Joe Lawrence, and sired by Indian Warrior. She is a big, strong, smoothly-fleshed heifer, with few, if any, faults in her personal appearance, and was further honored by being made the champion female of the class. Second prize went to Lister's Rose Alberta 3rd, a white daughter of Gravesend Heir, nursing a lusty calf. James Gardner, Cypress River, won 3rd prize with Blossom, a capital red heifer, bred by Mr. W. C. Edwards, and sired by Scottish Knight. Mr. Barron's Baroness 2nd and



CROCUS 24th (Imp.) AND BULL CALF.

Second prize three-year-old and second prize calf under six months, at the Winnipeg Industrial.

OWNED BY W. S. LISTER, MIDDLECHURCH, MAN.

stock of the country. Thompson, McGregor, had an outstanding winner in Dermot. This chestnut horse is considered by Mr. Hendrie to be of superlative merit, and of the right sort to beget hunters. He is a well-backed horse, has raced, and is sound. The Carberry race horse, Dr. Hurd, won the blue ticket; while that good horse, Disturbance, had to be content with 3rd place. The three-year-old stallions were a very average class. The yearling stallion, Carberry, a fairly good horse, was alone in his class. In brood mares Shaw's Fulda was 1st over Becketon's Imogene II. The 1st prize mare shows her breeding rather more than her competitor. In three-year-olds and yearlings there was only one entry of each. In foals Becketon got 1st place with a youngster of good racing type, the blue ticket going to the Shaw foal by Dr. Hurd. In stallion and three of his get, Disturbance won out with three capital half-breds, the type of horses that, when properly fixed up, sell well. Dr. Hurd and his progeny had to be content with 2nd place. It is questionable whether half-bred progeny should be shown here. It would be better if the progeny were all to be Thoroughbreds, and the same procedure followed as is done with the cattle classes. In the sweepstakes, Dermot and Jose Phillips came into the ring. Both are cracking good horses, but the younger horse, Dermot, could not be denied the place, and hence is the sweepstakes horse of 1899. He is probably the best light horse on the grounds.

SADDLE HORSES.

In the saddles, V. H. G. Pickering, Minnedosa, won 1st; with McLoig's (Moosomin) Sir William 2nd; Becketon's (Cannington Manor) Miss Fox being 3rd.

In ponies, in the harness class, Power won 1st with Jumbo, Bowman getting 2nd place. Saddle ponies, 12 to 14 hands, went to A. B. Fleming, Pickering 2nd and 3rd. Harness ponies, under 12 hands, went to Woodley, Winnipeg. These ponies were the center of attraction for the children. The horse exhibit as a whole was very fair, but there is yet plenty of room for improvement, especially in the fitting of the animals exhibited. The feet of some of the stock have been neglected in the past, and it will pay the owners to look after such matters in future.

THE CATTLE.

SHORTHORNS.

The active demand for beef cattle, the improved prices prevailing for pure-bred stock of this breed, and the commendable liberality of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association in granting the munificent sum of \$500 to supplement the prize list, practically duplicating the list of the Industrial in all the sections for single animals, aroused unusual interest in this class, and had the effect of bringing out the largest and best display of Shorthorns ever seen in these great western provinces. It is safe to say that never has such rapid progress been made in the introduction of first-class stock into so young a country. The Shorthorns were the largest class in the show in point of numbers, there being over 100 entries of single animals catalogued, besides those for herds and family groups, and some late entries which were not in time to appear in the



PRIZEWINNING AYRSHIRE TRIO.

First and second prize winning Ayrshire cows, Heather Daisy and Jessie Wallace, and first prize bull calf under six months, Cock o' Bendie.

OWNED BY STEEL BROS., GLENBORO, MAN.

Louise, both by Topsman, were among the short leet drawn out by the judge, and are heifers of much merit. Mr. Allison had an outstanding winner in the list of a dozen yearling heifers in Crimson Cloud, a very smooth and shapely red and white, bred by Wm. Shier, and sired by Canada. Andrew Graham had a worthy 2nd in Golden Belle, a handsome red, by Golden Royal, and F. W. Brown, a very good 3rd, a daughter of Village Boy IX. This rating left out Mr. Lister's very handsome and promising imported roan heifer, Caroline II., purchased at Mr. Isaac's sale last winter, and which had grown and kept her form well, but is a little off in her handling.

Walter Lynch came to the front in heifer calves under a year with the twin Gresette (recently illustrated in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE), a comely daughter of old Village Hero. Mr. Graham had