

Shapely, the pride of the Truman stable, came second. The latter is a big horse with an exceptionally beautiful top and excellent conformation, a typical English draft horse. As the night was principally between two American horse importers, both of which have come over to do business in Western Canada during the last two years, Canadian horsemen were not disposed to interest themselves so much as they otherwise might have done.

In the class for three-year-old stallions, there were seven to face the judge. It was not difficult, however, to find the winner in Cloughton Advance, owned by John Stott, Brandon, bred by Wm. Hall, of England, and sired by Gunthorpe Advance. He is a horse of beautiful form, and when another year has passed under the good care of his present owner, it is questionable whether on this side the Atlantic any horse of the breed will be his superior. He was previously described in the "Farmer's Advocate," and it is sufficient to say that in both type, bone and general quality there has probably never been a better sire brought into Canada. George E. Brown secured second and third on Girton Emperor and Marksman 6th. The only female Shire shown was F. J. Stott's Brandon Georgina, a three-year-old and a grand one in every particular. In fact, as the judge said, she would have taken a high place had the females of all heavy draft breeds come in open competition. According to the prize-list, she was allowed to show in four different classes, and in each of these she was rightfully given first, including the gold medal.

PERCHERONS.—This is the first year that prizes were given at the Winnipeg Industrial for horses of this breed, and the exhibit was scarcely sufficient to justify its continuation. There is no question but that good Percheron horses are being bred, but the best do not appear to be finding their way into this country. In the class for four years old or over, there were but two entries, and although high prices had been paid by syndicates for these animals, neither of them were pronounced by the judge as first-class animals. The class for three-year-old stallions, also, had only two entries, and in the words of the judge, Robert Ness, "They were a poor lot." The first-prize two-year-old was owned by a Dauphin syndicate, and had cost in round figures \$4,000. This was paid to an American concern, that notwithstanding the constant warning of the "Farmer's Advocate"—had done a large business in Manitoba during the last few months. The judge, who, by the way, is a practical horse-buyer, declared that he would consider it a piece of good business to be selling four such animals for the same money.

DRAFT HORSES.—In brood mare with foal by her side, David Stevenson, of Wawanesa, had the only entry, but he was justly given a red ticket. For three-year-old gelding or filly, D. T. Wilson, Asessippi, came out strong with two gets of Golden Hero, that were good both in weight and quality. In two-year-olds, likewise, and in yearlings as well, the same exhibitor won all the honors that were going; also sweepstakes for female any age.

The chief interest in this class was centered in the contest for honors in heavy-draft teams suitable for dray purposes. There were three pairs to come forward. David Little, Portage la Prairie, had a compactly-built team that the judge considered good enough for first. J. B. Thompson came second with a pair of rather more the dray type, but not quite such good walkers as the winners. John Stott, of Brandon, had Jessy Darling and Louis Riel, the second-prize team of last year. In this pair there was one animal superior in quality and general character to anything shown, and there would probably have been no great mistake made had this team been given a better place. However, the judge's decisions were seldom to be questioned. For the best team suitable for farm purposes, seven teams lined up, and after careful inspection, D. T. Wilson, Asessippi, with Dugald and Bruce, was given the red. They were a great pair of geldings, showing splendid quality, both in feet and legs, and moved in excellent style. David Little, Portage la Prairie, came second, with another choice team that showed considerable quality toward the ground; and Colin Murchison, of Petral, Man., came third with a topky pair, that might have been first had they possessed the same quality in feet and legs as some others in the class. For stallion and three of his get, foaled in Manitoba, N.-W. Territories or British Columbia, Geo. Cartwright, of Millwood, Man., had out old Golden Hero with his stock, which were good enough to win the highest award.

HORSES FOR GENERAL PURPOSES are not always a satisfactory class to judge, and it is not uncommon for animals that should appear in some other ring to come forward in this class. This year, however, there were but few entries, and but few mistakes in classification had been made. D. T. Wilson, Asessippi, was first for brood mare and two of her progeny three years and under. First also for yearling, gelding or

filly, and team of geldings or fillies in harness. John Stott, of Brandon, was first for three-year-olds, second for best team, and first for mare on gelding of any age. Murdock McLennan, Carman, Man., had the only two-year-old, and J. B. Thompson the only brood mare with foal.

LIGHT HORSES.—There was not a first-class show of light horses in Exhibition Park this year, and a large number of those that did come out were not by any means in show condition, nor had they been trained, much less schooled, for the show-ring. The judge declared that it was simply scandalous the condition in which some specimens came out for inspection. Many fully-grown animals had not even been trained to lead properly, while others showed that their owners did not understand the first rudiments of foot-trimming.

STANDARD-BREDS.—Aged stallions when called responded to the tune of five, but two had no papers, and, consequently, were not considered. Robt. Park, Wawanesa, had College Chum, a rare good specimen, upon which he secured the red, and later sweepstakes. Byron, exhibited by C. W. Speers, Griswold, a Kentucky-bred stepper, came second; and Greg. Barrett's (Carberry) Pilot, by Pilot Medium, third.

In brood mare with foal by her side, James Henderson, Brandon, showed Delicias, a sweet individual, to which the judge later gave the female sweepstakes. C. W. Speers, Griswold, was second; and Robert Park's entry third.

Four two-year-old fillies came out for honors. Robert Park, Wawanesa, had the choice in Manitoba Queen, a beautiful young mare of moderate manners. The foals were only three in number, and, as usual, were not easy to judge. Speers was first, Park second, and Henderson third.

ROADSTERS, like Standard-breds, did not present any spectacular rings, nor did any sensational winning take place. Four brood mares with foals came out, but they were not an exceptional lot. John Wishart, Portage la Prairie, got first; C. W. Speers, Griswold, second; and Geo. Moffatt, Souris, third. Three-year-old geldings or fillies were a fair lot. Alex. Gamley, Brandon, had a get of Mitchell out of Black Bess, that took the red; R. I. M. Power, Carberry, the second; and John Stinson, Austin, the third. For two-year-old gelding or filly, M. C. O'Brien, Dominion City, came first; John Elsey, Pilot Mound, second; and T. B. Rehill, Emerson, third. Yearlings found Gamley in the lead, with a fair specimen; Power second; and Moffatt, third; and for foals, Speers had both first and second.

In the section for best pair mares or geldings in harness, eight teams came under the whip within the little rings. Some had fair road style, and others couldn't go a little. There were horses with jacks, thoroughpins, splints, and weak knees; in fact, there were but few sound ones in the bunch that could move at all, although most of them were fitted to show to advantage. After the usual time had been taken in examination, the judge, with the aid of one who knew, placed a pair of grays, shown by Moulden & Baker, Woodstock, first. This team had been docked, and being shown in the harness and buggy of carriage horses, looked very much out of place. In type, too, they were nearer to the real carriage conformation than to typical road, and it was not to be wondered at that the decision of the judge was far from popular. He, however, claimed that as a team they were so much more valuable than any other pair that he was quite justified in making the award. The call for single drivers brought out a good ring of eleven, comprising the best individuals from some of the teams of the previous class. It was not difficult in this case to find the winner in Lou Bradford, a beautiful bay mare, of ideal road style, action and conformation, shown by J. & E. Brown, Portage. Geo. Moffatt, Souris, had a stylish little stepper that came second; and Jas. Henderson, Brandon, "The Curnol," had a nice road horse that was well fit for third.

CARRIAGE HORSES, shown on the halter, were not numerous, nor abounding in breed character. R. W. Carruthers, Souris, Man., was awarded the red on Boston Wilkes, Jr., for mature stallion. This horse is from trotting stock, and his action was not exactly what is wanted in a coacher. John Livingston, Jr., Somerset, showed Young Infant, and got the blue. For brood mares, J. A. Mitchell, Winnipeg, took the first on a very nice stamp, and Thos. Scott, Ottwell, second. In two-year-olds, gelding or filly, the only one to come forward was a chestnut, shown by H. E. Waby, Holmfild. John Stott, Brandon, had an entry in this class, but was unable to get out in time, owing to the number of animals being shown in other classes. His colt was a good specimen, and would have been, in all probability, first had it entered the competition. For the best foal, Scott was first, and Mitchell second.

Of the eight entries of pairs to harness, there were seven to take the field, and among the number were a few teams that properly belonged to the class. Hawthorne & Eaid, Simcoe, Ont., got away with the highest honors on a chestnut and

brown of fair style and action. Maulding & Baker, also from the old Eastern Province, came second; and A. M. Nanton, Winnipeg, third.

There was a long string of single drivers in this class, from which J. A. Mitchell's chestnut Sandstone stepped victorious; Hawthorne & Eaid coming second with a stylish brown of good manners; and E. J. Jacobs third. Boston Wilkes, Jr., was awarded the ticket for best stallion any age, and a mare shown by T. D. Stickle, Carberry, received a similar distinction among females.

BLACKNEYS, as a whole, were rather disappointing. There were a few horses of fair type, but they so lacked that training which is necessary to horses of this class that in some instances the judge was reluctant in awarding any prize whatever. Only two aged stallions were entered, and of these Imp. False Heir, by Lord Derby III., owned by R. I. M. Power, Carberry, was first; and Carbine II. (imp.), the property of A. J. Moore, Swan Lake, second. Moore also got second in three-year-old stallions, and third in two-year-olds; while in the latter class, John Wishart, Portage la Prairie, was second, no first being given. Wishart had the only foal shown, but it was good enough for a first.

The entries in Thoroughbreds were few, but the quality was fair. R. I. M. Power, Carberry, J. A. Mitchell and H. W. Husband were the principal exhibitors.

In saddle horses and ponies there was the usual number of entries, but the competition, except in the sections calling for animals under the pigskin, was not very keen. The complete list of prizes will be found in another column.

CATTLE.

In many respects the cattle exhibit at Canada's leading Western fair this year eclipsed all former records. The beef breeds other than Shorthorns, taken as a whole, were vastly superior to anything ever shown in Winnipeg, and we doubt very much if some rings have ever been surpassed on Canadian soil. As the large rings of grand, smooth Herefords, of massive form and excellent type, faced the judge, one was reminded of the International at Chicago.

American breeders, and some of our own men of equal push, who have lately championed the Hereford cause, largely deserve the credit of the vast improvement which has taken place, yet a fair portion of it justly belongs to those who have been breeding these "rustling early-maturers" for a number of years, and who have established herds which are demonstrating the worth of this breed.

The Aberdeen-Angus also made a record this year, although not in numbers equalling his Hereford rival. Better fitting and superior quality was very much in evidence, which all lovers of good beef cattle, and especially fanciers of the "slick-coated black polled," were pleased indeed to see.

Present arrangements for judging are by no means ideal from the stock-owners' point of view. The judging pavilion and the new stables are a credit to the fair-board management, and, indeed, these gentlemen justly deserve commendation for the rapidity with which they got such excellent structures erected after the old ones had disappeared in smoke; yet, withal, one bugbear still remains, irritating the otherwise placid countenances of our prosperous live-stock men. The proximity of so many engines, both steam and gasoline, to the judging arena made it unpleasant and often inconvenient, especially when the younger animals were being held, for the constant puffing and frequent snort-like blasts from the gasoline, the blowing off of steam and occasional roars from the steam engine, made it often annoying; yet perhaps worse than all was the necessity, when bringing the stock from the stables to the judging ring, of passing machinery in motion, and frequently considerable trouble ensued, sometimes necessitating considerable delay.

The stockman's exhibit is one of the most important features of our fair, so that some attention to this matter before our next annual fair would increase the interest where increased interest would count.

SHORTHORN prizes on this occasion were awarded by Capt. T. Robson, Ilderton, Ont. The judge's task in this class is always a heavy one, yet the cool head and expert Shorthorn sense which the Captain possesses carried him safely through, to the almost universal satisfaction of exhibitor and onlooker. No man can render decisions that will meet the approval of all, and few indeed could have reached the high average of general appreciation which the judge on this occasion attained.

The entries in this class, although not up to last year's exceptional standard, were fully equal to the average, and, in fact, we believe rather above it. When bulls four years and over were called seven filed into the ring, first place being awarded to the well-known Topsman's Duke, an outstanding winner in his class one year ago. This thick-fleshed, low-set roan is owned by J. G. Barron, of Carberry, and is a son of the former Canadian champion bull, Topsman, and