

Crossley came second and third with a couple of Fireworks' get. They are nice, bright foals, out of Lady Bird and Lady Cockling. The call for single horse (mare or gelding), not more than 15½ hands, brought out three beauties driven to dog carts. Miss Baker, from Hillhurst, the female sweepstakes winner, a noble brown, could come nowhere else than first, although Crossley's Lady Bird, another really good one, was right at her heels. John Holderness' Wild Foam is a cracking good mare, but had hardly the cobby build of the other two. The section for specials, not necessarily Hackneys, brought out some beautiful single and double turn-outs.

CATTLE.

Probably never in the history of this Association has there been so large a representation of so many breeds of cattle as at the show for 1895. The dairy breeds were out in greater force than we have ever seen here before, and of better average quality, while the beef breeds were well represented, and included many animals of superior merit, and also averaged well as to quality. Taking into consideration the very severe drouth which prevailed over so large an extent of the Province during the early summer months, and the consequent scarcity of feed for stock, it is remarkable that the animals sent up to the shows this year were in such uniformly fine condition. Very few were presented in an overdone condition, while nearly all were in good, fresh, breedy-looking condition, and that is the best shape to have them in for all concerned.

A word in reference to management may not be out of place just here. The superintendent of cattle should be authorized to enforce the rule that catalogue numbers be displayed over the animals in the stalls and when in the show ring and on parade, on pain of forfeiture of prizes in case of neglect or refusal to comply. Exhibitors of registered animals in all classes should also be required to furnish the secretary with their entries, at least as much information as to the pedigree of the animal as is given in the class for Shorthorns and Ayrshires in the catalogue. Failure to do this should debar the entry. This is only reasonable and right. The information is only such as every exhibitor can readily supply, and which it is to his own interest to furnish. It is a free advertisement, and is surely worth all it costs in time or trouble. Let the Breeders' Associations take this matter up and resolve to have it done right. Let them pay their secretary a little extra and have him placed at the service of the Fair Association, if necessary, to see that this information is fully supplied. The exhibitor who fails to do his part in this matter is a "back number," and needs to wake up to a sense of the demands of the times. A complete and reliable catalogue is an invaluable adjunct to an exhibition, in the interest of all concerned—exhibitors, judges, reporters, and the public generally.

SHORTHORNS.

We have seen larger and better displays here in this class in years gone by, and in saying this we do not mean to speak disparagingly of the class as it was made up this year. There was a very good exhibit as a whole, and quite a number of animals of high-class merit were brought out, but, at the risk of becoming tiresome, we repeat what we have said in former years, that the display made in this class in the last three years is not a fair index of what the breeders of Shorthorns in Canada can present. The tendency seems to be to stay at home unless they can see a fair prospect of being able to "scoop" nearly all the best prizes, and we have the spectacle of men who have, in former years, successfully faced the world, now watching and waiting, with their herds well fitted at home, to go to the front if the way is clear, and retiring at the eleventh hour from the contest because some other breeder is reported to be in good shape, and is coming to Toronto. The result is a less interesting race at the big show, and a walk-over at the township fair a few weeks later. Would it not be more brave to face the fight, and more in the interest of the breed to have fuller competition and a better exhibit? The total number of entries in this class was eighty-four, made by twenty-two exhibitors, which shows that an increasing number of herds are being represented at the fair here, and that the younger breeders are not open to the charge of the lack of courage. Some of these were quite successful in taking places well up in the prize list, and we trust will come again and win. There were only three competitors for the herd prizes, namely, W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland; J. & P. Crerar, Shakespeare; and Dr. Sibbald, Sutton; and the prizes were awarded in the above order, the awards being made by J. C. Snell, Edmonton, and J. T. Gibson, Denfield, who placed them probably as nearly right as any other two men would have done.

The call for bulls over four years brought out five entries, including Mr. Edwards' imported red four-year-old Knight of St. John, bred by Mr. Duthie, of Collynie, which has been looked for as a coming bull. "He came, he saw, he conquered," all but one, and that was in the contest for sweepstakes, where, with tearful eyes, he was superseded by a younger aspirant, though not without a gentle breeze of protest from some good judges. The Knight came out a good one, as was generally expected. He has great length, scale, and breed character, a model Shorthorn head, long, level quarters, strong loins, and long full thighs; stands on good legs, and looks like a bull one would feel safe in breeding from, and he makes a good head for a good herd, as he did for his class. E. Gaunt &

Sons, St. Helens, showed a good, smooth, straight bull in the red four-year-old Earl of Moray, by Eclipse, dam imp. Lady Fanny. He was given second place, and Mr. Carrie's War Eagle, a former sweepstakes winner here, and a bull of great substance and thick flesh, but showing the effects of too long a show-yard career, had to be content with third.

The three-year-old ring included Mr. Nicholson's thick, blocky, red Norseman, bred by Arthur Johnston, and sired by Indian Chief, which was awarded first prize, and Messrs. Crerar's red Crown Jewel 10th, bred by Messrs. Nicholson, and sired by that excellent son of Indian Chief, "Nonpareil Chief," which stood high in the list at the Columbian Exhibition, and higher in the estimation of many of the best judges there, took second place.

Two-year-old bulls were represented by three exceedingly good ones. Simmons & Quirie, Ivan, showed Bampton M, a rich roan, son of old Bampton Hero, bred by Messrs. Watt, and out of Mysie 41st. H. & W. Smith, Hay, had Abbotsford, a beautiful roan of their own breeding, sired by Blake = 15177, and out of Village Blossom, of the same family as the world-renowned Abbotsburn, sweepstakes winner at Chicago over all breeds. James Rennie, Wick, brought out the excellent white bull Valasco 22nd, bred by Messrs. Nicholson, and sired by Nonpareil Chief. The contest for first place lay between the two roans, and we fancy was the closest match in the show. The judges were evidently perplexed and found difficulty in satisfying themselves. First place might have been given to either without calling out unfavorable comment. The Bampton bull had it somewhat in scale, in length of quarters and length and fullness of thighs, and in masculine character, while his opponent was more blocky, more thickly fleshed on top and fuller in brisket and crops. The red ticket was finally sent to the son of Bampton Hero, and not one of the friends of Abbotsford, nor of Norseman either, thought any less of the second prize winner, but all agreed that it was merely a "toss up" between the two.

The yearling ring was quite as interesting, and included three exceptionally good ones. The first place was freely conceded to the sensational youngster, Moneyfuffel Lad, a light roan, shown by James Leask, Greenbank, bred by J. & W. Russell, Richmond Hill, got by Topsman, also bred by Messrs. Russell, now owned by Mr. Barron, Carberry, Manitoba, and out of Isabella 14th, of the famous Centennial winning family of that name. This is probably the strongest yearling that has appeared before the public in this country since the famous white bull from the same herd won the grand sweepstakes for yearling of any age at the Columbian Exhibition. He is a bull of great substance and fine quality, carrying a wealth of natural flesh, smoothly and evenly distributed, with extraordinary crops, flanks and brisket, and straight top and bottom lines. His being crowned champion bull of the show in the sweepstakes contest later on in such high-class company as we have here reviewed, stamps him as a credit to his owner and feeder, his sire and the herd he came from. The other two strong cards in this ring were Arthur Johnston's roan, Indian Brave by Indian Chief, out of Crimson Gem, of his excellent Crimson Flower family, and E. Gaunt & Sons' Revenue, by the second prize aged bull, Earl of Moray, dam Lady Lovell, a dark roan, well brought out and carrying a thickly-fleshed back, strong loin and good flanks, but somewhat plain in head and harsh of hair. The Greenwood bull was not in as high condition, but was straight in his lines and smoothly fleshed, has a good Shorthorn head, level quarters, good flanks and thighs, and promises to be a coming bull. He was given second place and Revenue third. Twenty-six bull calves were entered, and twenty-three of these filed an appearance, making a difficult task for the judges to select the best. An outstanding first was readily found in James I. Davidson's red son of Scottish Prince, a lengthy, straight, smoothly-fleshed calf, brought out in the pink of condition. John Miller, Markham, is to be congratulated in getting second and third prizes in such strong competition with two excellent sons of Aberdeen, the first prize yearling bull here last year. H. R. Fairbairn, Thedford, got fourth with a low-set, blocky, thick-fleshed calf, and Messrs. Nicholson fifth with one of a good, even lot of calves shown by them.

Cows over four years were a very good lot, the first prize going to Mr. Edwards' Bessie of Rockland, a massive roan, six years old, bred by exhibitor, with a straight, smooth and thickly-fleshed back, level quarters, full bosom and sweet character. J. & P. Crerar got second place with Rosabel, of their own breeding, a low-set, blocky, red cow, four years old, a good type of the modern Shorthorn, and the same firm had the third prize cow, the large and massive red ten-year-old Missie of Neidpath, bred by Hon. T. Ballantyne.

Three-year-old cows were only two. The first place was given to Mr. Edwards' imp. Missie 142nd (imported by D. D. Wilson, Seaforth, and bred by W. S. Marr), a roan of modern type and good substance, but not so smooth on top as she ought to be. Messrs. Crerar had the second prize cow in the roan Kirklevington Duchess 8th, a handsome animal, with a grand fore-end, but light in her thighs and a little too far from the ground.

In two-year-old heifers, Messrs. Crerar had the first prize winner, a rich roan, Ruby Hill 2nd, a thickly-fleshed, blocky, well-finished heifer. Mr. Edwards had a close second, in the roan, Lady

Fame, bred by Messrs. Watt, and sired by Challenge, a sweet heifer, showing good breeding, but a bit light in flesh on top and wanting in foreflank.

Yearling heifers made a very strong ring. Three out of the five were among the prize calves shown by Simmons & Quirie last year, and have gone on well. Mr. Edwards showed two of these, and stood a good show for first place with the lengthy, level Daisy of Strathallan 10th, but found a strong opponent in the rich roan Village Beauty 7th, bred and shown by J. I. Davidson & Son, which we believe stood fourth among the heifer calves last year, but in the skilful hands of her breeders she has gone on wonderfully well, and showed up to great advantage in her rich robe of roan fur, and evenly-fleshed top. A little lightness in her thighs seems to be her only weakness, and it is not very noticeable. She was placed first, followed by the Strathallan heifer for second, and a close match remained for third place between Mr. Edwards' Mina 2nd and Simmons & Quirie's Daisy of Strathallan 12th, a low-set, thick, blocky heifer, which was finally given the preference.

Heifer calves, sixteen in number, made a very interesting section. This is always a difficult class to judge on account of the diversity in age, and the number of good ones. Simmons & Quirie had a red, another of the Strathallan sort, which seemed cut out for a winner, and she was without difficulty placed at the head of the list, followed by the rich roan Marvel, shown by John Miller, Markham, who also came in for fourth prize with another daughter of Aberdeen, and Messrs. Nicholson got third prize. H. & W. Smith had two handsome roan daughters of Abbotsford, one of which was given fifth place.

The prize for cow and two of her progeny went to Messrs. Crerar, who have acquired a way of carrying off this prize for several years in succession. John Miller, Markham, scored a signal success in the contest for best four calves under a year, bred and owned by exhibitor, with his two sons and two daughters of the doughty Aberdeen, which had figured so well in their classes. Messrs. Nicholson won second, and Simmons & Quirie third. Mr. Edwards had the sweepstakes female in Bessie of Rockland, the first prize aged cow, and the happiness of his capable herdsman, Joe Barnett, was completed when he held up the ticket for this, and the first prize herd at Canada's greatest show.

HEREFORDS

were represented by twenty-seven entries, shown by H. D. Smith, Compton, Quebec, and the Estate of the late F. W. Stone, Guelph. The latter herd was not in blooming condition, and had to take second place in most of the sections, but contained several animals that could be fitted to make a good show in good company. Mr. Smith's herd was, as usual, in fine condition, and his first prize yearling bull, Amos of Ingleside, winner also of the sweepstakes silver medal for best bull any age, is a model of the breed, perfect in his top and bottom lines, carrying a wealthy covering of flesh, very evenly distributed. He would stand close to the top in first-class company in any country. Mr. Smith's first prize and silver medal cow, Lady Tushingham 3rd, holds her own wonderfully well, and is a magnificent specimen of the breed, with a back like a table, well-sprung ribs, deep flanks, and strong character. Mr. Smith's Jessie won first as a three-year-old cow. The first prize two-year-old heifer and first prize yearling heifer were in the same herd from Ingleside, and headed by Amos, made a combination that would be hard to beat in any show yard. Mr. Smith had enough good ones left to make up the second prize herd, and a few to spare.

POLLED ANGUS

were exhibited by Wm. Stewart & Son, Lucasville, and Jas. Bowman, Guelph, and included eighteen entries.

The class was not so strong as it used to be in former years, but the average quality was very good, and some very meritorious animals were shown.

Mr. Stewart had first prize on his two-year-old bull, Lord Wanton, a lengthy, straight, well-proportioned son of Runnymede 2nd; first on yearling heifer, Favorite; first on heifer calf; second on bull calf, on three-year-old cow, on yearling heifer and herd.

Mr. Bowman had first prize and silver medal on his model yearling bull, Lord Aberdeen 3rd; first and silver medal for cow, Kyma 2nd, a very level, smoothly-fleshed animal; first for three-year-old cow, Kyma of Tweedhill, of the same type; second for heifer calf, and first for herd; a good record for a comparatively new beginner.

GALLOWAYS.

The competition in this class was close and keen, and the prizes pretty well distributed. There were four exhibitors and 51 entries. D. McCrae, Guelph; A. M. & R. Shaw, Brantford; John Sibbald, Annan; and W. K. Harkness, Leith, contended for the honors. The cattle were shown in good, but not high, condition, and were a uniformly good class, which is a good thing to say of any class which deserves it. Mr. McCrae had the first prize bulls in the first three sections of the class, an unusually good record, and one of these was made champion bull of the class in the sweepstakes competition. They were all fine representatives of the breed, and the herd prize for best bull and four females was awarded to the same exhibitor, together with first on yearling heifer and heifer calf. Mr. Sibbald, who has secured a large portion of the fine herd formerly