

enough middle for a shire judge. She is a flash mover and a taking mare.

### Hunters and Saddlers.

There were over two hundred entries in these classes—perhaps as fine a display as has ever been seen on the grounds. In hunters and jumpers George Pepper, Toronto, had a fine lot, and won the bulk of the prizes. He has a fine thoroughbred in Sardonyx, by Saragossa, a fine, big, good looking chestnut with a fine style of jumping, and altogether a very pretty saddle horse and quiet as could be wished. He won the sweepstakes as the best saddle horse on the grounds. He showed Warnick, a registered Hackney by Matchless of Londesborough, out of his imported Hackney mare. This horse, of true Hackney type, is a fine chestnut. He won in the heavy weight hunters and green jumpers, and was sold for a long price to go to Boston. Victoria, a Guelph-bred mare, is a well-known ladies' saddle horse, and a good, game jumper. Another good one is Lord Harry, a half-bred Hackney, winner of silver medal, and sold to Dr. McGibbin, of New York. Mr. Pepper has a string of ten left, which he takes to Cincinnati, St. Louis and New York fall horse shows, and no doubt will do well and uphold the merits of Canadian horses in the United States. W. R. McBryen won with Queen Bertha in the open saddle class, and with Rosebud for a lady's saddle horse. Hume Blake got second place for his well-known Rufus, and L. M. Jones, Toronto, second for a lady's saddle horse. Where so many were good it was hard to pick the winners. There was a fine exhibition of jumping—one of the best ever seen on the grounds. The driving was good. There were a lot of ponies, and some good racing in front of the grand stand. Altogether a good show of horse-flesh, but rather difficult for a visitor to see the various animals. There is room for a great deal of improvement in this respect.

### Cattle

In spite of the great demand that there has been of late for pure bred cattle of all kinds, there seems to be plenty of good ones, both old and young, left in the country, if we can judge by the cattle exhibited at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. The sheds contained some 750 head of cattle, nearly all of them of a high order of merit, and that well repaid a careful inspection.

#### Beef Cattle.

It was a great year for cattle of the beef classes. The revival in the beef trade has caused increased attention to be paid to such breeds as furnish stockers for feeding, and, in consequence, there is a lively demand for bulls and females to supply that demand. New breeders are entering the field all the time, and those who have through the depression hung on faithfully to their favorites are correspondingly happy and are making money.

#### Shorthorns.

With the single exception of Jerseys, Shorthorns outnumbered every other breed of cattle on the ground. There were 136 entries of the red, white, and roans, and an excellent lot they were. Some of the bull sections were rather weaker than usual, but there were good individuals all through. The females were particularly strong and good. One incentive, of course, for this grand display was the great liberality of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association in contributing the sum of \$750 towards the prize list, which enabled the Directors of the Exhibition to increase the number of sections in which prizes were offered as well as the amounts given.

The judges were Jas. Smith, Brantford, and Wm. Linton, Aurora; and they performed their arduous duties as satisfactorily as could be wished, and very little exception could be taken to their awards.

In aged bulls the competition lay between Capt. Robson's Topsman, fresh from championship honors at Winnipeg, J. & W. Russell's Duncan Stanley, and H. Smith's

Abbotsford, Messrs. Russell's New Year's Gift not being forward. Topsman's smoothness, levelness of lines, thickness and good top earned him up to first place. He was bred by Messrs. Russell, of Richmond Hill, who followed him into second place with Duncan Stanley, his half-brother, a massive bull, who had not, however, the smooth finish of Topsman. Harry Smith's Abbotsford, who is carrying his years well and has good even conformation came third. There was no outstanding winner in the three year-old bull section. The red ticket fell to Messrs. Davidson's Sittyton Hero who was nicely fitted, but hardly girths as well as he might. Fried & Sons captured 2nd with Lord Willison, a level red, rather flat in the rib, and not so straight at the tail end as he might be. Wm. Shier's Riverside Stamp, whose front end was beyond reproach, came next in order. Two-year-old bulls were better. Robson's George Bruce was placed 1st. His back and hams are good, while his hoofs are very broad. He would have shown better had he stood straighter on his feet. Watts' roan, Hillsburg Tom, was good enough to beat W. C. Edwards & Co.'s imported Marquis of Zenda for second place. The latter is of a smooth kind, but could stand more flesh. He was bred by Marr, of Uppermill, Scotland. Messrs. Smith showed another imported bull, Knuckle Duster, bred by Bruce, of Inverquhomery, that was unplaced. Of the five yearling bulls out, the short leet comprised three good roans, between whom the competition was very keen. Eventually Leask's Royal Banner, a good handler, came in on top, with a well fleshed entry of Nicholson's 2nd, and Robson's Grand Quality third. Thirty-seven bull calves were entered, but fortunately for the judges only twenty one answered the call. Watt had the honor of winning 1st and 2nd with a white, and a red with some white markings, the former a grand handler, level and true in his lines, and with an excellent loin and back, the latter not far behind his companion. A son of Abbotsford carried off the yellow ribbon for Harry Smith, with Messrs. Davidson's Royal Archer 4th, and Alex. Smith's Cormac 5th. The championship honors fell to Topsman.

Eight fine aged cows faced the judges, who selected J. & W. Russell's roan, Centennial Isabella 35th, for 1st place, the same owners' Nonpareil 54th for 2nd, and Watt's Matchless 11th, the 2nd prize cow last year, for 3rd. The latter was a strong favorite with many for 1st place. Very close indeed was the competition in the three-year-old cow section, where three rattling good ones secured recognition at the hands of the judges. Matchless 18th justified the London decision last year, which placed her ahead of her half-sister, Mildred 6th, in the two-year-old section (a reversal of the Toronto judging), by once more going ahead of her. Capt. Robson's Gem of Athelstane came in 3rd. This class excited great attention, owing to the evenness of the exhibits and their general excellence all round, and the same can be said of the two-year-old heifers. Here Capt. Robson's Jubilee Queen, the winner of the sweepstakes for females at Winnipeg, secured 1st place, but there was little to choose between her and Watt's Dora Stamford and Matchless 19th, which won 1st and 2nd in 1898 in reverse order as yearlings, and now came in 2nd and 3rd. One of Capt. Robson's own breeding, Lovely Lorne 2nd, won in the yearling section, with a neat one of Watt's 2nd and Oke's big red 3rd. Heifer calves were twenty-four in number, and a fine lot. Capt. Robson again scored with a charming young daughter of his old cow, Louan of Browndale 2nd, that had a back on that an older animal might envy. She was just a trifle high on the tail. A straight red of Russell's was placed 2nd, with H. Smith's roan and white calves 3rd and 4th, both showing great quality and great turn of rib and loin. Watt's Mildred 8th, a full sister of the 2nd prize three-year-old cow, stood 5th, while another very promising red of his would probably have been next in order. In such a ring, however, all could not secure recognition. For the female championship there were drawn up Watt's three-year-old red heifer, Robson's two-year-old yearling and heifer calf, and Russell's aged cow. Owing to a difference of opinion between the judges, Mr. John I. Hobson was called in as