

The Canadian Spring Stallion Show

An Important Event for Horsemen—Large Entry List and Good Attendance

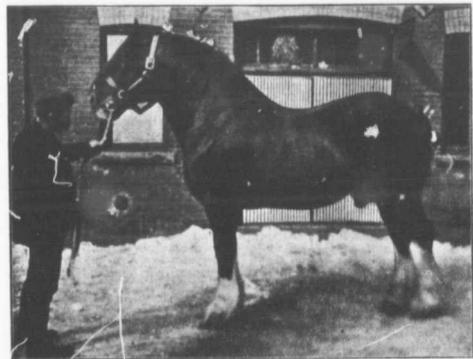
The late storms and heavy snows that stopped the shipment of many horses from outside points, has occasioned the keenest disappointment to many horsemen, and compared to what might otherwise have been, the entries and attendance was small. But viewed in the light of past events of this kind, the show was certainly a success. Never before has so many draught horses of both kinds been turned out to contend for the honors that only a few can carry back with them. The interest in that most noble of all the lower animals, the horse, and the most useful of all his kind, the draught horse, has awakened of late, as never before, and the breeding, raising and marketing of them rests on as solid a basis as that of any other domestic animal.

The entry list for this year was over one hundred and seventy, or double that of last year. About one-third of these were able to put in an appearance on the second day, and no judging was done the first day, as, owing to the blocked condition of the roads, the companies would not accept a horse in many localities. A large number of them were able to come on Wednesday morning, but many others were unable to get in at all. The show was held, as usual, in Grand's Repository, on Simcoe Street. The stabling there, though commodious and comfortable, is altogether inadequate for the purpose, a large number being compelled to find other accommodations, at all times a serious disadvantage, but never before was this so much the case as it has proved at the late show. On Wednesday night it rained heavily, and in the morning began to freeze, so that horses coming in from outside stables, were compelled to wade through deep water, which, in the keen frost, immediately turned to ice, and in many cases barely time sufficient was allowed them to get this off before entering the ring, to compete with animals whose groins had, for the last two hours, done nothing but work to get their fetlocks and "feather" into the finest shape possible, a disadvantage which most horsemen will appreciate. The plan has been suggested of holding this event immediately after the International at Chicago, in December. This would be of infinitely greater convenience, not necessitating

the keeping of the animals in a highly fitted condition so long a time as for the Toronto Industrial and March, and at the same time giving a chance to American breeders, who have come long distances to the International, to visit the Canadian Show as well. The evening meetings, with addresses of an educational character, are a feature that is highly appreciated by all, and the addresses made by Messrs. Spark, Ness, Fuller, Grisdale, Rutherford, and other speakers, are given in another column. The judging of Clydesdale horses was accomplished to the general satisfaction by Messrs. R. Ness, B. Ag, and P. Christie, of Manchester. The Canadian bred horses were awarded the ribbons by W. Spark, of Ottawa, and G. Gray. The Shires were also judged by the latter. The task of discriminating was sometimes one of great delicacy, and it is only fair to say that the large crowds standing around were mainly composed of men cunning to know a horse, and for the most part the judges' awards met with the popular approval.

AGED CLYDESDALE STALLIONS

There were twenty-one entries in the class for Clydesdale stallions, foaled previous to 1900, but a few of these were unable to come. The horses from the Smith and Richardson stables, and those of Robert Beith, were among the nussing ones. James Dalgetty, of London, could not land his horses either, and the fight was left to Graham Bros., Clarendon, J. B. Hogate, Sarnia, Campbell Bros., Walkers, Ont., O. Sorby, Guelph, John Miller & Sons, Brougham, and one or two others. Graham Bros. had Baron Primrose out, and in the very pink of fine condition and bloom, he looked a better horse than the day he beat Sorby's Vanora's Pride at the Industrial. Vanora's Pride has improved wonderfully, too, and there was as little difference between them as ever, but new talent was on the ground when T. H. Hassard, of Millbrook, led in his new importation, Gallant Robert, and, just landed from a voyage delayed five days by storms, his sides still showing the marks of the stalls, he took his place among the rest. Of quality comparative with the best of the others, he covered a little more ground than most,



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