



Aymer, winner of Governor-General's prize for best riding or cavalry horse not under 15 hands or over 15.3. Shown by A. Beck, London. After the show he sold for \$240 to Lord Minto. He is a good type of the military horse.

The same exhibitor had third for the black gelding Victor, and between this fine pair there stood the black mare Surette, owned by A. W. Hamilton, Sunderland. For roadster pairs, blacks with very long tails and very light feet were first. They are owned by W. T. Merry, Toronto. A fine pair of chestnuts with white markings took second for Dr. W. P. Caven, Toronto. They were more stately if hardly as attractive as their brisky rivals. For pacers, R. B. Moore, Waterloo, and Fred Moran, Toronto, were the winners in the two classes divided by 15.3 limit.

SADDLE HORSES

There were an even hundred saddle horses entered, and they were as good an average as any ever before seen at a Show in Toronto. For best saddle horse, fifteen hands and over, there were thirty entered and over a score faced the judges. Miss Pepper, Toronto, won with My Surprise, a chestnut, beautifully schooled. This horse was afterwards awarded the championship as the best saddle horse at the Show. The second class was for horses not over fifteen hands and a half, and again My Surprise won, as he measures half an inch under that height. Kidd Bros., Listowel, had second for Glendale, and Miss Murray's Primrose, a chestnut mare, was third. This mare afterwards won the class for lady's saddle horse with My Surprise second. In the class for carrying miscellaneous weights Falkirk won for Mrs. A. Beck, with Mrs. Gerken, of Newmarket, second with the black Andromeda, a Kentucky saddler, with all the paces. Third went to A. S. Chisholm, Oakville, for a very bonny black. There was a splendid class for

heavy weights. The chestnuts were winners again; out of five shown three won and the others were close up. Geo. Pepper's Senator was first, Mrs. A. Beck second with Westminster Belle, and A. Beck third with Connaught.

HUNTERS AND JUMPERS

The champion hunter was found in Geo. Pepper's Rupert, a black gelding 16½ hands. He was first as a qualified heavyweight and second for best six jumps. Mr. Pepper as usual had a fine string of hunters and jumpers, and was closely followed by Mrs. A. Beck and by A. Beck, of London, and also by Crow & Murray, of Toronto. The latter had a nice bay mare named Coquette. She won for best lady's hunter and was third for best six jumps, and first for lightweight hunter. They had also a winner in Intruder, a well-made dun who got first for heavyweight green hunter. Mrs. Beck had second for the qualified middleweight Falkirk, which was also second for ladies' hunter. Mrs. Beck had a second for Dunkirk in the lightweight class and the first for best six jumps.

The jumping and exhibit of hunters was much appreciated, and the attendance of the Toronto Hunt Club and the hounds was a very nice feature of the meeting, and altogether this meeting was one that was specially strong in hunters and saddle horses.

Western Seeding Operations

According to exhaustive reports received from all parts of Manitoba and the Territories by the Winnipeg Free Press, seeding operations and business conditions are progressing favorably. Spring conditions have been most favorable,

probably the best in the history of the country. There has been no broken weather to interrupt farming operations and this has afforded more time for careful cultivation of the soil. An increased acreage is reported, amounting in some districts to 20 per cent.

Ontario's Sheep

Ontario pure-bred sheep breeders have always had a good market for their surplus stock in the United States. That market still continues. Every year hundreds of the pick of our best flocks are sold to the Americans at high prices. In fact, our sheep breeders state that the United States is their very best market. It is to their interests therefore to make every effort to retain that market.

The future of this trade is of the most hopeful character. A change in the kind of husbandry carried on in many of the Western States is bound to come sooner or later. Ranching must give way to more diversified farming, and general agriculture be largely followed as the country becomes more thickly settled. At present the large flockmasters on the ranches seek new blood from such sources as will maintain the necessary characteristics in the flocks in their present environment. When the change to more intensive farming comes, there will be a greater demand for more productive animals than those now used on the ranges. When the flock does not have to "rustle" for a living, the flockmaster will turn his attention to a larger production of wool and mutton per head to meet the added cost of feeding and housing.

Some claim that when this change comes the breeding ground for supplying the new blood under these new conditions will move farther westward, and that breeders in the Eastern States and in Ontario will be practically forced out of this market. As to whether this will result or not it is hard to say. Our breeders have a good hold on that market at present and should make every effort to retain it. And should the breeding ground move farther West, new blood will be required to replenish these breeding herds, which no country will be in a better position to supply than Ontario.

A Good Mutton Sheep

"The sheep industry is at the present time in a dormant condition, but there will be a good awakening in the course of two or three years, and now is the time for the farmers to lay in a good flock of sheep at low prices. The sheep industry is a cheap one, and one that can be run in connection with all farms. It is very important that buyers should get the right stock in order to produce the right article. The male should show lots of strength and muscu-