

HORSES.

In spite of the fact of there not being a suitable building in which to conduct the judging of the large rings of horses at the International, each year witnesses larger exhibits of and keener interest in his equine majesty. By another year, however, it is expected that a large arena will have been built, and the work of judging will be carried on in comfortable quarters, where the large crowds who assemble daily to watch this feature may do so without exposing themselves to the inclemencies of winter weather, modified but very little by the protection of a canvas covering. The horse display has been increasing in extent each year, so that now a new building is practically imperative. As usual at the International, and, in fact, at all American exhibitions, the Percheron was the most largely represented of the breeds. Numbers make a great impression upon the popular mind, and the Percheron men appear to realize the significance of large displays. Rings of from ten to twenty animals in the Percheron classes were not uncommon, and it is not surprising that among so many there were found some that were not a pronounced credit to the breed. In this respect, it would be in the best interests of the Exposition, and the horsemen themselves, if much of the less meritorious stuff was not exhibited, so that the general average quality of the breed might attain a higher standard. The principal exhibitors of these popular French drafters were Dunham, Fletcher & Coleman, Jas. Crouch & Sons, Lew W. Cochran, McLaughlin Bros., H. A. Briggs, and Taylor & Jones. These firms all endeavored, by the most elaborate methods of fitting, stabling and showing, to excel in the displays of Percheron stallions, and some of them had forward quite large consignments of mares and fillies.

The contest opened with a ring of about a dozen stallions three years and over, the judges being Messrs. John Huston, Blandinsville, Ill., and John L. Delancey, of Northfield, Minn. Out of this long list, Pink, Dunham, Fletcher & Coleman's noted show horse, was finally selected to wear the blue (first in the U. S.), and, finally, championship honors. Edgar, from McLaughlin's stable, was second; Bosquet, a stable mate of Pink's, third; Univers, McLaughlin's second-prize horse at St. Louis, fourth; Medoc, a veteran of many show-rings, belonging to Lew W. Cochran, held the fifth station. The three-year-olds were equally as strong in numbers as the older section, but there were no phenomenal members among them. The strongest section in the Percherons, as far as individual merit was concerned, was found in the six two-year-old stallions. All of these were quite typical of the breed, and uniform in character.

CLYDESDALES.—The exhibit of Clydesdales was not large in numbers, but it included some of the best specimens on the continent, and the showing of the great, active, flashy stallions, mares and geldings, did much to establish proper ideals of draft type and to popularize the Clydesdale in a country that should know them better. Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont.; McLay Bros., Janesville, Wis., and C. E. Clarke, St. Cloud, Minn., were the leading exhibitors. Messrs. Alex. Galbraith & Son, usually so prominent at Clydesdale shows, were missed, as they were unable to get their latest purchases, which are now on the way from Scotland, forward. Graham Bros. had forward their string that was so successful at the Toronto and Ottawa exhibitions, and with them had things nearly all their own way. They began the fray by quite easily winning first in aged stallions with Royal Baron (imp.), by Baron's Pride, a horse that has a whole lot of character and substance, moves well, and is provided with hard, flat bone, above wide open hoof-heads. Clarke's Matchless MacGregor, a much smaller horse, but one of fair good quality, stood in second.

The champion of the breed came up in the three-year-old section in Graham's Baron Sterling, the Toronto champion of 1904. This horse carries his bloom well, is nicely turned over the top, and stands on as clean and flash a set of legs as one could wish to see. In going, he has a very attractive way of showing the iron, and his feet are made to stand lots of wear. Nether-ton, one of Clarke's American-bred horses made a good second. He is rather low-set, but has a lot of quality, good legs, and a clever way of going. McLay Bros. landed third, with Prince Dauntless, a pretty good type of horse. There was considerable diversity of opinion between the three judges, Profs. Carlyle, of Colorado; Rutherford, of Iowa, and Humphrey, of Wisconsin, when it came to placing the two-year-olds, but they finally settled down for first on the Claremont horse, Graham Bros.' Fairy King (imp.) (by Baron's Pride), who rightly deserved the position, as he has that peculiar fashionable breed character of his family, together with plenty of substance and range. Good judges were not wanting who would have altered the placing of the two next horses, as His Royal Highness, who stood second, would have been better for having more substance and masculinity, and less length of body. He belongs to McLay Bros. Baron

Finlay, the winner of third, has much to commend him, great substance, clean bone, true movement, plenty of character, and a well-balanced top. He was shown by Clarke.

There were three yearling Clydesdale stallions shown; two of McLay Bros., which took second and third, and Graham Bros.' Moncrieffe Baronet (imp.), a proper little gentleman, who was placed first, and afterward stood reserve for championship. He has since gone to the Iowa Agricultural College to be used as a model of Clydesdale excellence.

Mares.—There were no Canadians to test the aged mare awards, although the section was quite strong. Princess Goodwin, an American-bred mare, shown by McLay Bros., a right good, roomy, broody-looking animal, wore the blue, followed by Clarke's Miss Finlay, a Baron's Pride mare. Third reverted to McLay's Princess Handsome. Flower of Dryfe (imp.), Graham Bros.' show mare, met her first defeat on this continent when she faced Lady Elegant, the representative of McLay's stable. They were both good mares, the Yankee, perhaps, being a little more feminine-looking, with remarkably good hocks, but the Canadian mare had substance, plenty of good bone, proper feet, and handled herself well. The two-year-olds had among them the junior champion at St. Louis, Alice Roosevelt, by Lyndoch Chief, who was compelled to take third place here. The leader of this class was Juliet (imp.), a Baron's Pride filly, shown by the Ontario representatives, Graham Bros., and she certainly made a good first with her flash quality. Clarke's Queen Lillie, a rather massive filly, got second. Lady Elegant was awarded female championship.

SHIRES.—The Shire stallion display was one of the most striking features of the show. Sixteen lined up at the call for stallions four years or over, and although there were a few that were hardly what one would expect at so large a show, still the greater number displayed that great massiveness for which the breed is noted, together with a creditable amount of quality of bone. The action, too, of the Shires was decidedly clean and snappy, so that, taken all in all, the breed was well represented. Truman's Pioneer Farm, of Bushnell, Ill., had some new ones on hand, recently landed from England, besides some they have had for some time, and with the lot put up a corking exhibit. Robt. Burgess & Son, Taylor & Jones, Finch Bros., and Lew W. Cochran, of Crawfordville, Ind., were the other large exhibitors.

Robt. Burgess' Childwell Chorister got the best position in the first class, and was a credit to it, for although lacking somewhat in Shire massiveness of body, he possesses splendid quality of bone and fine feathering, the kind of legs that are really popular. Next to him stood Truman's four-year-old Blaisden Albert, a very fetching fellow, having the same modern type of limbs, close coupling of body, but somewhat smaller than the first horse. In the next class, Burgess' horse was placed first, with a pair of Taylor & Jones' horses second and third, but when the championship award was being made, a protest, on the ground of unsoundness, was entered against the Burgess horse, and sustained. For two-year-olds it was Burgess first, and Truman second and third, with a pair of very drafty, good-quality colts. With yearlings, Truman won first and second, Burgess third. Burgess' aged horse won the championship for stallions, but Truman's won the female honors, besides all the best awards in the produce groups.

HACKNEYS.—The Hackneys were one of the surprise parties that the horsemen had in store for International visitors. There were fourteen entries in the aged stallion class, and when they appeared in the arena of the amphitheatre, which was brilliantly lighted and decorated for the occasion, every heart of the thousands present wished that they might own a horse. Lew W. Cochran, Truman's Pioneer Farm; Robt. Beith, Bowmanville, Ont., and Finch Bros., supplied the greater number of the entries. Here Beith's Saxon, the Alberta-bred prodigy, winner of so many honors in the East, and senior championship at St. Louis, never looked nor acted better, as though he realized that Truman's newly-imported Copalder Bonny Gabriel was giving him the fight of his life. And so it was all the way through, Beith's string fighting over again their battles at the World's Fair, with as good success.

Royal Drewton, by His Majesty, imported this year by Mr. Beith, and a horse of great substance, plenty of style and action, but lacking a little in show-yard quality, was first in three-year-olds, with Millington, an Indiana horse, second, and Ivanhoe, another of the Beith string, third. The St. Louis junior champion, St. David, a fine-quality, clean, true, high actor, and a nicely-turned bodied colt, stood conspicuously in the class of seven two-year-olds, followed by his mate, Cleff Rosador, with Lew W. Cochran's High Fall third. Trumans had a very promising colt in this section that had just come off a sea voyage, and was hardly in show fit. All the horses up for championship belonged to Beith, and his Saxon added another of the bright rosettes

to his plume. Precilla, the Bowmanville mare, carried similar honors for her sex.

French and German Coachers, Belgians and Suffolk Punch were represented in the stallion classes.

Intense interest centered around the exhibits of drafters in harness, in singles, two, four and six horse teams. It was the object of the Clydesdale exponents to repeat their victories of former years, and of the Percheron men to secure the highest possible honors for their favorites. The Shire interests were also represented by a string of geldings from Truman's stables, and never before at the International was there so keen a struggle for supremacy. Early in the contest, however, it was evident that the fight was between Nelson Morris' great Clydesdales and the Pabst Company's Percheron grade geldings. The first class to be judged was the singles, weighing over 1,750 lbs., and here the pure-bred Clydesdales had to take a second place. The first horse was a splendid type of drafter, gray, with possibly a little Percheron blood in him, but with a great predominance of Clydesdale blood and character. The contest was close, Prof. Curtiss, of Iowa, having to decide a tie between Prof. Carlyle and Mr. Huston. Singles, weighing from 1,500 to 1,750, stood: first, a Percheron grade; second, a Clydesdale; third and fourth in the same order. For teams, the honors were again divided, the heavyweight being won by the Clydes, and the lighter weight by the grays. From this on, in three horses abreast, four-horse and six-horse teams, the bays were never in danger. It was a magnificent contest, and the hardest fight the Percheron interests ever put up. They did well, but their success was due very largely to the Clydesdale character of the geldings whose gray coats was supposed to indicate Percheron breeding. All credit is due Mr. Nelson Morris, who championed the Clydesdale interests, and the Pabst Brewing Co., who furnished the grays. The harness, trappings and wagons used by both exhibitors were magnificent, the harness alone costing two hundred dollars per set. It was a glorious show, and honors were as fairly distributed as could be expected where such large interests were at stake.

SHEEP.

The sheep department was well filled as usual, and as to quality it is safe to say it reached a higher standard than ever before, although not equal in numbers to what were shown at the greatest of all sheep shows, viz., the St. Louis World's Fair. Many of the winners at the latter show had here to be satisfied with positions far down in the list. The aged ewe and under six months sections, and Merino classes, not being included in the International prize-list, accounts for the number being less than at St. Louis. Canadian exhibitors deserve a great deal of credit for the part they have taken in this show, and the honors they have won, having won even greater laurels here than were won by them at St. Louis, notwithstanding the fact that Canadian flocks almost made a clean sweep at the latter.

As usual, the greatest interest centred around the Shropshire ring. In the aged ram class, St. Louis winners had to give way to a strong, firm, well-covered ram shown by J. G. Hamner, Brantford, closely followed by John Campbell and Richard Gibson, with rams of excellent quality, several good ones being outside the money. In the yearling ram class the St. Louis champion, shown by Mr. Campbell, again headed the list; F. W. Harding, Wisconsin, and Lloyd-Jones Bros., Ontario, being the next in order. In the ram lamb class, Campbell captured first, also champion for ram any age, with a typical one, that won first at Toronto, and only reached fourth place at St. Louis, while the winner of first at St. Louis was turned down to about tenth place. J. G. Hamner and Lloyd-Jones Bros. were close after, taking second and third respectively. In yearling ewes, Hamner again succeeded in winning first, also champion ewe any age, on a choice ewe of great scale, with an elegant quality fleece of dense wool; Campbell winning second, on the St. Louis first-prize junior yearling; R. Gibson winning third. In the ewe lamb class 20 entries, as alike as peas, faced the judge. Campbell again landed first and third; F. W. Harding second; J. G. Hamner and J. Campbell h.c. We mention the latter two because the class was an especially strong one.

In the open flock competition Campbell, Hamner and Lloyd-Jones Bros. won in the order named. For four lambs, the get of one sire, first and second went to Campbell and Hamner respectively, while third went to Chas. H. Hutchison, of Michigan. The Shropshire specials were pretty evenly divided between the Canadians and Hutchinson and S. Shaffer, Pa., who each showed nice stuff.

The Shropshire wether class was especially strong in both numbers and quality. The St. Louis champion and grand champion yearling wether, shown by John Campbell, was again first and champion in the Shropshire class. He had, however, two close competitors, second going to the University of Wisconsin, for one bred by