

by J. M. Gardhouse, and is one of very superior quality, excellently turned, and a great promiser for the future.

The brood mares were headed by John Gardhouse & Sons' Laura, a fine big, drafty mare, quite rangy and active for a Shire, while second place went to Morris & Wellington's Moulton Marianne (imp.), a lower-set mare, with hardly as much quality. The foals of these two mares won equal honors with their dams.

A rather remarkable award was then made by Mr. Ness for championship, the yearling filly winning over the more aged mares, but, of course, she filled the Scotchman's eye, with her big feet and quality.

CANADIAN-BRED DRAFTS.—This class brought out horses of a great variety of excellence or lack of it. In some of the sections it might have been better to have withheld the best ribbons rather than have it said that horses of such indifferent quality should win first prizes at the great National. At such a large fair the reputation a horse gains by winning first is a most valuable asset, and should only be given to individuals to whom the reputation is not the most forcible argument in getting farmers to patronize him. The first class out—stallions four years old and over—had three entries, none of them remarkable for quality nor as movers. The judges, however, Messrs. Robert Ness, Howick, Que., and Alex. MacLaren, Chicago, gave first to Prince Henry, the entry of Neil Sinclair & Sons, Coldstream, Ont. This horse had a nice top, which evidently made him the favorite. Second place was won by Gordon Anderson, a Lewie Gordon horse, owned by Isaac Stanley, of Paisley, a horse of immense size, but of the old-fashioned draft type, having a great supply of coarse feathering. Third prize went to a rather nice quality horse, Jubilee Chief, Robt. Newman proprietor, but one that was not going extra well.

One would look for a little more quality than was displayed by the horse winning first in the three-year-old section, but the body, quarters, shoulders and neck were almost perfect. All Gold was his name, owned by Tanner Bros., Caledonia, Ont. Next to him was Brookdale, shown by Davis & Graham, of Schomberg, and third went to Toronto Stamp, from the stable of M. Soper, Malton. The two-year-old stallions were as a class quite an improvement on their seniors. The first-prize horse, MacAirlie's Best, shown by Graham Bros., Claremont, is a big, fine quality colt, of rather a rangy type, but with good feet and very nice action. When he fills up in the middle he will be one of the Canadian-bred horses that will do the country credit. He afterwards won the sweepstakes in his class. Andrew Grady's (Mayfield) entry, Wild America, a clean-boned, well-topped fellow, smaller than the first-prize horse, with smaller feet and pasterns a little shorter, stood second. Next to him was Bradford Laird, shown by Geo. Botham, Bradford, a colt of the same type as the last, and in fourth place stood a horse, Cairnton's Best, that would have looked better much farther up. He was a very drafty fellow, with a lot of quality, and well put together. Smith & Richardson, Columbus, showed him, and he was sired by Royal Cairnton (imp.).

Four colts came out when the year-olds were called. Sir Hector, Thos. A. Woods' (Bradford) entry, a good colt, with plenty of size and considerable quality, got first; Hodgkinson & Tisdale's Maccorrie, a smaller colt, second, and J. F. Staples' (Ida) Prince Radiant third.

The Canadian-bred females were, on the whole, a very superior lot. Florodora, a MacQueen filly, shown by J. F. Staples, is a real good one, and won first in the three-year-old filly class; J. C. Ross, Jarvis, got second with Jessie, and J. E. Fells, Belgrave, third.

The two-year-old section brought out the sweepstakes Canadian-bred mare, Queen Bess, a MacQueen filly, shown by Geo. Davidson & Sons, Cherrywood. She is just the right type of filly, neither too rangy nor yet squatly, clean-limbed, well ribbed up, and a good actor. Next to her was Chas. F. Maw's (Omagh) filly, Darling, something the same type, and third was Gold Wave, quite a rangy one, shown by Graham Bros. J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, showed a nice, clean-legged, well-turned yearling filly, that won first, and J. Graham, Derry West, got second with one a little more rangy, but a nice, true mover.

Davidson & Son's Fair Queen and foal were quite easily the best entry in the brood mare and foal section. She is well put up all over, broody but not too loose. Her foal, by MacArley, won second in its class. Hodgkinson & Tisdale got the second and third prizes for mares and foals, and first and third for foals. Davidsons then won first for mare and two of her progeny, with Fair Queen and the sweepstakes mare, Queen Bess, and Fair Queen's foal, the Beaverton stable getting second. For the progeny prize of four colts under two years, Graham Bros. showed four of MacQueen's got and got first, and Hodgkinson & Tisdale took second with four of Foremost's foals.

DRAFTERS IN HARNESS.—There have been shows in Toronto in the past where the drafter in harness was more in evidence than he was at this one. Heavy draft geldings or mares four years or over, had a very small entry, W. Hendrie, Toronto, winning first with Nat, a horse sired by Eastfield Laddie. The second-prize horse in this class was Fitz, by Polonias, owned by Millard, of Orillia, and third Major, from Seaforth. When the same class was called to be shown before a lorry, the first two horses stood in the order previously established, but Hodgkinson & Tisdale's Idonia Queen was made to carry the orange. The prizes for teams in harness went, first to Hodgkinson & Tisdale, for their big drafty mares, Idonia Queen and Arabella; sec-

ond to the Dominion Transport Co., Toronto, and third to Donovan & Robins, Seaforth.

GENERAL-PURPOSE, CARRIAGE AND COACH.—The general-purpose horse, according to the National Exhibition authorities, is a horse suitable either for the wagon, carriage, buggy, saddle or plow, while a clause, dock horse not eligible, debars the dealer pretty effectually from competition with the breeder and amateur. There are also classes for carriage and coach, and when these two breeds, if they may be called breeds, were in the ring, the type was so similar that even the judges, Mr. Peter Christie, general-purpose, and Dr. Sinclair, carriage and coach, could scarcely tell to which department some of the entries belonged. Of course having the two classes makes it possible to spread more good prizes around, but it is doubtful whether any improvement in horse-breeding results from such methods, and it might be better to withhold prizes from carriage or coach horses unless pure-bred, and extend the scope of the general-purpose class to include fourth or fifth prizes. This would tend to discourage the showing of one class at least ineligible for registration.

In both these classes some very good horses were shown, the general-purpose ring being limited to only mares and gelding, while in the carriage and coach camp stallions of all ages were shown, the champion going to T. W. Smith, of Glanford, on British Picador, a very swell horse. The championship for females was won by Miss Canada, a gray mare, by Al Yeager's Hackney stallion, Hillhurst Sensation. She has all the style and action of the Hackney, and much of the fineness, quality and speed of the Standard-bred. She is now owned by Hugh S. Hunter, of Smith's Falls.

HACKNEYS.—The show of Hackneys this year was the largest in the history of the breed in Canadian show-yards, and the display certainly did the great English high-steppers immense credit. All of the Beith string that carried off the best of the St. Louis prizes were on hand to take their share of the National awards, and besides these were several newly-imported by J. B. Hogate, Sarnia; T. H. Hassard, Mimbrouk, and R. Ness & Sons, Howick, Que.

Six grand performers in the senior class paraded before Mr. Wm. West, Shelburne, Vt., who tied on the frills, but the first place was retained by Saxon, the Alberta prodigy, who had already won championships at Toronto, and who was fresh from his recent victories at St. Louis, where he won over everything in his breed. He is keeping in splendid show form, and his action is both high and true, and his stride long and clean. In type he is something after the harness class, departing considerably from the pony type, but is strong and well turned. Next to him was Ness' Bell Boy, a nine-year-old horse, bred in Vermont. His bone is remarkably clean and ample, body nicely rounded, and action right. He is probably a heavier horse than Saxon, but the champion has the advantage in age (five), and is, perhaps, stronger in the back. Yeager's great stock horse, Hillhurst Sensation, though running toward the pony type, was good enough with his substance and action to win third. The fourth-prize horse, Barthope Performer, shown by Brown & Burrell, of Brampton, was much finer than those above him, and was greatly admired for his quality and stepping. The two horses unplaced, Adam Dawson's Painslack Prime Minister, and Hassard's Dainty Lord, both cracking fine individuals, put up a plucky contest.

The three-year-olds came out seven strong, but, as a class, they were far enough behind the seniors. The winner was discovered when J. B. Hogate's Thornton Royalty got a chance to show himself, for the way this fellow got up and covered the ground was something phenomenal. He is of the rangy type, possibly a little plain in the head, but good all over, and should nick well with our light road mares. The second-prize horse was found in Income, shown by W. C. Quickfall, Glenallan, an individual of great substance, nicely rounded body, smooth, and a very fair actor. Dent Dalton, Delhi, showed his Norfolk Performer, a very nice quality fellow, lacking a little in the manner of his going, but good enough to win third place. The fourth place was filled by R. Beith's Ivanhoe.

Numbers dwindled in the classes for young stallions, the two-year-olds being four and the yearlings three in number. Beith's junior champion at St. Louis, St. David, a nicely-turned, clean-boned colt, got first, and his stable companion, Cliffe Rosador, second; while Salford Roseus, a colt of remarkably fine quality, and a great goer, from Hogate's stable, had to take the orange badge.

It was Beith in the two best places again in the yearlings, Lord Meltonby, a proud goer, being first, and Mr. Dooley, a colt with lots of quality and a true mover, second; the third prize going to Square Shot, Jr., a rather ordinary-looking colt, belonging to A. G. H. Luxton, of Milton.

There were only two out in each of the sections for females until the brood mares were called. For three-year-olds, Beith got first on a nice, tidy mare, and Luxton second on one much like her.

Beith came again in the two-year-olds, with rather a heavy, low-set filly, while H. N. Crossley was given second on a more rangy type of mare.

Two Beith fillies were alone in the yearling section, while Crossley's Queen of the Party was first in brood mares, and her foal first for youngsters, with two Beith entries following in each section.

The female championship was then won by Mr. Beith's Priscilla, who was also champion female at St.

Louis. She was bred by Rawlinson Bros., of Calgary, Alta.

STANDARD-BREDS AND ROADSTERS.—There was more duplication of types in these two classes, as in the general-purpose and carriage and coach. Everyone knows a Standard-bred is essentially a roadster, and the best roadsters ever produced are Standard-bred, but the two classes gave some of the half pure bloods a chance to win big honors and good money.

The Standard-breds began well, with a very swagger class of senior stallions, headed by Miss Wilks' symmetrical, black Oro Wilk. This is one of the prettiest, and at the same time fastest, stallions that has ever graced a Toronto horse-ring. Next to him was The Bison, from Orangeville, and third went to Golden Jubilee, from Brampton.

Miss Wilks headed the next section with her Dashwood colt, Rex W., followed by I. Stanley's Lord Hunter.

The two-year-olds were no great credit to the breed. R. Davies' Earl of Chester was the only one going sound in the lot. Miss Wilks' Ordeall, owing to an accident, could not show much speed or action. The detailed prize-list is found in our Gossip columns, which makes comment unnecessary here.

In the large ring before the grand stand there was a continual show of fancy-leather horses, jumpers, saddlers, and speeding. The stables of Geo. Pepper, Al Yeager, Miss Wilks, and several others, were represented. The championship for best carriage pair went to Pepper on Creighton and Sherman, and for best saddle horse the same exhibitor won with Tempest. The best roadster at the fair was Miss K. L. Wilks' Rhea W., one of the \$5,000 pair, and the best combination horse was Othello, owned by J. Dixon, Toronto.

Toronto pony fanciers are endeavoring to stir up interest in the little pets, and at each succeeding horse-show the pony and his admirers are more and more prominent. The best pony and pony outfit on the grounds belonged to Mrs. Chas. Wilmot, Port Hope, with Black Diamond, 13.1, a cross-breed Hackney Welsh, between the shafts.

The ten-horse strings again attracted considerable attention this year, and to make the awards more just, the heavy drafts and light breeds competed in different sections, but even this arrangement was not satisfactory for the light horse exhibitors, and much dissatisfaction was shown when Al Yeager's string of fancy-leather horses won over R. Beith's crack lot of breeding Hackneys, for although the high-stepper is a valuable horse, judged by the standard of the millionaire's dollars, still we cannot see why he should be given a better position among breeders than such strings as Beith's Hackneys or Miss Wilks' Standard-breds.

For the ten-horse prize in heavy drafts, only Graham Bros. came out, having on the line Royal Baron, King's Crest, Yester, Baron Sterling, Discoverer, Fairy King, Moneriffe Baronet, Baron Bertram, Flower of Dryfe and Juliet.

THOROUGHBREDS.—The old English race horses were not very strongly represented in the breeding classes. Messrs. Jos Seagram and Robt. Davies made the most of the entries, but the Davies string failed to put in an appearance, so most of the money went to Seagram, after a little competition in the older sections. The stallion best calculated to get hunters and saddle horses was pronounced to be Mr. Seagram's Connoisseur, a big, strong fellow; and the best stallion any age, Milner, from the same stable. Female championship was also won by Seagram, with Have-a-Care.

SHEEP.

In inspecting the display made by the flockmasters at the Canadian National at Toronto, one could scarcely imagine that sheep-breeders had passed through several years of depression. Doubtless many are now looking for a change of the tide, which has every indication of being most strongly verified, for a shortage in the world's flocks is reported in every land—Australia, South Africa, North America, are all short on sheep. Again, sheep products are at the highest notch that has been seen for many years, and doubtless these facts have led our sheepmen to be forehanded and prepared for a change that will lend encouragement to this industry.

Throughout all breeds and classes competition was of the keenest kind, exhibitors having spared neither expense nor work in bringing out their favorites in the best possible bloom; and it was conceded on all hands that Ontario has never made a more uniformly grand display throughout all the classes and sections.

COTSWOLDS.—In this long-established variety the competition was keen from start to finish, with a goodly number of the best sheep that could be selected at the English shows, together with a Canadian contingent of extra good development. Judges Robert Miller, A. W. Smith and V. Ficht had hard work laid out for them. A ring of five faced the jury in the section for rams over two years, and a right strong, extra-woolled lot they were, the honors being sent to Elgin F. Park, Burgessville, and John C. Ross, Jarvis. Nine grandly good shearlings came at the call for this section, honors being divided between all three contestants, E. Park, J. C. Ross and T. H. Shore & Sons, Glanworth, in the order named.

In ram lambs, a number of very large, well-developed lambs, lately imported, proved too much for the younger Canadian-bred specimens, Park winning first and second premiums, and Ross third. The aged ewe ring was also especially well brought out, the premiums again being sent to the Park and Ross flocks. Among ten shearing ewe entries the contest was strongest yet.