

The Royal Show.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The last Royal Show which I had the pleasure of attending was the one held at Norwich in 1886. It was, therefore, a matter of great satisfaction to me that I found an opportunity of taking in this year's show, which was located at Cardiff, in South Wales, and lasted from June 26th to July 1st.

This is the last year, but one, in which "The Royal" will be a migratory show. Like the old

beauty, but was rather too long for its breadth. It was a tedious walk of a mile or more from end to end, and as the turnstiles were all at one end and the live stock all at the other, many a visitor wished that there was an electric railway or some other conveyances to carry passengers from end to end. Such an enterprise would have reaped a good harvest; but, alas! all such were prohibited.

In drawing a comparison between this year's show and the Toronto Industrial, the advantage would, in several respects, rest with the latter, because, as I have said above, Cardiff is not central enough, and, therefore, cannot be taken as an average. For instance, at York last year the total entries of horses, cattle and sheep were 1,907, as against 1,575 this year; this year's entries, too, containing 148 swine. I will, however, give the comparison as I found it.

HORSES.

The show of horses was very disappointing on the whole, and there will be a very much better display at the Yorkshire Show, which commences July 31st. In spite of this, however, the only classes in which Toronto would be superior were those for hunters, harness horses and Clydesdales. There might be more Cleveland Bays there, but they would not have the style or quality of those shown here. The weakness of numbers in the classes at the Royal is partly due to the severe veterinary examination held on each animal before showing. The hunter classes were but poorly

Majesty the King, Lord Rothschild, the Duke of Westminster, Lord Llangattock, Sir Walter Gilbey, Fred. Crisp, P. A. Muntz, Lord Egerton, W. & J. Thompson and other well-known breeders. Special mention must be made of Messrs. Thompson's Desford Combination, a good-bodied horse, which won in the 3-year-old class, and also the championship for stallions; the Duke of Westminster's Phenomenon, the reserve champion for the same, a good thick horse; F. Crisp's Southgate Charm, a grand mare with foal at foot, who won first in her class and the champion medal for females; while the Earl of Egerton's Lockinge Athena, first for 2-year-old fillies and reserve champion, is a big, powerful mare that should breed good stock. Lord Llangattock's Hendre Birthright, a promising mare, with great feather, headed the yearling filly section.

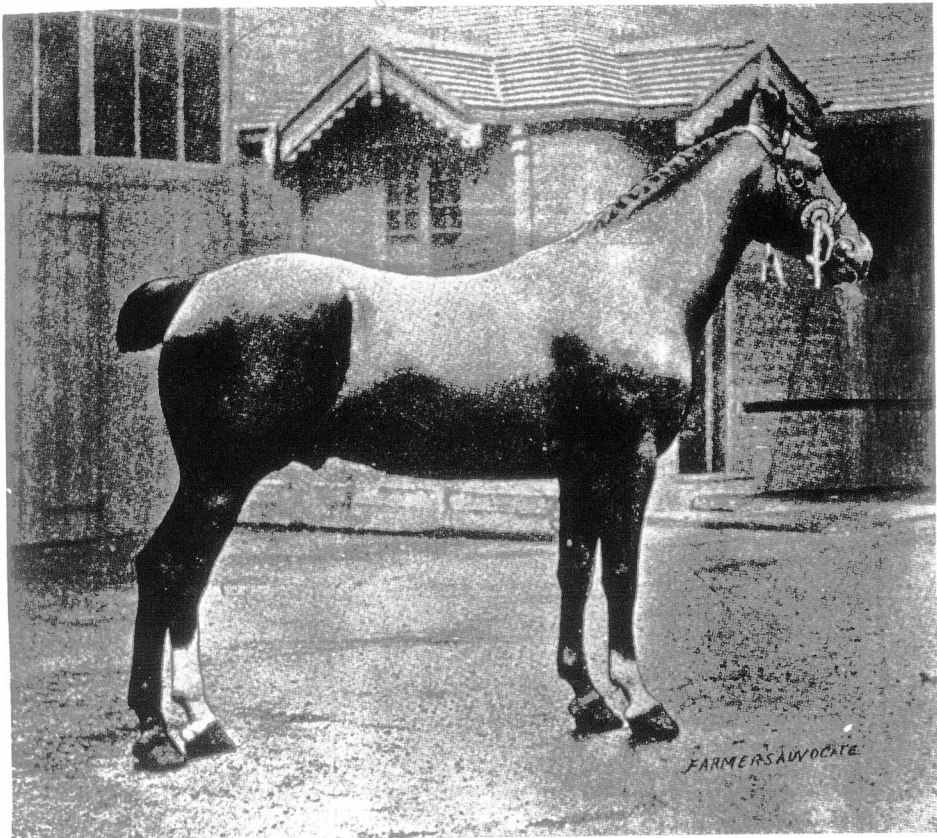
Clydesdales were not numerous, and were, with some exceptions, not of great merit. Among those showing were Seaham Harbor Stud, who won two firsts for stallion and mare; Herbert Webster, who had a good-bodied 3-year-old stallion on short legs; Lord Arthur Cecil, who secured two seconds; and T. Smith, who won first with a blocky 3-year-old filly.

Nineteen Suffolk Punches were entered, and there were very nice animals among them. E. A. Cook, A. H. E. Wood, Sir W. C. Quilter and A. J. Smith were the biggest exhibitors.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns.—There was a class offered, for the first time, for Lincolnshire Red Shorthorns, as opposed to animals entered in Coates' Herdbook. There were eighteen entries of these red cattle, and 104 of the red, white and roans. Among the Lincolnshire Reds were some nice cattle, but the general tendency of the breed is to greater coarseness than in the Shorthorn. This is being remedied by the use of red bulls recorded in the Coates' Herdbook. The females of this breed have a reputation for milk, and, judging from the udders of some of them, justly so. It must be remembered, however, that also among the old-established Shorthorns in Great Britain are to be found many excellent milkers. R. & C. Chatterton were the most prominent exhibitors of Lincolnshire Reds.

Coming to the red, white and roans, the classes of bulls, with, perhaps, the exception of the youngest one, were better than those that have been exhibited at Toronto of late years. As regards the females, there did not seem to be a great difference, taken all through. The judges were Robt. Bruce, Dublin, and F. Punchard, agent of the late Duke of Beville. There were ten bulls drawn up in the older class. Of these, first and second places fell to Royal Duke and Pride of Collynie, both from the Royal Farms, Windsor. They are two capital bulls, and occupied the same positions in their class last year. Royal Duke did not look so well as he did in 1900, when his appearance was hard to beat; but both bulls were in quite good enough condition. Royal Duke once more won the championship, while his



BONNY DANEGELT 6990.

Winner of first and champion prizes as best Hackney stallion at the Royal Show, Cardiff, 1901. PROPERTY OF SIR WALTER GILBEY.

"Ontario Provincial," it has not found the practice of moving from place to place every year a paying one, so, after the Carlisle meeting in 1902, the show will settle down in a permanent location at Ealing, a short distance from the great metropolis of London, where the society has purchased a hundred-acre site.

There has been a distinct advance in the exhibits in most classes since the Norwich Show. It is certainly not in point of numbers—because both stock and implements show a decided falling off in that respect—but the general quality has greatly improved. I noticed this especially in the Shorthorn class. When I was last over, Scotch Shorthorns were not popular in England, but now the principal winners are either descended from Scotch blood or are of a similar type. A comparison, however, between the Cardiff Show and a Royal held at a more central point is hardly fair, taking numbers into consideration, because Cardiff is somewhat too far from many of the principal breeders, and the railway rates, though lower than formerly, are still very high, and, consequently, deter many from going to a show held at any great distance. Then, too, the principal shows do not follow one another closely, as our Canadian ones do, and so there is not the same inducement for exhibitors to follow a circuit without returning home between whiles.

There are several good features about the Royal which might be copied with advantage at the Toronto Industrial and other of our exhibitions. One is the judging of the different breeds of cattle in rings which, while quite large enough for the purpose, are yet of such a small size, as compared with the one at Toronto, used for the cattle judging, that the onlookers can easily get a good view of the animals while the judges are selecting the winners. Then, there was no delay between the sections. As fast as one filed out, another entered the ring.

All the live stock was judged on the first day, and early next morning it was possible to procure on the grounds an authentic book of 48 pages, giving the winners in every class. This was issued by the society, and revised every day as awards in other departments came in.

A notable feature was the interest taken by the ladies in the stock. The judging was watched by many members of the fair sex, and large numbers visited the sheds every day. As regards catering, I got the best and best-served lunch I ever got on a show ground for 50 cents.

The attendance, up to the time of writing, has far exceeded the average of the last seven years, and has only been exceeded by that of the great record year at Manchester in 1897. Should the weather be favorable, a total attendance of 100,000 people is probable, and this without any side shows or outside attractions.

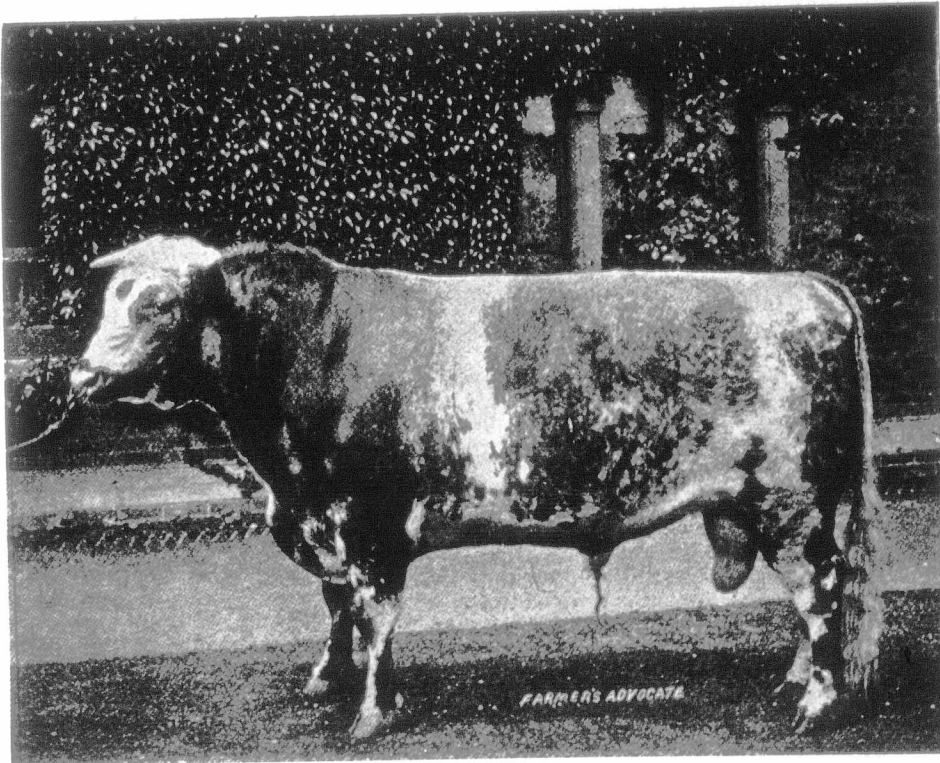
The site occupied by the show at Cardiff was very suitable in many ways, especially in point of

filled, and only a few of the animals were of any merit. There was no class for Thoroughbreds, but the four winners of the King's premiums for South Wales and portions of England were present.

Hackneys.—Hackneys were not so good as usual. The winner in the class for stallions 15.1 and upwards, foaled in 1898, was Sir W. Gilbey's Bonny Danegelt, a good mover, who won at the London Hackney Show last March. He also won the sweepstakes for stallions. Fitz Rose, shown by F. Wrench, Dublin, a horse of good conformation and a first-prize winner at London and the Shropshire and West Midland this year, was placed above Sir Walter Gilbey's Merry Denmark, a nice mover, in the 2-year-old class. Harry Livesey's Orange Blossom, bought for 1,000 guineas, won 1st and the championship for mares with foal at foot, 15 hands and upwards. There were some nice mares shown, one of the best goers being F. J. Batchelor's Wild Agnes, winner in the class for mare or gelding to carry 15 stone and upwards. There were a few good Cleveland Bays present, the principal exhibitors being F. H. Stericker, Jno. Lett, and Jas. Finch.

There was a very poor show of harness horses. This is due in part to a rule of the society which prohibits entering horses in more than one class. Ponies were out in fair numbers. The classes for polo ponies were well filled. Among the Welsh ponies was a handsome gray stallion, Starlight, shown by H. M. Lloyd, which has won frequently at previous Royals and elsewhere. Some of the Welsh Pony mares were somewhat bigger than the type calls for.

Shires and Clydes.—The Shire class was a pretty good one, and, of course, far beyond anything ever seen in Canada. Among the exhibitors were His



ROYAL DUKE (75509).

First prize and champion Shorthorn bull at the Royal Show at Cardiff, 1901. Bred by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

THE PROPERTY OF HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII.

companion, Pride of Collynie, a Duthie-bred bull, was reserve. Third place fell to another good one, Inspector, the champion bull at Dublin last spring, and at the Bath and West last month. Among other bulls in this class were Deane Willis' Regulator, a very short-legged, deep bull, a favorite with many for a higher place than sixth, and C. Morgan-Richardson's Major General, a bull of great substance and very strong in the back. Regulator was afterwards bought for 1,000 guineas. Wm.