

"That the end of the horse is not near" must have been the verdict of all who attended the Canadian Horse Show held in the Armouries, Toronto, on May 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th. The record of this show has been a series of successes from the beginning, but this year's exhibit was, on the whole, ahead of anything yet seen, while, unless we are very much mistaken, when the returns are all in, we expect that the management will find the receipts ahead of those of any previous year. The attendance was very large, especially in the evenings, Friday and Saturday being bumper evenings, with scarcely any standing room to spare. On Saturday morning children were admitted for ten cents a head, and a large and appreciative audience they were, cheering the ponies and their riders as they essayed to clear the fences erected to test their jumping powers and skill.

This year the breeders and the Toronto Hunt Club united with the military authorities and held the show conjointly with the Military Tournament, which is also held annually. The date fixed was later than the breeders would have liked, but an earlier date was out of the question. The lateness of the date accounted for a decrease in the number of entries in the breeding classes, especially in the heavy breeds, but we think that, if breeders of Clydesdales and Shires had known that their horses would be shown on the first morning and that they could get away at once afterwards, they would have entered in larger numbers.

The total number of entries were about forty more than they were in 1897. The harness and saddle classes were splendidly filled. The class with the largest number of entries, viz., twenty-seven, was the jumping class, No. 43, open to all.

Everything went off smoothly and in only a couple of classes was there any preventable delay. When the exceedingly large number of horses in some of the classes is considered, this was a splendid showing.

Geo. Pepper, as usual, proved an invaluable superintendent, and Sergeant-Major Dingley, who once more acted as ring-master, did so to the satisfaction of every one.

The purely military part of the exhibition proved a very drawing card. Among these the most popular was the exhibition of free gymnastics by the cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston, a really excellent proof of what can be done by steady training. The musical ride by the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the driving of A Battery of Artillery were also well received.

The show was opened by the Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, who was accompanied by Lady Aberdeen. Sir Oliver and Miss Mowat were also present.

All of the three horses entered in this class faced the judge, Mr. R. Gibson, Delaware. The first prize winner was found in Jas. McCartney's German coacher, Gray Brenier, now nine years old, which has on several previous occasions occupied a similar position. W. C. Brown, Meadowvale, was second with Prince George, by Prince Victor, while third was sent to Hannibal, a black, exhibited by Donald Watson, Maple.

There was only one class offered for Standard-breds this year. The awards were made by Mr. C. E. Elliott, St. Catharines. Five horses were forward, and the judge seemed to have considerable difficulty in coming to a decision. Eventually first was sent to a big upstanding bay, Larabee the Great, 30,345, shown by the MacLaren Stock Farm, Buckingham, Que., second to Altoneer, 17,493, which has previously been a winner at the Spring Show here, and third to the aged horse, Frazier, 22,593, entered by Jas. McCartney, Thamesford.

Richard Gibson, Delaware, was the judge on Hackneys. In the aged stallion class were entered five well known horses, all imported but one. They were Royal Standard (imp.) and Courier (imp.), both shown by Graham Bros., Claremont; Fireworks (imp.) and Rosseau Performer (imp.), both owned by H. N. Crossley, Rosseau; and Banquo, Robt. Reith's excellent son of Jubilee Chief. The horses were put through their paces at the walk and trot, and though they did very creditably, yet we have seen them show themselves off to better advantage on former occasions. In fact, Banquo and Royal Standard acted bet-

ter on the succeeding days when shown for the sweepstakes. Royal Standard once more took the head of his class with Banquo second, Courier third, and Rosseau Performer fourth. In the younger stallion class Mr. Crossley's Rosseau Swell, a roan, by Royal Standard, and a very promising colt, took first honors over Mr. Bith's Hortensio, a bay son of Jubilee Chief, and out of Mona's Queen, these two being the only ones entered in this section.

Hackney mares foaled subsequent to January 1st, 1895, were three in number. Robert Reith's Cas-andra, a good mover and a big one to boot, was placed first. She is full sister to Hortensio. Third went to the same owner's Bianco, by Sea Gull, out of Cherry Ripe. H. N. Crossley's Miss Roberta, a dark bay with a fine head and neck and plenty of quality, came second.

Class 10 was for high steppers, not under fifteen hands, shown before a suitable conveyance, and sired by a Hackey stallion. Seven horses of fine type came before the judge, all of them giving proof of the benefit the use of Hackney sires has been to the country. First went to a nice chestnut gelding, Blucher, a son of Jubilee Chief, shown by T. A. Crow, Toronto; second honors fell to a daughter of Fire Fly, Mildred, owned by E. B. Clancy, Toronto, and third to R. Beith's thoroughbred mare, Mopsa, by Ottawa, out of Lady Aberdeen.

The open sweepstakes for Hackney stallions went to Royal Standard, and that given by the English Hackney Association for stallions by an imported sire and out of an imported dam, both registered in the English Hackney Stud-Book, to *Langquo*. The open sweepstakes for mares as well as the special given by the English Association was won by *Cassandra*, shown by Robert Beith, Bowmansville.

Out of the three aged Shire stallions entered only one was present, J. M Gardhouse's Active [269], a chestnut with one white hind foot, to which was awarded first prize in his class and also the diploma for Shire stallions. The same exhibitor had the only entry in the younger class, Fitzsimmons [270], a promising youngster by Duke of Blagdon. A solitary Shire mare, Queen of Highfield, by King of the Castle, also exhibited by Mr. Gardhouse, was present. She is a big roomy mare, and deserved the first prize given her.

As last year, the Clydesdale class was very slimly filled. In the aged stallion section Graham Bros., Claremont, had made two entries, Young Marnion (2343) and Two in One (2344), neither of which, however, were present. Robert Davies, Toronto, had his well-known home-bred horse, King's Own, on hand, a horse of excellent type, and was successful in winning first with him; Alex. Doherty, Ellesmere, coming second with Macqueen, a son of Queen's Own, out of Miss Fleming.

All four of the Clydesdale stallions foaled in 1895 which were entered faced the judge, Mr. Geo. Moore, Waterloo, who selected Robert Davies' Border Reiver, a nice bodied, dappled brown for first place. This horse was bred by Lord Polwarth, and was imported by his present owner last year. Second place went to John Vipond's The General, by Queen's Own, a good useful horse; Gold-finder second, last year's first prize winner having to be content with third place.

Young Clyde stallions were three in number, all forward. Here again Robert Davies

came to the fore with Tom Macgregor, a son of Macgregor [1487], a colt of good conformation. His second entry, Prince Royal, came third, with Alex. Doherty's Prince of Blantyre, the first prize yearling last year, second.

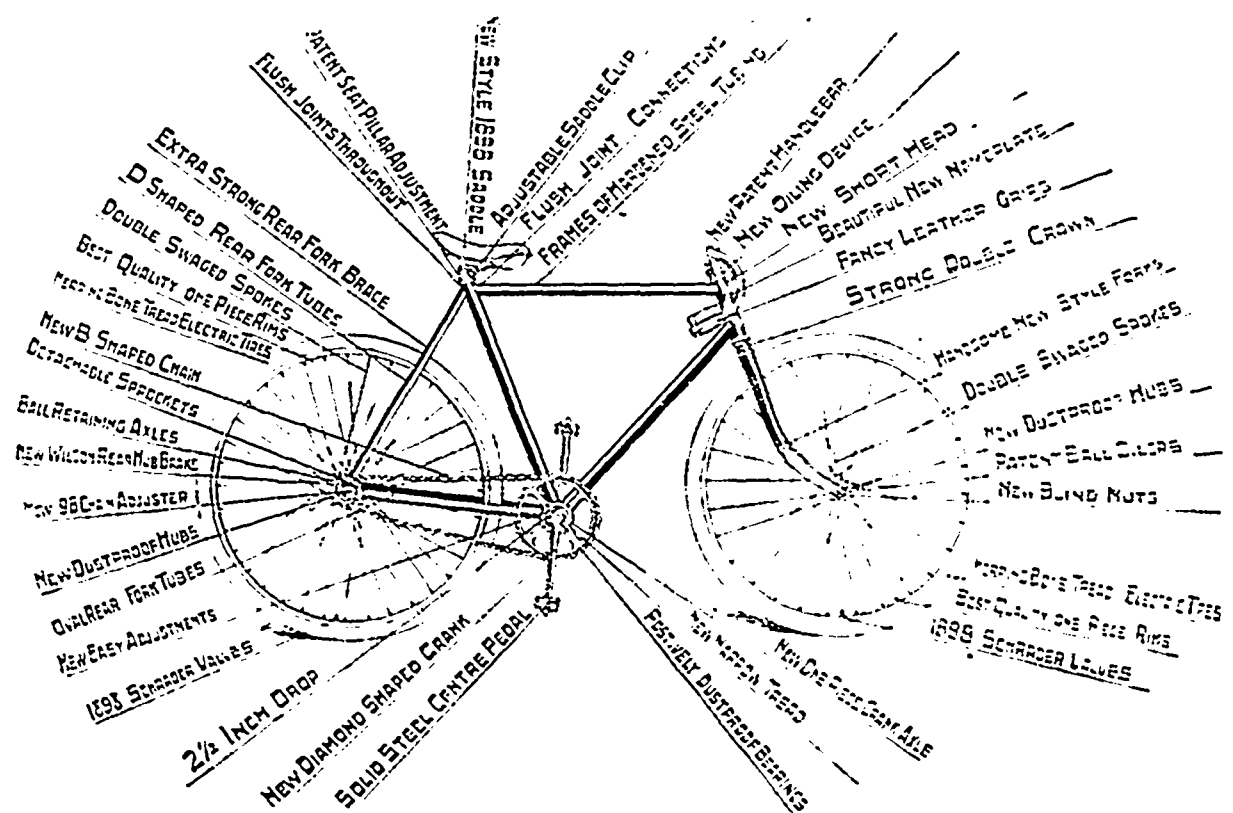
The sweepstakes for best Clydesdale stallion went to Robert Davies' Border Reiver.

There was a separate class for Canadian-bred Clydesdale stallions foaled previous to January 1st, 1896, but out of the two horses entered only one was present, Bay Wattie, shown by W. J. Howard, Amber, which was second last year, and now carried first.

Two capital Clydesdale mares were shown in Class 25. They were Kate Hill 3rd [2221] and Boydston Lars 7th [2256], both owned by Jas. I. Davidson & Son, Balsam, and were well worthy of the first and second prizes respectively which were awarded them. They were also good enough to win first in the class for pairs of mares or geldings, of any breed, shown in harness. In this latter class the four teams entered made a good display. Second honors were taken by a big strong team shown by the Wm. Hendrie Co., Toronto, which were first here last year, and third went to a pair of mixed Clyde and Shire breeding, owned by F. B. Fenwick, Coleraine.

Four exhibitors had horses entered in the aged Thoroughbred class, of which three were on hand. J. E. Seagiam, M P., Waterloo, had a very handsome son of Wenlock in Morphus, who was full of life and spirit, and had no difficulty in winning the red ribbon. In addition to his style and conformation he is also one of the fastest horses on the turf. Wm. Hendrie's chestnut, Strathclyde, who won premier honors here last year in this

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