

contained many good things. The aged stallion section had five well made, big fellows, two or three of which possessed right good carriage action. The Yorkshire Coach bred Standard Bridge Swell, shown by John Longfield, Orampton, won the 1st prize, also the sweepstakes award. Standing still he is a model coach horse, but he fails when in action. The 2nd horse, A. B. Wilson's Moss Rose, was considerably better in that respect, and was also of the proper stamp. The 3rd prize winner was the choice of the lot as a carriage stallion, as he possesses both the conformation and action needed in such a class, but he doesn't weigh as many pounds—we refer to the German Coach, Graf Bremer, owned by Jas. McCartney, Thamesford. He has often met stronger competition before, but never defeated. Alvin Parker, Sparta, showed a promising three-year-old; W. H. Guest, Ballymote, a nice two-year-old; and S. J. Prouse a good yearling. W. H. Guest also had forward a useful sort of brood mare, on which he won 1st in a section of three entries. J. W. Hackett, Birr, was 2nd, and Jno. W. Nicol, Ilderton, 3rd. The three-year-old gelding or filly section was an exceptionally good one. Eight entries competed, and were difficult to judge. A big, well-formed, high-acting chestnut son of Graf Bremer was placed 1st; a likely get of the trotting-bred Wilder Lee, shown by Wm. Berry, Brucefield, stood 2nd; and a finer, racy-looking chestnut son of the Standard-bred Grandeur 3rd, leaving some good things unplaced. The gets of the German Coach Salomon and Graf Bremer won 1st and 3rd respectively in the two-year-olds, and a breezy chestnut get of Chester came between them. The harness carriage pairs, 16 hands and over, also contained German Coach blood, as the 1st prize team had one a first cross of that breed and mate by Dr. Tom (an English Coach horse), while the 2nd prize pair were both by Graf Bremer. The first are owned by P. Farrell, Woodstock, and a useful pair they are. Five useful entries competed in this section, and a good string in the smaller section, 15½ to 16 hands. The single carriage sections contained a valuable lot of some fourteen entries. The 1st prize one, owned by Adam Beck, London, is a big, trophy fellow, with fine limbs and a nice, spirited way of handling them.

Readers.—The reader class always fills well in London, and contains standard-bred and non-standard stock. None of the former and less of the latter are being shown year by year, which is raising the quality in a marked degree. The mature stallion section is shown in harness, as it should be, so that unless a horse can show a fairly good clip he cannot win a prize. The competition was the keenest this year it has ever been, between such horses as Mont Bars (11½), Post Master (30), Palmetto (12½), Nutting King (17½), J. I. Case (26½), Prohibition (27½), Fraser (27½), and others. These are all recognized as high class animals, and most of them are closely connected with notable American trotting families. They, as well as the other harness sections, were judged by Oliver Johnston, Clinton, and David McIntosh, Brucefield, who took a long time to consider this first and important section. J. I. Case is no longer raced; in fact, he seldom wears shoes, but his pleasing appearance, strong muscular quarters, and true natural trotting gait makes him a hard horse to beat, and he is withal a grand breeder, having sired many good ones. His place in the lead, as well as sweepstakes winner, was not disputed. Nutting King, a big, square-going chestnut, well up and showy, was the next choice, and the smaller, but perhaps more gamey, Fraser carried off the 3rd award. The younger stallion sections were light. J. C. Dietrich, Galt, won 1st on his Toronto winner, Prince Axland, by Axland, a good one in any company; and the 1st prize yearling was a get of J. I. Case. The sections shown to halt were judged by Dr. Blackall, V. S. Glenora. The gelding or filly sections were all well up to the mark, and contained a number that already show a deal of speed, besides being well bred and handsome. A racy chestnut shown by McClurg, Falkirk, won 1st in three-year-olds; a daughter of Gold Ring, owned by G. A. Routledge, M. D., 2nd; and a get of Axland, exhibited by Dietrich, 3rd, leaving out the 2nd prize Toronto winner, by Wisdom, a colt that should have been placed not lower than 2nd place here. The brood mares with foals numbered eight. The best was found to be a racy, beautiful Standard-bred, shown by H. McClurg. She is by Wildwood, and had a handsome foal that won 2nd. O. A. Coates, Bothwell, stood next with Jennie C. Case, also Standard-bred, and of the real road sort.

Pairs in harness had seven entries forward, most of which were able to show a fair bit of speed. J. C. Dietrich won 1st on the team which was placed 2nd in Toronto, beautifully matched, nice individuals, and rather free movers. A. W. Norton and A. E. Leslie won 2nd and 3rd. Single roadsters in harness put up quite a display, with some fifteen out of twenty entries forward. Dr. G. A. Routledge, Lambeth, always has a good horse; in fact, he has no use for any other sort. On this occasion he won 1st on a serviceable brown, of attractive appearance and rapid gait. Geo. Henty, St. Mary's, stood 2nd, and G. W. Kennedy, Ilderton, 3rd on a fine, upstanding brown mare, by Al Medium, that finally won the mare sweepstakes award.

Thoroughbreds were judged by J. C. Fyfe, V. S., Palmerston, who had a light task, as there were very few forward. O'Neil & Co.'s Gold Fox and W. G. Thompson's King Bob were alone in aged stallions. Neither of them are children and each has a good reputation. The former, a bright chestnut, has the advantage in size, and possesses a deal of breed character. He won in this section and for best stallion any age. King Bob is also of breezy type and was shown in creditable form. Old Norwegian was alone in the section for suitable sires of saddle stock. He is of a sort that should never get old, as there are too few like him. John Dymont, Orkney, showed the only two-year-old stallion, a thin, racy fellow that should gallop a good mile.

Hackneys were represented, but rather meagerly, by Jubilee Chief, Sorby's two-year-old Woodland's Performer, by Barthorpe Performer and out of Miss Baker, Miss Baker, and a couple of fillies. There was, of course, no competition, and, therefore, a light task for the appointed judge, T. B. Fuller, Guelph, but each individual could have faced a

strong front of opponents without fear of defeat. The old horse has done a very heavy season, but came out as usual in fresh condition.

High-Steppers were also few—three in number. O'Neil & Co. won 1st on a trappy brown gelding, Actor, by Nutburn; W. Collins won 2nd on a son of Lucksall, also a nice horse; and Lafroy won 3rd on a sweet bay mare.

Saddle classes were fairly well contested, and were judged by Mr. J. Murray, Toronto. Mr. Adam Beck's stables were well represented, which means that some well-schooled, good individuals were shown. He was the principal winner. The sections on the line contained some promising young things that should find a ready market as soon as they are ready.

CATTLE.

The show of cattle was well up to the average. As usual, a number of breeders had gone home, while a few had gone down to Quebec with their herds to exhibit at the Provincial Exhibition which was held in that ancient city during the same week as the Western Fair.

Shorthorns.—The competition nearly all through lay between Capt. Robson and J. & W. B. Watt. The judging, as a rule, followed in the lines of the Toronto decisions, but one reversal was made in the two-year-old heifer class, where Watt's 1st and 2nd prize heifers changed places, and the position of the same breeders' heifer calves was also changed. There were a few fresh exhibitors who showed some cattle and won their way into the prize list.

The three prizewinning aged bulls were here that were in Toronto, and stood in the same order, viz.: Robson's Moneyfuffel Lad, 1st; Nicholson's Indian Brave, 2nd; and Shier's Canada 3rd. Four two-year-olds were out. Watt's Riverside Stamp went to the head, followed by Fried's Lord Willison and Fairbairn's Dainty Davie. Jas. Rennie's yearling had competition here in T. Douglas's entry, but was a clear winner. Watt's two roan bull calves which won 1st and 5th honors for them in Toronto received the premier places here in a strong class of fourteen, with John Gibson's roan a good third. Moneyfuffel Lad had no difficulty in winning the sweepstakes for bulls. Robson's Louan of Browdale 2nd headed the line of aged cows, with Watt's Matchless 11th a strong 2nd. As in Toronto, Nicholson's 8th Leonore of Sylvan was given third place. Mysie's Rose, Capt. Robson's sweet white which captured the sweepstakes at the Toronto Industrial this year, accomplished the same feat here after winning 1st in the three-year-old section. The blue ticket for three-year-olds went to Nicholson's 9th Leonore of Sylvan, with a tidy cow of Fairbairn's 3rd. Watt won once more 1st and 2nd for both two-year-old and one-year-old heifers, Robson being 3rd in both cases. The latter's Lovely Lorne 2nd, however, beat Watt's dark and light roan heifer calves for pride of class. The herd prize properly went to Robson, that for four calves to Watt, while of the three specials offered by the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, that for young herd under two years of age went to Watt; that for bull calf calved after February 1st, 1898, to a red belonging to W. Hogg & Son, Thamesford, whose competitor, a red, shown by Nicholson, was largely favored by the crowd; and that for heifer calf calved after February 1st, 1898, to Robson. Jas. Smith, Brantford, gave the ribbons, and gave very general satisfaction.

Herefords.—The three exhibitors who were at the Toronto Industrial came on here, viz.: H. D. Smith, Compton, Que.; The Stone Estate, Guelph; and A. Stone, Guelph. They were reinforced here by O'Neil, Southgate, who had a yearling bull, a yearling heifer, and a couple of bull calves. He won 2nd on his yearling bull, and 3rd on a bull calf. The awards as regards the other exhibitors went almost exactly as they did at Toronto, with the exception that the Stone Estate's yearling heifer went down from 2nd to 3rd place, and Smith's heifer went to 2nd from 3rd. The sweepstakes for females was again won by Smith's Spot 3rd, and that for bulls by his Amos of Ingleside. The judge in this class, as well as in the Polled Angus and Galloway classes, was Heber Rawlings, Ravenswood.

Polled Angus.—Jas. Bowman, Guelph, had taken his herd to Quebec, and so Walter Hall and W. Stewart & Sons were the only two of the exhibitors present who had fought the issue out at the Queen City. H. Jones, White Oak, however, and W. W. Fisher, Benmiller, contributed a few head and won a share of the prize money. Walter Hall was very successful, winning 1st with Lucretius for aged bulls, 1st for yearling bull, 1st, 2nd and 3rd for aged cows, 1st and 2nd for three-year-olds, 1st and 3rd for yearlings, the same prizes for calves, and 1st for herd, 1st for four calves, and the two diplomas for best bull and best female of any age. Messrs. Stewart won 1st on two-year-old bulls, 3rd for three-year-old cows, all three prizes for two-year-olds, and 2nd for heifer calves. Jones' winnings were 2nd for aged bulls, 1st for bull calves, and 2nd for yearling heifers. Fisher's two-year-old bull came in 2nd in that section.

Galloways.—John Sibbald's determination to take his herd down East left D. McCrae and A. M. & R. Shaw the chief "doddy" exhibitors, as T. Lloyd-Jones & Sons had only the three head, with two of which they were so successful at Toronto. The judging followed the Toronto decisions pretty closely, except that Messrs. Shaw's McCartney beat Lloyd-Jones' College Gambler for sweepstakes, and in the aged cow section McCrae's two entries took precedence of Shaw's. McCrae won the herd prize, and for best female of any age with Semiramis 29th. The prize for four calves also fell to his lot. Lloyd-Jones won 1st for yearling bulls and 2nd for yearling heifers.

Fat Cattle.—This class had a very nice representation, not so good as at Toronto, of course, where the prize money was larger and sections more numerous, but still it was well filled. Mat. Wilson, Fergus, scored 1st again with his fine white steer over two years old, with Leask's two entries 2nd and 3rd. Walter Hall won a well-deserved victory with his yearling Polled Angus steer, who beat two good ones shown by Oke and Leask. Section three was for heifers four years and under. Here Fried's heifer reversed the Toronto decision by beating Leask's twin heifer, who went down to 3rd place, M. Wilson winning 2nd with one of the pair he

showed in the section for pairs at Toronto. Leask's red steer calf once more beat Fried's red in the section for steer calves under one year.

Grade Cattle.—There were five sections for grades. In aged cows Leask's two roans were clear winners, with Oke's dark roan 3rd. Leask's two-year-olds were 1st and 3rd, with Fried's white in between. The 1st prize one was a grand heifer with a beautiful shoulder and back. Fried, Oke, and Leask was the order in the yearling section. Leask carried off both the red and blue ribbons for heifer calves with daughters of Moneyfuffel Lad, Oke coming 3rd. Sweepstakes for females went to Leask's two-year-old, as at the Industrial the week before.

Jerseys.—The strongest classes in the dairy breeds were found in the Jerseys and Ayrshires. Jerseys were judged by John Davis, Monroe, Mich., who made several sweeping changes in the decisions given at Toronto. Of those who exhibited there, B. H. Bull & Sons, Brampton, were absent, while Robert Davies, Toronto, had only forwarded his grand cow, Crocus Bud, and J. H. Smith & Son, Highfield, had only one yearling bull present. Among the exhibitors who were out were J. O'Brien, Mrs. Lawrence, Geo. Gaferney, and J. Trott, all of London West; P. H. Lawson, Niles-town; L. Laidlaw, Wilton Grove; and J. Kenwood, Woodstock. Following the example of Toronto, herds were judged first, followed by aged cows and the balance of the female sections. We will follow the order of the prize list, however, in describing the class. R. B. Smith repeated his Toronto victory in the aged bull class, followed by J. Kenwood and P. H. Lawson. Hamner's two-year-old bull won in his class, and also won the sweepstakes away from his rivals. J. Trott came in 2nd in the section, and Massey's handsome imported bull had to take 3rd place. W. J. Laidlaw had the winning yearling bull, beating Miller & Sibley's Koswin of St. Lambert, and Prince of Highfield, whose owner is J. H. Smith & Son. The American herd took 1st and 2nd honors for bull calves, as they did at Toronto, with Massey's Birn of Dentonia 3rd. R. Davies' aged cow, Crocus Bud, could not be kept down from 1st place in her section. Fifteen in all faced the judge, who sent 2nd and 3rd honors to Massey for Brilliant of Dentonia and Stella R., the latter of whom was unplaced at Toronto, while the former was placed below another entry of the Coleman herd. Welcome Susette and another entry of Miller & Sibley's were 1st and 2nd in three-year-olds. R. B. Smith got 3rd. Ceres of Prospect did not get a place in the two-year-old section. Massey won 1st with Expatriate of Dentonia, O'Brien came 2nd, and Miller & Sibley's Rose of Glen Rouge 3rd in the two-year-old section. Hamner once more scored, this time with his yearling heifer, who stood above Miller & Sibley's entry and Massey's Tister Dot. Miller & Sibley, Massey, and Laidlaw was the order in heifer calves. Crocus Bud was an outstanding winner for the sweepstakes. Miller & Sibley had no competition in the section for four calves. The herd prize went to the Coleman herd.

Ayrshires.—To J. H. Douglas, M. P. P., Warkworth, was awarded the task of handing out the ribbons in the Ayrshire class. Robert Reford, St. Anne de Bellevue; W. Stewart & Son, Menie; N. Dymont, Clappison's Corners; Kains Bros., Byron; and E. Marsh & Son, Gladstone, were those who had cattle forward.

Only two aged bulls were out, Robt. Davies' Oliver Twist of Barcheskie and Robert Reford's Napoleon of Auchinbrain. They were placed in the order named, a reverse of the order at Toronto. Out of a ring of five two-year-olds Reford's Royal Star of St. Anne's carried 1st, and afterwards the sweepstakes for bulls. Dymont's two-year-old Drummond came 2nd and Stewart's Dainty Lad of Elm Shade 3rd. Stewart's yearling turned down Davies to 2nd place here, Kains being 3rd. Reford won for bull calves under a year, Stewart's two standing next in order. Stewart's Jean Armour came to the top among the aged cows, beating Reford's Lady Sterling 3rd and Robt. Davies' imported cow. White Lady of St. Anne's carried the day in the three-year-old section, beating Stewart's Moss Rose and Dymont's Ruby of Hickory Hill. Lady Ottawa, however, turned the tables on the Reford contingent in the two-year-old class. First and third for calves went to the St. Anne's herd, with May Mitchell, a young thing of Stewart's, 2nd. Stewart's Jean Armour won the sweepstakes for females. Reford secured the red ribbon for the herd and for herd of four calves. The special prize offered by the Canadian Ayrshire Association for the best bull calf under six months old went to Kains Bros., and that given by the Western Fair Association for the best heifer calf of the same age to E. Marsh & Son.

Guernseys.—The only exhibitors of Guernseys were W. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, who showed a full herd and won everything they entered for.

Holsteins.—W. G. Clemons, St. George, and A. & G. Rice, Currie's Crossing, were the only two exhibitors of the black and whites who had brought their herds to the Western Fair. H. Bollert, Cassel, judged and gave good satisfaction. Several reversals of decisions given at Toronto were made. W. G. Clemons got rather the larger proportion of red tickets and diplomas, but Messrs. Rice made a good showing all through. Winnie R. won 1st for the latter for aged cows, with Calamity Jane 3rd and Clemons' Inka's Rose Pieterje DeKol 2nd. Clemons got the sweepstakes both for bulls and females, and also the herd prize.

SHEEP.

The pens were well filled with a grand lot of sheep, most of which had been in evidence the previous week in Toronto, the only exhibitor who figured largely in the prize list and who had not been at that show being John Kelly, Shakespeare, who had a well-fitted lot of Leicesters forward.

Shropshires.—This breed comes first in the prize list order at the Western Fair. Robt. Miller, Brougham, acted in the capacity of judge. John Campbell, Woodville, and D. G. Hamner & Sons, Mt. Vernon, were once more the principal exhibitors. The former, as in Toronto, was strongest in most of the sections, winning, besides other 1st prizes, 1st for flock, 1st for pen of five yearlings, the diploma for rams with his three-year-old Mansell ram, and that for ewes with his two-year-old ewe. Messrs. Hamner