

shown, even those who desired to report upon each ring were obliged to question each exhibitor as to his name, address, the breeding of his animal, etc. There is no particular excuse for conditions like these being allowed to exist. If an agricultural show is going to fulfil its highest mission, it must afford reasonable opportunities for creating and maintaining a public interest in the livestock display. It is only fair, however, to say that cards announcing the name and breeding of each animal, and the address of its owner, were attached to each stall. By the cattle and horse rings, also, the seating accommodation provided is worthy of commendation, and is a step in the right direction.

A judging-ring for swine and sheep should be built, conveniently attached to the pens. At present the judges have to depend on the accommodating dispositions of the onlookers to keep the animals rounded up, and then only an occasional glimpse could be got of them within a reasonable distance. The straw for bedding the pens was piled up in the yard close to the pens, and the animals under judgment were hidden half the time in the pile, thus causing great delay and annoyance to the judges and all concerned. These defects may be easily overcome, and with the spirit of enterprise which predominates in the Directorate of Brandon's Big Fair, there will be, in all probability, little to improve upon next year.

HORSES.

In some classes the horse show at Brandon was quite equal to Winnipeg, and in a few cases the competition was even keener. Robt. Graham, Clarendon, Ont., a judge of the modern school, placed the heavy horses; and J. Hugo Reed, Professor of Veterinary Science, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, told where the ribbons should go among the lighter steppers.

CLYDESDALES made a splendid showing, especially the class for mature stallions, in which there were five entries, any one of which might stand at the head of a good class. Concord, the champion at Winnipeg, and the pride of the Hartney Syndicate, was present, and had no difficulty in landing the first, and also sweepstakes for the best of the breed. For the best horse on the grounds, he also won against all breeds, but had a somewhat closer call than in any other ring. He showed to even better advantage than in the Capital City; his splendid legs, action and quality throughout being too much for his opponents. Second place went to Jerviswood, the winner of third in Winnipeg, a horse combining size and quality in high degree, owned by Dr. Henderson, Carberry. The third-prize winner was found in Sturdy Royal, the winner of first in the three-year-old class at the Chicago International of 1902, now owned by Wm. Wilson, Brandon. He is an animal in which is wrapped up much of the character that is wanted in a typical Clydesdale. His bone is strong, his body well quartered, and his action superb. Prince Delectable, owned by J. B. Thompson, Hamiota, the winner of the red in this class last year, had to be content with fourth place; while Royal Currahan, shown by Geo. Michie, Oak Lake, a fair mover, stood next.

In two-year-old stallions there were three to line up. D. Stephenson, Wawanessa, had Scotland Yet, a young horse of fair quality, by Ellerslie Chief, and was placed first. The second-prize was Wm. Postlethwaite's Pilgrim's Pride, who also occupied the same position at Winnipeg. Third prize went to the entry of Alex. Colquhoun, Douglas, on a fair specimen.

The only yearling was Scotland's Glory, owned by Wm. Pearson, Medicine Hat, the winner of second at Winnipeg.

In female Clydes, the first class to be shown was three-year-olds, of which there were but three entries. D. Stephenson was again successful with Lady Banks, a full sister to the first-prize two-year-old stallion. She is a good, useful kind of mare, that should produce good stock. Bennie Bros.' entry was second; and Kate of Roseland, shown by John Clark, Roseland, was third.

The two-year-old fillies were the best class of Clydesdales at the show, and the winner of the red, Charming May, by Prince Charming, and owned by J. B. Thompson, Hamiota, came near winning the sweepstakes for the best female any age. The second went to Lady Airlie, shown by Wm. Black; and third to Thompson on Lady Ruberta, by Burnbrae. Bennie Bros., Castleview, had the only yearling, and it was awarded first. In brood mares there were again only three entries. Wm. Black, Hayfield, showed Princess Superior, the Winnipeg sweepstakes mare, and won. J. B. Thompson came second with Arctura Macgregor, a well-bodied mare, of strong bone, but scarcely equal to Princess Superior in action. Third place went to Polly Gordon, owned by Peter Douglas, Madford, Man. There was a good showing of ten entries in foals. Wm. Black again captured first with the progeny of Princess Louise, by Persimmon; second went to a foal by Energy, out of Polly Gordon, a big fellow, but excelled by the former in action; and third to Black, on another get of Persimmon. This fine stock horse, owned by the

South Brandon Syndicate, won the diploma ribbon for stallion and three of his get. For mare and two of her progeny, J. B. Thompson had the lucky number; and for best mare, any age, he again added to his list of honors by winning in a strong field with a four-year-old mare in foal, a big, strong animal, with plenty of bone and a well-quartered body.

SHIRE HORSES came out rather stronger than usual at Brandon this year, some very fair types of the breed being on exhibition. In the mature stallion class Geo. E. Brown, Brandon, secured the red on Director; and Geo. Crothers, Virden, second with Judianna. There were four entries in the section for three-year-olds, from which John Stotts' Cloughton Advance easily came triumphant, as well as champion stallion any age. Girtan Emperor, owned by Geo. E. Brown, came second; and the same exhibitor third on Moulton Milner.

In females, the three-year-old fillies were first called. John Stotts' Winnipeg champion being the only entry, she received all the prizes for which she was eligible.

PERCHERON STALLIONS, four years or over, had but a single entry, Archibald, shown by the Brandon Hills Horse Co. In three-year-olds there were two to come forward; King Brilliant, a compactly-built fellow, owned by Vanstone & Rogers, Wawanessa, being first and sweepstakes; and Tampis, the property of R. C. Flock, second. For best stallion and three of his get, Archibald came out with three very fair colts.

HEAVY DRAFT HORSES.—In teams in harness, two very fine teams came into the ring. The one, composed of two brood mares, was owned by J. B. Thompson, Hamiota; the other, a mare and gelding, was owned by John Stott, Brandon. The contest was a close one, but Mr. Thompson's team carried away the red ribbon. For filly or gelding, three years old, there were only two entries, both geldings. The red ribbon was won by D. T. Wilson, Assessippi; John Clark's (Roseland) animal winning the blue. There were four entries in two-year-olds. John Clark's light bay gelding carried away the red ribbon; D. T. Wilson's filly was second; and J. B. Thompson's entry third.

Only one filly entered the ring in the one-year-old section. Her owner was John Bonnar, Forrest. Foals were three in number: John Bonnar getting first; W. G. Hamilton, Brandon, second; and R. D. Leeson, Beresford, third. Brood mares with foal by side brought out four candidates. The result was a red ribbon for Mr. Geo. Mickie, Oak Lake; a blue for John Bonnar; and a third prize for R. D. Leeson. Mare any age, and two of her progeny, was responded to by Mr. A. Colquhoun, Douglas, who carried away the special diploma given in the section.

AGRICULTURAL CLASS.—This class was well represented. Three teams in harness entered in the first event. They were all good movers, and much discussion prevailed around the ring as to the placing. The result was D. F. Wilson took first prize, with a grand pair of geldings; Mr. John Stott, second, with a useful team; Messrs. Hughes & Coy, Brandon, being third. The two following sections for three and two-year-olds were taken by D. T. Wilson, with single entries in each. Four one-year-olds entered the ring. Mr. R. Greaves, Ralphton, carried off the red ribbon; D. T. Wilson won the blue; and the third place was won by W. Porterfield, Brandon. In a special for foal by Persimmon, given by South Brandon Syndicate, W. Black, Hayfield, got first and third, the first foal being a very fine one, out of "Princess Superior"; Geo. Clark, Hayfield, secured the second place. There were six foals forward in that class, and the two chosen ones were fine types, owned by Geo. Clark and Geo. Michie, Oak Lake. Three brood mares entered the ring, Geo. Michie's taking the red, and Charles Spinks, Brandon, and W. Hamilton, Brandon, taking second and third respectively. For the best foal got by any horse sold by Messrs. Galbraith in Manitoba or N.-W. T., there were five entries, James Berry's foal being awarded the handsome silver cup.

GENERAL-PURPOSE HORSES made a fine show. There was, however, one or two disappointments, through the best animals being relegated outside the prize-list, owing to their unsuitability, by reason of too much weight or too stout bone, for the lighter duties expected of general-purpose horses. Five pairs entered the ring to get placed in teams in harness. They were in each case very good teams and individuals. The three places were won by Edward Manley, Basswood; Wm. Elder, Brandon; and James Brooks, Douglas; 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. From two entries in two-year-olds, Aleck MacArthur, Carroll, Man., took the only prize given. In three-year-olds, John Stott and James Douglas were first and second. There were three entries in one-year-olds, the places being taken by J. B. Thompson, T. D. Wilson, and Alex. Rutherford, Griswold, in the order named. The call for foals was responded to with four entries. John Clark, Roseland; J. B. Thompson, Hamiota; and A. H. Knott, Souris, were the winners in their

order. Brood mares, with foals by side, were represented by four entries, out of which the following three were chosen: J. B. Thompson; Jos. Moore, Beresford; and A. H. Knott. For a special donation of fifteen and ten dollars, given by Mr. Johnstone for best foal by Goldflax, John Clark was first and A. H. Knott second.

CARRIAGE AND COACH HORSES when called did not present any unusually interesting rings. In aged stallions, Boston Wilkes, owned by a Souris syndicate, a beautiful Standard-bred horse, very showy and large for his breeding, was first; second going to L. M. McKenzie, on Drab Dour, an animal of French Coach breeding, but somewhat Standard-bred in type. In females, J. E. Hunter, Roseland, had the only three-year-old, and John Stott, Brandon, the only entry in two-year-olds, but they were both well worthy the place they got. There were but two foals to come forward; Jos. Moore, Beresford, and John Clark, Roseland, winning in the order named. In carriage pairs there were two very nice teams to enter the ring. D. A. Reynolds, Carberry, had a pair of chestnuts that were good enough for first, one of which, a typical carriage horse and a fair stepper, was later placed first for single driver. T. Fenwick, Carroll, came second for team, and third in the single class, while C. P. Lewis, Alexander, with a very nice mare, but out of her class, was placed second.

The class for sweepstakes mare followed the single drivers, C. P. Lewis, Alexander, winning. This caused a little dissatisfaction at the ring-side, as P. Payne's (Brandon) mare had been regarded by some as an almost perfect carriage mare. The judge, however, considered her out of her class, and claimed that she should be shown as a roadster, and no doubt he was correct. There is a somewhat prevalent idea, but a mistaken one, that a light horse over sixteen hands high cannot be classed as a roadster. It is the type or conformation, and not the height, that should and always does constitute the basis of classification at high-class light horse shows.

THOROUGHBREDS.—The typical old Thoroughbred stallion, Hard Lines, owned by R. I. M. Power, Carberry, was again to the front this year, winning himself in all classes in which he was shown, and his progeny likewise. C. Tudge, Wapella, had King Lake, and came second in the aged class, and first for stallion bred in Western Canada. W. J. Dunbar, Lumsden, had a nice yearling stallion, and Geo. Foster, from the same district, a three-year-old filly of good promise.

STANDARD-BRED.—Bryson, owned by C. W. Speers, Griswold, again found first place as aged stallion; G. Barrett's Dr. Giff, and Charlie Fawell, owned by Anderson & Co., Indian Head, following in the order named. In yearling stallions, Speers was first, and Jas. Henderson, Brandon, second. In the opinion of many horsemen, this placing might well have been reversed. The Henderson entry was well bred, and showed it. The latter, also, showed a sweet foal, and it won first. For best mare, any age, and for mare and two of her get, the same exhibitor had the real thing, and well deserved the honors so easily won.

ROADSTERS.—As usual, the roadster class was by far the strongest class of light horses at the show. In fact, the ring of three-year-old fillies has had no equal anywhere in this country this year. All together, six were presented for the coveted ribbons, and some good ones had to go away unplaced. Alex. Gamley, Brandon, had a pair, a mare and gelding, by Mitchell Boy. They are both of the type that is desired, and when in motion the strictly road action was not wanting. First and third went to this couple, while R. I. M. Power scored second on a handsome get by Hard Lines. The two-year-olds were nowhere with the preceding class, the correct type being absent in this case. Only second and third prizes were awarded, John McMicken, Carroll, being second, and John Ralston, Rapid City, third.

Three yearlings appeared, and from this ring Power went away with the red; Gamley being second, and A. L. O'Neil, Brandon, third. Five foals were presented to the judge, Wm. Black, Hayfield, having a get of Mitchell Boy that was placed first; Speers being second; and Mat. Hedges, Methuen, third. In brood mares, Speers was first; J. G. Mackenzie, Beresford, second; and Gamley third. The latter also got the diploma for mare and two of her progeny.

The call for roadster pairs brought only three teams, none of which could be classed as strictly first-class road horses in type, although all three were very nice teams. L. McKay, Alexander, Man., was placed first; W. H. Birdsell, Chater, second; and J. S. Gibson, Brandon, third. For single driver, Brown Bros., Portage la Prairie, were to the front with their beautiful Winnipeg winner, and got the red; J. M. Ross, Wawanessa, coming next, with a good type and a fair mover; and C. W. Speers, Griswold, third. One or two other good ones had to go away unplaced.

HACKNEYS. The show of Hackneys was somewhat disappointing, there being only two entries. R. I. M. Power, Carberry, and S. McLean, Franklin, being the contributors.

SADDLE HORSES made a fair showing. For