

ley of Alexander got first with the bull that Clark's senior champion kept down to second place at Winnipeg. Van Horne was second with Spicy Marquis, and Barron third with Nonpareil Prince. A. W. Caswell of Neepawa was fourth and fifth with a couple of entries, one of which has not been exhibited at all before and the other of which Gibson shut out completely at Winnipeg.

When the class for two-year-olds came up the Harding delegation sent its first winner to the top. There were only four in the line-up. Van Horne's Missies Marquis, first in his class at Winnipeg; Barron's Mistletoe Eclipse, and Frank's Spicy McQuat, that stood respectively second and third at the same show, with the English bull Marquis of Marigould, made up a bunch of as good two-year-olds as were ever brought together in a Western Shorthorn ring. The English bull is a deep low-set fellow with lots of size and character, but just the slightest tendency to bareness on top. Missies Marquis, against whom he was pitted for first honors, is a more smoothly turned animal, the equal of the Harding bull in a good many respects, but decidedly weak and quite inferior to him in the head. It was largely on this point that Prof. Rutherford put the English bull up. Barron and Frank's found their places in the line just a step lower than the position they held at Winnipeg.

It was no trouble for Topsman's Duke 7th to keep his place in the senior yearlings. The Brandon ring brought out nothing that could challenge his position. Van Horne's Nonpareil Marquis and Frank's entry dropped into the same places as Gibson assigned to them last week. The junior line-up brought out nothing new and it didn't take long to size them down, with the Van Horne youngster on the flank and Barron's second and third Chadbourne's entry at fourth was completely outclassed.

Senior championship honors lay between G. L. and T. J. Ferguson's three-year-old, winner in his class, and English's two-year-old roan, Marquis of Marigould. This two-year-old of English's is a mighty likely looking specimen of a Shorthorn, one of the kind that "grows on you" the more you see of him. He was first in his class at Calgary and won here from the bull that took the two-year-old honors at Winnipeg. He is a splendidly fleshed animal, with a strikingly stylish appearance either standing or going. It was on these two points that he excelled Ferguson Bros.' entry sufficiently to warrant Prof. Rutherford in awarding him the championship.

For junior champion the competition was confined entirely to Barron's herd, the contestants being Topsman's Duke 7th and the first prize senior calf. As soon as the former got the ribbon he was lined up with the English bull for the championship event. There didn't seem much doubt in the minds of the spectators at least as to how the award should go. The Barron yearling was the favorite all the time, and yet there was about the Harding bull that massiveness and character all through, which combined with a splendidly typical head, and a strong neck made him a Shorthorn proposition that was mighty difficult to turn down. Topsman's Duke 7th, however, seems unbeatable. He is so exceptionally well fleshed and carries it so even and true, along the top, over the ribs and right through to the quarter, that it requires a bull with a whole lot of quality in form, size, appearance, fleshing and everything else a Shorthorn bull ought to have, to shut him out from the honors in almost any show-ring. He won out at Winnipeg pitted against one of the best bulls of the United States. At Brandon he met his only Western Canadian rival and turned the trick again.

The cow classes lined up in much the same order as they did for Gibson's inspection last week at the Industrial. English brought up three from his Harding herd, but didn't get any nearer than fourth. Van Horne's Marchioness 14th was placed first. There was nothing sensational in the heifer or calf classes, unless it was the remarkable number of firsts that fell to the English herd. In the two-year-olds the competition was unusually keen, the honors falling to Van Horne's Scottish Princess. In senior yearlings English won out with Poplar Park Queen, one of the sweetest Shorthorn females at the show.

It was the herds though that made the most difficult proposition on which to give a demon-

stration of the judging art. It's always hard enough to size up collectively the different individuals in each herd and compare them one herd with another, but the problem becomes increasingly difficult, directly as the number of the herds increases and the excellence of each individual in each herd is enhanced. This time there were four entries in the ring. Van Horne brought out two. At the head of his first was the second prize senior yearling; in the ranks were the second prize three-year-old; the third prize aged cow, Spicy Wimple, the famous first prize two-year-old Scottish Princess and the grand champion female Marchioness 14th. At the head of Barron's herd was the grand champion male, the unbeatable Topsman's Duke 7th. The rank and file consisted of the second prize cow, Louise Cicely, the second and third prize two-year-old, Fairview Jubilee Queen, and Myrtle 3rd, and Sunshine, 2nd in senior yearlings. English headed his entry with the senior champion bull, filled in with three cows that stood 4th, 5th and 6th in the aged class and rounded off the bunch with the first prize senior yearling Poplar Park Queen. Van Horne lined out a second herd, each individual of which it was composed being a winner of something in the classes it competed in, one being the first prize junior calf, but this aggregation never got near the money for a minute. The judge gave first to Van Horne's No. 1 herd, second to Barron and third to English. The Carberry bunch with Topsman's Duke 7th on the plank came in for first money with five herds competing in the class for herds under two years. Van Horne was second and Barron's No. 2 herd headed by Topsman's Duke 8th, was third.

The senior championship, also the grand championship events, were won by Van Horne's Marchioness 14th. English got the junior honors with Poplar Park Queen, but failed to wrest the laurel of female supremacy from the East Selkirk matron.

The Massey Harris prize for the best Shorthorn, any age or sex, bred by exhibitor, went to Barron's Louise 3rd, the first prize senior calf at Winnipeg, Topsman's Duke 7th and English's Poplar Park Queen were the other contestants and put up as strong competition as any class that faced the judge in the ring.

The Hereford display was confined to Chapman & Shields of Beresford and J. E. Marples, Deleau. The entry in some sections was not by any means full and the competition in quite a few instances might have been much keener than it was. But the quality of the individual exhibit on the whole was good. Chapman & Shields had the largest display and brought their stuff out in good show order. They captured most of the firsts and all the championship honors. Jas. Bray of Portage did not have his herd down here.

In the Aberdeen-Angus there was even less competition than in Herefords. McGregor and Martin of Rounthwaite made the best exhibit and got a good share of the prize money. F. Woodcock, Chater, had a few individuals competing and got the championship ribbon on his aged bull. Unfortunately, however, the judging of these two last-named classes was rushed through all too quickly. Cattle fudging seems always to cease as an attraction just as soon as the Shorthorn classes are finished. This year to make the detraction more obvious and render the work of judging all the more difficult, a band of Indians were holding a prolonged pow-wow at the ringside. The result of the war-whoops and uproar of the braves was that judging in the ring became impossible and Prof. Rutherford was finally forced to finish his work in the stables.

Dairy cattle were a small exhibit. Mortson of Brandon had one or two Ayrshires entered and got the prizes in what classes he entered without competition. Herriot and Sons, Souris, and A. B. Potter, Montgomery, Sask., had the only Holstein exhibits and divided up the prize money in about the same way as they took what the Monroe Milk Co. left for them in Winnipeg.

In Jerseys and Guernseys, W. V. Edwards, Souris, took as many of the prizes as he had individuals entered for, and had no competition. It was about the same in Red Polls, Clendenning Bros. getting everything.

SHEEP.

The competition in the sheep classes was about the same as at Winnipeg, that is, there weren't enough exhibitors in any section to make the contest half so keen as it ought to be. The Leicesters were the heaviest entry. Alex. Gainley of Griswold had quite an exhibit in this breed and effected some reversals in the decision made by Mr. Jackson at the Industrial. Alex. MacKay of Macdonald had the most typical lot of Leicesters shown, and in the minds of not a few should have got the ribbons in some instances where he was turned down. Mr. McQueen of Brandon, who did the judging, pronounced this entry the best he had ever seen in any sheep exhibit in Western Canada. Unfortunately, however, through a clerical error Mr. MacKay was unable to compete for the money in the pen sections, though Mr. McQueen unreservedly gave his exhibit first place. In the other sheep sections it was generally one entry that got the awards all the time.

SWINE.

Andrew Graham of Pomeroy, placed the awards in the swine classes, and while the stock all through with the exception of W. H. English & Sons' entry, was as nearly the same as that shown in Winnipeg as it could possibly be, there was quite a marked change in the list of winners. Reversals of Mr. Teasdale's placings were particularly noticeable in the Yorkshire sections. Oliver King of Wawanesa, who showed out an extra fine lot of Yorks and Tamworths at Winnipeg and got a pretty fair share of the awards, seemed to get turned down a little oftener than the unprejudiced onlooker could see reason for.

English & Sons had a pretty strong lot of Yorks entered and won everything they got. A few local exhibitors had some stock in, and got some thirds with an occasional fourth.

Berkshires were shown by Edwards & Sons, Jasper, Ferguson Bros., Alex. Porter and Jas. Besset. The later two exhibitors came in pretty strong in a good many sections and more than once their entry took the prize away from Winnipeg winners. In Tamworths, Caswell and King had the competition entirely to themselves. The former got a good share of the first awards, quite a larger proportion than he got in the same competition last week, which only goes to prove that judging after all is only the expression of a man's opinion, and in live stock as in everything else, men's opinions as to the respective merits of individuals or herds, are not all by any means one.

GRAINS, SEEDS AND GRASSES.

Marked improvements were noticeable in this section of the fair and in commenting on the exhibit, Mr. Campbell, who has acted as judge for a good many years, stated that in quantity and quality this year's exhibit was fifty per cent. ahead of the best ever seen here before. The showing of clovers was especially good. The reeve of Ellen brought in a sample of red clover over thirty inches long, from a patch situated on the brow of a hill, with no protection whatever, during the past severe winter. Farmers in the Brandon district seem to be giving more attention than formerly to clovers and the cultivated grasses. There were several distinct exhibits of clovers and timothy, all of exceptional quality and considering the unusual lateness of the season, showing remarkable growth. There was some corn in sheaf exhibited, and while lighter than usual at this time of the year, it promises to be an excellent fodder crop. Corn is coming more to the front all the time for fodder purposes and if the exhibits of this grass at our various fairs is any criterion, it's going to ultimately be our safest and cheapest roughage for winter feeding. Wheat in the sheaf, barley and oats brought out about a dozen exhibits. They made a good display, were well arranged and if there is much crop of the same kind growing, the country stands in small danger of a crop failure.

The grain and seed exhibit made a display worthy of more than passing comment. There were six entries in this section that contained more than twenty varieties of grain. The section for wheat in ten bushel lots brought out six entries, and the five bushel lots had ten exhibitors. There were twenty distinct exhibits for wheat in two bushel bags. Other grains, oats and barley, were largely shown.

DAIRY EXHIBITS.

Large entries, close competition, and an exceptionally fine display of milk products, characterized the dairy exhibit. The section for creamery butter brought out a full entry and the prize went to Carse O. Goowrie of Brandon, the judging being done on the regular butter scoring standards of 45 points for flavor, 25 for grain, 15 for color, 10 for salting and 5 for finish.

The dairy butter sections were all well contested, Mrs. E. M. Gorrel making perhaps the largest individual exhibit, getting first in nearly every class she competed in, and winning the Bank of Commerce sweepstakes medal for the highest scoring dairy butter at the show. O. Gowrie & Co. got the sweepstakes on creamery butter. The other prize winners in creamery manufactured goods were W. B. Gilroy, McGregor and T. E. Gerrard.

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