

ified on the ground of unsoundness. This class of horses is getting farther away from their own foundation type each generation, and each year shows them up a step still nearer the Coach and Thoroughbred sires which their owners employ.

SHIRES.

The class was as small as could be and have competition. This condition does not exactly cover our remarks, however, for, although there were but two stallions, they were excellent representatives of the breed, strong, well-developed animals, well furnished with bone and hair, splendid actors, with the best kind of feet. Phineas Lane with Flagship (imp.) had the best of the argument over Mr. J. R. Robinson's (Manion) Fitzsimmon only by being in better condition. The latter is a horse of excellent type, and one which should receive a very liberal patronage in his section (Lanark Co.).

THE CANADIAN DRAFT

This class was also an exceptionally strong one. We have frequently noted with what interest this class has heretofore been exhibited at Ottawa. Some two or three sections within a radius of 30 or 40 miles have, we believe, more good Canadian drafts than any other district we know of at present. The first call in this class drew forth 4 stallions: Captain Good's Sir Walter, by Little Jock Elliott, and the Marquis, his full brother, a well-finished horse of good type; J. G. Clark's Woodruff Plowboy, a rangy, stylish, bright bay six year-old horse, full of excellent Clyde type; and Andrew Spratt's Prince Albert, by British Pearl, a strong, useful dark brown horse, though lacking the rangy top to come high in the prize honors in the present company. The Russel & District Stock Improving Co. had out Tannahill 2nd, the four-year-old son of Tannahill, a horse with grand underpinnings and excellent quarters and range, with superior finish. The winnings went to Clarke, Russel & District Stock Improving Co., Capt. Good (Sir Walter), and Spratt, in the order named. There were 3 three-year-olds. Wm. Harlin's (Twin Elm) Victor of Goodwood, by Victor Chief, was placed 1st. He is a well-developed horse, with good feet and legs, well haired, and evidently in good hands. Mr. Hogate came 2nd with Roslin Again, by Roslin, a bright bay counterpart of his sire, a sweet type of a horse, that would stand a trifle more size without injury, but just the kind to cross on a rough-boned mare; while the Russel Improving Co. won 3rd with Russel, by Beneven, a smooth, coltish-looking fellow, in fair flesh. The two-year-old call brought out 4 colts of exceptional merit. Mr. Robert Harris, Gatineau Point, had the best of the argument with Prince Patrician, a son of imp. Grandeur, and in him his owner has one of the very best young horses it has been our lot to look over, of good size and type, full of good character and finish. He was the sweepstakes colt last year, and has made steady progress. Graham came 2nd, 3rd and 4th with the Masher, Prince Robert and Lord Minto, in the order specified. Adam Searf, Cummings' Bridge, had out a son of Tofty, the only yearling colt in the class.

The female section of this class brought forth five competitors in the first number call. Mr. Robert Clark, Manotick, Ont., had out a strong competitor, upon which he was placed 4th, her foal coming second. Andrew Spratt's mare won 3rd, while her foal to Prince Albert secured the 1st. Jas. Blake, Huntington, Que., got 2nd on a strong, well-quartered mare with an abundance of good bone and hair and a big, roomy body, while Graham Bros. Corrinne came in for 1st and sweepstakes on a big, well-fitted mare, qualified to win in much stronger company. T. H. Armstrong, Hinburn, Ont., came in 3rd on his foal. For 3-year-olds, Mr. James Tierney, Twin Elm, secured 1st on a right good, upstanding gelding by Tofty; A. M. Stuart, Dalmeny, was placed 2nd with his bay filly, and C. W. Barber, Gatineau Point, got 3rd on a gelding of the right type, though somewhat lacking the flesh of his competitors, but one of the kind the best buyers are seeking and willing to give up a long price for. In 2-year-olds, Capt. Good secured 1st on a well-developed chestnut gelding; Jas. Tierney 2nd on a bay filly that was well classed, and T. H. Armstrong 3rd on a strong, free-acting brown filly, who also had the only yearling out. For stallion with three of his get, Mr. Andrew Spratt won with Prince Albert, two 3-year-olds, and a foal. They were well brought out and uniformly built on their sire's pattern. There were three competitors. Mr. Spratt's won by their uniform type. The sweepstakes stallion call brought out three competitors, the preference going to Robert Harris' Prince Patrician. One team only was brought out, by Adam Searf, and were such as would have stood a strong competition.

THE THOROUGHBREDS.

This class was extremely small. Mr. W. C. Edwards, Rockland, exhibited Slight-o'-Hand and June Day, while Mr. Macquette, Smith's Falls, Ont., had out John Carr, a dark chestnut 6-year-old. Slight-o'-Hand is a good horse in any company, and by far outclassed his competitors this time; and while June Day is immensely popular as a sire, he had to take second in this case, the 3rd going to John Carr. Slight-o'-Hand stood at the head of the winning family. His colts are strong, breezy-looking fellows, and appear to possess that easy, frictionless way of going so essential to race horses and high-class saddle and harness horses. Their underpinning is all that could be desired in high-class horses of their class.

THE STANDARD-BRED CLASS.

With a very few exceptions, was wholly without merit, and in many cases the premiums offered went to the Society or donors for want of competitors, while in other cases prizes were withheld on the ground of unsoundness, a highly commendable act upon the part of the judges—Mr. Andrus, Port Hope; Mr. Carson, Kingston, and Mr. W. E. West, Shelburne, Vt., who directed the awards on all the light classes. Among the worthy ones was Hogate's Pavonia, by Jersey Wilkes, the winner of 1st and sweepstakes at Toronto and London. He is a horse of exceptional finish and quality, possessing a superabundance of intelligence, so strong a feature of the family from which he descends. Mr. Murray's (Toronto) gray stallion, Postmaster, by Pilot Medium (sire of Nina Hann, 204), was also a strong number. He too is a horse of exceptional character and finish, with a right way of going.

HARNESS HORSES.

In the heavy harness section there were some well-brought-out numbers, upon which both time and money had been expended, as this class, with the High-steppers, is chiefly in the hands of professional fitters and educators. They are not lacking in all they might be with such material as falls into their hands, and as they have learned to waste no time on inferior or grossly-bred individuals, we may reasonably look forward to these as being strong features of future Canadian horse exhibits. The Roadster class in many sections was fairly well represented, yet without extreme merit. Many of the best mares are being mated to Thoroughbred sires.

HACKNEYS.

With two exceptions, Beith & Co., Bomanville, had out the Hackneys. Those were Bell Boy, by Courier, who was shown in the stallion class by John Watson, V. S., Howick, Que., and although he had a wonderfully strong competitor in Beith's Squire Rickell, he made a sensational appearance, but had to be contented with second place, as he did in Toronto, the other exception being Graham's 3-year-old Stampede, which was shown without competition. Beiths had out the aged stallion, Squire Rickell; the 3-year-old filly, Cordelia; the two 2-year-olds, Hermia and Cressida, and the yearling, Titania, all of which have proven their ability to win in strong company. They were in good form and well mannered, and made not only a highly creditable appearance for their breed, but furnished a highly-attractive entertainment to a large and appreciative audience.

CATTLE.

SHORTHORNS.

While the entries in this class were not numerous, the quality of the exhibits was of a high order, the elegant imported herd of half a dozen yearlings, headed by the Duthie-bred bull, Joy of Morning, from Mr. Cochran's herd at Hillhurst, Quebec, shown at Toronto, being here. W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, had out their grand three-year-old imported bull, Marquis of Zenda, who won the 1st prize and the male championship of the breed, his strongest rival being Joy of Morning, who was a doughty claimant for the coveted honor. Marquis of Zenda came out with no special fitting, but in fine form, his feet and legs being in the best possible condition—the result of running at pasture with the cows. He is a big, massive bull for his age, weighing in the neighborhood of 2,700 pounds, has an excellent quality of flesh, great depth of foreflank and ribs, and is proving a great sire, his progeny winning 1st prize for herd of four calves under a year, bred and owned by exhibitor. Mr. Cochran's yearling bull, Joy of Morning, won 1st in his class, and headed the 1st-prize herd open to all ages, and also the 1st prize herd under two years old. The Hillhurst yearling heifers won all three prizes in that section, and the beautiful Fancy Lady in this trio won the female championship of the breed. In bull calves, the Edwards-bred Knight Errant, shown by James Leask, Greenbank, was 1st, followed by Goodfellow Bros. Stamford Watt and Edwards' Gen. Hutton, in the order named. In heifer calves the order was as at Toronto, Goodfellow's Golden Pansy finishing the circuit of the three principal Ontario shows with an unbroken record of 1st prizes by the decision of three different benches of judges, which would seem to settle the question of superiority. The roan Edwards calf, Lady Hamilton, by Marquis of Zenda, was 2nd, and another by the same sire 3rd. Goodfellow Bros., Macville, Ont., made an excellent showing, and were awarded 1st prize on the excellent red cow, Sowerby Lass, and 2nd on the roan Salem Stamford; 1st on heifer calf, and 2nd on yearling bull, bull calf, young herd and four calves. John T. Gibson, Denfield, placed the awards in this class, as also in other beef breed classes, and gave entire satisfaction.

HEREFORDS.

were represented by the grand herd of H. D. Smith, Compton, Quebec, to which was awarded all the principal prizes in the class, including the gold medal and diploma for the best herd, and the male and female championship diplomas for the great bull, Mark Hanna, and the imported cow, Chatter-box.

POLLED ANGUS.

were well shown by James Bowman, Guelph, whose grand bull, Kyra's Heir, was again awarded the male championship. The sweepstakes for best female, the best prize and all the 1st prizes he entered for were also placed to Mr. Bowman's credit.

GALLOWAYS.

were creditably shown in nearly all sections of the class by D. McCrae, Guelph, whose cattle came out in good condition and were awarded all the prizes they competed for, including the gold medal and diploma for herd, and sweepstakes for best bull and female.

GRADE CATTLE.

of the beef breeds and fat cattle were well represented by the excellent entries of James Leask, Greenbank, and Goodfellow Bros., who divided the prize list, the bulk of the 1st awards going to Leask.

AYRSHIRES.

were here, as at Toronto and London, the strongest class in respect to numbers, and were probably never better in quality here. The class was judged by W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, who has developed into one of the best judges of dairy cattle in the Dominion, being level-headed, systematic in his work, and up-to-date in his ideas of the best stamp of animal combining constitution, dairy conformation, quality and breed type, his work showing as high a degree of uniformity in classification as can reasonably be expected in the relative placing of the material in competition. The exhibitors here were Wm. Stewart & Son, Menie; W. Watson Ogilvie, Lachine Rapids, and R. R. Ness, Howick, with full herds, and the following with fewer entries, and principally of young things: Reid & Co., Hintonburg; Jos. Yuill & Sons, Carleton Place; J. G. Clark, Ottawa; Wm. Henry, City View; T. G. Holmes, Russell, and R. B. Angus, St. Anne de Bellevue. In the class for aged bulls, Ogilvie's Douglasdale of Dam of Aber found his place at the head, closely followed by Henry's Harcourt of Burnside, one of the very best bulls shown this year, bred by R. Ness & Sons, Howick, and the sire of most of the excellent young things shown by that firm this year, winning a large share of the prizes at Toronto, London and Ottawa. Ness' imported two-year-old, Duke of Clarence of Barcheskie, kept his unbeaten record by winning again 1st in his class and the male championship of the breed, as he did also at Toronto and London this year, and at Ottawa last year. He certainly has a winning way, and he has not had a walkover by any means, having met with very strong competition all the way around, and in no place keener than here: The Don, bred by Mr. Robertson, sired by Matchless, and shown by Mr. Angus, putting up a very flash show in the two-year-old class, and making the owner of the Duke look serious; while the fight for first place in the championship competition with Douglasdale made the judge, as well as the exhibitors, look serious; but style, in addition to his many other good qualities, won the day for the Duke, who holds the belt for another year, but will probably meet a harder field next year. In a great class of 13 yearling bulls, Stewart won 1st, as at Toronto, with Hover-a-Blink, by Dainty Lad, and out of the queenly Jean Armour. He is a royal good young bull of faultless dairy type, and promises to make it hot in the showing for the best of any age next year. Second in this section went to Killyslaven, sired by Glencairn 3rd, and entered by Mr. Reford; and 3rd to Ogilvie's Prince of Whitehill. There were also 13 bull calves over 6 and under 12 months; a grand, good lot, and very difficult to place. First fell to Ogilvie, 2nd to Yuill & Sons, 3rd to Reid & Co. The winning bull calves under 6 months were those of Hunter, Yuill, and Stewart, in the order named.

A great ring of cows in milk faced the judge, and after careful consideration, the order of the placing was 1st to Ogilvie's imp. Edith of Lessnessock, 2nd to Stewart's Lady Ottawa, 3rd to Ness' Minnie of Burnside, who had just calved and put up a fine show of udder, and 4th to Ogilvie. Three-year-old cows were led by Ogilvie's Dandy Lass, followed by another of the same herd for 2nd, and Ness' Gerty of Maple Cliff for 3rd. In a charming class of two-year-old heifers, Stewart led, followed by Yuill, Clark, and Ogilvie. In yearling heifers it was Ness 1st, Ogilvie 2nd, Stewart 3rd. In a strong class of heifer calves under a year the rating was Ogilvie 1st and 2nd, Reid & Co. 3rd, Clark 4th. For calves under 6 months it was Ness 1st, Stewart 2nd, and T. G. Holmes 3rd for a dainty daughter of old Tom Brown, the World's Fair champion, and out of a cow bred by the noted importer and breeder, Tom Brown. The female sweepstakes went to Ogilvie's 1st-prize cow, Edith. The gold medal and diploma for the best herd of 1 bull and 4 females, any age over 1 year, and the silver medal for best bull and 4 females under two years, bred and owned by the exhibitor, were awarded to the same exhibitor, whose record in the showing in this his initial year in the circuit of the three big shows of Central Canada, at Toronto, London, and Ottawa, is one of which he and the capable manager of the herd may well be proud. Another young breeder who is justly entitled to congratulations is R. R. Ness, who, in his first venture in competing at Toronto and London in the strongest class of the shows, has made a splendid record on the prize list, and won the goodwill of all the stockmen by his genial manner and sportsmanlike spirit of pluck and fairness.

JERSEYS.

The principal exhibitors in Jerseys were R. & H. Conroy, Deschenes Mills; B. H. Bull & Son, Bramp-ton; and E. P. Ball, Rock Island, Quebec. The awards were well placed by Capt. Ralph, Markham. In aged bulls, the veteran Albert Easter, fresh and active, though in his teens, shown by Bull & Son, was placed 1st, followed by Conroy's rich and