

pains taken to bedeck them in every possible way, and the cracking of whips each sluggish candidate was stimulated into wobbling his fat hocks and winding his badly placed knees and front feet in the shuffling and flurried way which seems to be accepted as the proper ring in draft horse gait. The Stallion, Pink, who landed the championship here for the second time, is a horse that would scarcely fill the eye of Canadian horsebreeders, weighing, as he does, close to a ton, and mounted on a set of limbs of quality. He is, vastly superior to what is often seen in Percherons, but of a size one would look for in a fair sized Hackney stallion, and with hoof-heads and pasterns differing widely from the kind the drayman wants.

THE CLYDES

The exhibits in Clydesdales were this year rather small, some 65 head in all being out, but they were an aggregation of the very choicest kind, among them the contingent from Graham Bros., of Claremont, Ont. After the strings of loggy and sluggish Percherons and Belgians, it was doubly a pleasure to watch these active, spirited and clean built drafters snap their hocks and flex their knees as they moved with easy, quick, and springy tread at all their gaits, requiring to be restrained rather than stamped by a line of men armed with cracking whips. In the aged stallion class the good horse Royal Baron was an easy winner. The second place was taken by Matchless McGregor, owned by C. E. Clarke, of St. Cloud, Minn. He is a son of Montrose Matchless and Lillie McGregor, a splendid animal that any horseman might be proud to own, and it is no reflection that he was fairly beaten by a horse as good as Graham Bros.' Royal Baron. The three-year-old class brought out three entries, Prince Dauntless, shown by McLaugh Bros., of Janesville, Wis., sire His Excellency, dam Shirlight, a good flashy horse that only got to third place, being beaten by Netherton, the Clarke entry, a good up-standing, smooth-going son of Ganymede and Queen of Quality. The splendid three-year-old Baron Sterling, who lately won the championship of Canada for Graham Bros., came in for first honors in this class. He appeared more sensational than ever, and the spectators began to move down to the end of the ring where the Clydesdales were being shown; and they were not too late to see that among the Clydesdales the hocks were all right, the feet large, the bone broad, flat, clean and strong, and the gait true. Even among a string of flashy horses, Baron Sterling is still a wonderful horse. Of great size, lines of the most beautiful symmetry and elegance from his clean cut head, with its vibrating nostril and flashing eye, to his silk-fringed fetlocks. He is the embodiment of perfection in the draft horse, and as he moved around the ring with easy graceful step the members were very few and very prejudiced that were not prepared to admit the claims of his kind to first place among the draft breeds. In the two-year-old class Graham Bros. were again first with Fairy King, who is coming ahead wonderfully, and with his unsurpassable flashiness is showing promise on both of substance and scale. It would be hard to imagine a better mover than this young son of Baron's Pride. McLaugh Bros. had in three more of the gets of His Excellency, second going to His Royal Highness, one of these, with third to C. E. Clark on a good one by Dundrennan.

In the line up for championship honors, Graham Bros. were the only ones out, and the prize with the championship of America, was Graham Bros.' and Canada's once more, the ribbon being placed on Baron Sterling.

In the three-year mares Canada missed the only first that was competed for, Graham Bros.' Flower of Drayle, second, and to McLaugh Bros. Lady Elegant. The latter mare is very thick and low-set, a thing, at all times liable to preclude quality in the estimation of Americans, while they are while they are good ones, few Canadians would have hesitated long about deciding the case the other way.

Graham Bros. Juliet, by Baron's Pride, took first place in two-year olds, and in the championship class substance again preceded quality, when the three-year-old Lady Elegant got the ribbon.

CANADA'S TRIUMPHS

were also added to by a repetition of previous victories in the Hackney horses, and one of the sensations of the show was the way in which Mr. R. Beth's matchless Saxon won in class and post. Few events of the entire show called forth such enthusiastic applause as the exhibition of this horse's paces as he moved around the ring. To tell the story of the Hackney show, of how the Canadian-bred Saxon and his paternal sister went out and won, would be to repeat the story of St. Louis and other shows. The grand stand applause that once belonged to the trotter and the galloper are fast becoming the Hackney's own, and few can claim more credit for this than Mr. Robert Beth, of Bowmanville, the esteemed and respected proprietor of the Waverley Hackney Stock Farm and Saxon.

Greater than ever in the past was the interest, and keener the competition in the two, four, and six horse teams among the big packing and brewing companies. America had been searched for Percheron and Belgian geldings, and Scotland, as well for Clydesdales, and the kind of geldings in the Morris team would take some beating in a stallion show ring. The teams of Percheron grade geldings shown by Swift, J. Abt, Swartzchild and Schulzberger, with a good dash of Clyde and Shire blood in their veins, were a far superior lot to the Percheron stallions shown by the importing firms, and no expense was spared in the selecting and fitting of these teams to win. Better matched, fitted, harnessed and trained six horse teams were certainly never seen.

A feature of great value and interest at the show was the placing by Prof. Mumford of a stable of cattle so selected and arranged as to illustrate very accurately the market classes and grades. This was the centre of the greatest interest throughout the show, and was especially appreciated by those living at a distance from places affording an opportunity for observing this classification.

The Sheep Exhibit at the International, Chicago

Not in the history of this great show have the sheep breeders from Canada been more prominent, and never has the general quality of the exhibit been so high. The numbers have been greater, but the decrease has been accomplished by the leaving out of the poorer part of the classes, and certainly had the Canadian portion of the sheep show been withdrawn the remainder would have made a very poor showing.

The Shropshire class had many interested spectators watching the placing of the awards, and under the practiced and capable hand of Mr. Beattie, who placed the awards, general satisfaction was given. Some changes were made from the placing at St. Louis. Mr. John Campbell, Mr. J. G. Hamner, Lloyd-Jones Bros., and Mr. R. Gibson carried most of the prizes in both breeding and fat classes to Canada. The aged ram class was a strong one, Mr. Hamner leading with a Canadian bred ram of excellent proportions, carrying perhaps a little too much middle for a sire, but excellent fleece and covering. He was only fourth in Toronto, but although coming from a large season, has improved very much. Mr. Campbell's first-prize ram at Toronto and St. Louis was placed second, although with strong claims for first. Gibson's grand imported ram was almost perfect in form and character, but was turned back on account of defect in fleece, coming third. In shearing rams Campbell was first with the grand champion ram at St. Louis, and Lloyd-Jones Bros. third. In ram lambs Campbell led with a beautiful proportioned lamb in excellent fit that was only fourth in St. Louis, the first prize lamb at the latter place going down to tenth place, Mr. Campbell's lamb afterwards winning the championship in the ram classes. Mr. Hamner had second prize lamb and Lloyd-Jones Bros. third.

In shearing ewes Hamner was first, on a large ewe of excellent type, which was also champion ewe. Campbell second and Gibson third. Campbell had first and third prize ewe lambs and F. W. Harding second, a beautiful lot of lambs being unsold in the ram class. Mr. Beth had first, Hamner second and Harding third.

For 4 lambs, get of one sire, Campbell was again first, with Hamner second and Hutchinson, of Michigan, third.

Shropshire wether classes had Mr. Campbell first, with a grand wether one year old, Wisconsin University second and R. Gibson, Delaware, third. Mr. Gibson went first on wether lamb, with Campbell second and third.

For five wether lambs, Campbell first, Gibson second and Lloyd-Jones Bros. third. Campbell's yearling wether was also champion.

IN SOUTHWESTS

Canada again had a great big share, Telfer Bros., Paris, Ont., and Sir George Drummond, Beaconsfield, Que., being the Canadian exhibitors. In aged rams W. A. McKerrrow, Wisconsin, was first, with a World's Fair winner, Drummond second and third. Shearing rams also had McKerrrow first, with Drummond second and third. Ram lambs, McKerrrow first, Drummond second and third. Shearing ewes, McKerrrow first and second and Drummond third and fourth.

In ewe lambs Drummond was first, McKerrrow second and third. McKerrrow was first for flock, Drummond second. Drummond got first for 4 lambs and championship for the ewe classes. McKerrrow had the champion ram, Drummond had first for shearing wether, Wisconsin University second and third.

Wether lamb, Telfer Bros. first, Drummond second, Wisconsin third. For five wether lambs, Drummond first, Telfer Bros. second, McKerrrow third, and Drummond had champion wether. Canadians did not show in the Oxford class, nor in Hampshire.

IN DORSETS

R. H. Harding had the only exhibit, and made a show worthy of a strong competitor, getting all first prizes.