

If the milking strains are propagated, and the dairy type of cattle encouraged in our showyards, it is possible for a good deal of improvement to be effected, and every effort should be made to introduce dairy and family classes of cattle at the shows, with the stipulation that they are "bred by the exhibitor." If "the man who makes two blades of grass to grow where one grew before is better than the whole race of politicians," then the men who can produce two cows to give as much as three gave before will deserve well of their country.

#### A REQUEST FOR THE JUDGE.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

Persons who have attended European exhibitions will miss at leading Canadian shows the written decision of the judge tacked up behind the animal stall.

## New Brunswick's Provincial Exhibition at Fredericton.

Favored with beautiful weather, the twelfth biennial show under the auspices of the Fredericton Agricultural Society, opened on September 14th, was brought to a conclusion on the 21st, under conditions which must have given considerable satisfaction to its promoters. The executive of the society have always endeavored to put up the very best class of exhibition their resources would permit, and with their increased facilities and large additions to their grounds, the show just closed easily eclipsed all its predecessors. Starting in 1888 as a county show in one small building, and able to offer prizes to the amount of \$500 only, the society to-day finds itself possessed of property valued at almost \$25,000, and able to offer prizes to the extent of \$15,000. Such a condition of things places the Fredericton Exhibition among the big fairs of Canada, and certainly points to enterprise and good management on the part of those responsible. The total number of entries in the various classes was greatly in excess of previous years, though it was a matter for regret that many of the classes failed to fill; and in several cases entire classes were represented by one exhibitor only, so that in scarcely any case was competition very keen. The judges were as follows: Horses, Dr. Standish, of Walkerton, Ont.; beef cattle and sheep, Mr. Duncan Anderson, of Orillia, Ont.; and dairy cattle and pigs, Mr. R. S. Stevenson, of Ancaster, Ont. The classes for pure-bred horses of the various breeds were somewhat disappointing, there not being more than two or three entries in any one class.

Mr. J. W. Dickie, of Gagetown, was the only exhibitor of Hackneys, and he took the first prize for mature stallions and a diploma for stallion and three of his get. In French Coach horses the only entry was one by Mr. J. F. Van Buskirk, of Fredericton, who showed a mare which was one of the recent importations of the New Brunswick Government. German Coach horses likewise only brought out one representative, the property of Mr. H. C. Jewett, of Fredericton.

The class for Clydesdale stallions brought out two competitors only, A. A. Treadwell, of Mauderville, who secured first on a good-topped horse and a fair mover, but not as smooth below as required in the modern Clydesdales; second went to Mr. McArthur, of Sussex. The classes for fillies, two and three years old, likewise only brought out single entries, both of which were a portion of the recent importation of Clydesdale mares by the Government of New Brunswick. These were an exceedingly nice pair of fillies, showing lots of quality, and drew forth some very favorable comment from the judge. Mr. Alex. Murray, of Springhill, took the prize for three-year-olds, and Mr. G. L. Pugh, of Nashwaaksis, that for two-year-olds.

In Percherons, Mr. Jewett, of Fredericton, was the only one represented in the class for aged stallions, and Mr. E. A. Waugh, of Douglas, was the only entrant in that for three-year-olds, and he was awarded the prize for a pretty smart filly.

The only entry in Shires was a stallion belonging to Roper Bros., of Charlottetown.

In the class for Standard-bred horses, registered in the American Trotting Register, there was rather more competition. Fredericton being the headquarters of several well-known local racing men, some very smart animals were shown. However, in this class the local men were up against a three-year-old chestnut horse, belonging to R. M. Webber, of Milltown, N.B., which the judge described as "the most perfect piece of horseflesh he had seen for a long time." Perfect in action, clean-cut, symmetrical, evenly balanced, with a splendid back and loin, unsurpassed quality of bone and hocks, and an ideal set of pasterns, he would serve as an ideal pattern for a stock-judging class. Outside this particular section, however, the honors were pretty evenly divided between Messrs. Phair and Allen, Jewett, and McCoy, of Fredericton; Charles Henry, of Chatham, and T. B. Messenger, of Torbrook Mines, N.S.

Medium and heavy draft horses, carriage and saddle horses and horses in harness did not call for pure-bred stock, and, consequently, the classes devoted to these were much better filled, though the interest in them was mainly of a local character. In the class for roadsters, Judson Burden, of Fredericton, carried off premier honors with a very fine mare, and the same animal was awarded first in the driving class. Messrs. F. B. Edgcombe, H. C. Jewett and Jno. T. G. Halt, of Fredericton, and J. W. Dickie, of Gagetown, also ex-

The tabulated cards used for this purpose are similar to those used in Toronto in judging butter and cheese. All the different points of the animal are taken into consideration by the judge and marked on the card. By this method the stock-breeder could see the weak points as well as the good of his animal. I have spoken to several breeders and most of them admit the advantages of this plan of judging. A noted judge, though, expressed himself as not in favor of the method. He said: "We have all that in the eye and in the touch, also such a plan would take too much time." My reply is that, if a judge has a sure eye and touch, it should be an easy matter for him to mark down in figures the various points of excellence or otherwise of the animal he is judging. His latter argument regarding the time taken does not hold good. For, if a judge wishes to do justice to an animal, he must in any case take time to consider all the points of the animal's make-up. Some judges would probably op-

pose the new method, for it would lay their judgments open to public criticism. ED. MAY. Waterloo Co.

[Note.—While the above suggestion may appear to most people a reasonable one, the fact remains that many of the most competent judges of live-stock have had no experience and have little knowledge of the score-card system, which, indeed, has become discredited in the show-ring and abandoned because of the vagaries and inconsistencies of the rating by so-called experts in many instances where it has been used. The score-card has its place in the class-room where inexperienced youths are being taught the first principles of stock-judging, but practical and prolonged experience in observing and handling the various classes of stock are necessary to qualify a judge, and some of the most competent would shrink from publicly giving reasons or explanation, though confident of the rightness of their decisions.—Ed.]

hibited some smart animals, and they divided the remainder of the first prizes in the class between them.

Mr. F. H. Hatheway was first in the class for saddle horses with a very neat mare; H. C. Jewett being second and third.

In the class for carriage horses, R. M. Webber, of Milltown, was first for stallions to harness, with the same animal of which the judge spoke so highly, as previously mentioned; J. W. Dickie, of Gagetown, being second, and H. C. Jewett third. This was a very good class, and brought out a number of competitors, most of which showed style and some quality.

The class for foals of 1907 was a very good one, the several animals composing it being a credit to any show.

The classes for medium and heavy draft horses brought out some useful teams, which belonged for the most part to local exhibitors, and, consequently, evoked considerable interest; the leading prizes going to Messrs. G. L. Pugh, of Nashwaaksis; Treadwell, of Mauderville; Henry Burnett, F. W. Hatheway and Alexander Murray,

calves, first on three-year-old cow, first, second and third on two-year-old heifers, second on junior heifer, third on calf under one year, and first and second on calves under six months. In bull and three of his get, Snowball put up a fine lot. His good aged bull, along with two fine, straight, smooth yearling heifers, and a sappy senior heifer calf, awarded him first; Starr, second; Archibald, third. For herd of four calves, Archibald brought out three heifer calves of very high quality, headed by the winning junior bull calf, a coming youngster, with back and loin almost perfect—a quartet of under nine-months-old calves as sweet and uniform as one would wish to see. Archibald, 1st; Snowball, second; Starr, third. In the aged herds, Starr's had a fairly easy win. The sweepstakes bull, sweepstakes cow, second-prize cow, along with a couple of breedly useful cows, made a strong herd; although Archibald's three roan two-year-old heifers made a grand trio of typical Shorthorns that were hard to turn down, but the three-year-old was a trifle deficient in heart girth, and not quite as well fleshed on the

back. His herd was headed by the third-prize aged bull, Starr, first; Archibald, second. Starr won the diploma on his three-year-old bull, a smooth, compactly-built, evenly-fleshed, good-quality animal; also diploma for best female any age, on his white four-year-old cow, with a broad, level, straight back, good quarters, and particularly well filled on the crops; a grand spring of fore ribs, with a great depth of flesh evenly put on. She has scale, substance and true Shorthorn character of the most improved type.

All the prizes in Herefords were won by W. W. Black, Amherst. The Whitefaces were brought out in the pink of condition, notwithstanding their recent long journey from Sherbrooke, where they won high honors at the Dominion Fair.

The only herd of Dutch-belted in the Dominion, owned by Sir William Van Horne, were on exhibition. Their artistic markings made them the center of attraction. They were very greatly admired, especially by town and city people.

Sir William Van Horne also exhibited his herd of French-Canadians in the dairy class, which, likewise having no competitors, also carried off all the prizes.

In the other classes for dairy cattle, Ayrshires were shown by the Hampton Stock Farm Co., Ltd.; C. A. Archibald, and McIntyre Bros., who divided the honors pretty evenly amongst them. This class, taken as a whole, was a fairly good one, though some of the animals were somewhat on the light side.

In the class for Jerseys, Walter McMonagle and F. P. Robinson (a local breeder, and one of the Vice-Presidents of the show) had the class to themselves, except in the competition amongst the cows three years old, when, to the surprise of both, they had to accord first honor to the family cow of a local citizen. With this exception, all the first prizes for which there was competition went to Mr. McMonagle.

In the Guernsey class, Mr. McMonagle's representatives had only the herd belonging to Roper Bros., of Charlottetown, to meet, and the prizes were fairly divided between the two.

The Holstein class was a very good one, indeed,



Clipper Chief (imp.) #64220.

First-prize junior yearling Shorthorn bull and junior champion, Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, 1907. Owned and exhibited by Kyle Bros., Ayr, Ont.

of Kingsclear. The teams exhibited by the City of Fredericton fire department, in the class for express and delivery horses shown with waggon, were much admired, and the splendid condition of the horses and the general neatness of the turnout evoked most favorable comment from the judge.

In the cattle classes the entries were very much more numerous than in the horse classes, although in some there was no competition.

In Shorthorns, 51 animals faced the judge, and, altogether, they were about the best specimens of the breed which have been shown in the Maritime Provinces for some years. In nearly every class the competition was keen. Nova Scotia was represented by her best, in Archibald, of Truro, and Starr & Sons, of Port Williams. They were both hard pressed at times by the Snowball herd, of Chatham; while the Messrs. Hatheway and Fleming, of St. John River, captured some of the honors. Starr won first on aged bull, first on bull calf under a year, second and third on bull calves under six months, first and third on cows four years and over, second on three-year-old cows, first on senior heifer calf, and third on junior calf. Snowball got second on aged bull, first on two-year-old bull, second on bull calf under a year, second on aged cows, second on senior yearling, first on junior yearling, first and second on senior calves, and third on junior calves. Archibald secured third on aged bulls, first on bull