## September 8, 1915

Salisbury; H. S. Currie, Castor, and Peter Arkell and Sons, Teeswater, Ont. Taylor took most of the firsts and had grand champion ram, while Arkell showed the champion ewe. Suffolks were shown by J. Bowman, Guelph,

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Ont., and W. R. Stewart, Halk and Hampshires by P. Arkell rk, Alta.. A. B. Campbell, Edmonton; A. 'nd Sons, Brantford, Ont., and A. Taylor, Edmon ton. Campbell had the champion ram and McEwen won all the prizes on fe-males except second on aged ewe, which went to Taylor.

which went to Taylor. The swine exhibit was the best ever seen at Edmonton. There was lots of competition and splendid types to work with. In Berkshires the exhibitors were: Dolson and Son, Norval Station, Ont.; C. W. Weaver, Deloraine, Man.; S. Swift, Viking, Alta.; A. R. Gillies, Clover Bar, Alta.; W. Gilbert, Stony Plain, Alta. Champion boar went to Swift and champion sow to Gilbert. Three full Tamworth herds afforded quite unusual competition. Exhibitors Three full Tamworth herds afforded quite unusual competition. Exhibitors were: S. I. Hambly, Munson, Alta; S. Dolson and Son, Norval Station, Ont., and W. Gilbert, Stony Plain, Alta. Hambly showed the champion boar and Dolson the champion sow. John Maurer, Clive, Alberta, had the misfortune to lose six head of his best females from overheating at Saskatoon, and hence did not figure so strongly in the prize money for Duroc Jerseys as at other shows. The loss is a heavy one, but he has the foundation stock at home from has the foundation stock at home from which these exhibition sows came, so which these exhibition sows came, so that he can replace them by something just as good. Besides Maurer, W. Baileý, Wetaskiwin; O. C. Miller, Strathmore, and H. P. Paris, Maybridge, had strong herds. Miller had both the champion sow and boar. Yorkshires afforded a good show. Exhibitors were: A. D. McDonald and Sons, Napinka, Man.; G. R. Ball, West Salisbury, Alta.; and S. C. Swift, Viking, Alta. McDon-ald had both the champion boar and sow. In Poland Chinas, Wieneke's famous herd obtained practically all famous herd obtained practically all the awards, J. H. Bell, Horse Hills, the awards, J. H. Bell, Horse Hills, Alta., being the only other exhibitor. In Hampshires three herds showed that more attention is being paid to this breed. those exhibiting were: W. J. Hoover and Sons, Bittern Lake, Alta.; I. R. Lindsay, Clover Bar, Alta., and A. J. Ottewell, Clover Bar, Alta.

## PERCHERON FUTURITY AT ED-MONTON

With a view to encourage the pro-duction of high class individuals and also with the object of demonstrating the high quality and suitability of the Percheron horse for the most exacting Percheron horse for the most exacting farm work, the Canadian Percheron Breeders' Association offered in 1913 to hold a futurity contest at the exhibi-tion making the highest grant to be used as prize money in these classes. In that year the first competition of this kind in Canada was held in Winnipeg, and a year subadid showing was presand a very splendid showing was presand a very splendid showing was pres-ent. Last year, 1914, Lethbridge se-cured the futurity, and a line up of the very best of western breeding opened the eyes of formerly sceptical horsemen to the possibilities of the Percheron. No longer is it possible for anyone, no matter how bigoted he may be, to de-clare that -Percherons are fine bodied beasts, but they do not possess clean enough feet, legs and action to stand up to heavy work. Those types have. up to heavy work. Those types have passed, and the Percheron of today, thanks to the efforts of individual breeders as well as the work of breed societies, approaches as closely to the desired type for general heavy work as any other draft breed. General demand requires a horse with plenty of weight to enable him to stand up to his work, with reasonably sound, clean limbs to wear well under heavy work. The line up of Percherons at Edmonton this year showed that these requirements were being very closely bred up to, and the magnificent blacks and greys obtained from the most prejudiced observers the admission, unwilling perhaps, that they are fully worthy of being classed in the front the draft breads of breads front rank of the draft breeds of horses.

The futurity stakes were, of course, the chief attraction. To be eligible for these prizes colts had to be entered previous to February 1, 1915. Over \$1,000 was awarded in these two classes, ten prizes for fillies and ten for stalten prizes for filles and ten for stal-lions. The first prize was \$100 and the lowest \$25. There were eleven stallions and nine fillies shown, all of which were bred and owned by the exhibitors. The judging was very satisfactorily done by J. M. Fletcher, of Elgin, Ill., and exhi-bitors were: Geo. Lane, Gordon, Iron-side and Fares, Bar U Ranch, Pekisko,



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