

The Western Fair Has a Successful Week.

THE Western Fair of 1920 has passed into history, but it will long be remembered for the fine weather enjoyed and the resulting large attendance that kept the turnstiles busily clicking. The show was well patronized by urban and country folk, many of whom missed the Western Fair last year because of the heavy rains which practically brought the exhibition to a close before it was nicely started.

The Western Fair long ago outgrew the present site, but the congestion was slightly relieved this year by the addition of a considerable area west of the cattle barns where the cattle and heavy horses were judged. Another commendable innovation was the production of a catalogue of the live stock entries. This is the first year that this necessary step has been taken to give visitors and the press some assistance in following the judging, identifying prize-winning animals and becoming acquainted with their breeding and owners. Needless to say the grounds and buildings were filled with exhibits, and every available foot of space was utilized. Tractors and farm machinery were much in evidence, and many were the feats performed with throbbing engines. Automobiles, too, were well displayed and upon them was focused many a covetous gaze. To be brief, all the requirements of the farm or city home were attractively exposed and those commodities which lighten one's burdens, and take the rough edges off of life were quite in evidence. The live stock exhibit, as a whole, was indeed creditable. Draft horses, in the breeding classes, were lighter than usual and so were some of the cattle sections, but, on the whole, the agricultural end of the Western Fair was well maintained, in spite of labor shortage and pressing work on the farm at this season of the year. Generally speaking, it has been a favorable year for agriculture in Western Ontario, and the Western Fair this year, assisted by fine weather throughout, gave expression in a tangible manner to the prosperity in that part of the country whose centre it is. Space does not permit of a complete review of what transpired at the Western Fair, but in the following columns we shall attempt to record those facts which are of most vital interest to farmers.

Heavy Horses.

The heavy horse exhibit was not as strong this year as we have seen it on former occasions, yet a very good impression was created. Clydesdales were a trifle weak in the breeding classes, but they were strong right where the breed is strong in this country, namely, in the classes for geldings and fillies sired by registered Clydesdale stallions and shown singly or doubly in harness. Very creditable exhibits were made in these departments and, on the whole, the Clydesdale maintained his good reputation as a show-ring horse, and the getter of draft and agricultural horses. Percherons put up a spectacular show in the aged-stallion class, but the female end of the exhibit was weaker than last year. Some splendid filly classes were in evidence in 1919 which is a good feature. Percheron breeders should bring out their mares and young stuff so the classification will be observed throughout. Shires were absent, but the Lafayette Stock Farm Company of Canada, Ltd., showed Bonnot de Hamal, a splendid Belgian stallion weighing about 2,250. He was clean throughout and moved as nicely as anything shown in the draft horse ring.

Clydesdales.

Clydesdales were not as strong as usual at the Western Fair this year. The showing was made largely by breeders from the farms and studs of Ontario, and when one considers that practically no importations are being made, and that our Clydesdale exhibits are almost purely Canadian products, one cannot be too critical. When the importing business is flourishing there is always a good showing of stallions made. This is the department of the Clydesdale show that reveals some diminution in these times. The Western Fair produced a splendid lot of Clydesdale fillies and geldings in harness, paired and single, and throughout the whole classification splendid teams and harness horses were shown.

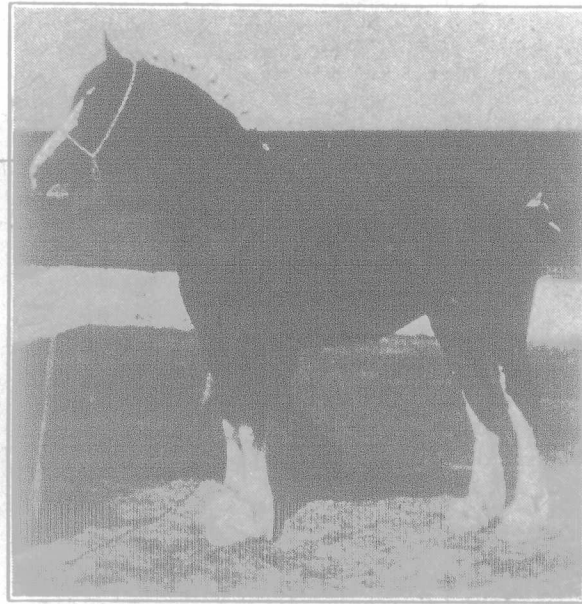
Four horses were forward in the class for aged stallions and the competition for first place was between Carbrook Buchlyvie, shown by Brandon Bros., and General Joffre, exhibited by Albert Bass. The latter horse was in a little better bloom and moved a little more freely. Carbrook Buchlyvie, however, is splendidly turned and possesses good Clydesdale style and quality. He stood better on his ankles than General Joffre, where the latter horse could be faulted a little in comparison. Carbrook Buchlyvie has not been long in Canada, and before leaving Scotland he sired the best gelding showing in Scotland this year, and many other young things which have been well up in the money in the 1920 Scottish shows. General Joffre was placed first, Carbrook Buchlyvie came second, and in third place was Raith Standard, a good, strong, useful horse but not outstanding when compared with the other two. Branton Junior, in fourth, was outclassed, particularly by the first two horses.

Three three-year-olds were led by King Simon, a big, well-grown horse, as was Prince Paramount, which came second. Four two-year-old stallions were forward, with Herminius Stamp in the lead. This horse was of good quality, had good underpinning, and travelled well, but he was quite thin and small for his age. General Miller, which came into second place, was an exceptionally large, well-grown fellow, and a fairly good mover but a trifle plain withal. Victor Herminius was also one

of those well-grown horses with hardly enough Clydesdale style or finish in conformation or movement, and King James, in fourth place, was stylishly topped but not an extra good mover. The finished class looked rather peculiar with a small, thin colt at the top, but in the judge's opinion his quality and promise of making a good horse were sufficient to command the premier placing. Master Baron, a good quality colt, and Sir Herminius were the only two yearlings forward. The former was placed first. General Joffre, the aged stallion winner, was awarded the championship in this and other Clydesdale classes.

Four brood mares, with their foals, made a very good class, Farmer's Belle, shown by W. W. Hogg, being in the lead. She is a big good-quality mare, and a good mover with more class than Lady King which went second. The later mare is showing age but withal went in ahead of Newbigging Beauty on account of quality of underpinning. Jean in fourth place was a trifle thin to show well.

Only two three-year-old fillies were out, but four two-year-olds made a strong class. Here Duff & Son were first with Ida Fleming, a nice thing that won her class at Toronto. Royale's Keepsake was not highly fitted, but she was plenty good enough for second



Hillcrest Queen.

Grand champion Clydesdale mare at the Western Fair for Robt. Duff & Son, Myrtle.

while Lady Haig, in third, was nicely turned, well-grown and splendidly fitted, but she was not quite fine enough in feather or as good at the ground. Four yearlings and four foals completed the single classes. Three splendid Clydesdale teams were out and Batty won with Princess Palatine and Heather Princess. The former mare was then declared champion of the females.

The Clydesdale specials brought out some of the best classes of the heavy-horse exhibit. Seven big, good-quality fillies and geldings, sired by registered Clydesdale stallions, competed in harness, where John McIntosh won first and second with Mack and Knight. These two horses brought together also won the first prize in class for teams with Meadows second. These two classes were, indeed, remarkable boosts for the Clydesdale breed.

General Joffre was champion and grand champion stallion and Batty won the championship in the open classes for females on Princess Palatine. Duff's winning mare in the heavy draft classes, Hillcrest Queen, was champion in her department and defeated Princess Palatine for the grand championship. Baron Favorite was the champion heavy draft stallion.

Wm. Graham, Claremont, Ont., made the awards in the open Clydesdale classes and heavy drafts.

EXHIBITORS.—James Weatherston, Troy; Albert Bass, Oil City; Brandon Bros., Forest; W. J. Trott, Oil City; Thos. McMichael & Son, Seaford; John Sercombs, Thedford, Wm. McAllister & Sons, Zurich; Robt. Duff & Son, Myrtle; W. W. Hogg, Thamesford; W. F. Batty, Brooklin; Thos. Elgie, Chatham; Chas. E. Meadows, Embro; S. J. Miller, Linwood.

AWARDS.—Stallion, aged, (4): 1, Bass, on General Joffre, by Hillhead King; 2, Brandon Bros., on Carbrook Buchlyvie, by Bonnie Buchlyvie; 3, Weatherston, on Raith Standard, by Gallant Stewart; 4, Trott, on Branton Junior, by Branton Surprise. Stallion, three years, (3): 1 and 3, Brandon Bros., on King Simon, by King's Courtier, and Herminius Again, by Herminius; 2, McMichael & Son, on Prince Paramount, by Lord, Ronald. Stallion, two years, (4): 1, Brandon Bros., on Herminius Stamp, by Herminius; 2, McMichael & Son, on General Miller, by Kimpurni; 3, Sercombs, on Victor Herminius, by Herminius; 4, McAllister & Sons, on King James by King Thomas. Stallion, one year, (2): 1, Duff & Son, on Master Baron, by Baron's Stamp; 2, Brandon Bros., on Sir Herminius, by Herminius. Champion stallion: Bass, on General Joffre.

Brood mare, with foal by her side, (4): 1, Hogg, on Farmer's Belle, by Farmer's Counsel; 2, McMichael & Son, on Lady King, by King Thomas; 3, Batty, on Newbigging Beauty, by Atahullpa; 4, McAllister & Sons, on

Jean, by Fashion Plate. Filly, three years, (2): 1, Duff & Son, on Golden Lady May, by Golden Hero Lad; 2, Elgie, on Eva Marcellus. Filly, two years, (4): 1, Duff & Son, on Ida Fleming, by Baron Gartley; 2, Hogg, on Royale's Keepsake, by Denholmhill David; 3, Meadows, on Lady Haig, by Hocksley; 4, Miller, on Victory Bess, by Knight of Elamis. Filly, one year, (4): 1, Batty, on Woodside Sylvia, by Baron Stanley; 2, Hogg, on Denholmhill Maud, by Baron Stamp; 3 and 4, McAllister & Sons, on Maud of Parr, by Commodore and Bonnie Jean, by King Thomas. Foal of 1920, (4): 1, McMichael & Son; 2, Batty; 3, Hogg; 4, McAllister & Sons. Champion mare: Batty, on Princess Palatine.

Percherons.

A remarkable showing of Percheron stallions was made at the Western Fair this year, but the female classes were practically without entries. The Lafayette Stock Farm Company of Canada, Limited, contributed very generously to the stallion classes and made the aged-stallion class one of particular moment. In this section, eight well-groomed and well-dressed horses were forward and the showing was indeed a good one. Jaslo, from the Lafayette Stock Farm Company's stables, went into first place, and was later awarded the championship ribbon. This horse was well-topped and carried his good quality right down to the ground. He was clean of limb and a good mover. One of his stablemates, Diamond, a beautiful black, was a close second. He also was well turned, clean, and a good mover. Hector, another black from the same stables, went into third place, and fourth came Vigoureux shown by Pedden. Vigoureux was good of limb, but he was not so well coupled or as nicely turned as those placed above him. Jayette, a big, firmly-built grey, with plenty of weight but a little less quality in limb, came into fifth place. Three good horses competed in the three-year-old class, where Zique, from the Lafayette Stock Farm Company's stables, was first. There was not as good material to be found in this class as in the aged-stallion class, but a good showing was made. Shantz won a red ribbon on Honest Lad, in the class for two-year-old stallions. This horse was first as a yearling at the Western last year, and is developing into a big, useful horse. Togo, in the yearling class, was alone and won another red ribbon for Shantz. Jaslo won the grand championship over all first-prize winners, and Shantz stood reserve with Honest Lad, the winning two-year-old.

Ratz, of Tavistock, had the only brood mare forward, and won first prize with her in her class as well as the championship ribbon. She has substance, good conformation and the right kind of underpinning. J. White, Brooklin, Ont., judged the Percherons.

EXHIBITORS.—Lafayette Stock Farm Company of Canada, Ltd., London; Archie Pedden, Strathroy; Titus Shantz, Kitchener; Bert C. Ratz, Tavistock; John McMillan, Glanworth.

AWARDS.—Stallion, aged, (8): 1, 2, 3 and 5, Lafayette Stock Farm Company, on Jaslo, Diamond, Hector and Jayette; 4, Pedden, on Vigoureux. Stallion, three years, (3): 1 and 2, Lafayette Stock Farm Company, on Zique and Buster; 3, McMillan, on Shawnee Prospero. Stallion, two years, (2): 1, Shantz, on Honest Lad; 2, Ratz, on Gilbert Good. Stallion, one year, (1): 1, Shantz, on Togo. Champion stallion, Lafayette Stock Farm Company, on Jaslo.

Heavy Drafts.

There was not a great deal of competition in the heavy draft classes where only Clydesdales were forward. Three aged stallions came out and McMichael & Son easily won first with Colonel Bowers, which was champion at the Western Fair last year. He is still a good horse. McLean's Earl of Dee was the only three-year-old but with his good quality and style he could win in strong company if he had a trifle more size, and would move a little freer. One two-year-old and one yearling completed the stallion classes and the yearling, Baron Favorite, was declared champion. The female classes were, likewise rather quiet. Hillcrest Queen which won the three-year-old filly class at both Toronto and London was one of the good things out this season, and won the championship of the heavy draft and open Clydesdale classes. In this department, too, the teams in harness were a strong feature. John McIntosh was first with his two good geldings, Mack and Knight, and Meadows was second.

EXHIBITORS.—Thos. McMichael & Son, Seaford; John A. McIntosh, Ilderton; Hugh McLean, Sarnia; Wm. Semple, Kincardine; Robt. Duff & Son, Myrtle; Wm. McAllister & Sons, Zurich; N. C. Montague, Jarvis; W. F. Batty, Brooklin; Freeman Arsey, Granton; John McIntosh, Embro; Dow & Godbolt, Exeter; Chas. E. Meadows, Embro.

AWARDS.—Stallion, aged, (3): 1 and 2, McMichael & Son, on Colonel Bowers, by Pacific, and Glen Rae, by Great Britain; 3, John A. McIntosh, on King's Court, by Dunmore Link. Stallion, three years, (1): 1, McLean on Earl of Dee, by Earl Dudley. Stallion, two years, (1): 1, Semple, on Silver City by Jake of Fairfield. Stallion, one year, (1): 1, Duff & Son, on Baron Favorite, by Baron's Stamp. Champion stallion: Duff & Son, on Baron Favorite.

Brood mare, with foal by her side, (1): 1, McAllister & Sons, on Maggie of Parr, by King Thomas. Filly or gelding, three years, (2): 1, Duff & Son, on Hillcrest Queen, by Royal Cadet; 2, Montague, on Lady Montague. Filly or gelding, two years, (3): 1, Duff & Son, on Nellie Lind, by Baron's Stamp; 2, Batty, on Heather Princess,