

INTER-PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION AT BRANDON

BRANDON has the right to claim that a new record be chalked up for her in the matter of summer exhibitions. Excellence excelled and the greatest previous attainment distanced; that in a word is the story of the Inter-provincial Exhibition for 1910. In practically every particular that makes an exhibition, this year's exposition stands by itself. Live stock were shown in larger numbers than ever before. Horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry all showed substantial increases in the number of entries. Attendance was good, despite the fact that many of the annual visitors to Brandon come from what is this year the dry belt of the province. A feature of the Brandon exhibition is the hearty co-operation that exists between city and country. The city literally throws its doors open to exhibitors and visitors.

The directors of the Western Arts Association of Manitoba and the energetic secretary and manager of the exhibition, W. I. Smale, deserve credit for the developments wrought in the show during the past year. They have built up an exhibition, which, from the standpoint of the man who wants to see and learn, is not to be excelled in the West—and that after all is the highest quality that can be claimed for an agricultural live-stock and industrial exhibition. There was something for every one of the thousands who thronged the grounds, if they knew enough to take it; and if one may judge by the interest taken in the competitions of various sorts and exhibits, and the noticeable lack of interest being shown in the fair and side-show end of the business, the crowds knew what they were there for, and got it.

Exit Brandon Exhibition, 1910!

Preparations for the show of 1911 on a still grander scale are already under way.

HORSES

Brandon Exhibition can be depended on always to bring out an interesting array of equine excellence. This year's show however, both in draft and light horses, eclipsed all records. It was a horse show of the first order. Entries in heavy horses numbered 443, and in light 173, material increases over last year's average. Clydesdales dominated in the draft classes, with Percherons out strong and steadily increasing in numbers from year to year. A few Shires and a Belgian or two completed the heavy horse turnout.

The unregistered classes evoked much competition and a good deal of interest. It would probably be as well were it possible to eliminate general-purpose classes, not that the animals entering in general-purpose sections are not as worthy of the awards they win as are the animals shown in the agricultural and heavy draft sections, but because the general-purpose horse, while he is a useful and valuable animal on the farm, is not a desirable type to encourage the breeding of. The demand for him is limited, the type being more or less of a misfit.

Judging in draft horses was done by Prof. W. B. Richards and Andrew Graham, Pomeroy. Charles Brothers, Stratford, Ont., officiated in the light classes. On the whole, the judges' work was satisfactory. Here and there instances occurred where changes might have been made in the way the winners lined up, but, take the classes all through, a consistent effort was made to place the awards on animals deserving of the honors.

It might add to the comfort of spectators at the ring if larger seating accommodation could be provided. At no fair in Canada is the judging-of-horses followed as closely as it is at Brandon, and by such throngs of spectators. The present seating accommodation cannot seat anywhere near all who evince by their presence for hours at a time an interest in this department of the exhibition.

CLYDESDALES

It is probable that in some features the Clydesdale display has been larger on previous occasions, but, speaking generally, this year's show was above the average in numbers and up to the best in quality of exhibits. There was a good array of home-bred talent, a particular in which Clydesdale men should take pride. The home-bred stuff, too, was quite up to the mark of excellence set by the imported stock—over it in one or two instances.

The Clydesdales won the sweepstakes champion male and female, competing in each class with the Percheron. It would probably be as well if sweepstakes classes were eliminated, since "battles of the breeds" help no one in particular, and, as a rule, the

judge cannot get over his own personal preference for one particular breed long enough to see the merits of the representatives of such other breeds as may be present.

AGED CLYDESDALE STALLIONS

Exhibitors: W. Elder, Brandon, with Cowden's Prince; J. M. Bruce, Lashburn, Sask., with Royal Blacon and Lord Arnot; Brandon Horse Syndicate, with Cairnhill; P. M. Bredt & Sons, with Trojan; Colquhoun & Beattie, with Polar Star; Vanstone & Rogers, Wawanesa, with Pundit and Acorn. Awards: 1, Elder, on Cowden's Prince; 2, Bredt, on Trojan; 3, Vanstone & Rogers, Pundit; 4, Colquhoun & Beattie, Polar Star; 5, Syndicate, on Cairnhill.

The first prize winner is an Ontario champion, a well put together horse, a nice mover and of general good type. Bredt's, at second, was crowding the winner hard on some points. He travelled well and showed in excellent bloom. Vanstone & Rogers have a good quality stallion in Pundit. He would have shown better with a little more substance. Polar Star stepped out snappily and showed up with lots of size. He could probably have stood further into the money. Cairnhill should not have been shown. He has already the Brandon championship to his credit, and his owners would be wise to let him rest on his ring laurels and the laurels his progeny are winning for him.

Three-Year-Olds.—Awards: 1, Vanstone & Rogers, on Bamboo; 2, W. Hassard, Hamiota, on Fortune's Pride; 3, J. Graham, Carberry, on Marscarille; 4, T. Usher, Carman, on Killearn Chief. The winner is a Medallion colt, of good size and quality. Hassard's is a neat three-year-old, not over large, but attractive and fairly well boned. Graham's is a Sir Simon, and the largest in the ring.

Two-Year-Olds.—Awards: 1, Bredt & Sons, on

while J. M. Bruce, Trotter & Trotter and John Shields, the last two of Brandon, had one each. The awards were: 1, 2 and 4, Van Horne, on Princess Royal; Lady's Pride and Polly Wilson; 3 and 5, Bredt & Sons, on Madrigal and Irene.

The winner here became the mare champion. She is a female of good size and abundance of quality, and is a particularly good mover. Bredt's mare, at fourth, is a splendidly sized animal, and showed out well in this point in the company she was in. His Laborri mare, Irene, at fifth, was probably the heaviest in the bunch, but was not showing as well as she has on previous occasions. A good many spectators, however, expected to see her up a little higher.

Three, the get of one sire.—This class is for registered or unregistered colts, under three years, sired by one stallion and owned by exhibitor. The gets of Show King, Capt. Barclay and Cairnhill, owned respectively by McKirdy Bros., F. McBean, Overon, and the Brandon Horse Syndicate, offered. The award went to Mr. McBean.

Registered Mare Teams.—This competition is open to pure-bred mares, any breed or age. Eight teams were entered, three Percherons and five Clydesdales. Awards: 1, Van Horne; 2, Bredt & Sons; 3, J. B. Jickling; 4, W. J. McCallum.

The first prize winners are a pair of the recent importation of the exhibitor. The fourth prize pair are Percherons, winners in their section in the breed class. They could probably have gone up higher without damage to the line-up.

Championship.—Stallion championship lay between Elder's Cowden's Prince and Bredt's Baron of Edenwold, Gray's and Vanstone & Roger's section winners making up the other eligibles. The aged horse was preferred for the honor, Bredt's standing reserve. The female championship went to Van Horne, on the first prize yield mare, Princess Royal.

CANADIAN-BRED CLYDESDALES

Competition in this class was limited to the Western provinces, but the kind of stuff showing could very well have looked after competition from almost any quarter. A number of sections in this class were not only keenly competed, but brought out individuals that any breeder could feel justly conceited at having reared. The two-year-old stallions were an interesting lot. The exhibitors were: J. Crawford, with Baron Mashier; McKirdy Bros., with Show Prince; P. M. Bredt & Sons, with Baron of Edenwold; Geo. Gray, with Simple Jimmy; Jas. Burnett, with Lochinvar; D. McLean, Frobisher, with Baron McLean, and W. Black, Hayfield, with Lord Dalhousie. Awards: 1, Bredt & Sons; 2, J. Crawford; 3, Geo. Gray; 4, Burnett.

The thick-bodied Baron of Edenwold is a pretty stiff proposition to turn down. He has ample size and carries it easily, and with a due amount of quality. The second prize colt is well footed, clean limbed, attractive, of a trifle less scale. The third prize one is a big one.

Yearlings.—1, Geo. Gray, on Pope; 2, J. B. Jickling, on Trump, by Vigorous; 3, Bredt & Sons, on Middleman, by Medallion.

Mares and Fillies.—Brood mares: 1, W. Guild; 2, Frank Brooks, N. Brandon; 3, A. C. McPhail, Brandon. Two-year-olds: 1, D. McLean, on Lady Chattan, by Baron Chattan; 2, McKirdy Bros., on Show Queen; 3, J. Sutherland, S. Brandon, on Lady Chamberlain, by Chamberlain Joe. Yearlings: 1, J. Burnett, on Lady Morn; 2, Bredt & Sons, on Pirene; 3, D. McLean, on Lady Baron.

PERCHERONS

The Percheron class at Brandon is always an interesting one. In the district of which this city is the center some of the best French horses owned in Western Canada are to be found, and the best of them are generally in the ring. The exhibit this year was stronger on the whole than in 1909. Last year will be remembered as the record year for this breed at the inter-provincial, but with the importation of some extra good material from the South, the raising up of some young stuff and the increase in the showing due to the presence of a strong string from Saskatchewan, brought this year's exhibition to high-water mark so far as Percheron horses are concerned. The mare classes were stronger than usual, and of the quality of the stallions it is sufficient to say that Blondin, champion of the breed at every fair since he has been shown by his present owners,



A QUARTETTE OF TYPICAL LEICESTER EWE LAMBS
At Winnipeg they won the Zenoleum trophy for four best lambs, any breed or sex, bred and owned by exhibitor. They are from A. J. McKay's pens.

Baron of Edenwold; 2, J. Crawford, Chater, on Baron Mashier; 3, W. J. McCallum, Brampton, Ont., on a colt sired by Baron o' Buchlyvie; 4, G. Gray, Crandall, on Simple Jimmy. Other exhibitors were J. Graham and Vanstone & Rogers.

This section furnished the opportunity for comparing home-bred and imported excellence; three were bred in the West and three in Scotland. Bredt's colt, sired by Baron's Gem, was the logical winner. Crawford's Flash Baron colt was easily second, making two Canadian-breds at the top. Third place was well taken by McCallum's well qualified Buchlyvie colt. Fourth went to Gray's Simple Jimmy, a winner in the class for Canadian-bred. Altogether this was an interesting section.

Yearlings.—Awards: 1, Geo. Gray, on Pope; 2, Vanstone & Rogers, on Radial; 3, J. B. Jickling, on Trump.

Fillies.—Three-year-olds.—Awards: 1, Sir Wm. Van Horne, on May Jess; 2 and 3, J. B. Jickling, on Rose O'Brien and Dorothy Young; 4, F. McRae, Brandon. Two-year-olds: 1, Van Horne, on Miss Molly; 2 and 3, Bredt & Sons, on Sultana and Ruby Rose; 4, D. McLean, Frobisher, on Lady Chattan. Other exhibitors were McKirdy Bros., J. Sutherland and Fenley & Hall. Yearlings: 1, J. Burnett, on Lady Morn; 2, Bredt & Sons, on Pirene; 3, J. M. Bruce, on Maggie Lauder. Foal: 1, W. Guild, Kennay; 2, F. Brooks, Brandon; 3, J. McCort, Chater. Brood mares: 1, J. B. Jickling; 2, W. Guild; 3, F. Brooks; 4, J. Doupe, N. Brandon; 5, A. C. McPhail, Brandon.

YIELD MARES

This class produced the sensation of the mare classes. Van Horne introduced a couple of top-notchers. Bredt & Sons had their two winners,