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Our Scottish Letter.

The show of the Highland and Agricultural Society at Glasgow, coming as it did this year in the week following that of the Royal Agricultural Society of England at Park Royal, London, afforded an opportunity in some instances for a remarkable display of independence in judgment, or, perhaps, we should say for difference in taste, especially so far as Shorthorn cattle are concerned. At the Royal the judging was done singly, and both judges, i. e., the judge of males and the judge of females, were gentlemen rather less predisposed in favor of the Cruickshank type than were the two gentlemen who acted in concert on all the classes at the Highland. These were Mr. James Rodger, Keir Mains, Dunblane, and Mr. Richard Stratton, The Duffryn, Newport, Mon. What we have said is, however, scarcely all that could be said. The Royal judges were more or less Booth men; Mr. Rodger is, of course, a Cruickshank man, and Mr. Stratton is an out-and-out advocate of the milking Shorthorn. The upheavals in the prize-list were many. Lord Polworth's first-prize yearling bull at the Royal, "British Renown," was only placed fifth at the later show. The second in the class at the Royal, Mr. Deane Willis' Irish-bred Orphan Chief, was placed first at the Highland, and the third at the Royal, Mr. A. T. Gordon's Fascinator, was placed second at the Highland. After him, as at the Royal, came Mr. George Harrison's white bull, Royal Ensign, a Collynie-bred youngster, so that apart from the first, an out-and-out Booth bull, bred at Warlaby, the Highland judges upheld the Royal form. Their lack of regard for the somewhat coarser Booth type is easily understood, and we scarcely think it need excite much surprise. This was really the only class of bulls in which the remnant of the old fancies in the Shorthorn world could be distinctly traced. The championship of the Shorthorn section went to Mr. Albert J. Marshall's great bull, Roan Conqueror 84519, bred by Messrs. Peterkin, Dunglass, Dingwall. This grand specimen has won many prizes, including championship at the Royal Dublin, and second at the Royal. His successful competitor there, Royal Emblem, was not entered for the Highland, and they did not therefore meet. The Royal first-prize cow, Mr. Deane Willis' White Heather, maintained her class supremacy on her native northern heath, but the judges took an extraordinary fancy to a yearling heifer from Yorkshire, which only got an h. c. ticket at the Royal (although she was first at the Bath and West Show at Nottingham), and actually preferred her for female champion honors before White Heather. One of them also thought her such a marvel that he wanted to give her supreme honors over Roan Conqueror, and a third man had to be called in to decide the tie. Had the other Royal yearling heifers come north the contest would have been interesting. The truth seems to be that this heifer, Mr. Alfred A. Haley's Bright Jewel VI. from Whitewall, Malton, was underrated by the judge at the Royal, but rather overrated by the judge at the Highland, who would have put her before Roan Conqueror, and perhaps also by the judges who preferred her before White Heather.

In the other sections at the Highland there was a noble display of stock. Galloway cattle were well in evidence, and the Royal champion was put second to another grand cow, Knockstocks Jessie 16116, owned by Mr. A. B. Matthews, Newton Stewart, which beats the Castlemilk Royal winner in levelness behind the hooks, although she is not free from criticism in her head and neck. Mr. Matthews has a good knowledge, and exhibits excellent Clydesdales as well as Galloways. Two-year-old Galloway heifers are often rather a strong class at the Highland, but this year it was not so. The second-prize old bull at the Royal was first at the Highland, the Royal first-prize winner not being forward. He is named Defiance 8266, and was declared to be the best bull of the breed at the show.

Ayrshires, as was to be expected at a show in Glasgow, were strongly represented. A noted breeder, Mr. Robert Willson, Manswraes, Bridge of Weir, was winner of champion honors with Harvey VI. of Manswrae; a most admirable specimen, although her formation and "set" of teats came in for some adverse criticism. This cow was only placed sixth at the Royal, but in the case of the Ayrshire a change of this sort does not mean so very much; the "form" in which milk cows appear differing greatly from time to time, and according to their relation to the calving date, and other circumstances. A really fine cow was second in the same class, Heather Blossom, owned by Dr. Charles M. Douglas, M.P., Auchloch, Lesmahagow. The show Ayrshires in Scotland generally are now more of the utilitarian order than they used to be. It is worth noticing that the breed champions of the Galloway, Ayrshire and Highlanders at this show were all females. The Shorthorn just missed being championed in the same way. The Aberdeen-Angus breed was championed by an exceptionally good bull named Jim of Delvin 20691, bred in Ireland, but owned by Mr. James Whyte, Hayston, Glamis. This is a marvellously smooth, level bull. He was second at the Highland a year ago, and has held his own against all comers. The Royal win-

ner was not forward, but the second there, Jeshurun of Ballindalloch, was placed third at the Highland, another Ballindalloch-bred one, named Khartoum, coming in second. The two-year-old bulls were a particularly strong class, and its leader, Mr. Alex. McLaren's Erello 21861, was placed reserve champion. The female champion, i. e., winner of the Ballindalloch cup, was Barton of Glamis 34693, owned by Mr. Wylie Hill, Balthayock, Perth, and got by the high-priced bull, Jipse Baron 13532.

CLYDESDALES are always a formidable exhibit at Glasgow. This is the fourth show of the Highland we have attended in Glasgow, and the question of improvement in stock suggests itself. In 1882 the leading stallions were Macgregor 1487, Fitzlyon 1656, Clan Campbell, and Knight of Snowdon 2212. The leading stallions this year are Mr. W. S. Park's Royal Chattan 11489, Mr. James Kilpatrick's Perpetual Motion 11270, Messrs. Montgomery's unbeaten two-year-old Baron Fyvie 12451, and the same owner's yearling colt by Baron's Pride 9122, the winner at Ayr and Edinburgh. Royal Chattan is a handsome dark-colored horse, with phenomenal action. He was awarded the male championship, and has been hired for season 1906 by the Strathmore Horse-breeding Society, his terms being £4, payable at service, and £5 additional for every mare proving in foal. Perpetual Motion has been purchased by Mr. Bryce, from Assa, N.W.T., along with the first-prize two-year-old filly, Rosadora, which won the Cawdor cup as the best female at the show. It has rarely happened that two first-prize winners at the H. & A. S. Show are purchased for exportation to Canada, and Mr. Bryce merits great praise for investing in such valuable stock. We trust he may land them safely in their new home. Baron Fyvie, like Clan Campbell, which occupied the same position 23 years ago, has been purchased for exportation to the Australian colonies. He goes to New Zealand at something like \$4,000. He is a marvel for symmetry and justness. He stands right on his legs, and moves well. The yearling is also an exceptionally sweet stylish colt.

Substance was the outstanding characteristic of the female exhibits at this show. It was a veritable triumph for Baron's Pride stock. His daughter, Topsy Pride, a grand, big mare, led the brood mare class. She was reserve female champion a year ago. Pyrene, another daughter, and female champion at Edinburgh, led the class for yield mares. The first-prize three-year-old was his granddaughter Lady Madge, got by Balmedie Queen's Guard 10966. She has been sold at a long price to the breeder of the unbeaten horse, Everlasting. The first-prize two-year-old filly, alone among the winners, had no connection with Baron's Pride. Mr. Bryce's purchase, Rosadora, is owned by Mr. Wm. Park, Brunstane, Portobello, and was got by his noted prize horse, Marmion. Her dam was got by McVinnie 9316, a horse which after an honorable career in this country found a home in Canada. He left superior stock here. Rosadora is a very gay filly, with beautiful feet and legs, and very good action. The Cawdor cup, which she won, is the supreme trophy in the Clydesdale world. Its value is \$260. The first and second prize yearling fillies were got by Hiawatha, but the dam of the first was the celebrated prize mare, White Heather, by Baron's Pride. We had a grand display of Clydesdale geldings. The champion, King Harry, a Cumberland horse, is a splendid specimen of the draft horse, having weight, substance and quality.

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The Riby Sale, 1905.

One of the most notable English sales of the present season was that held by Henry Dudding, at Riby Grove, on July 6th. The sale was attended by a very large concourse of breeders, representing the leading herds of Shorthorn cattle in England and South America, and the leading flocks of the Lincoln breed in the same countries. Conspicuous by their absence were buyers from North America. Why these gentlemen have entirely, or almost so, neglected the English shows and sales of the present year, we are at a loss to understand. English breeders read reports in American papers indicating the short supply of sheep in that country, and also the want of more pedigree sheep and cattle, and yet here in England, at the auction sales, where every animal offered is sold to the highest bidder, without reserve, no one from those countries included in the term North America puts in an appearance. However, this is their matter and not ours. Our business now is simply to record the result of one of the most successful sales ever held at Riby, and to place before our readers the true value that breeders in England and South America put upon the Riby Shorthorn and the Riby Lincoln sheep. Every lot offered was sold without reserve, and, consequently, the prices recorded below are those at which the merits of the different animals were assessed by the purchaser.

The cows offered numbered thirteen, and these, with their calves, realized an average price of £45 4s. 0d. Several of the best went to the Argentine. The top-priced cow, Ringdale Victoria, was purchased by Mr. E. N. Casares at 155 gns. for the Argentine; the same buyer also purchased several other of the leading lots. Mr. Gahn, buying for the Argentine, was also a good customer, paying, amongst other good prices, 45 gns. for Riby Jessie 8rd.

The three-year-old heifer, Riby Pictorial, went to Mr. Beatty at 41 gns., the top price of the age. The two-year-old heifers, eleven in number, were most keenly competed for, and they averaged £69 4s. 0d. The top price for this age was Waterloo Princess 32nd, Mr. E. N. Casares being her purchaser; then Augusta 2nd made 110 gns., to go to Scotland to Mr. E. F. Gordon. Mr. George Harrison gave 76 gns. for Riby Jessie 4th; Hyacinth Duchess went to Mr. Gahn at 70 gns., for the Argentine; May Day Mildred 3rd went at 71 gns. to Mr. W. Savage, for the Argentine, and Lord Middleton recured Empress Waterloo 27th, at 57 gns.

Ten yearling heifers were next offered, and £42 2s. 1d. was the average realized. Mr. E. N. Casares secured Bright Moon 2nd, at 100 gns.; Hyacinth Duchess 7th, at 70 gns., and Bridekirk 42nd, at 23 gns.; and the Earl of Manvers gave 40 gns. for Riby Pippin 7th.

The bulls sold at very good prices, the eighteen sold making the highly satisfactory average of £60 0s. 6d. 155 gns. was paid by Mr. E. N. Casares for Royal Emperor Waterloo 10th, and 5 gns. less was paid by Mr. F. J. Steward for Royal Marksman. Then Mr. Gravins gave 115 gns. for Knaption Waterloo 5th, and the remainder of the bulls sold at prices which made the average as stated above, and these, together with the prices realized by the cows, brought up the average to £58 18s. 7d. for the whole sale.

The Lincoln rams at Riby hold a world-wide reputation. Constantly we are hearing of the need of more sires of this breed being wanted for different countries, but from what transpired at the sale, it appears that so far as Riby sheep are concerned there are only two classes of purchasers that can afford money enough to take them, i. e., the home breeder and the Argentine buyer. Thirty-one yearling rams were offered, and the whole of them were eagerly competed for, twenty-six being taken by the Argentine buyers. Despite the opposition of the home breeder, he had, at any rate so far as this sale is concerned, to admit that in most instances the Argentine purse was the longer of the two.



Adjutant (10,487).

Imported Clydesdale Stallion. Owned by Nova Scotia Agricultural College Farm.