

a strong and good class, in which Mr. A. Cross won first and third; Judy, the premier winner, had a grand udder, and was all over a typical milker. She won first at Ayr last year, and here takes the president's medal as best Ayrshire in the show. The third-prize cow is a beautiful cow, but she has never been shown before. Mr. Lister filled the second place with a grand dairy cow, Annie Laurie. In uncalved cows Mr. L. Pilkington stood first with Yellow Bess of Castle Hill; Mr. A. Cross was second and third with a pair of grand and typical cows of very great merit. The two-year-old heifers were headed by Mr. H. Drummond's May Queen, Sir M. J. Stewart being a very good second. Yearling heifers found Mr. McKinlay's Princess May first, with Mr. R. Montgomerie second, and Sir M. J. Stewart third.

HORSES.

Clydesdale horses were not so strong in point of numbers as we have seen them in past years, nor were there so many cracks present, but the section was, as a whole, one of very great and good quality, merit, type, and character.

The champion awards were as follows: Best Clydesdale stallion, A. & W. Montgomery, King of the Roses, who also was declared to be the best agricultural stallion in the yard. Best Clydesdale mare or filly, Montgrave Maud, Mr. J. Gilmour. Stallions over three years, a very strong class of fourteen entries, in which Messrs. Montgomery's King of the Roses went to premier position, with Mr. W. S. Parke's Prince of Erskine second, and L. Pilkington third, for Prince Sturdy. Three-year-old stallions were a large class, Messrs. Montgomery again taking the lead with Prince Shapely, who won first at Leicester Royal; Mr. T. Kennedy being second with Prince Alick, a very useful but not large colt; whilst in the third place we found Mr. W. Curr's Knight of Cowal, that won all along the line last year. Two-year-old colts were a capital lot, in which a very close contest came about between Mr. J. Marr's King's Knight and Messrs. Montgomery's Primate, first at Leicester Royal this year; so close, indeed, that an umpire was called in, whose decision was in the above order, Mr. W. H. Lumsden being third. Yearling colts were again headed by Messrs. Montgomery's McRaith; Mr. G. Alston being second with Gartley Prince, and Messrs. Montgomery third with their Baron's Pride colt. The female section was of first-class quality. In the brood mare class Mr. T. Smith went to the fore with Belle of Fashion, the Marquess of Londonderry being a grand second with

High Tide, who stood second at the Leicester Royal.

Yield mares were not numerous, but were good. Sir R. D. Montcrieffe was, first with May Fly, a capital mare purchased at Eden Grove sale this spring; Mr. R. Sinclair Scott's Irne made a very close second, and Mr. D. Mitchell's Princess Alexandra was third, all three grand mares.

A large and good class of three-year-old fillies faced the judges, the winners being: First to Mr. M. Marshall; second to Mr. W. Black; and third to Mr. T. Smith.

Two-year-olds were a very strong class, and one of the best of the section, Mr. W. H. Lumsden being rightly placed first, for Queen Mab; Lord Londonderry's Kite, a well-known filly, being a very close second; and Messrs. G. & J. Cocker's Lady Alice third—a grand trio of fillies. In yearling fillies the winning owners were Messrs. W. Clark, J. Gray, and Lord Polwarth, who were first, second, and third respectively.

Light horse section was fully an average.

SHEEP.

The Blackfaces furnished a capital entry of excellent and typical sheep, Mr. J. Archibald taking the premier honors, winning both championships offered respectively for best top and best pen of this variety; in aged rams he also won first and second, and Messrs. Cadgow third. The shearling ram class, with eighteen entries, was a capital one all through, Mr. C. Howertson making a clean sweep of the prizes, taking first, second, third, etc., for five grand sheep of the greatest merit. Ewes and lambs, a useful class, Messrs. J. Crady, J. R. Dempster, and J. Macfarlane being the winners; Mr. D. G. Martin winning for shearling ewes.

Cheviots.—These grand sheep came out well, and were of the greatest merit, entries being numerous and of excellent type and character. Messrs. John Elliott, John Robson, Jacob Robson, and J. A. Johnson were the principal winners.

Border Leicesters were, of course, well and largely shown, the whole section being of very high merit, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Lord Rosebery, the Duke of Buccleuch, G. Pece, J. D. Fletcher, R. Wallace, etc., being the more prominent exhibitors. The breed championship went to the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour.

Shropshires were well shown, Messrs. D. Buttar, R. P. Cooper, and Lord Strathmore sharing the honors between them.