

Aged stallions had thirteen entries, which made up the strongest class of draft stallions ever seen in an American show-ring. After deliberating for half an hour, seven horses were sent out of the ring, and the competition narrowed down to Graham Bros., Smith & Richardson, and Robt. Ness. Finally Graham Bros.' Royal Baron, the newly-imported Baron's Pride horse, went first, followed by his stable companion, King's Crest, a horse of much finer bone and more quality, but hardly as good a mover; both have capital feet and plenty of substance. Baron Gartly (imp.), by Casabianca, one of Smith & Richardson's new ones, was placed third. Here is one of the very best horses this firm has ever imported; feet large and strong, bone hard, fine and sufficient, and a regular model of a body, round, short and well coupled. He is easily the kingpin of the Columbus stables. The horse winning fourth prize was Robt. Ness' The Rejected, by Ethiopia, a horse that might stand just a little more filling in the middle, but of course the horse that remained within the money in this ring could not afford to lack much in any particular.

The three-year-olds showed considerably more variation in type and quality than did the seniors. In this class the champion of the breed was discovered in Baron Sterling, Graham Bros.' Baron's Pride colt, that was imported this season to win his class at Toronto, and at St. Louis if he had been taken there. This horse was recently described in our Gossip columns, and needs no further comment, except that, as compared with last year's champion, Cairnhill, he has more substance, is a little shorter in the leg, and shows more draft character. It was in the placing of the next horse that the judges were most severely criticised. Yester, a Baron's Pride colt, belonging to Graham Bros., second in his class at the Spring Stallion Show, was placed second; Wigtown Life Guard, by Labori, recently imported by Dalgety Bros., third, and Royal Dean, Smith & Richardson's colt, fourth. Yester, although a corking good colt, with lots of Baron's Pride quality, is just a little lacking in range, following too much the pony type, while the two below him are more of the type of the winner, the popular kind, and showed sufficient quality to stand above Yester. There is much to be admired in the Dalgety colt, for besides his good feet, fine quality of bone, he has a strong, well-knit body, and good action. The Columbus colt follows much the same type, and is a valuable acquisition to the breed in Canada. There were twelve altogether in the section.

Eight entries made up the display of two-year-olds. This time the first honors went to Smith & Richardson, on Imp. Carlist, by Sir Everest, a stylish colt all over, with plenty of substance and quality, a great back and top, and a fair mover. Next came Graham Bros.' Fairy King, another Baron's Pride, of good size and Clyde character, but a little plain over the rump. R. Ness & Sons had the third-prize colt, in Adam Bede, another Baron's Pride, a little smaller than those above him, but not wanting in quality and the other characteristics that go to make a good Clydesdale.

The yearling class had five in the ring, Graham Bros. again winning on Baron Bertram, by Baron's Pride, with the usual good quality; Smith & Richardson getting second with Prince Druid, a colt somewhat smaller; and Andrew Aitchison third, with Charming's Pride.

Females.—There were several imported fillies shown in the female sections, the importation of Graham Bros. last June being responsible for several of them. A new one lately brought out by this firm carried the red in the three-year-old filly class. She was sired by King of the Roses, and is a very big and drafty mare, a little plain about the head, but strong in the body and heavy in the quarters. A. Aitchison's Royal Princess, a much smaller and finer mare, came second, and a

drafty, broody-looking filly, Madge of Hallcroft, shown by Smith & Richardson, took third.

The winner of first in the two-year-olds was Hodgkinson & Tisdale's Helen MacQueen, a big, drafty filly, that moved up with lots of snap. In the final contest she crowded the three-year-old hard for female championship, but the referee decided in favor of the Claremont mare, largely on account of her superior quality. Graham Bros. had a good quality filly, much smaller than Helen MacQueen, in second place, while third honors went to Hodgkinson & Tisdale's imported Dona Roma, for which they paid \$700, at Graham's June sale.

Three entries made up the yearling filly section, which was headed by Cairnbrogie Jewel, J. I. David-

The grand championship was then awarded to the Graham mare.

SHIRES.—Shires were by no means strong numerically at this year's show, and were it not for the fact that J. B. Hogate had picked up some top numbers recently in England, the display would have been much weaker. The awards were made by Mr. Robt. Ness, of Howick, Que., whose advocacy of quality as the prime consideration in draft horses is well known. This partiality of Mr. Ness for quality accounted in more than one class for the placing.

Aged stallions had but the one entry, Morris & Wellington's Mars, a horse that is proving a capital stock-getter in his district.

Three-year-olds had four out, the Spring Stallion

Show champion, Sand Boy, again heading his class. This horse has kept himself wonderfully well through a heavy season, and can stand a lot of competition. His quality is almost equal to that of the best Clydesdales, while for strength of bone and massiveness of body he has few equals. Next to him came Morris & Wellington's Baron Albert, a horse of good bone, and a good goer, but rather lighter and narrower in body than the horses that stood on either side of him. The third horse was J. B. Hogate's Nateby Pioneer, the horse with one of the best tops in Canada to-day. If one can overlook a little deficiency about the hocks, this fellow would measure up near perfection. Many would have put him in second place, and it is only because the class was exceptionally strong that he did not lead. A stable mate, Nateby Twilight, got fourth.

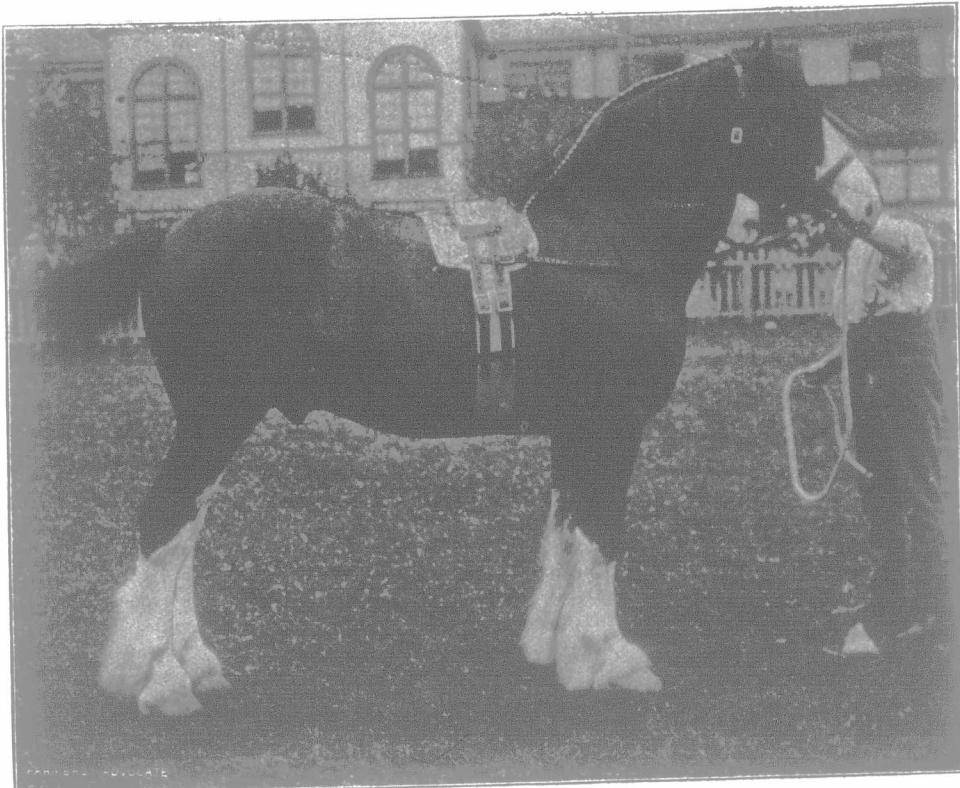
All the money went to Hogate on two-year-olds, the winning trio being from his recent importation. The first in this class, Nateby Defender, is an exceptionally fine-quality fellow, and also has the Shire massiveness, heavy muscling and close coupling. The other two also make friends at sight, and by their uniform type, strength, size and draft character, did much to popularize the breed.

The male championship was practically a fight between Sand Boy and Nateby Defender, the older horse finally winning, largely because he is matured, while the two-year-old has not yet reached a fixed form.

The females were even fewer in numbers than the males, not more than two coming out in any section.

Morris & Wellington started the winning with Lancashire Lass, whose equally good quality and greater substance put her over J. M. Gardhouse's Lady Darnley.

No two-year-olds came out, and only one, Lady Luetta, put in an appearance in the yearling section. This is a filly bred by Morris & Wellington, now owned



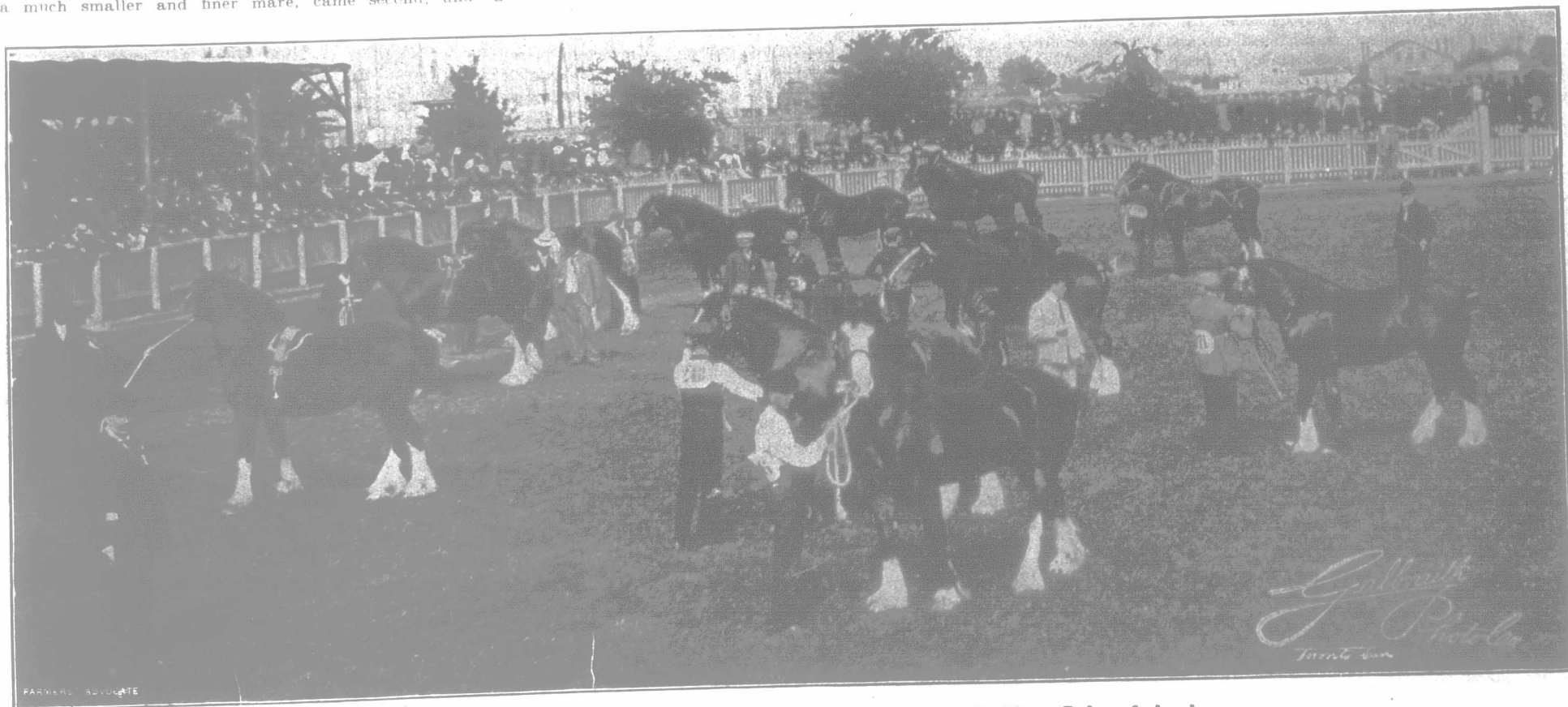
Baron Sterling.

Champion Clydesdale stallion at the National, 1904. Owned by Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont.

son's top-notch mare, sired by MacQueen. This filly is one of a large number kept at the Balsam barns, and is a typical modern Clydesdale female. The Davidsons took a contingent of their fillies to the West, to exhibit at the big fairs, after which they were sold, still they were able to bring a long string of good ones to Toronto. Queen of Maple Grove, from Smith & Richardson's stable, a good mover, of the proper type, got second; third going to A. Aitchison.

For the brood mare prize, J. I. Davidson showed Fair Nellie 2nd, a nice, smooth, good-going mare, with plenty of bone and nice quality, and won first. Flora Hilton, from the Beaverton string, a rather flashy goer, of good type, got second, and her stable companion, Royal Princess, a mare with a little less quality, third. Flora Hilton's colt foal won his class, with Fair Nellie 2nd's filly foal second.

There were two female sweepstakes to be competed for, one for imported stuff, which was won by Graham Bros.' three-year-old, Flower of Dryfe, and one for Canadian-bred fillies, which went to Helen MacQueen.



In the Horse Ring at the National, 1904—Aged Clydesdale Stallions Being Judged.