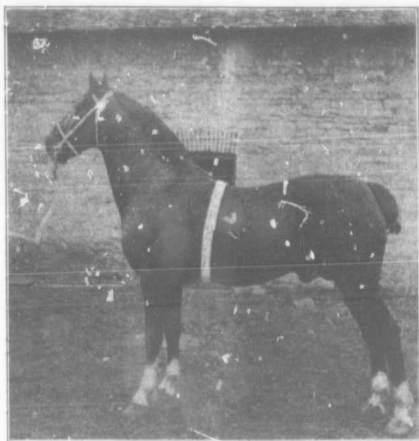




The Hackney Stallion Aristocrat, imported by O. Sorby, Guelph, owned by Allan Cameron, Owen Sound, recently a winner in Great Britain, and once first and reserve champion at London Hackney show.

(By courtesy of the Rider and Driver, New York.)

Toronto Horse Show

The week of the 12th annual Canadian Horse show, held at the Armouries, Toronto, April 25-28, came in with exceptional weather, and a very large string of entries at the show, together with the presence of royalty in the person of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, gave every promise of this year's event far surpassing any previous record. That this was hardly realized in point of attendance at least, is to be regretted, though the show was an exceptionally good one in the quality of the exhibits. Most of the leading horse fanciers of Ontario were either represented in the ring or were present personally as spectators. The leading sale stables had out good strings, and together with the amateurs, filled the harness classes and saddle class, while the breeding classes were also strong, particularly in the Hackney and Standard Breds. A feature of last year's event, which was missing, was the musical ride, which was eagerly looked forward to by many. Talking all things together, the program of the show was carried smoothly through, though some dissatisfaction on the part of exhibitors in the matter of awards was evident from time to time. Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining a judge for the Hackney class. Mr. Alex. Galbraith, of Janesville, had been announced as the judge, but finding it impossible to attend, Mr. Bloodgood, of New York, was appointed to fill his place. The latter gentleman also failed to make good, and Mr. L. Strother, of Toronto, officiated, and his work in that capacity, while probably conscientious, was regarded by many exhibitors and visitors as doubtful in point of efficiency.

There was a long and strong string of the

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to the front. Mr. R. Beith, of Bowmanville, had a long string of entries,

including his New York winners, and the aged stallion class were lined up nine good ones, in the bloom which sits so well on the popular Hackney style and conformation. In this class nearly all the horses shown were of a nice medium size, smoothly turned and typical, and as they showed their paces around the ring, they made a pretty sight. Conspicuous for extreme action in this class was Mr. R. Beith's black chestnut four-year-old, On Guard; Mr. O. Sorby's nice, smooth bay, Warwick Model; Mr. J. Spencey's chestnut five-year-old, Rosary, and Mr. Beith's large well turned bay six-year-old, Hummaby Duke. Mr. J. B. Hogate, of Weston, Ont., had out a very nice, smooth and handsome horse in Samuel Stiles, a light chestnut four-year-old, sired by Blanch Squire. He is good all over, with the right kind of forehead, and shows occasional spurts of splendid action. The firm of Smith & Richardson were also to the front with their maiden effort in the Hackney line, a smooth, pleasing four-year-old, Duke of Connaught. All the Hackneys in this class except the three were gets of the two great English sires Rosador and Garton, Duke of Connaught. After some deliberation first place was awarded to Mr. Spencey's Rosary, the stallion that was champion for Messrs. Graham Bros. at the Industrial last fall. Rosary is a horse of medium size, chestnut, with white markings, standing on the best of legs and feet, of grand quality, a high goer, with smooth frictionless action and good style. He was brought out in the past of horses, and well shown off by his driver, Mr. T. Graham, of Weston, Ont. He is sired by that great sire of good ones, Rosador. Second in order came Mr. Beith's unmanly Duke, a horse of good size and a good mover, sired by Garton, Duke of Connaught. Mr. Sorby's Warwick Model came next, a quite

typical horse and sensational mover, with J. B. Hogate's Samuel Stiles for fourth. Mr. Beith's On Guard had looked like a winner in this class, but received disqualification at the hands of the official veterinarian, a decision with which several prominent veterinarians and horsemen, together with Mr. Beith himself, emphatically disagree.

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In the three-year-old class only two representatives were to the front, both being from the Waverley stables. These were Cedar Go Bang (imp.), 273, the fine trappy chestnut shown by Mr. Beith last fall and a winner at the New York Horse Show. He is a horse of medium size, just the right thing in Hackneys, nicely marked with white, smooth and even all over, with good manners, fine style and high true action. Netherhall, a dark chestnut of somewhat lighter build, with great style, grand quality and fine action, sired by Norbury Lightning, made a close second. They are both of very smooth conformation, typical all over, full of vim and snap, and were exceptionally well brought out. The class for best Hackney mare, any age, was one of the best that has been brought out in any of our show rings. There were nine entries, among them the champion mares, Priscilla, winner at St. Louis, Toronto and Chicago a year ago, and Miss Baker, so long the queen, not only of the Sorby stables, but of Canada as well. These had good company in Mr. Beith's brown mare Balcary, sired by Norbury Lightning, his chestnut two-year-old Lonesborough Lady, and Lady Yapham. An interesting pair of Canadian-breds were shown by H. N. Crossley, in Queen of the Party, a large, rangy and stylish chestnut roan of strong and clean build, sired by Rosseau Performer, and a mare that with a little handling should show lots of action, and the yearling Miss Saxon, a nicely turned red roan, sired by the champion Saxon. The class was a strong one, and the audience were treated to something exceptional as the best ones showed their paces and style. Miss Baker, now past her prime, being now 17 years of age, came out in great bloom, all things considered, and showed in her old style, and she had a worthy competitor in the brown three-year-old Balcary, shown by Mr. Beith. Together they made a magnificent pair. Their fine conformation, grand action and style was a revelation to many of the spectators. The placing of Miss Baker first was hardly warranted, as she shows her age some, while the brown filly from the Waverley stables is a fair match when at her best.

Owing to his dissatisfaction with his treatment at the judge's hands, Mr. Beith withdrew from all further classes, so that the championship went unquestioned to Rosary in the stallions and was awarded in the mares to the Canadian-bred Royal Millie, a nice, smooth amped good chestnut, owned by C. D. Woolley, Port Ryse, Ont.

In the

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the entries were not numerous nor very sensational. Dr. Rutherford, V.S., of Ottawa, officiated as judge, and in the aged stallion class the Red Davies stallion, Orme Shore, won first. In the three-year-olds a good son of Dalmoor, Rigolo, shown by A. W. MacKenzie, Toronto, won first, with King Haver, shown by G. C. Scriven, Toronto, second. The best suited to sire saddle horses and