

his farms, and with the growing infirmities of age, Mr. Fisher resolved to give up farming and stock breeding. He had a splendid sale, under Mr. Thornton's guidance, there being a very large attendance from all quarters. His 50 head made an average of \$45 15s. 2d. each, a good many of the animals sold being calves. At a joint sale, held in Cumberland 23 Shorthorn bulls made an average price of \$31 10s. 1d. apiece, and at other sales conducted by Mr. Thornton large numbers were making good prices. In one case 59 head made \$21 18s. 6d.; 77 head made \$23 5s. 9d.; and 87 head made \$26 2d. The principal series of A.A. sales begins ten days hence. One sale was held in Sussex a few weeks ago, when 47 head made \$24 17s. Considering its distance from the home of the breed, this must be regarded as a very satisfactory result. The best trade has been found in the Hackney world. Numerous sales have been held both in England and Scotland, and in some cases extraordinary prices have been made. At Sir Walter Gilbey's sale 56 head made an average of \$94 13s. 9d., and at other sales averages for large numbers of \$57 8s. 10d. and \$43 3s. 2d. have been recorded. The highest individual prices were made at the dispersion of Lord Londesborough's Hackneys in Yorkshire. The celebrated double champion mare Ophelia was sold for \$809 15s.; her son, the beautiful horse Polonius, made the same money; her daughter, Miss Terry, a two-year-old filly, made \$430 10s., and altogether Ophelia, her daughter and three sons realized \$2,121, a figure probably without a parallel in the history of Hackneys. Other very high prices were made at this sale. Lady Steen, a daughter of Ganymede, made \$315. Vanity, a ten-year-old brood mare, made \$498 10s.; her daughter, Conceit, a two-year-old filly, by Polonius, came to Scotland at \$472 10s.; and Creeping Kate, another noted mare, also came to Scotland, her price being \$190 10s. A very important Hackney sale took place in Scotland ten days ago, when Mr. James McMeeken's noted Carnbooth stud was dispersed. The highest price recorded was 210 gu. for the great horse Prince Clam, one of the best bred Hackneys in existence. The average for 44 pedigree Hackneys, including 9 foals, was \$51 11s. 10d. The foals were particularly pleasing, and nine of them made an average of \$36 15s. A considerable number of Clydesdale horses have this season been exported, and a large number of horses are under hire for 1899, but so far only one sale by auction has taken place. This was at Kippendavie, when the surplus stock of Colonel Stirling's farm, to the number of 30 animals, were disposed of. The highest price was 111 gu., or \$116 11s., realized for the beautiful three-year-old filly Doreen. The average of 30 animals was \$48 16s. 2d. A very good yearling colt, named Field Marshal, was taken out at \$89 5s. for Mr. McFarlane, Clinton, Ont.

Satisfactory as have been the prices realized for pedigree cattle and horses, they are not in it with the figures which have been paid for rams during the past fortnight. The ball was set rolling at Mr. Buttar's sale of Shropshire rams in Forfarshire. The Corston flock, as it is called, has rapidly been coming to the front, and at the Royal, Birmingham, in June, Mr. Buttar not only secured the breed championship for the best ram, but also first prize for the best group of five shearlings. Mr. Buttar's sale of rams was therefore looked forward to with great interest, and at the annual sale, which took place on 29th August, there was a very large attendance, and record prices were made. The Royal champion ram was first offered, and starting at 50 gu., he was keenly competed for until the hammer fell at 310 gu., or \$325 10s., his buyer being Mr. R. P. Cooper, Shenstone. Another ram made 110 gu., and many were sold at double figures. The average price of 60 rams catalogued was \$18 15s., an advance of about £5 per head on last year's average. The breeders of Blackface rams had a somewhat disappointing sale at the beginning of the season, but at Lanark and Perth high prices were recorded. Mr. Howatson, of Glenbuck, got \$200 for a shearling ram at Lanark, and Messrs. R. & J. Cadzow got \$165 for another on the same day. The latter firm got \$78 apiece of an average for five, and at Lanark for 21 sheep they made an average of \$30 18s. 1d. Mr. Howatson got an average of \$19 12s. 6d. for 20, and Messrs. Cadzow an average of \$15 10s. 8d. for 30. The Border Leicester men had their innings at Kelso on Friday last, when Lord Polwarth's famous flock at Mer-toun again topped the market, his average price for 20 shearling rams being \$45 12s. 1d. Amongst his individual prices were \$275, \$130 (2), \$100 (2), and several others at prices between \$40 and \$100. Another flock which made a very high average was that of Mr. Andrew Smith, Longniddry. He sold one sheep at \$175, and his average was \$27. Two west country flocks—those of Mr. Cross, of Knockdon, and Mr. Wallace, Auchinbrain, both in Ayrshire—had good trade. Mr. Wallace sold 35 rams at the splendid average of \$32 4s. The breeders of Border Leicesters have organized themselves into a society, and the secretary has now been appointed in Mr. Robert Wood, formerly in charge of Lord Dalhousie's fine flock at Panmure. His address continues to be Carnoustie, Forfarshire.

"SCOTLAND YET."

The Western Fair.

The spirit of competition seems to have gotten fairly a-hold of exhibition associations, and the "Western's" management is quite in the foremost ranks. Since the excellent new buildings were erected a couple of seasons ago necessary additions have been made and found to be along right lines. The "Silver Jubilee" was the most successful exhibition financially ever held in London, surpassing the receipts of 1897 by some \$4,000. There are yet a few needs in the grounds which deserve attention, and the most conspicuous ones, to our thinking, are a larger agricultural implement building and a more suitable place for showing horses on the line. Harnessed horses have all that is necessary on the very good race track, but one or two small horse rings should be constructed and put in level condition, and having a track of bare, roadlike surface, where the hoofs of the animals are not covered with grass and where their action can be shown.

As the following carefully written report shows, the exhibit of live stock was of high character throughout, and the management is to be commended on the success of the daily parade of prize animals (for which one hundred men were placed at the disposal of exhibitors), which was very much appreciated by all classes of visitors. The display in some branches, particularly poultry and dairy produce, should have been much greater, and the only means of securing that end is to increase the prizes offered. Specials can be worked up if gone about by representative men, and unless they are these classes will suffer more and more. We offer these remarks not in a fault-finding spirit, but as suggestions which we believe will commend themselves to those who have power to deal with the affairs in future. On the



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whole, the exhibition was an excellent one, but "onward" must continue to be the watchword, looking to and strengthening the weak points which assert their claim to notice year by year.

HORSES.

The horse exhibit was not large in all the classes, but the parade of prize animals had only to be seen once to draw one to the conclusion that many animals of very high quality had congregated. The roadster and carriage classes were as usual the heaviest, but the heavier sorts were to the top notch in point of quality. We were indeed pleased to find the excellent string of Clydesdales and two Hackneys present from the stud of D. & O. Sorby, Guelph, as well as Robt. Davies' consignment of Toronto winners. It is generally considered by those who understand the circumstances of Sorby's horses being sent home from Toronto that it was unnecessary and unjust to expel the entire exhibit because two or three were suffering from a mild form of distemper or a cold; and since Prof. Reid, V. S., of the Guelph Agricultural Coll., examined them, and allowed some fourteen to go to the "Western," it is a pretty clear case of over-caution or over something else on the part of the Industrial authorities. They appeared in capital form on this occasion, and together with the Thorncliffe lot and a few others made a very creditable display.

Clydesdales.—The aged stallion section would have been hard to surpass in any company, although just three entries were forward—all well-known horses. Old Grandeur was in prime form, as were indeed each of the others—his stable mate, Prince Charming, and Davies' King's Own. Grandeur is not only a great show horse, but his stock do him credit, and can be identified at sight for their clean limbs and substantial conformation. The old horse is particularly fresh on his legs, even for one much younger. King's Own needed no apology made for him even in this company. He held his Toronto position in 2nd place. The American-bred Lord Charming, by Prince Charming, is about as good as he can be as far as he goes, and he is a good getter, but for the showing more size would give him an advantage. Three-year-olds made the best show of that age for years at London. Five entries competed, and contained such noted

horses as Robert Davies' Border River, Henderson's Goldfinder II., and Prosperous, the last named by Maine of Airies, a prime, good, useful colt, imported last spring from Scotland. He is a wonderfully well-developed horse for his age, and possesses a grand set of underpinning. He has neither the style nor the beautiful springy action of Goldfinder II., but no one could find fault with him in these respects, as he is a big good one, and when he goes he places every foot in its proper place. Goldfinder II. is in capital stud form, but not in high show fix. Notwithstanding the fact that he was well-nigh a model two-year-old, suggesting an early finish, he has grown wonderfully, still carrying his sweetness, and for action he can scarcely be beaten. He was placed 1st, Prosperous 2nd, and Border River 3rd. The last named was referred to in our Toronto report in last issue. He showed in his usual good form, but the judges, John McDermid, Lucknow; Dr. Blackell, V. S., Clinton; and Thos. Green, Dublin, preferred the more rangy type. The other two colts were Geo. Duffield's Prince Arthur, by Rakerfield, a solid-bodied, well-made chestnut, and J. W. Robinson's Ray Wallace 2nd, a strong colt, but a bit raw. Five two-year-olds, as good as were at Toronto, competed. Davies' Lyon MacGregor would have held his Toronto position in 1st place had he not given himself a bump which made him go a bit lame. The coveted award went to a newcomer in Horton & Innis (Brucefield) Cairnbrook Pride, a strong, compact fellow and a nice mover. He is a real Scot, having being imported last spring. Tom MacGregor was granted 2nd place, as he had a right to do. A colt, Glenlyon Chief, a bit more rangy, that showed by mistake in the Canadian class where he would have won 1st, was placed 3rd. He is owned by W. M. Faule, Manaway, Ont. What we considered one of the choicest entries in the class appeared in the yearling section—St. Patrick, by Prince Patrick and out of Miss Stanley, a percentage of World's Fair renown. He was shown by Messrs. Sorby. Just now he hasn't a plain or wrong thing about him. His countenance, neck, shoulders, back quarters, thighs, hams, pasterns and feet appear faultless, and he goes as he should. The best the judges could do for him, somehow, was to place him 2nd; but a good colt took away the red ticket—Robt. Davies' Prince of the Glen, by Prince of Quality and out of the grand old breeder and prize-winner, Edith. There was not a great deal of room between them as they stood in the ring, but we would have changed their places. S. J. Prouse, Ingersoll, had forward the remaining entry, a sweet bay son of Roslin, a colt if he had more size is not easy to fault.

Mares.—In the mature section shown with flesh, Sorby's Sonnie Lass and Lady St. Clair and Darnley Edith competed. Sonnie Lass has quality to the heels, and showed in good form. She was placed 1st, Edith 2nd, and Lady St. Clair 3rd, while Edith's foal by Prince of Quality held his Toronto position of 1st place; Sonnie Lass's, by Grandeur, 2nd, and Lady St. Clair's 3rd. In three-year-old and two-year-old fillies Sorby's entries had no opposition. In the former the '97 Western Fair champion, Starlight, by Grandeur, won 1st, and Maggie 2nd. The only team shown was Sorby's Miss Stanley and Diana McKay, as fine a pair as one could find, and exceedingly well bred; the former by McKay, by MacGregor, by Darnley, and the latter by Stanley Prince, whose dam was by MacGregor. The sweepstakes mare of the breed was Sonnie Lass.

Heavy Draft Horses (Canadian-bred).—This class was not a heavy one, but contained a few very good animals, besides some that were quite ordinary. The mature stallion section had two in competition, Lieutenant Gordie, by Lord Lifton, and Sir Oliver, by Gipsy King; neither were deep, broad horses, but the former, shown by Robt. Alexander, of Forest, was the better in that respect, and won 1st, also sweepstakes later in the day. The young stallion sections were light. John Easer, Exeter, won 1st on a two-year-old son of Roslin, a smooth, well-finished light bay, bred by S. J. Prouse, Ingersoll. Prouse won 1st on a yearling full brother to the above, followed by W. W. Fisher's (Benmiller) Lord of the Manor, a tidy but lighter sort. This section had five entries, some of which would do well gelded.

A useful lot of six brood mares competed. D. Louttit, of Ennottville, showed Lady Stella, a blocky, good mare that won 2nd in Toronto, and was also beaten here by a roan, useful Bay Wallace mare bred by the late J. W. Robinson, and now owned by H. H. Sims, Thamesford. She has been shown here year after year, and always gets among the ticketed ones. She also won sweepstakes award on this occasion. W. Kent, of Youngsville, had the 3rd mare—a plain but useful dam. Two-year-olds and yearlings were a creditable lot, Sorby and Horton & Innis supplying the best of them. The only pair shown in harness was a well-matched team owned by Duncan McMillan, Thamesford; a showy team, with good bodies and limbs and plenty of spirit.

Agricultural Horses were judged by J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, Ont., who pronounced the class a fair one. The entries were mostly of Clydesdale grades, of nice type, and generally well brought out. Teams in harness were of useful type. The 1st was a pair of well-mated blacks, shown by Wm. Ray, of Ridgetown, and the 2nd were brownish bay matched, exhibited by Wm. Even, Petrolia. Wm. Ray also showed a good brood mare, on which he won 1st, followed by a plainer one from the stud of R. Shaw-Wood, London. Three three-year-old geldings or fillies, two two-year-olds, two yearlings and two foals completed the list. A blocky, smooth gray gelding, shown by B. Mathews, won in 1st section. David Sturton in two-year-olds, D. Louttit in yearlings, and R. Shaw-Wood in foals. The general purpose class just called for team in harness, owned by Melholm Campbell, as like as could well be, and weighing about 2,400 pounds each. Alex Johnston, London, won 2nd here on a well-mated, useful pair.

Coach or Carriage Horses were shown together, and judged by Oliver Johnston, Clinton, and David McIntosh, Brucefield. The sections were well filled throughout, and