

The Ottawa Exhibition.

The officers and directors of the Central Canada Exhibition merit in full measure the unstinted praise unanimously bestowed upon them by exhibitors and visitors alike for the excellent provisions made for their comfort and pleasure in beautiful Lansdowne Park during the week covered by the dates, Sept. 14th to 22nd. By common consent of those who make the circuit of the leading Ontario exhibitions, Ottawa takes the cake in the competition for the good-will and wishes of the farmers and stockmen, by the kindly consideration given to their accommodation and comfort and that of their animals, and to the showing of their stock to best advantage; while the arrangement of buildings, the programme and the character of attractions are of such a nature and so well planned that, given good weather, more genuine satisfaction accrues to the visiting public than in any other of the great shows in the Dominion. Unfortunately, the weather bureau seems to be jealous of the popularity of the management of the exhibition, and, realizing its importance as a factor in the success of a show, has contrived for two seasons in succession to put a damper on the pride of the people of the capital by the precipitation of moisture quite in excess of the immediate need for the laying of the dust, with the inevitable result that an event which gave promise of great success was considerably discounted financially. Tuesday and Wednesday of the main week of the show gave fine weather, and on the latter day a happy crowd, estimated at over 40,000, was in attendance. Another such day would have ensured the financial success of the show, but it was not to be, and there was not another inviting day within the limits of the dates assigned, and the authorities had to bow to the inevitable. "It is a long lane that has no turn," however, and the Ottawa people are not easily discouraged, and will have the continued good wishes and sympathy of the public to encourage them to go on.

The live stock show was, on the whole, a very creditable one, nearly all the breeds being represented by high-class entries, the stalls being fairly well filled in all, while in some the character of the stock shown was second to none seen out this year.

HORSES.

A marked feature of the late Ottawa fair was the intense interest which centered in the exhibiting rings in which judgment was passed upon the various classes of horses. All day long crowds hung about the ringside, and we saw many familiar faces occupying chosen positions throughout the entire proceedings, and while this added no special importance to the fair, it is highly significant of the times, and marks an important change in this respect over a few years ago when the horse business was one of gloom and depression. Matters right themselves in time—the depression was the result of an overproduction. The overproduction drove men away from the unprofitable business, which in turn has produced such a dearth as to make the demand for good animals exceed the supply. The horse business has changed, it is true, and while we are able to note a wonderful improvement along certain lines, we are equally alive to the fact that in others their fate is sealed, and to-day the wide-awake breeder cannot but see the folly of seeking further to produce profitably an undersized, scrawny road horse, with a little speed qualification as his only recommendation. They are not and never were any good, and nobody wants them at any price, and the sooner the owners of undersized Standard-bred stallions are forced out of business the better for the community in which they reside. We do not wish to be misunderstood, nor do we wish to discourage any owner of a good stallion because he is Standard-bred, for we believe there is no superior horse on earth in their class than a right Standard-bred of the proper size, or one which combines more right good qualities than a good one of that breed, or one that will produce better results when properly mated; but speed qualification only is an expensive luxury.

A few years ago we predicted that the classes of horses for the Canadian farmer to raise profitably were confined to two or three at most, and, as time goes on, we are more and more convinced of the soundness of that prediction. We said then that from the class of mares in the hands of Canadians we considered it safe to raise good heavy draft and big carriage horses, with as much action as possible, and we believe that those who have not followed that advice have and are paying well for their difference of opinion if they are raising horses for the market. It is true that a few rather inferior animals are being bought to-day at fair prices, but it is because better cannot be got, and if they could, better prices would be realized from the same buyers.

Promptly at the appointed time Mr. Geo. Grey, of Newcastle, Ont., entered the ring set apart for the heavy classes and gave orders for the different sections as rapidly as, in his opinion, he could safely assign the proper colors according to their individual merit, and it was no easy task, for we believe that up to the present the heavy-horse ring at Ottawa has never enclosed classes of such merit as it did at the late fair. We have frequently seen good heavy horses there before, but this year we saw good classes. One always hears severe criticism of judges at such ringsides, especially where such crowds are assembled as there; but we must say, in justice to Mr. Grey, that we overheard less this year than for a long time past, and although

it was known that the classes were large, due deliberation was given in each section, regardless of the time, and, we believe, universal satisfaction was the result. One annoying feature of the fair in this connection is the apparently indifferent manner in which the exhibitors respond to their call to the ring, and while we did not have time to ascertain the true cause, we would suggest to the superintendent of the horse department that before another year a more perfect system be adopted. We would suggest that all classes be stalled separately, instead of the as-they-please method which the exhibitors see fit to adopt. If all Thoroughbreds were in one stable (and it wouldn't have required a big one, either), the Standard-breds in another, and each class of Clydesdales by themselves, we think very much of the difficulty would be avoided. Again, we would suggest that the man who is responsible for their prompt appearance in the ring be one who gives a clear, distinct and decisive call, that the exhibitors know where they are at. This year in a few cases exhibitors were surprised to learn that their section and number had been dealt with, although they had come a long way to exhibit, and thought they had watched proceedings closely, yet had been missed altogether, although the superintendent's assistant had worked hard and faithfully to get them all out in their proper place. This defect has been an annoyance to the judges before, as much time is lost in waiting for classes to be brought out as is frequently required to pass judgment upon them. We are able to give a brief report in many sections, and will deal with the heavy classes first in the order in which they were called out.

GENERAL PURPOSE.

In stallions three years old and over, four competitors came out. W. R. Wilson, Manotick Station, Ont., showed Prairie Rocket, a black Percheron, which he imported from Wayne, DuPage Co., Ill., a horse of good form and style, with a good lot of underpins, and an all-round useful type of a horse. Jas. Calender, North Gower, Ont., had Dinmount, a black 3-year-old, showing his Clydesdale ancestry rather strongly. Thomas Bowes,



MANITOBA CHIEF 1221.
Sweepstakes Poland-China boar at Winnipeg and Brandon Fairs, 1900.
OWNED BY W. L. TRANN, CRYSTAL CITY, MANITOBA.

Manotick Station, had the 3-year-old brown horse, Strathcona, and William Knox showed Dandy Fred, a well-made 6-year-old. The ribbons were placed in the order named. The call for mares with foal by their side brought out nine competitors; and while the class was large, with few exceptions, it was without noticeable merit. Many of the mares were in poor show condition, although the foals were a pretty good lot and evidently been sired by a superior class of horses. W. R. McLachin, Port Gattineau, won 1st on a useful, good-bodied 6-year-old mare, having good quarters and legs, while the 2nd fell to Jas. Callender's 5-year-old mare of much the same type; Mr. D. Duncan, Johnston's Corners, winning 3rd on her legs. The call for 3-year-olds brought out two animals of as many types. Mr. C. W. Barber, Gattineau, had out a clean, well-developed, stylish filly that would have done credit to the carriage class; in fact, lacked few qualifications for such, and, in our minds, should have been entered there, yet she was so much superior to her competitor in her legs that Mr. Grey placed her 1st, giving 2nd to A. Scarf's heavier-bodied mare, but going badly. The next call brought out five two-year-olds, which were much more uniform in type. Moodey Sharpley, Gattineau Point, had out a well-finished filly with splendid legs and feet, which was well classed and on which he was awarded 1st. Isaac Kelly, from the same place, won 2nd on a promising brown filly, and Joseph Hardy, Bowesville, got 3rd on one which was not quite so good on her legs. Mr. Duncan had out a rangy bay, but fell short of the money. The call for yearlings brought out Andrew Spratt, Johnston's Corners, with a bay gelding; Thomas Good, Richmond, Ont., with a good chestnut filly, which was well classed and a good one; and Robert Harris, Templeton, Ont., with a rangy, black filly in good show form, upon which he was awarded 1st, Captain Good coming 2nd, the 3rd

falling to Mr. Spratt. In the competition for foals, Mr. Grey regretted that there were not more prizes offered, as many more than three of the eight exhibited were worthy of recognition, the awards going, in the order named, to Alex. Robb, Billings' Bridge; Jas. Callender, and W. R. McLachin. When matched teams in harness were called, five competitors drove into the ring; Jas. McGee, North Gower, winning 1st on a well-mated pair of chestnuts in good form and well classed; Mr. Duncan winning 2nd, and Andrew Armstrong, Aymer Road, Que., carrying away 3rd. The sweepstakes mare prize was carried away by Moodey Sharpley's 2-year-old.

CLYDESDALES.

When the class of imported Clydesdales was called, the ring which contained the competitors became the center of attraction. First call brought forth probably the strongest and most valuable class of stallions that ever faced a judge in an eastern showyard. Graham Bros., Claremont, had out imp. Baron Burgie, and although by some said to have lost some flesh since his appearance in Toronto two weeks previously, he was in grand bloom, and is a horse worthy of favorable consideration in any company. Dr. Hassard, Millbrook, had out imp. Alexander's Heir, in the pink of condition, a horse of wonderful character, finish and quality. Robert Ness, Hqwick, Que., had imp. Durward Lely, by Sir Everard, and a sure one for a piece of the money had he not had the misfortune to pull a shoe and break his hoof badly upon entering the ring, and had to be withdrawn, which was much regretted by Mr. Ness' friends, as he was in excellent form and a horse of superior character, type and finish. Mr. Hogate, Toronto, had out Scottish Archer and Royal Hampton, and despite the fact that they were recently landed, they were shown in good form, yet, of course, had not time to arrive at showyard bloom. In Scottish Archer, Mr. Hogate has a grand horse, and had he been in higher fit, he would be a hard one to beat, having the best of legs and feet, with plenty of the right kind of hair. He is worth watching for another year if he remains in the country. While Royal Hampton is a horse full of Clydesdale type, he has not yet come up to his best show form. The prizes went in the order named, to Graham Bros., Hogate's Archer, Hogate's Royal Hampton. The two three-year-olds that came out were shown by Mr. Ness and Capt. Good, the former with Casper, by Prince of Kyle, and Good with Prince Lyon, by Benaven. Both were shown in good form. While the former had perhaps the most bone Mr. Good's horse was in enough better condition to win 1st. Five two-year-olds came out, Graham Bros. with two and Mr. Ness three, and from the hands they were in, it is a foregone conclusion with the reader that they lacked nothing in form, Graham's Royal Carrington winning 1st, and their Lord Earlie, by Two-in-One, 4th; while Mr. Ness landed 2nd and 3rd with Copyright, by Baron's Pride, and Baron Langley, by Sir Everard. In yearlings, Mr. Ness had it his own way with a well-developed son of Lawrence Again. For sweepstakes stallion, Grahams brought out Baron Burgie and Royal Carrington, and while the latter is a colt of exceptional promise, and may easily grow into a sweepstakes winner, Mr. Grey did not feel that he had matured sufficiently to give him the preference over Baron Burgie.

The call for brood mares with foal by side brought out Graham Bros. with Cherry Sweet, by Cedric, with her foal by McCarra, a mare with splendid bone, hair and action, but not standing as well on her pasterns as she might, which placed her second to Ness' Nettie, by Jimmy Arthur, with her foal by Plow Boy, a mare in good fit and finish, of very compact conformation; Capt. Good winning 3rd on Princess Louise, by Duke of Argyle, with her foal by Sir Walter, a good bodied mare; the foals being placed somewhat differently in the competition, Graham winning 1st, Ness 2nd, and Good 3rd. In the three-year-old filly competition, two daughters of The Royal Standard came out, neither of which had been neglected in their preparation. McLachin's mare, Royal Countess, scored a good point in her way of going over Graham's Royal Lady, and won the 1st honors. Five two-year-olds responded to the next call, and when lined up for closer inspection, the general opinion among onlookers was that it would be a good one that would win here. The decision, however, fell in favor of Graham's Cherry Startle, by Startle, a big, well-finished mare in excellent bloom, while her half-sister, Charming Lady, came a close 2nd in the same hands, the 3rd going to Jas. Brown's (Elm Park) Princess of Elm Park, by McLinker, a big, rugged, well-developed filly, but not so well haired as the 1st and 2nd; Mr. Ness' filly by Lawrence Again winning 4th, having the finish of her noted sire, but perhaps not so well grown as her competitors. Mr. Ness had the only yearling filly out, in a sweet daughter of Lawrence Again, that would not have been disgraced by a good string of competitors. For the sweepstakes mare, Graham's Moss Rose, by McQueen, did the trick easily, although eleven entries were made for the honor; also for stallion and three of his get, Graham had out McQueen, Moss Rose, a foal out of Corrinne, by Queen's Own, and a foal out of Charmer, by Startle. They were a strong bunch, which the competitors did not face.

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