

smaller enclosure, at a considerable distance therefrom, there is but little chance for anyone to obtain an intelligent idea of what is taking place.

While the heavy horses were being judged, it was seldom that a director appeared in sight, and when official information was required, no one seemed to have it—the management was not there. It might be added, also, that the whitewashing of the stables caused no end of annoyance to the grooms, and even injury to the animals. The man responsible of this operation had evidently never handled his equine majesty, or else cared nothing for the interests of others. We hope that in the future these shortcomings will be remedied. It is of no profit to us to point out weaknesses, but we feel it to be our duty, knowing that horsemen and others interested in this department of the show are deserving of greater consideration.

In placing the awards, the single judge system prevailed, and with a few exceptions, and these mostly in Clydes and Shires, the decisions were open to little criticism. Any man who stands alone to place a ring worth several thousand dollars must feel a confidence within himself and be possessed of considerable stability. In other words he should be a judge and know it.

CLYDESDALES.—The mature Clydesdale stallion section was, without doubt, the most interesting ring judged during the day. The entries, five in number, were all of recent importation, Bawden & McDonnell's Cannongate being the only horse that had ever appeared at a Canadian show, and he in an unfitted condition at Toronto only. O. Sorby had Black Rod, by Baron's Pride, out of a Prince of Wales mare, a low-set, thick, compact fellow, of great quality, with a fine head and neck. In Lanark County, England, where he travelled for two seasons, he has proved himself a sire of no mean order. He was shown at the H. & A. S. Edinburgh show of 1899, and received a good place. On this occasion, the judge, Jno. McDiarmid, Lucknow, considered his merits fit to win and accordingly the red was carried to his stall, and later sweepstakes for the best Clydesdale stallion any age. His stable mate, Pride of Morning, by the same sire, a horse of similar type, almost equal in quality, but not so well feathered as others in the class, was placed second. Bawden & McDonnell's entry, bred by Marquis of Londonderry, and imported about two weeks before the show, is a big, well-quartered horse, with strong bone and splendid action, but differing somewhat in type from the Sorby stock. He is, however, just the conformation that should produce good drafters when crossed on common mares. Third place for an animal of this kind was not well received by all onlookers, especially those who believed in weight and strength of bone. J. B. Hogate, Sarnia, had the other two, which did not come within the money, but they were choke-full of Clyde character and good enough to head the line at most any show. Royal Success, by King of Kyle, was rather more upstanding than the others, but a well-quartered horse with clean limbs and nicely-haired legs. His mate, Corner Stone, by Carthusian, was more low-set, and in general conformation had but few faults. At the close of the show he was reported sold at a long price to go to Oshawa. There were those who believed that the latter pair did not receive due consideration, and no doubt reasons could be given for their opinion. In three-year-olds, Jas. Henderson, Belton, made his first appearance in the show-ring this season. His number, Amphion, the first winner in this section, was by Golden Sovereign, out of Heather Jess, a fine showy colt, having good quality of bone and splendid action. He should make a good sire. Hogate was next with Kyle MacNab, by Prince of Kyle, a thick, deep-chested colt, of grand quality, considerably heavier than Amphion, and no less praiseworthy. Some good judges would have placed him first. Dalgety Bros.' Royal Joe, a good one, by Montrave Lawrence, was placed third. Two-year-olds came forward to the tune of five. Bawden & McDonnell presented Golden Charm, a big, upstanding colt, of good bone, well muscled for his age, and one that could step a little. The judge gave him first, and Sorby's Pedestrian, by Black Rod, second. The latter differed in type from Golden Charm, being one of the heavy-bodied sort, set on moderately short legs of good bone, but still showing the effects of the ocean trip. Border McGregor, shown by Dalgety Bros., similar in type to the first winner and the making of a good horse, received the third award. A mistake, we consider, was made in sandwiching Pedestrian between the other two of similar conformation. In doing so the first principle of good placing was seriously violated.

In the section for brood mares, Sorby showed and took first with Montrave Geisha. This is considered by many expert judges to be the best female Clydesdale that has crossed the Atlantic for some time. She is of the low-set kind which wears, having a smooth body supported by limbs of the finest quality. A longer neck and less

hollowed back would add to her general appearance, but still she is a winner. Moss Rose, late of the Claremont stable, but now owned by T. A. Cox, Brantford, gave her a hard chase for sweepstakes, but the former won. Moss Rose is without a peer in style, her quarters, too, are almost faultless, but the great quality of the Sorby mare won out. It was a grand battle, and some knowing ones would have changed the order, but the majority favored the newcomer. The different sections for fillies were not well filled, and it took but a short time to hand out the awards.

SHIRES.—Morris & Wellington, Fonthill, and Bawden & McDonnell, Exeter, were the chief exhibitors of Shires. In aged stallions Belshazzar appeared alone. He has proved himself a sire of more than ordinary note, as the many sweet young things in Bawden & McDonnell's string testify. J. B. Hogate, Sarnia, and Eli King, Crediton, showed three-year-olds, the former winning on a fine horse of splendid quality. Morris & Wellington had the best two-year-old, and two entries in yearlings of more than ordinary merit. One of them, General Favorite, described in our Toronto report, was an easy winner for sweepstakes; his mate, Coronation, has to his credit the highest honors of the class at Peterborough show, England, a few weeks ago. In brood mares the Fonthill people had two, and got the first on Leila. Bawden & McDonnell also showed a dandy, Nellie Bay, a mare of good bone that could move away nicely, equal in many respects to Leila, but placed second. The foals of these mares stood in the order occupied by their dams. In fillies, Morris & Wellington made the only noteworthy exhibit. Moulton Marianne, the gold medalist as English Shire and the reserve for female championship at Toronto, easily winning the highest honor among mares any age.

HEAVY DRAFTS.—The Canadian-bred heavy drafts were not a particularly praiseworthy lot, although a few good animals came out. Only one entry was made in mature stallions, and the same in three-year-olds, the quality in each case being rather inferior. Two-year-olds were somewhat better in this respect, and three faced the judge, J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield. Jas. Malcolm, Lakeside, was awarded first, and later the sweepstakes, on a growthy Clyde of strong bone and fair quality. Jno. M. Nevin, Kippin, followed, with W. Johnston, St. Mary's, third. A few nice yearlings were present, the best being a Shire-bred colt of Morris & Wellington's. Next in order came Alex. Campbell, Alvinston, and Nelson Wiley, Wisbeach. It was in the section for brood mares, with foal by their side, that the strongest fight of the class took place. There were altogether eight entries, and the full number were forthcoming. Bawden & McDonnell had Fanny, a smooth, blocky, well-put-together beast on a fine set of legs, and with her they won the first prize. Second went to a big clean-limbed, clever-looking mare owned by Jas. Smillie, Inwood; third to Wm. Hogg & Son, Thamesford; while others of praiseworthy character had to go away unhonored. In fillies the show was not strong, only one entry coming forward in each section; a smooth, breezy-looking three-year-old shown by Wm. Fleming, London, capturing the sweepstakes premium for best female of the breed.

HACKNEYS.—In few of the light horse classes was the competition as keen as it should have been. London district has long been known for its good carriage and driving horses, and the slim exhibit in some sections was rather disappointing. In mature Hackney stallions three good ones were presented to the judge, Dr. J. C. Fyfe, Palmerston. Bawden & McDonnell's Connaught's Heir, as at Toronto, came out the victor, also winning the championship for best stallion any age. Jubilee Chief, that famous old stock horse owned by A. St. Clair, Aylmer, was placed second in this ring, and although winning unopposed in the section for stallion and four of his get, two years and under, he could have taken the premium in a hotly contested fight, for rarely has a better lot of young things come forward to do honor to a sire. Bawden & McDonnell had the third prize in Buller, a thick, blocky fellow of the English type, and had it not been for his recent trip across the Atlantic a ribbon of a brighter hue would have been his. T. A. Cox, Brantford, showed the only yearlings and two-year-olds, for each of which a first was worthily given. In mares with foals, S. L. Pound, Glencoe; T. A. Cox and O. Sorby stood in the order named on specimens of fair quality. The fillies of three years old and upwards likewise possessed considerable breed character. S. L. Pound had the first-prize animal, and Jno. W. Coulter, Talbotville, second and third. W. G. Travers, Bowmanville, had a pair of nice two-year-olds, which won first and third; A. W. Venning, Belmont, standing second. A choice group of yearlings was forthcoming, O. Sorby having the winner, and Travers the second. B. Wilson, Delhi, showed the best foal of 1902, the other winners being T. A. Cox and W. J. Travers.

CARRIAGE AND COACH.—In Carriage and Coach horses, Hugh Darroch, Palmerston, was judge, and by his efficient work showed himself

to be a horseman of no mean ability. The number of entries in mares and fillies was much larger than in stallions, the latter in most cases being rather slim. As at the Industrial, Bawden & McDonnell showed and won first and the sweepstakes on Clerkenwell, a description of which has been previously given. W. C. Brown, Meadowvale, came second with Prince George, a strong-boned fellow of good substance, but scarcely equal to the champion in action. The third-prize winner was a big, lengthy, leggy horse, lacking in breed character, shown by Jas. McCartney, London. In the other stallion sections nothing noteworthy was exhibited.

Brood mares were shown by W. C. Brown; Miss K. L. Wilkes, Galt, and J. J. Poole, Salford, the order of winning being as named. Brown's number was Royal Princess, the third prize at Toronto Industrial, a mare of many commendable qualities, afterwards awarded the female championship. Sam Shepherd, Forest, was first on three-year-old fillies; A. Y. Montague, Crumlin, second, and Jas. McKee, Denfield, following. A few good two-year-olds were shown by Bert Kennedy, Ilderton; Arch. Blake, White Oak, and P. J. Hickey, Strathroy. W. C. Brown had the best yearling, A. W. Venning being in second place, and W. T. Fletcher, Talbotville, third.

ROADSTERS.—As usual at the Western, there was a fair show of roadster blood. Colin McKeigan, Strathroy, showed the best aged stallion, an animal of some quality and speed. S. P. Thompson, Woodstock, came next, with a nice smooth bay, of good road type, and Jas. McKee third on his famous old stock horse, the sweepstakes winner and first for stallion and four of his get. No three-year-olds were shown, but Wm. Oke, London, and Geo. W. Kennedy, Ilderton, had a pair of rather fair quality two-year-olds that won in the order named. In yearlings, Miss Wilkes won first, and J. B. Moore, Delhi, second.

The different sections for mares and fillies had entries enough to take all the prizes, and in many cases promising individuals had to go away without recognition. For brood mares with foal, Geo. W. Kennedy led the way on an animal of the right stamp. H. Matthews also had something good and was placed second, with B. M. Wilson, Delhi, third. The best three-year-olds in order were shown by M. J. Siddall, Denfield; J. W. Prangle, Strathroy, and P. Farrell, Woodstock. In the section a year younger, Jas. McKee, Denfield, got the red; P. Farrell was placed next, and J. B. Moore, Delhi, third. The yearlings were quite a promising lot, the best of which was owned by Edwin Phillips, Falkirk; P. J. Thompson, Denfield, being second, and C. E. Trebilcock, "The Grove," third. Miss Wilkes won first in foals; S. P. Thompson, Woodstock, second, and R. Paisley, Ilderton, third. J. A. Kelly showed and won the sweepstakes for best mare any age with his charming Jessie McLoughlin. The same mare also won the first for single driver under 15½ hands.

THOROUGHBREDS.—There was a very light showing of Thoroughbred horses, some sections being without a single entry, and in others not enough to claim all the ribbons. The only ring in which three animals was to be found was that for mature stallions. S. P. Thompson, Woodstock, had Dogtown, a big, breezy looking fellow that won third at Toronto, but who in this contest headed the list. G. J. Fitzgerald, London, had the next best, while Dan Thody, St. Thomas, contributed the third. The sweepstakes male of the class was found in a three-year-old owned by W. J. Thompson, Hamilton. This is a rather promising young stallion, got by Derwentwater, and likely to be heard of in the future. The only brood mare was shown by Jno. Coventry, Woodstock.

HARNESS HORSES.—Some very good teams of both heavy and light horses were shown in harness, the most interesting class of the lot being that for pairs of registered Clydesdales or Shires. T. A. Cox, Brantford, had Moss Rose and King Rose, the pair that won the Toronto championship for Graham Bros., while O. Sorby had Montrave Geisha and a mate scarcely her equal. E. Sims, Thamesford, also showed a pair that would do credit to any ring. Judge McDiarmid was careful in handing the ribbons, and when he had placed Cox first and Sorby second most horsemen agreed with his decision. For pair heavy draft, exclusive of Clyde and Shire, four teams were shown, J. M. Gardhouse being the judge. D. A. Murray, Bennington, had the choice in a pair of thick-bodied, low-set bays of fair quality. Jno. McIntosh, Maplewood, had a close second, and H. Pelton, Bennington, the third prize in a useful pair, good enough to stand at the head of a strong class. The same judge placed the teams for agricultural and general purpose. Rich. Birsh, Anderson, had the winners, a thick, smooth-bodied, well-mated pair, but somewhat light in the bone. Eph. Meadows, Brookside, got second on a couple of stronger bone, but excelled by the Anderson team in body. Third place went to Eph. Butt, Clinton, whose exhibit was of a good serviceable stamp.