

The Brandon Winter Fair

The second Winter Fair at Brandon, which was held Feb. 29th and 31st, is commented on very favorably, and the enthusiasm shown by Manitobans in this local enterprise is a subject for congratulation. The following are a few of the awards:

CLYDES

Aged stallion—Storm King, John Graham, Carberry, Man; 2nd, Mac-Millan, Colquhoun, and Beattie's Storm King; 3rd, General Thomas, same owner; 4th, Sturdy Royal, Alex. Galbraith & Son, Brandon, Man. Four-year-old stallion—1st, Mac-Millan, Colquhoun, and Beattie, Brandon, Man, Scottish Fanc; 2nd, A. Galbraith & Sons' Freeland; 3rd, John Graham, Carberry, Earl Seham. Three-year-old stallion—1st, A. Galbraith & Son, Hazeldean; 2, same firm, Sebastian; 3rd, John Graham, Carberry, Man. Three-year-old mares—Scottish Fanc; 2nd, Hazeldean for reserve. Canadian-bred Clydesdale stallion, any age—1st, S. W. McInnis, Brandon, Braehead Royal; 2nd, Wm.

Chalmers, Brandon, British Commander; 3rd, G. Rankin & Sons, Hamota, Man., Field Marshal.

Percheron stallion, any age—1st, A. Galbraith & Son, Cano; 2nd, C. E. Ayre, Brandon, Yarad.

Shire stallion, any age—Jas. Smith, Brandon, Robin Hood. Standard-bred stallion, any age—1st, Wm. S. Elder, Brandon, Jim Bryson; 2nd, J. Fry, Brandon, Beckford.

Hackney stallion—J. B. Hogate, Brandon, Salford Roers; 2, A. Galbraith, Brandon, Langton Denmark. Thoroughbred stallion—W. N. Pittfield, Brandon, Yukon.

Bacon Hogs, pure-bred—A. B. Potter, Montgomery, Sask.; 2nd and 3rd, Sir Wm. Van Horne, Selkirk, Man.

Bacon Hogs, grades or crosses—1st, Sir Wm. Van Horne; 2, J. L. Hutchinson, Hayfield; 3rd, S. McRoberts, Brandon. Best pen of two hogs, pure-bred, grades or crosses—1st, Sir Wm. Van Horne; 2nd, A. B. Potter, Montgomery, Sask. Best two carcasses—1st, S. McRoberts, Brandon; 2nd, A. B. Potter, Montgomery, Sask.; 3rd, W. Michol, Brandon.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS, RISING FOUR

In this class only six horses were to the front, not one of which would have looked out of place in the competition for the grand championship. In this class the Columbus firm got to the top with Baron Richardson, a good one which the firm selected as a yearling. He was brought out in fine bloom. He is a horse of medium size, nicely turned on top, and with irreproachable underpinning and a way of handling them, a fact which made him a universal favorite from the drop of the hat. He is a get of the good breeding horse Baron O' Buchlyvie, and his dam was by the Sir Everard stallion, Sir Donald. Next in order came T. H. Hassard with his good horse Vigorous, the son of Up-To-Time, which made such a sensation last fall, winning first in his class at Toronto and second at Ottawa. He is in finer fit than ever, and made good competition for the winner, both having their friends at the ringline, but Baron Richardson looked the best to the judges, and was sent up to fight for supremacy in the championship ring. Third place was given to Winbloom, a son of Prince Thomas, owned by Smith & Richardson, a horse of taller, rarer conformation, very good at the ground, and fair in his paces. Another year will give him time to fill out, when he will make a better show ring horse. Fourth place again went to T. H. Hassard, on a beautifully modelled son of Baron O' Buchlyvie, and whose dam was by the great Royal Gaitly. As his breeding gave him a right to be, he is both big, smooth, shapely and stylish, and he lacks nothing in appearance, and little in performance of being a high-class show ring horse. Fifth place was given to Baron Hugo, a nice dark brown, of medium size and exceptional flashiness, a son of Sir Hugo, shown by G. A. Brodie, of Bethesda; for a beautiful flashy style and carriage and general trim appearance his equal has not been often seen in Canada's show rings. Sixth place went to H. G. Boag, of Barrie, on a big, drafty fellow, rather out of condition for the company he had to face, but a very good kind of horse, with a good way of going. A grand class was that of the three-year-olds, which lined up seventeen strong. A class of this size is

A HARD ONE TO HANDLE

and it is in the long classes that the best judges are sometimes at fault. In this class first place was given to the deep-bodied, strong-lined Royal Ardleen, recently imported by T. Mercer, of Markdale, Ont. He is got by Ardlethen, and his dam is by Eastfield Laird. He is of good quality, has great, strong sound feet, good pasterns and very heavy tail and clean bone. His thickness and evident strength remind one of Baron Sterling, and he moves in a nice smooth manner, in all the ideal cart horse of the old countryman. Next in place came a fine, trim brown shown by Smith & Richardson, Baron Buchanan, a son of Baron Robgill, a good sized horse in fine condition and well brought out, while third was a big, strong black shown by O. Sorby, a horse of a good kind, but not of superlative quality. Fourth place was filled by a horse from the stables of the Columbus firm, a big fellow, and a strong, steady goer, but lacking the superlative flashiness necessary to send him higher. A fine pair were shown in this class by John A. Boag, of Ravenshoe, his big Pride of Blacon horse, Ardnahe, being a horse of good character and a splendid mover. Lord Newlands, a smaller horse, of the deep chest, long, strong wither, short thick coupling, and long grand quarter, showing him every inch a McGregor, and with a good, strong, even gait in his

The Ontario Horse Breeders' Exhibition

February 20-23 was the date of the exhibition of 1967, and the place was the St. Lawrence Market Building, Toronto, a place which, if given a little better heating, and with the experience which this year's event has furnished the managers, is a place par excellence for the holding of a show of this kind. With plenty of good stabling within easy access, a large ring, with plenty of seating space around the outside, there is every accommodation for the growth of the attendance and exhibits, and the management are justified in making a still stronger bid for more extensive patronage.

This year saw the addition of classes for light horses, and the exhibit of Hackney stallions was certainly one of the attractive features of the show, while some goods of a very creditable character were to be seen both in Standard-breds and Thoroughbreds, although the classes were by no means long ones in either case. In the draft classes there was very keen competition, and it is doubtful if as large a number of as high a class has ever appeared at one event in Canada before. As usual the Clydesdales were the main thing in the draft classes, but some good Shires were also to the front. In

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the judges were Mr. Jas. Torrance, of Markham, Ont., and Mr. Jas. Henderson, of Bolton, Ont., and although, as is ever the case, a few were to be found who differed in opinions from the awards made, a fact which always adds interest to the discussion about and the benefit to be derived from an event of the kind, it is only fair to say that absolute impartiality and fairness, along with evident ability in the performance of their task, was clearly their credit due. In the class for aged stallions the entries numbered fourteen, and though all did not appear, still the class was a long one and a strong one. Thomas Mercer, Markdale, Ont.; T. H. Hassard, Millbrook; Smith & Richardson, Columbus; Oswald Sorby, Crompton; H. G. Boag, of Barrie, Ont., were among the importers who had goods to the front, and there were a number of stallion owners who had their horses out as well. In this class the judges selected the Sorby stallion Acme for first honors. He is an aged stallion, imported last fall by Mr. Sorby, and was winner of second place in the aged stallion class at the Canada National of 1966. He is a horse

of splendid character, being of good size and grand conformation, being of the most approved Scotch type at the ground, standing on the best of grand big feet, with a wide hoof-head and heel, a nice clean, tidy pastern and a good ankle, though not showing to-day the flashiness which must inevitably have characterized him as a four-year-old. He is a big horse, very smoothly turned on top, with a set of shoulders and neck and a carriage of head that cannot be beaten. Compact in chest, deep of rib and strong in coupling, he is pretty near what Canadian horsemen are looking for. Nor, as a horse, does he belie his looks, as a year ago he was ranked by Mr. Mac-Neilage, in his resume of the year, as standing 16th among the breeding horses of Scotland. It is hardly doing a horse of his evident character justice, however, to place him in competition with younger and fresher rivals, and there was some difference of opinion regarding his being placed at the head of this class. The true horseman, however, is a man of sentiment, and the judgment was freely accepted. Next in order came a horse from the Columbus stables in Prince of Mayfield, a big, smooth and massive bay, rising six years of age, sired by Royal Stamp, dam by Prince of Carruchan. He had little to take from his competitor, being a horse of similar character, perhaps scarcely a match for Acme in his best days, but a favorite with the hard-headed men for first place, as they stood together in the ring. Third place was awarded to the firm of Hamilton & Hawthorne, of Simcoe, Ont., for a big black, the King, sired by Sir Everest, and dam by London-derry. He is thick, drafty, smoothly turned on top and a pretty good mover as well, a horse of no outstanding quality, but a horse easily of first class designation. Fourth place was given to another aged horse, which has been a good one in his day, Lyon Stewart, shown by H. G. Boag, of Barrie, Ont. He is a grand individual, still showing in fairly fine bloom, and fresh looking, of the approved up-to-date chivalry. The next in order was T. H. Hassard, of Millbrook, with a very heavy, thick, low-set, and drafty fellow in Cudvinn Prince, a son of Prince Thomas, dam by the McGregor horse McLeonard. The class was a very creditable one, with a first class horse for every prize. But strong as the four-year-olds were, still stronger were the