

tion of the cow from the nerves in the udder, and also it is not so easy to contract the abdominal muscles, which are connected with the udder muscles, when there is a weight across loins or back.

When conducting experiments with the milking

machine we noticed some cows holding up their milk until a gentle scratching of the hip or pin bones, would take their attention from the machine and the milk would begin to flow at once through the glass tube into the pail. In all cases of this kind, we need to remember that we

are dealing with a case of "nerves." If the cow is a valuable one, we can afford to treat her for nervous trouble. If she is not a valuable cow, we might better sell her to the butcher, than continue to "fuss with her."

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## Greatest Live Stock Display Ever Seen at Western Fair.

They came; they saw; and they went away satisfied. There have been many excellent exhibitions at London attended by large crowds, but never before in the history of the Western Fair was there such a show as that made this year; never before did the weatherman smile so benignly during the week of the Fair, and never before did such throngs keep the turn-stiles clicking as crowded into the grounds during the best days of the exhibition. Warm weather with a southerly wind and "a net of shining haze silvering the horizon wall" would have been sufficient alone to give people the fair-going fever, but at the end of the week previous to the show and during the preparation days it became noised about that this year was to see the greatest live-stock exhibition ever held in London. People are always anxious to see good stock, and they will go miles to have the opportunity of looking over Canada's best. They were not disappointed this year at London. It was a live-stock show pure and simple, with cattle and sheep in the premier position. Every cattle stall was filled and an over-flow section had to be prepared in the pig barns, and even after this a large tent was brought into service to cover the tail end of the longest entry ever forward on the Western Fair grounds.

Horses were there in fair numbers, not so strong as a year ago, but showing good quality in most of the classes. Sheep, with cattle, made up a leading feature of the exhibition. Pigs never over numerous were up to average.

But it was not alone a live-stock exhibition, vegetables, grains, field roots, fruit and special exhibits, to say nothing of the artistic work of the manufacturers who make displays in the Industrial Building, added greatly to the attractiveness of the big exhibition.

In the Agricultural Building a special exhibit worthy of note was that made by the Dominion Experimental Farms, who, by a series of charts, illustrated the right and wrong way of making farms pay. Many were the people who stopped to look upon models of the right kind of pig-pens, silos, barns, hen-houses, and beekeepers' supplies. The various varieties of grains recommended for sowing in Ontario, based upon experimental work at Ottawa, interested many people. Charts showing the profit and loss from good and poor hens should be an eye-opener to those poultry keepers who keep the average hen in place of the bred-to-day hen. Short rotations and a farm laid out to suit them were features of the exhibit.

In the west end of the Agricultural Building products of the farm, operated in connection with the London Hospital for the Insane, well selected, artistically arranged, instructive and valuable, showing the good work being carried on at this institution, attracted a good deal of merited attention. Just to the left occupying a south wing was an extensive exhibit put up by Middlesex County. Visitors from far and near admired the quality of fruit, grains, vegetables and other products of this great county. With a large centre of box-packed apples, peaches and pears, banked in a solid mass of grain and flanked on either side by the best vegetables the county can produce, the whole canopied with select corn made an exhibit which sent a thrill of pride through many residents of this county and others who admired the products.

The fruit exhibit was larger than usual, and one of the highest quality throughout, with the exception of peaches. This has been a bad year for peaches, and the quality of the entry was not up to the average.

Dairy products made the strongest showing ever forward at London. Cheese were particularly numerous, and close scores were recorded by the judges throughout.

Much interest was taken in the various exhibits put up by manufacturers of farm implements and house-hold needs. They were all there, and all got the attention they merited. It was a great Fair from start to finish, and pleased people made the management optimistic regarding the future of a permanent institution which is doing a great good.

### Horses.

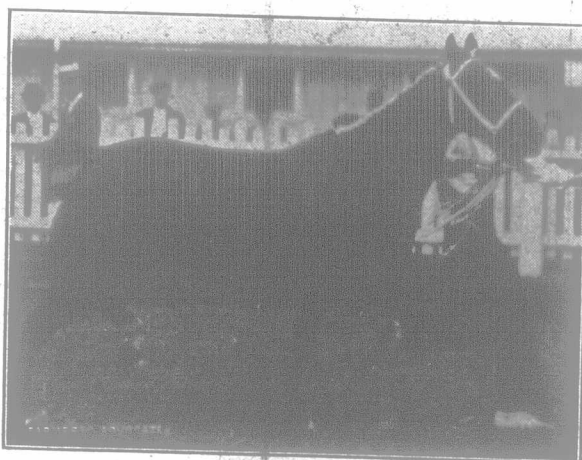
The horse exhibit was not a record-breaker. Clydesdales, imported and Canadian-bred were the best of the show. Percherons were disappointing in numbers. Considering the troubles of the year the show was fair, and the judging was watched with much interest by those who place the horse in the premier position at any show.

CLYDESDALES.—Clydesdales have been forward at the Western Fair in greater numbers than was the case this year, but never has the quality been better in the various animals

brought forward by the exhibitors. Some horse-men looked to see a great falling off in the horse exhibits this fall. At Toronto the show was not as strong as usual, but at London it was very nearly up to average in numbers and better in quality than it generally is.

In aged Clydesdale stallions seven came forward, the same number as made up this class a year ago. They included some of the very best horses in the country. Marathon, fresh from his winnings at Toronto, easily went to the top for Telfer. He is a big, massive, strong, true-going horse, well known to fair goers. He is in much lower condition this year than was the case last year and the year previous, and showed to much better advantage. He is a horse that looks like a good doer, and should be a good sire. Second in line stood Earl Dudley, much the same type of horse as the winner, with good feet, the right kind of ankles and the flat, flinty bone which Clydesdale men like. On top of all this is a great body, nicely turned and well coupled up. He deserved his place. Third stood Bal Merino, a rather up-standing brown of good quality and a fairly good, snappy, strong mover. Lord Grey, went fourth. He is a big horse with size and substance galore, but does not travel just as straight and true as he might. It was a good line-up, and three good horses were left out of the money.

In three-year-olds there was only one entry, a big growthy, very massive, thick roan. This is one of the thickest colts seen in the show-ring this year. This class showed a falling off from last year, when there were six good horses in the ring.



In Action.

J. M. Gardhouse's winning Hackney pony at Toronto.

Three was the number which came into the ring in the two-year-old class. They were three very good Clydesdales, and the winner, International, is a well-grown colt for his age, strong on top and good at the ground and a very good mover. Second went to Denfield Prince, not quite so large as the winner, but a good type of Clydesdale. Oakland's Pride was third.

Three yearlings brought out some good colts, and the leader, Prince Carruchan 2nd, fresh from his winnings at Toronto had little difficulty in going to the top. He has the big, wide feet, the sloping pastern, the flat bone, and shows the action that Clydesdale men like. He is not in high fit, but is surely a comer. Second stood a smaller colt, Price of the Plains, lighter in bone but showing good quality, and is a nicely ribbed up youngster. Oakland's Chief, a bigger colt than either of the others, rather up-standing, but with a good top went third.

Marathon, the aged horse, had little difficulty in landing the championship.

One of the best classes of the show was that for brood mares when six came forward. Royalette, first in her class at Toronto, could not be denied the red ribbon here. She is one of the nicest mares ever seen at a Canadian show. She has size and substance, weighing over 1,800 pounds, and not in high fit, as she is suckling a fine foal. Her feet, pasterns, bone, joints and entire make-up at the ground are all that a Clydesdale man could wish, and she has the right kind of a top for a drafter. Next in line came Newbigging Beauty, a Hiawatha mare, a little lower set, not so large but showing flat, flinty, high-quality bone and good feet and action. Third stood Gip of Kinnor by Up To Time, one of the nicest quality mares in the ring, but not in high fit, and scarcely showing as much substance as either of the other two. Highly fitted she would be one of the best show mares

in Western Ontario. A big, thick, somewhat rougher mare stood fourth.

In foals Attridge won handsly with a big, strong colt by Duke of Oxford. The winning mare's foal stood second, and the second-prize mare's third.

Of the two three-year-old fillies Iris of Perry won handsly for Hogg. She is a very nice filly, with the right kind of bone and quality.

Some very fair stuff came out in the two-year-old class; Talbot Queen, the big, strong colt, with flat bone and a true goer went ahead of Victoria May, a heavier-bodied, thicker colt, not so large, and scarcely showing as much quality.

Yearlings were four in number, Lady Irene, a sweet youngster of marked high quality, went ahead of her stable mate Lady Margie, a bigger colt with a little more bone and substance.

When it came to deciding the championship a dispute arose over whether or not a yeld mare, which had not previously been shown, had a right to compete, as the catalogue stated that in order to be eligible for competition in championships and specials an animal must be a prize-winner in a class. A very fine yeld mare came out but was sent back to the stable, and the championship ribbon was awarded to Royalette. Then a little later when the \$25 special came on, the same thing occurred once more, the wording in the prize-list not making it plain whether or not the Canadian-bred mare could show against the imported mare for one of the specials, while the other special was designated plainly for Canadian-bred Clydesdales only.

After considerable wrangling it was decided that the Canadian-bred mare was only eligible to compete for one of the \$25 specials.

Exhibitors.—Jos. Telfer, Milton, Ont.; Hugh McLean, Wyoming; J. M. & H. C. Robson, Denfield, Ont.; Wm. Peer, Clinton, Ont.; W. W. Hogg, Thamesford, Ont.; G. A. Attridge, Muirkirk, Ont.; Wilkinson & Guest, London, Ont.; Thos. McMichael, Seaforth, Ont.; T. H. Hedley, Denfield, Ont.; R. L. Guest, Fanshawe, Ont.; W. F. Batty, Brooklin, Ont.; Jas. Lunn, Fergus, Ont.; Webster Bros., Glencoe, Ont.; Arthur Sayles, Paris, Ont.

Awards.—Aged stallion: 1, Telfer, on Marathon by Hiawatha; 2, McLean, on Earl Dudley by Royal Edward; 3, Peer, on Bal Merino by Everlasting; 4, Robson, on Lord Grey. Stallion, three years old: 1, Robson, on Dunmore Scotch Mist by Sir Hugo. Stallion, two years old: 1, McMichael, on International by Prince Romeo; 2, Hedley, on Denfield Prince Robert by Prince Romeo; 3, Attridge, on Oakland Pride by Duke of Oxford. Stallion, yearling: 1, Batty, on Prince Carruchan 2nd by Gallant Carruchan; 2, Guest, on Pride of the Plains by Lauriston Pride; 3, Attridge, on Oakland Chief by Duke of Oxford. Champion stallion, Telfer, on Marathon. Brood mare with foal: 1, Hogg, on Royalette by Royal Edward; 2, Batty, on Newbigging Beauty by Hiawatha; 3, Attridge, on Gip of Kinnor by Up To Time; 4, Lunn, on Clyde Park Bay Queen by Kier Democrat. Filly, three years old: 1, Hogg, on Iris of Perry by Bonny Buchlyvie; 2, Wm. Furse, Filly, two years old: 1, Lunn, on Talbot Queen by Mimulus; 2, Guest, on Victoria Mae by Lauriston's Pride; 3, Webster Bros., on Walnut Hill Jennie by Heather Jock. Filly, yearling: 1, Attridge, on Lady Irene by Gannymede; 2, Attridge, on Lady Margie by Sir Matthew; 3, Webster Bros.; 4, Guest, on Lily of the Plains by Lauriston's Pride. Foal: 1, Attridge, on a colt by Duke of Oxford; 2, Hogg, on a colt by Dunure David; 3, Batty, on a colt by Gallant Carruchan; 4, Lunn. Champion mare, Hogg, on Royalette. Stallion and three of his get: 1, Wilkinson & Guest, on Lauriston's Pride. Pair of Clydesdales in harness: 1, Sayles, on a filly and gelding by Buttress; 2, Attridge, on Lady Anetta and Bloom of Ironsides.

HEAVY DRAFTS.—The Canadian-bred classes for Clydesdales furnished all the heavy draft entries. It was not an outstanding feature of the show, although many good horses were forward, and the class as a whole was up to the average of former years. Two aged stallions answered the call, and both were big, massive horses showing fair quality. Glen Rae by Great Britain finally won over Lord Ronald.

Two was the number in the class for three-year-olds, the winner being Royal Netherlea, a rather up-standing black of very high quality. This colt won in a class of sixteen at the Winter Fair at Guelph last season, and has gone on well since, and deserved to win here.

There were no two-year-olds, and only one yearling. Glen Rae was made champion stallion.

Of the two very good brood mares, My Queen by Macqueen, a very sweet mare and a winner at