

had, in the aged class, no difficulty at all in giving the post of honor to Mr. John Pollock, Greenlaw, Newton Mearns, for his celebrated stallion Flashwood 3604, and their colleagues in the three-year-old class, although competition there was closer, with equal decision awarded the leading honor to Mr. John S. MacRobbie, Sunnyside, Aberdeen, for Prince of Bathgate 8913. The judging of the open classes was attended to with great interest by a very large concourse of gentlemen interested in the Clydesdale breed, and this interest was intensified by the fact that amongst the aged horses that competed was the celebrated Prince of Kyle 7155, owned by Mr. James Kilpatrick, and amongst the three-year-olds the almost equally well-known Orlando 8092, owned by Mr. James Johnston, Lochburnie, Maryhill. The great question in regard to the former class was, will the eight-year-old Flashwood or the four-year-old Prince of Kyle win? Both horses were shown as they have never been shown before. Flashwood was every inch a Clydesdale horse, full of the truest characteristics of the breed, carrying the faultless fringe of hair that ever betokens the best class of bone, and he moved over the causeway, notwithstanding his years, with an ease and grace that could not be found fault with. Prince of Kyle has grown in substance and weight, carries more feather than he has ever before exhibited, and at the trotting pace was more than an equal for his senior rival, but there was no getting over the wondrous wealth of genuine Clydesdale characteristics in the own brother of the famed Macgregor, and so Flashwood, with what appeared to be very general approval, repeated his victory of 1889, and for the second time stood forth the winner at the Spring Stallion Show. Prince of Kyle was second. Mr. Alexander Scott, Greenock, got third prize with his noble horse Lord Montrose 7973, which, for a short time, has been awarded the premium of the Central Banffshire Association. This horse was greatly admired, and is a truly grand specimen of the Scottish draught stallion. Mr. Peter Crawford was fourth with that very handsome horse Eastfield Laird 6720, the chosen of the Tyneside Farmers' Club, and Mr. Riddell was fifth with the black horse Moneycarn, a three-quarter-bred Clydesdale, whose sire, Prince of Albion, was the winner of the three-year-old premium in 1886. In a first rate class of three-year-old stallions Orlando had no serious competitors for premier honors. Mr. Johnston is to be congratulated on the singularly successful development of this splendid stallion during the past twelve months. Handsome is the adjective to apply to this horse. He is almost faultless in his movements, and the quality of his feet and limbs is all that a Clydesdale man desires. Mr. John S. MacRobbie's Prince of Bathgate 8913, which had been awarded the Glasgow premium, was placed second. He is a richly colored typical Clydesdale, standing on short legs, and a capital mover. Mr. William Taylor, Park Mains, was third with the beautiful colt Rosedale 8194, winner of first prize in the two-year-old class last year, and altogether a genuine type of the best wearing Clydesdale. Mr. John Crawford, Birth, was fourth with a very promising horse, Right at Last 8947, and Mr. Alex. Scott was fifth with the massive big horse Lawrence's Chief 7910, the chosen of the Biggar and Peebles District Society.

There were no fewer than 27 two-year-old colts forward, and Mr. Peter Crawford got first and sixth with Victor Erskine 9082 and Cash 8517, respectively, both sons of the well-known Lord Erskine 1744. The noted colt Rosemount 8953, by Prince of Albion, and owned by Messrs. McAlister, Rothesay, was second. Another Bute-bred colt, Pride of Rothesay 8894, by Lord Ailsa, and owned by Messrs. Galbraith Brothers, was third, and Mr. James Johnston, Lochburnie, fourth with the big, growthy colt William the Conqueror 9098, a son of Prince of Wales, that was sixth at Dundee. An exceptionally promising horse, Royal Stuart 8968, owned by Messrs. J. & J. Wilson, Westburn, and got by Lord Blackburn, was fifth. This horse is greatly thought of by good judges. Mr. Walter S. Park, Hatton, was seventh with a choice colt named Gallant Poteath 8638, a son of Top Gallant. This colt is own brother to Mr. Gilmour's fine mare, Montrave Lady, and has the faultless fore feet and pasterns and good quality of bone for which the progeny of his sire are famed.

The following summary of results may be of interest, as showing the sires represented by the horses that gained prizes at this show, and those that are hired for service this season:—

It must be borne in mind, in comparing the figures that follow, that Prince of Wales 673 was foaled in 1866 and died 31 Dec., 1888; that Darnley 222 was foaled 1872 and died 30 Sept., 1886; that Macgregor 1487 was foaled 1878 and is still alive; that Lord Erskine 1744 was foaled 1879 and is still alive; that Top Gallant 1850 was foaled 1877 and died in 1887, and that Prince Lawrence was foaled 1883 and died in autumn, 1889. Sixteen of the horses hired, and prize winners at the recent show, were got by Prince of Wales; eleven were got by Darnley; eight were got by Lord Erskine; seven were by Prince Lawrence; five by Top Gallant; four by Flashwood; four by Young Duke of Hamilton 4122; three by Macgregor, and an equal number by Castlereagh; two were by Sauquhar 2393, and there is one each by Boydston Boy, New Hope, Cairnbrogie Keir, Gilderoy, St. Lawrence, St. Gation, Dunmore, Prince Charlie, Young Lorne, the Maclellan, Prince of Albion, Lord Ailsa, Lord Blackburn, Macaroni, Ettrick Shepherd, Knight Errant, Monarch of the Glen, His Royal Highness, Merry Monarch, Barney, The Don and Prince of Albion. In all, there are 84 animals got by these several sires deemed to be good enough to win prizes at the stallion show or to travel as specially selected breeding stallions in various districts. Sixteen of these, as we have seen, are by Prince of Wales himself; four are by as many sons of Prince of Wales, and twelve, including the seven got by Prince Lawrence, are by horses got by sons of Prince of Wales; or, in all, 32 of the 84 are either sons, great sons, or great grandsons, through the male line, of this old horse; eleven are by Darnley; eighteen are by sons of Darnley, and six are by horses got by sons of Darnley; or, in all, there are 35 that are either sons, grand sons, or great grandsons of this famous sire. Of the younger generation of horses, the sire that has most sons, that are breeding well according to this test, is Macgregor, three of the prize animals being got by as many different sons of his. One of the sons of Top Gallant, viz., Knight Errant, has a most creditable representative in Lord Montrose

and one of the sons of Lord Erskine, viz., Lord Ailsa, has the same in Pride of Rothesay. Only one cross-bred horse has a representative amongst the prize winners, and he is only the fifth-prize aged stallion. SCOTLAND YET.

#### Chatty Letter from the States.

Mr. A. M. Pool, the London salesman of American cattle, says there are more cattle fattening in Great Britain than a year ago. The heavy shipments of Canadian stock cattle into Scotland caused most of the increase.

When Illinois, Iowa and Missouri farmers were paying the absurd prices of \$8 and \$10 per 100 lbs. for feeding and breeding pigs two years ago, they little thought they would be wishing the cholera, or the ax, or unmotherly old sows had wiped out the surplus pigs of the past year's crop. One extreme follows another.

Said an Illinois farmer:—"Five or six years ago one of my neighbors sold his stock at auction. He got fair prices for cattle, horses and hogs, but his sheep, which were of extra fine quality, he had to almost give away at private sale. A few days ago some 40 lb. lambs sold on the same farm at \$6 and \$7 each, and other kinds have not been paying expenses."

Alternate booms and fancies are the life of speculation—professional speculators—but they are the bane of legitimate business.

The hog situation seems lately to have taken a turn for the better. The fact that receipts have lately been so light in weight has caused many to think the crop of matured hogs is not so large as thought for a month ago.

The packers who have their warehouses full of stored products are ready enough for an advance in the provision market, but that cannot well come with the yards continually flooded with hogs. Should there be a reasonable advance in prices, enough to give courage and backbone to country holders, the improvement would be rapid.

Prices for hogs, \$3.50 to \$3.90; largely \$3.70 to \$3.80.

A lot of 105 slop-fed steers, 1,191 to 1,222 lbs., sold at \$5; fancy 1,126 lb. heifers sold at \$4.75; choice 1,258 lb. yearlings sold at \$5.45; prime 1,400 to 1,600 lb. steers sold at \$5.50 to \$5.65; good beef cattle, 1,100 to 1,400 lb., largely at \$4.50 to \$5; native cows, \$1.40 to \$3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.40 to \$4.

Sheep are doing well at \$4.50 to \$6.35 for 70 to 145 lb. stock, with corn-fed Westerns at \$5.25 to \$5.85.

The cattle market has not improved as rapidly or as much as had been expected, but there has been a steady improvement in the general tone of the trade. The big dealers seem to think prices will rule stronger and higher, but there are many conservative people who think the large number of cattle that have been put on feed to meet the better prices will serve as a sort of check. The slop-feeders look for higher prices.

Receipts at Chicago for the first ten weeks of the year show a decrease of about 20,000 cattle, and an increase of 790,000 hogs and 65,000 sheep. The heavy decrease in average weight of hogs to some extent offsets the large gain in numbers. With Chicago packers buying beef cattle in the southwest and American exporters trying to contract export cattle in Canada, it would seem that the future of the cattle trade ought to be considerably better.