

The report of the Herdbook Committee was adopted. The offer of Mr. Jamieson for the site of the burnt building was not accepted, and public tenders were called for, to be submitted not later than March 20th.

London (Eng.) Shire Horse Show.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

Once again has this fixture, which lasted from February 27th to March 1st, come and gone, and it has been a successful show in every respect. The entries were about as numerous as last year, viz., 241 stallions, 226 mares, and in the new classes for geldings, 22—489 head in all, as against 475 in 1895.

The stallion classes were of a very even merit, but there were, perhaps, one or two of the classes that were not up to former years. The mare and filly classes were, indeed, truly grand. The attendance was very satisfactory in every way, except that we had very few American or Canadian buyers. Heavy draft horses are always in demand here. A good Shire gelding, five years old, bred where you like, will always find a buyer nowadays at from \$350 to \$455; hence, your farmers should try to breed these heavy horses in preference to light bus or tram horses.

A novel feature was the introduction of a class for stallions over ten years old. This was a grand class of eight entries. Of these, one was kept at home by reason of an accident, one was not passed by the veterinarians, and, of the other six, two were eleven, four were twelve, and two thirteen years old. Here the dual champion, Vulcan, came to the top of the class. He also won, afterwards, the champion cup for the best old stallion, and was reserve number for the challenge cup.

Class 2, for stallions 16½ hands and over, under ten years, had thirty-seven entries. Here an hitherto unexhibited horse, Vulcan of Worsley IX., by Vulcan, the winner in class 1, came to the front. He is a grand horse, and is full of go and quality.

Stallions under 16½, foaled in 1886, '87, '88, '89, or '90, were thirty-nine in number. This class was headed by a very useful horse, Scarsdale Rocket, and, generally speaking, was a class of general high merit.

In class 4, for stallions foaled in 1891, thirty-three entries came forward. Here, again, a son of the winner in class 1 came to

the front in Vulcan of Worsley XIII., brother to the winner in class 2. This was a grand horse, of fine quality, grand top and quarters, and a fine mover.

In the class for three-year-olds we had a very welcome reduction in the number of entries, which still, however, numbered forty-one, and, with that reduction of number, one is glad to note a perceptible increase in quality. There were few, if any weeds, and scarcely a second-rate one in the lot. The class was headed by that grand record-breaking and champion-winning horse who was dual champion of the Shire Horse Show at three years of age, Rokeby Harold. He won first in this class, the cup for the best young stallion, and was, for the second time, champion of the year. This colt has, as your readers will remember, won, as a yearling, first in his class, and the young stallion cup and

Class 8, mares 16 hands and over, foaled before 1891, thirty-one entries—1st, Minnehaha, who also won challenge cup for mares and cup for best aged mare.

Class 9, mares under 16 hands, foaled before 1891, twenty-one entries—1st, Jenny.

Class 10, mares four years old, twenty-one entries—1st, Dunsmore Cui Bono, a truly grand mare.

Class 11, mares three years old, forty-six entries—1st, Vulcan's Flower, who also won the challenge cup for young mares.

Class 12, fillies two years old, fifty-three entries—1st, Madge (Sir W. Gilbey).

Class 13, fillies one year old, fifty-four entries, a truly grand class—1st, Queen of the Shires, who also was reserve number for the young mares' challenge cup.

Two excellent classes of geldings finished up the catalogue.

year-old stallion classes only emphasize to a degree what a grand lot they were, and, though the younger classes were, perhaps, not so good as they have been, yet amongst them the writer fancies he could pick out some few who will be heard of in years to come. The mare classes were a grand lot, and one can only say that all through the competition was exceedingly keen. The yearling fillies, as a whole, were one of the best lots that we have seen in one class for many a day.

Ganymede, last year's champion, again won the cup, and thus secures it finally. He also won first in his class, and cup for aged stallion, the R. N. going to M. P., a former champion.

Rosador, a three-year-old, secured the cup for younger stallions.

For mares Mr. Walter Waterhouse swept the lot, his splendid mare, Kathleen, securing the champion cup and cup for best old mare, and his Titania, a three-year-old, the cup for the younger mares.

The attendance of the public was very large, and the show was honored by the presence of the Duke and Duchess of York.

A sale was held on Friday, the 5th, but, up to the time of writing, details are not to hand.

CATTLE.

The 31st annual show and sale of Alerdeen Angus cattle took place on February 20th at Perth, Scotland, in bitterly cold weather. The entries were very large, but quite a number were absent.

The old bull class was a very strong one.

They were gradually weeded out to fifty, then to twenty-five, and then to nine, the coveted position finally going to Mr. Grant for Bion, a son of Equestrian, and he realized, when sold, \$900. The young bull class was a fair class.

The heifer class contained very useful animals, particularly the first and second prize winners, both belonging to Mr. Grant, of Advie Mains. Pride 4th of Advie, made \$230, the highest price for a female.

164 bulls averaged \$115; 8 cows averaged \$92.50; 22 two-year-old heifers averaged \$111; 15 yearling heifers averaged \$68; being a little below last year's averages.

The 27th annual sale and show of Short-horns took place at Birmingham on March 6th, 1895. Entries were not quite as numerous as usual, but there were representatives of most of the leading herds of the country present, and certainly a very good lot of cattle were entered.



A Typical Quebec Cow.

championship; as a two-year-old, first in his class and the young stallion cup, and the reserve number for the championship, and won this year, as described above.

Two-year-old stallions were a very useful lot, and quite a third of the class was noted one way or the other. Markeaton Royal Harold won here.

Yearling stallions were a weak class, the winner ultimately being found in Ruddington Harold.

Mares and fillies, as mentioned before, were a grand lot, as a whole, and each year clearly proves what a tremendous advance has been made since eight or ten years ago, in style, substance, and quality. Space at my disposal will not allow me to give one-quarter of the details one ought to do; therefore, as the whole lot was good, we need not go into details at all, except to give the names of the first-prize winners.

The annual sale of Shire horses that always takes place at the conclusion of this annual show was this year a very satisfactory one. One hundred and twenty-one head of stallions, mares, and two geldings were offered, and they met with excellent competition, realizing \$36,650, or an average of about \$302.50 each. The highest price made was \$1000 for stallions and \$875 for mares.

The Hackney horse show was held at London on March 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. We have again great pleasure in recording another grand success. Not only was the show good so far as entries were concerned, but it was excellent as to soundness. There were examined by the veterinary surgeons 412 horses and mares, and of this large number only four failed to pass as sound; an excellent showing, indeed, and one of which all breeders of Hackneys must be proud. The general closeness of competition in the aged and three-