

Merinos—Louis Lapiere, Paris; George Weeks, Glanworth; C. Buchanan, Branchton; Wm. Farr, Aylmer.

The Dog Bill, being introduced by Mr. Dryden, was discussed, and a resolution carried, asking all sheep breeders to bring their influence to bear upon their representatives to try and have this bill passed. This is a very important measure and every one interested should endeavor to forward it.

CANADIAN SWINE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Canadian Swine Breeders' Association met at Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, on March 12th, when the following Board of Directors were elected:—President, Joseph Featherston, Springfield-on-the-Credit; Vice-president, J. Y. Ormsby, Springfield-on-the-Credit; Treasurer, E. M. Jarvis, Clarkson; Secretary, F. W. Hodson, London. One director was elected to represent each breed:—Berkshires, R. Snell, Edmonton; Suffolks, R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe; Essex, Jas. Main, Boyne; Yorkshires, F. Green, Innerkip; Chester Whites, E. D. George, Putnam; Poland Chinas, W. DeCourcy, Bornholm. Honorary Director, Prof. James Robertson, Ottawa. The following resolutions were carried:—That this Association recommend all the large fair associations demand exhibitors to produce certificates of registration of all pigs that now have an established herd book. And also that two additional classes be added, one for Improved Large Yorkshires and one for Chester Whites. The following gentlemen were recommended to the different fair associations as expert judges in the different classes:—Berkshires—M. McArthur, Lobo, Ont.; John Miller, Brougham; John Roach, Toronto; W. Shields, Milton; John Routledge, Hyde Park; A. Cockworth, White Vale; S. J. Lyons, Norval. Essex and Suffolk—Simson Rennie, Scarborough; S. Butterfield, Amherstburg; Samuel Mason, Hornby; Malcolm McArthur, Lobo; John Fothergil, Burlington; Wm. McClure, Elder's Mills; Jas. Anderson, Guelph; Wm. Elliott, Milton. Yorkshires and other large breeds—Jos. Emory, Toronto; Wm. Elliott, Milton; Robert Spears, Elm Bank; Samuel McClure, Woodbridge; John Hoard, Parkhill; C. M. Simmons, Ivan. Chester Whites—Frank Green, Jr., Innerkip; J. Featherston, Credit; John Lee, Ingersoll; John Jackson, Glen Allen; George Pierce, Mitchell; William Harris, Toronto.

The meeting also recommended one competent judge in each class. Joseph Featherston and Frank R. Shore were appointed as a committee to confer with other committees appointed by the other associations to obtain better railway rates and accommodation at fairs.

*Resolved*—That this Association memorialize the Dominion Government, asking that corn be put on the free list.

*Resolved*—That this meeting is opposed to swine being kept more than one week on exhibition at any exhibition.

Excellent papers were read by Prof. James Robertson, Ottawa, on "The Hog as an Adjunct to the Dairy"; Mr. C. H. McNish on "Hog Raising in Relation to Future Agriculture"; Mr. J. Y. Ormsby on "Railways and Fair Associations in Relation to Stockmen."

As the Poultry Monthly suggests, prohibition is the only proper thing. Poultry will drink from mud-puddles if you let them. Nothing but pure, clean water should ever be given to poultry if you wish to keep them in health.

The Toronto Spring Stallion Show.

The fourth annual Clydesdale Association Spring Stallion Show was held in the Drill Shed, Toronto, on the 13th of March, and as usual Mr. Henry Wade had done his best to make it what it turned out to be, a grand success. The floor of the building is far from suitable, being a square cut block pavement, and although there was a deep layer of sawdust laid down, it was so slippery that it was dangerous to trot heavy horses, and they therefore could not possibly be shown to the advantage that would have been the case if better footing could have been obtained, many of the horses after having once slipped would not again step off with the light carriage that they otherwise would have done.

The class for imported horses foaled prior to 1887 had fourteen capital representatives, in which MacNeillage, twice a winner at the Royal English Agricultural Society, besides many other winnings in Scotland, led off with the coveted red ribbon, he was in admirable form throughout. In Messrs. Graham's hands he has improved wonderfully since landing here last summer. This noted son of the great Macgregor was much admired at this his first appearance in the Canadian show ring. Mr. Robert Beith's Sir Walter, by Bold Magee, made a capital second. This horse is rising four, and nobly held his own in this remarkably strong and good class of older horses. He has filled out in form greatly since he won first over all as three-year-old wherever shown at last fall exhibitions, and actually taking the blue from his stable companion, Sir Maurice, also owned by Mr. Beith. This was decidedly an off-day for Sir Maurice, he was neither in as good form as usual nor could he on this slippery floor display the grand action which he possesses, and for which he was so much admired at the last fall exhibitions. The fourth place was won by Henry Hender's, Yelverton, with Erskine's Pride, imported by Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, sire Lord Erskine. This is a massive, showy horse and looked well in this high company. The fifth horse was shown by Jonathan Porter, of Oshawa, and catalogued as Royal Scotchman, imported by Robert Beith & Co. He is a real good one and showed well; has good action and is nicely coupled with lots of good things about him. Eastfield Style and Earl of Lennox, both imported, and owned by Messrs. R. Beith & Co., rising four years, were sixth and seventh respectively. These only require a little more time to develop; each has any amount of quality, size and fine action.

If the class of aged stallions was good, those rising three years were still better, and it is doubtful if ever on this continent there was as strong a ring of Clydesdales shown. With few exceptions they were in the pink of condition; and those that saw the wonderfully good class of two-year-olds at the last Industrial Exhibition, must have had their expectations fully realized in the extraordinary show of the same horses further developed, with hardly an inferior colt in the lot. The eighteen that entered filled the building to the fullest extent; and it was quite apparent, from the outset, that this class would tax the skill of the judges to the utmost; but, fortunately the men who acted were equal to the occasion, and after a thorough examination of every horse in the ring, a short list of no less

than ten showed the crowd of visitors how close was the contest.

Graham Bros.' MacClaskie, from the first, was set aside as the winner; and, although he was eighteenth on the catalogue, he was moved up to the first place on the first drawing, which his beautiful finish, size and quality, as well as his grand, lofty carriage and splendid underpinning, well entitled him. He also has been a royal winner, having taken first at Nottingham as a yearling, thus showing the class of horses that it now requires to satisfy the enterprise of our Canadian importers. Since being in Messrs. Graham's hands, he has wonderfully improved; he was in perfect bloom, but unfortunately with him, as with those behind him in this class, space does not allow us to speak sufficiently in his praise.

Messrs. R. Beith & Co.'s beautiful bay colt, Clyde Admiral, made a very showy second. This was a particularly well turned colt, with capital legs and feet, and heavy muscles, thighs and fore-arms; he showed well among this exceptionally good lot.

Chairman, another of Graham Bros., came next, according to the decision of the judges, and with his great size and capital all-round qualities, he was well entitled to the position.

T. W. Evans, of Yelverton, stood fourth, with "Just-the-Thing" (imported), and as his name denotes, he is of the first water—a really good, blocky colt, with plenty of breadth and depth. He has made great improvement since last fall's Industrial Exhibition, where he was placed second.

R. Beith took fifth, with Eastfield Laddie," (imported), who showed up well in this extraordinary class.

Robert Miller, Jr., Brougham, had a really useful colt in "Sir Edward," imported by himself last August. He was not in as high condition as any of the others, but is a very promising colt.

Thos. Menger, Jr., Doncaster, took seventh place, with "Rose Hill" (imported), a very nice colt.

We might so go on nearly to the end of the string of eighteen shown and speak highly of each individual, but it is sufficient to say all were good, it only being a case of comparison, and to a casual observer there was a wonderful uniformity in the whole lot, there being several that had been placed high up in the prize list of previous exhibition, that hardly were looked at here, which by making a false step lost confidence in their footing, and were at once discarded.

There were four colts in the ring rising two years old, Messrs. Graham's gaining first and second, with Ravenswood and Arbitrator, respectively; two colts, owned by Joseph Vance and James Chandler came next in order.

The sweepstakes, for best horse any age, was tied on MacClaskie, which seemed to meet the approval of most of the spectators, although MacNeillage had many friends in the company. As these two grand horses came into the ring, decked with ribbons from many winnings, they made a sensation long to be remembered by every one of the large crowd present.

Canadian-bred horses were out in greater numbers and of better quality than ever before.

In the class for three-year-olds, Mr. Alex. Doherty won first, with Merry Boy. The second place was won by Edward Barker's Topsman.

In the class foaled in 1888, Robert Miller's Strathmore won first; Wm. Crawford came second, with Pride; Willis Bros. third, with Pride of Peel; and Prouse & Williamson fourth, with Ardie.