

The Highland and Agricultural Show, Perth.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

This show opened Tuesday, July 21, 1896, with a very successful entry of 1,180 exhibits, as compared with 1,185 last year.

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Shorthorns.—This section here was of very great merit. Most of the leading bulls in the country were again well to the fore. Champion Cup, Mr. G. Harrison's beautiful bull, finished up his English show-yard career by taking first in this class and the Shorthorn societies' prizes as best Shorthorn in the show. This bull has, in common with numberless others, fallen into the hands of the Argentine buyers, who are leaving no stone unturned to get all the best we have for use in their own herds out there. The other bull awards went to Messrs. J. D. Fletcher's Watchword and A. W. Law's Border Chief.

The cow and heifer classes were exceptionally strong and of a very high order of merit, Mr. A. W. Law's herd being in great prominence. Particularly must we mention that grand, typical, and beautiful Aggie Gracie, that took, without murmur or doubt, the premier position in the two-year-old class. She thus repeats her Leicester triumph, and is in every way worthy of the proud place assigned to her. Mr. A. W. Law was also first in the cow class, and C. Munro first in the heifer calf class.

Aberdeen-Angus.—This breed was, of course, to the fore, and was strongly and well shown. There was, indeed, particular attention paid to this competition, for it was felt by many exhibitors that the Aberdeen awards were not quite in harmony with the right principles; and therefore it occasioned no surprise when it was found that the decisions given here were of a very different nature to those given at the Aberdeen show. One is unable, in the space at command, to go into details or to give full particulars, therefore it must suffice to give the following, who were principal winners: Best Aberdeen-Angus, G. S. Smith and Her Majesty the Queen. Challenge cup for best bull, Sir G. Macpherson Grant. Challenge cup for best cow, Her Majesty the Queen. For bulls calved before December 1st, 1893, Sir G. M. Grant first and second; Lord Strathmore third. Bulls calved after December 1st, 1893, Messrs. J. G. Smith first; W. S. Ferguson second; W. Whyte third. Bulls calved on or after December 1st, 1894, J. D. Fletcher first; Lord Rosebery second; and Her Majesty the Queen third. For cows, any age, Her Majesty the Queen first, in

a very strong class of seventeen entries; P. Chalmers second; and Sir G. M. Grant third. Heifers born after December 1st, 1893, Sir G. M. Grant first and second; Miss M. Duncan third. Heifers born after December 1st, 1894, Lord Strathmore first, and Sir G. M. Grant second and third.

Galloways.—These were in fairly good numbers, but the section was far above the ordinary average as regards merit, which was high almost all through. Particularly was this the case in the female section of the breed, where in one class—the cow class—a second at Dumfries last year, and third at this year's Royal, was last of all. The following are the leading winners: Best Galloway in the show, Mr. J. Cunningham. Bull calves, before December 1st, 1893, Countess of Carlisle first, Mr. J. Cunningham second, Mr. C. Graham third. Bulls calved in 1894, W. Parkin Moore first, Duke of Buccleuch second. Bulls calved 1896, Wilson Buss first, R. F. Dudgeon second, with J. Cunningham third. Cows, any age, J. Cunningham first, Duke of Buccleuch second, L. Pilkington third. Heifers calved in 1894, J. Cunningham first, W. Parkin Moore second, L. Pilkington third. Heifers calved in 1895, J. Cunningham first, Sir R. Jardine second, and H. G. Stewart third.

Highland Cattle.—These grand, picturesque cattle formed a very striking exhibit. There were fifty-six entries, and the quality and merit was of very high order through all the classes, few, if any, inferior specimens being exhibited. The championship of the breed went to Mr. John Stewart, of Ensay, for his grand two-year-old bull, which is, perhaps, one of the finest bulls it has been our lot to see for many a day.

Fyrshires.—These animals are of great interest to many of your readers, and therefore I will give more details. The entries were of good numbers, with capital quality and merit. Only two old bulls were present, and Sir M. J. Stewart was easily first with the Royal Leicester winner, First Choice, to whom went the championship for best Fyrshire bull. Mr. J. McFarlane was next with that capital bull, Cockie's Pride. Two-year-old bulls were a small class, headed by Mr. R. M. McKinlay's Douglass Chief, sired by Cockie's Pride; next came a stylish bull of great merit, Mr. R. Osborne's Sultan. Bulls calved in 1895 were a stronger class, with eight entries; Mr. R. Montgomerie was first with a bull of good symmetry and type called Sensation; next in order of merit came Mr. H. Drummond's capital bull, Duke of Argyle, which had not been exhibited before, and which will be a difficult one to get away from in the future. Cows, eleven entries,