

# Horsewomen AT Vancouver

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new recruits are constantly being added to the ranks of equestriennes, and this year's meet of the Association found many women of prominent social standing appearing on their own mounts, or driving their own teams, and able to hold their own against all comers.

One of the most notable of the feminine entrants was Mrs. McRae, wife of Col. A. D. McRae, who moved to the coast about three years ago from Winnipeg. She is the owner of a splendid string of horses and carried off many blue ribbons. She drove her four-in-hand to victory and made a fine showing in the carriage, high-jumping, saddle-tandem and other classes.

Another fearless whip is Mrs. C. J. Loewen, who has been a prominent figure in the ring at every horse show held in Vancouver. She has not only ridden and driven her own horses, but her clever



MRS. A. D. McRAE

Who is Thoroughly the Mistress of Her Famous High Jumper, "Gold Dust," of This Snap.

If any apprehension had been felt by lovers of the horse that the popularity of motoring was likely to relegate the horse and all equestrian sport to the background, that fear was dispelled, as far as Vancouver is concerned, by the splendid success which recently attended the sixth Horse Show held in that far-west city.

In large centres, the horse has always been a mark of social, financial and sporting eminence, and, although the Vancouver show is still young compared with others, it has in each of these respects outstripped many of those which have been established institutions for years, and it is claimed that it is now second only to that of New York.

The influx of visitors from across the border proclaimed that the show is taking on from year to year a more international character. A large number of entries were received from across the line and there was scarcely a box in which there was not to be seen one at least who was from the South.

The show was held in the fine, large building which the Vancouver Horse Show Association erected five years ago. As usual, the big arena was most elaborately decorated, the purple and gold colours of the Association being prominent in the bright picture. The great place was resplendent with glittering lights and brilliant effects, and above the area floated thousands of yards of decorative bunting and many flags and pennants. The well-filled boxes surrounded the ring with an animated circle of light and colour, in which were seen many new charms of fashion and beauty, while overhead the oval of the balcony presented a no less brilliant picture.

The establishment of the Vancouver Horse Show has brought about a marked increase in the number of women and girls who ride and drive in the Sunset City. A few years ago it would have been difficult to get together a dozen women who could have made a good showing in the ring. But now



ONE OF THE YOUNGER EXHIBITORS.

Miss Lois Sharpe, Here Depicted With One of Her Blue Ribbon Winners.

Laidlaw, who now lives in Victoria, has always brought a fine string of horses to the Vancouver shows.

Miss Shover, like many western women, goes in for cross-saddle riding. She is a popular member of Vancouver social circles and has always been a great favourite with the horse show crowds, whose applause is most hearty when she carries off a blue ribbon.

Mrs. Griffin, wife of Mr. Martin Griffin, who is a member of the Ottawa family of the same name, figured conspicuously in the recent show, in which she was a prize-winner. Among the more youthful equestriennes who have only recently become exhibitors were Miss Ruth Maclean, whose skilful management of her spirited mount was much admired; Miss Lois Sharpe, who was among the prize-winners, and Miss Daphne Brougham, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brougham, who was a popular exhibitor.

The youngest exhibitor was Miss Flora Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell, whose pony, "Jackie," won a championship in the saddle pony class, while "Prudence," her driving pony, was awarded a reserve championship, and her "Radium Junior" also carried off a blue ribbon as a champion.

Other women who played a prominent part in the big show were Mrs. George E. Macdonald, Miss Roberts, of Victoria; Mrs. Goldsmith, of Seattle; Miss Farrell, of Portland; Miss Nanno Baker, Mrs. Benjafield, Mrs. D. C. McGregor, Mrs. S. L. Howe, Mrs. William Grundy, Mrs. J. A. Russell and Miss Nell Senkler.

AFTER figuring at the Ottawa Horse Show, the twelve splendid animals entered by Hon. Adam Beck and Mrs. Beck, of London, Ontario, will be shipped to London, England, for exhibition. The international show at Olympia opens on June the sixteenth. Several other Canadians will also exhibit.



POSSESSOR OF MANY TROPHIES.

Mrs. H. C. Gordon Exploiting the Points of a Thoroughbred from the Laidlaw Stables.

handling of the reins has made her much sought by other owners, many of whose animals have achieved success under her guidance. Mrs. Loewen is a daughter of the late Col. Falk Warren, and spent her early years in England. Like many other English women, she favours the side-saddle. Her



MISS RUTH MACLEAN

One of the Younger Group of Riders Whose Horsemanship at the Show Was Much Admired.

sister, Mrs. Cecil Smith, is also an accomplished horsewoman, and appeared in the ring in a number of events in the recent show.

An equestrienne who is the possessor of many trophies is Mrs. H. C. Gordon, who is now a resident of Vancouver, but who was formerly Miss Laidlaw, of Spokane. Her father, Mr. Andrew



MRS. MARTIN GRIFFIN

A Skilful Equestrienne, Who Won a Coveted Prize in the Recent Horse Show.



MRS. C. J. LOEWEN

Photographed Riding for Miss Dunsmuir, Daughter of Hon. James Dunsmuir, of Victoria.