

Saskatchewan's Provincial Exhibition

Although the annual summer fair, held at Regina, is not officially recognized by the provincial Government as the first exhibition in the province, still the magnitude of the affair, the excellence of the stock, and the equipment of the fair grounds, all stamp it as essentially the agricultural mirror of the province. Public opinion also has come to regard the Regina fair week as the real big summer holiday season for Saskatchewan.

In the board of directors of the Regina fair there is an accumulated force and energy that will overcome every obstacle to the fair's progress to the distinction of being the largest and best event of the kind in the province. Manager Meadows is a capable official, President Hunter is familiar with and has a grasp of the industrial affairs of the city and province. Vice-president Bredt unselfishly devoted himself to the task of assembling at Regina not only the best live stock in the province, but also enlisted the presence of Manitoba breeders to compete with him, and to win prizes which would otherwise certainly have been his, and the board were one and all active in the discharge of their respective duties.

It was the first fair under the new organization, and it was a great success, as far as large crowds, increase in numbers and quality and elaborate displays of machinery, commercial products, were concerned. The weather was favorable, and the crowd a happy, good-natured one.

There are two entrances to the grounds, resulting in many advantages, most significant of which is, that one can enter and see the fair without coming in contact with the "shows." The moral tone of the attractions, however, did not come in for criticism, a fact which reflects most creditably upon the management, who are honorable men with a true sense of propriety, and with as much solicitation for the public's welfare as for their own and that of their families.

The live stock of the fair is placed first in importance at Regina, and the best of accommodation is provided for horses and cattle, but sheep and swine did not fare quite so well. As a province, Saskatchewan is strong on horses, and particularly so in the neighborhood of Regina. She also has a few excellent herds of cattle, but cattle breeding is not so generally popular. The Manitoba herds of Sir William Van Horne, J. G. Barron, and W. H. English, furnished most of the competition, and proved an excellent object lesson to the fair visitors. A combination of circumstances prevented Geo. Kinnon from showing his herd, which is usually a heavy winner, but P. M. Bredt and Caswell of Saskatoon came forward with herds not in exhibition fit, but showing the useful type of beef-breeding herds.

HORSES.

Clydesdales constituted the major portion of Regina horse display and were made up from the three first stables in the province, namely: A. & G. Mutch's, R. H. Taber's, and W. H. Bryce's, besides those from several other barns about Regina, including P. M. Bredt's, R. Sinton's, P. Horn's and others. Bryce had not his full string and Taber and Mutch's left part of their strings at home. This arrangement made it imperative that some of the Winnipeg placings be changed and the judges, Tully Elder, Brandon, and Bryce Wright, DeWinton, Alta., also saw fit to alter others of Mr. Gibson's rulings. Neither Baron's Gem nor Eva's Gem, which won male and female championships for Taber at Winnipeg, were brought out, nor was Mutch's three-year-old stallion, Black Ivory, on the ground. Hence, new champions had to be picked, and these were found in Lord Ardwell and Irene, P. M. Bredt's four-year-old, a newcomer in our show-rings.

The aged stallion class had only two in it. These were Bredt's Baron Keir, and a syndicate horse from Pense. Baron Keir is an exceptionally well-bred horse, being by Baron's Pride, dam by Prince Cedric, granddam by McGregor, and great granddam by Belted Knight. He is also a well-put-up horse, set on clean, hard timber, with a well-muscled top, and proud, well-placed neck and head. His greatest weakness is in his rather open action, and he is not a big horse.

In the three-year-olds there was a long drawn out comparison of the merits of Mutch's Steward, and Sir Wm. Van Horne's Lord Ardwell. Mr. Wright favored the former and Mr. Elder the latter, and it was a case where either horse might

have been placed first with good reasons. The Mutch horse is strong in the joints, but apart from that he is hard to pick holes in, while Lord Ardwell is just a little over size, rather fine in the head, and carries a big load of flesh. Finally, a third judge was called in to break the tie. Dr. Tolmie, of Victoria, did the unpleasant work, and gave the award to Lord Ardwell. Third place went to Thos. Brooks, near Pense, on Cosmopolitan, a Baron's Pride horse, imported last fall by A. & G. Mutch. He is a good substantial sort of horse shown in proper fit, with the exception of his feet, which were a little long.

Bryce's Baron of Arcola headed the two-year-olds again, but had a close contestant in Bredt's Vulcan's Best, a colt of his own breeding, by Vulcan (imp.), grandsire, Good Gift. There is very superior underpinning to this colt; size is ample, and his body strong. He also won the Canadian-bred championship.

FEMALES.

The brood mares were judged first, and the class contained four entries. Here again the mare that Mr. Gibson placed fourth got to the head. This is Bryce's Baron's Pride mare, Lonely Star, described two weeks ago. Next to her stood Sinton's mare, winner, if we remember rightly, of the three-year-old class at Toronto last fall. She is a big strong mare with a nice slope to her pasterns, but just a little coarse in her bone and feather. Taber's Lady Gordon, a mare fine and hard in the bone but rather plain on top, got into third place.

The foals were then placed: Lady Gordon's, by Baron's Gem, first, Lonely Star's, second, and Sinton's mare third.

The yeld mares made the largest class of the show and consisted of seven entries. In this section a surprise came out in Bredt's Irene, a four-year-old, by the great sire, Labori, and imported to Canada by John A. Turner, of Calgary. The judges were a long time deciding between Irene and Rosadora, but finally agreed upon the Bredt entry. Rosadora was showing as well as she has been seen this year, but that is not so good as she was a year ago. She is getting big and losing her finish. But Irene was also at a disadvantage through carrying two bumps on her nigh hind leg, very apparently, due to the malicious abuse of some human brute who had got into the stable the night before. Irene is a very thick and closely coupled mare, and her bone is good, but she didn't beat the old champion any in pasterns and feet. Gay Jess, one of Mutch's mares, which they hadn't shown before, made a good third, and after her was Bryce's Lady June, and then Montrave Geisha, the "Craigie Mains" mare that though placed low, shows them all how an aged mare's timber should wear.

The younger classes were not very large, and were judged first for Canadian-breds and then the imported stock competed with the home raised. In this section, Taber showed his new mare, Baron's Lassie, another Baron's Gem, bred by A. & G. Mutch, but until Winnipeg Fair she has been in John A. Turner's hands since a year old. At Winnipeg she was placed third. She is a big filly with the finest of bone on good strong feet. Nan of Wellwood (imp.), shown by John Horn, got the second award in the open.

Baron's Sunbeam had no trouble winning the Canadian-bred section for two-year-olds. Admirers of this filly look to her to make a champion at three-year-old, and she has the conformation that promises it, being just a little finer than her half sister, Eva's Gem, that carried the honors at Winnipeg this year. Her stable mate, Baroness of Hillcrest, a filly that probably has the best hocks and ankles on exhibition this year, won second in the Canadian section, but went down a notch in the open to make room for Mutch's Maud of Grange, a snappy-acting, clean-quality, black filly, by Baronson. Bessy, a strong, useful filly, got third for home-bred, for Peter Horn, and Lady Jean, a Hiawatha get, won fourth in the open.

The competition in the yearling section was between Bryce's Lady Montrave Ronald (imp.), and Taber's Hillcrest Princess, the Doune Lodge filly winning out over the Canadian-bred rival.

The real struggle of the whole show, and one that kept the crowd of interested spectators hanging over the rail for over an hour, was the

female championship contest. There were four in for it—the yeld mare Irene, the three-year-old Baron's Lassie, the two-year-old Baron's Sunbeam, and the yearling Lady Montrave Ronald. Mr. Elder and Mr. Wright differed honestly and neither could take his mind down and make it over again, so Dr. Tolmie was again called in. It was a question of the relative value of different parts and attributes. The Doctor's summing up was for Baron's Lassie, "a little plain in the head, not quite even in gait, and a little lacking in substance, while Irene is some better in the head, body and action, but not so good in the legs and feet." The result has been intimated above.

For heavy draft teams Bryce's Lady June and Lady Rotha defeated Mutch's Montrave Geisha and British Baroness, a reversal of Mr. Gibson's and Prof. Rutherford's decisions.

CATTLE.

The Saskatchewan fair-going public were treated to a surprise in the display of cattle on the ground, for in addition to the herds above mentioned there was also present a fine string of Galloways belonging to D. McRae, of Guelph, Ont., Robt. Sinton's Hereford's and J. C. Pope's Ayrshires.

Mr. Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont., judged the beef cattle, which were practically all shown on the first day of the fair. This is an arrangement that might be criticized, as the bulk of the visitors cannot be induced to attend the first day, and so many who are slightly interested fail to receive a stimulation.

When Spicy Marquis was placed over Nonpareil Prince, at Winnipeg and Brandon, there were those who thought that the decision might be reversed, but Mr. Smith adhered to this rating, and selected for third place R.W. Caswell's Alister. Two-year-olds were next called, and then the real goods were on view. English's new bull, Marquis of Marigold, first at Brandon and first as a junior yearling at Toronto last fall, had another win here. He is a big bull for his age, is by Sailor Champion, and was bred by Redmond, Millbrook, Ont. Missie Marquis, the smooth, tight, spicy Marquis bull, won second for Van Horne, with Barron's new white Mistletoe Eclipse third. Fourth place was awarded to P. M. Bredt, on Farmer, winner of championship at Calgary last spring. Farmer was not fitted for exhibition, but made a good impression with the judge and crowd. Topsman's Duke 7th maintained his winning streak and headed the senior yearlings and got a grand championship. Nonpareil Marquis again had second for Van Horne, and Bredt's white Royal Ury carried the third honestly, as he is well formed though thin.

Mr. Smith reversed the positions given the junior yearlings at Brandon, and placed Barron's Meteor's Favorite over Van Horne's Spicy Wonder. The Barron calf was brighter and showed more character than the week before. Meteor's Conqueror retained third, while a tidy, promising bull, shown by Caswell, of Saskatoon, Caswell's Star 31st, came into fourth. A well-bred calf, Golden West Chesterfield, by Admiral Chesterfield, second as a junior yearling at Toronto in 1904, the same year that his sire, Lord Chesterfield, got second for Robbins at Toronto, is a product of Golden West Stock Farm, and was shown by Mr. Bredt.

Mr. Smith upset some Brandon decisions in the aged cow class after third place, but put Marchioness first, with Louise Cicely second, and then brought in English's Lady Alice ahead of Van Horne's Spicy Wimple. For fifth place Bredt's Roan Ury was chosen, and a splendid type of breeding Shorthorn she is. Objection was made to the first and fourth prize cows on the ground that they did not conform to the rule in the prize list to the effect that a cow must have a calf at foot or give evidence of being in calf. The matter was left to the judge, who was satisfied that both cows gave plenty of evidence of being breeders.

There was no change in the first two two-year-old heifers from the positions given at Brandon, but for third place a beautiful even heifer of Caswell's came in with Barron's Myrtle fourth.

The senior yearlings were headed by Poplar Park Queen, the heifer which Mr. English bred and sold to Van Horne at Brandon fair for \$600.