

was been and hard, and in some cases exceedingly creditable rings could have been made out of the animals that were of necessity ruled out of the winnings. With such competition as was shown here this year among the representatives of this breed, and with such uniformity of quality in the different animals, we think the present prize list would be improved by bringing the money for the different prizes nearer together, and, also, in a few sections, by adding a fifth and sixth prize, as is done at Toronto.

Shorthorn judging commenced Tuesday morning, and the first class called was bulls four years or over. It will be remembered that last year there was some difference of opinion between the judges and some of the spectators as to the way in which the ruling should here be given, Scottish Canadian, owned by Geo. Little, Neepawa, having a good deal of support for first place. The judge saw fit to select Van Horne's Spicy Marquis for that position. These two bulls were both out again and perhaps the interest aroused then had a good deal to do with it, but at any rate before the exhibition had been able to line up their animals this year, the seating capacity around the ring-side was pretty well crowded by men who know a cattle beast when they see it.

The judge did his work carefully and coolly, yet he did not keep the crowd waiting very long for his decision, and when it came the ribbons went out first to Little's Scottish Canadian, second to Van Horne's Prince Sunbeam, third to Valasco, owned by Watt Bros., Salem, Ontario, and fourth to Van Horne's Spicy Marquis. Scottish Canadian had just been brought from a trip west to Calgary, and was said to have lost some of his bloom, but still he was presented in grand shape, and his general smoothness, his size, his remarkable evenness of flesh, and his almost perfect balance, won him the day in what was without any doubt the strongest contest of the Shorthorn bulls ever shown in Western Canada. Prince Sunbeam is a bull that had never before been seen in a Western ring, but James Yule, who manages the great railway man's farm at East Selkirk, purchased him last year, to head his herd at Toronto, and found him good enough to clean up the grand championship there as the best bull, any age, even though appearing only in his three-year-old form. He has a strikingly well-made head, with Scotch Shorthorn character showing in every line, and has a very good top line, but lacks a trifle of the jilling in the quarters shown by the bull standing above him. Watt's white bull, Valasco, did not possess the fashionableness in the head, but he was a very meaty handler and showed better filling in the crop than any other bull in the ring. Spicy Marquis retains pretty well the grand massiveness, closeness to the ground, and aristocratic bearing that brought him the red ribbon a year ago, but lacked the smoothness of outline shown by his more successful competitors.

Compared with the bunch that had just gone out, the three-year-olds bulls were a bit of a disappointment. Only three were shown, and the judge soon put them in their places. Watt Bros.' Royal Mildred, placed first, was well brought out, and has many good points.

Four two-year-old bulls came forward. I. G. Barron's Nonpareil Prince, with his level top, depth of rib and well-turned head, clearly had the others distanced for first place. W. H. English, Harding, Man, got the second

on Silver Mist, a low set, heavy one, while John Graham, Co-berry, took the white with Activity.

There were five senior yearling bulls, but while the best were right up to the standard, the tainters were common enough. Barron again came in for the premier place, his Meteor being the most even and best finished of the lot, of the low set, meaty kind, and with a fine furry coat. A most creditable second was Adamson Bros.' Ambassador.

In junior yearlings, a fairly good lot, Van Horne's Golden Archer was first. Senior bull calves were an extra choice lot, Watt Bros., Salem, Ont., getting away with first and third. Junior bull calves made an even and very fine class of ten. Royal Marquis, an unusually low down son of Spicy Marquis, got the first place for Van Horne, with Watt Bros. second.

In the championships, Scottish Canadian carried off the senior championship and the grand championship as the best bull on the grounds. Barron's yearling, Meteor, put aside the other youngsters in the contest for junior championship.

Fifteen animals were entered in the contest for cows four years or over, but the owners of a few of them had taken a look through the stables after the show, and had decided that they would rather leave their cows in their stalls. The winners here must needs be the very cream of the cream. Van Horne's Mayflower 3rd, that was sorted out for first place, is by Watt's famous imported bull, Royal Sailor. She was considered good enough later to be given the senior female championship, the grand female championship, and when pitted against Scottish Canadian, to be placed ahead of him as the best Shorthorn animal on the ground. After the show was over, she was purchased by the Watt Bros. to go back East. She is wonderfully short in the legs, massive, remarkably broad and level on the back and about as good over the shoulder as anything that one could hope would ever be produced. The Watt boys got in second with Olga Stamford, a grand, well-finished cow, while the Van Horne herd came up very close with Marchioness 14th and Matchless in third and fourth places.

There were seven three-year-olds, but the fighting here was not nearly so close. Matchless 33rd, that won the top place for Watts, and Mildred 14th, that brought the second to Van Horne, were both shown in that perfect bloom that characterized these herds throughout.

The line up of two-year-old heifers stretched away down until there were no less than thirteen in the ring, with still a good many left standing in the stables. Those that did come out were, everyone of them, certainly a lot of which the breeders might well be proud. The winning animals were so much of a tone as to make the choice for places a very close guess, the Watt's drawing the first on Tevy Maude, Van Horne second and third on imported Colline Bashful and Spicy Wimple, and Barron fourth on Lauretta Gem 3rd.

Senior yearling heifers made a very strong class of seven, but with the first and second rather noticeably in the lead. These two were Queen Ideal, of the Watt herd, and Spicy Duchess, out of the Van Horne contingent.

There was scarcely as much general merit amongst the junior yearlings, but still it was a fairly good display. Van Horne's Lovely 58th went to first place.

There were ten senior heifer calves and not a tail-end in the lot. Another one of the Spicy Marquis calves of the model beef type went away with first, while four also went to another of the same herd. Aveast got the second on Crimson Tulip, a smooth, very evenly fleshed heifer, while Adamson Bros. took the third place with Viola, a large calf that was quite as good in its lines as the winner of first.

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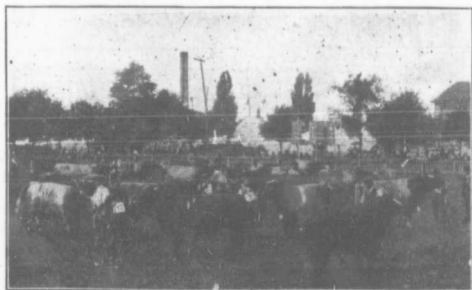
Then came the pull for the herd prizes. The animals brought out had been sorted in their classes, but there was still much interest in the events to be disposed of. Van Horne put up two herds of bull and four females any age. One herd, headed by Prince Sunbeam, was placed first, while the other, under the leadership of Spicy Marquis, came third. Watt Bros. had an exceedingly close second and Barron a very strong fourth.

Watt Bros. drew the first place with bull and three females all under two years, VanHorne second, Barron third and Aveast fourth.

In three calves under one year old, bred and owned by exhibitor, Van Horne came first, Watt second, Adamson Bros. third, Barron fourth.

In bull and two of his get, Van Horne's Spicy Marquis and a pair of his progeny came first, Barron's Nobleman and his following second, Adamson Bros.' Marquis of Longburn and a young bull and heifer third.

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The Shorthorns in the ring at Canada National Exhibition