

Calgary Horse Show

The Spring Horse Show, which took place at Calgary this year from April 21 to 23, was shorn of most of the trappings which usually adorn it, and which in recent years have made it the rendezvous of society from all parts of the province. There were no jumpers and classy light horse events, and no evening shows at all. Judging by the experience of Edmonton, Calgary might have come out successfully without having done without the popular features entirely, but the management of the show, so far as the livestock exhibits are concerned, were certainly justified in endeavoring to live up to the slogan, "Business as Usual." Indeed the Calgary Horse Show and the sale of bulls which accompanies it are now important and established features in the yearly round of agriculture in Alberta. Farmers and breeders from all parts of the province come here to get their herd-headers.

Good Show of Clydes

The show of heavy horses in the breeding classes was particularly good, and there was more competition in many of the classes than there was in the corresponding classes at Edmonton. As a result, some of the Edmonton winners did not figure quite so high up in the prizes here, while on the other hand a few of the horses shown at Edmonton were shown again here in better condition and scored more points. This was so with "Scotland's Gallant," from A. L. Dollar's ranch at High River. The horse showed his qualities off to much better advantage here and won the grand championship for Clydesdale sires. A horse of similar breeding, "Scotland's Freeman," owned by W. J. Dodd, Innisfail, was placed reserve champion. The reserve horse is a three-year-old colt showing great promise, as he has splendid quality and the size necessary in the breed.

There was a large class of aged stallions. P. M. Bredt, of Calgary, won second place with "Derby Crown," a horse of good substance and desirable action, sired by "Crown Derby" out of "Darling of Aitkenbrae." Other placings in this class in order: "Dictator," owned by John Graham, Carberry, Man.; "Prince of Troprain," J. and J. Mack, Calgary, and another horse of A. L. Dollar's, "Gay Douglas." "Dictator" is a well turned horse, showing strength and quality, but somewhat lighter than the winner.

In the four-year-old class P. M. Bredt won out with his "Royal Trustee," an imported horse sired by "Dalawaddy" out of "Bell 2nd of Barton Church." This horse was second last year as a three-year-old. He has splendid feet and legs and is a good mover. In close competition, the second place was awarded to A. L. Dollar's "Scotland's Ideal," sired by "Scotland Yet," dam "Jess of East Seales," while "Scotland's Gain," another "Scotland Yet" colt, was fourth, coming after "Cyclops," owned by F. Schroeder & Son, of Midnapore.

Good Youngsters

Ten horses competed in the three-year-old class, in which the reserve grand champion, "Scotland's Freeman," was exhibited. In this class Judge McKirdy aroused some criticism for his placing of the second award, which he gave to "Woodside Spencer," by "Sir Spencer" out of "Rosabella," and owned by Rowland Ness, De Winton. R. Ness' colt is a horse of dense bone and fine hair, with unusually good action, and it was these qualities which decided Mr. McKirdy, notwithstanding the colt's marked deficiency in size, owing to the fact that he had been running out and had not received the amount of feed necessary to put on his maximum growth. The other prizes in three-year-olds were placed as follows: 3, "Baron Vea," owned by Jos. Robinson, Springbank; 4, "Astrophat," F. Schroeder & Sons; 5, "Golden West Baron," P. M. Bredt.

A promising lot of colts competed in the two-year-old class, and the first and third awards saw the placing of the corresponding awards at Edmonton reversed. A. L. Dollar's colt "Highwood," third at Edmonton, here took the red

ribbon, while "Lord Selbourne," owned by Dr. McEachran, went to third place. The horses are two quite different types, A. L. Dollar's colt being a well finished horse with fine top and well rounded out, while the other horse is rangier and has the making of a bigger boned horse. "Baron Fraser," owned by Jas. Scarlett, at Innisfail, came between the two.

Wm. S. McKinnon, of Olds, won in the two-year-old Canadian-bred class with "Patrick Marquis." This colt was not entered in the open class or he would have carried that also, as he was afterwards decorated with the Canadian-bred championship. "Patrick Marquis" is a real quality colt, a light bay with white feet and legs, and a splendid mover. He is a great credit to his owner. The colt is by "Right Fashion" by "Sonsie Queen." Only one yearling was shown.

The mare championship was awarded to "Jess of Craigwillie," a beautiful blue roan with great size and good underpinning. She is by "Everlasting" out of "Jean of Craigwillie," and is owned by A. Webster, of Airdrie. "Maggie Fleming," a nice black owned by D. Thorburn, of De Winton, was placed reserve, being second to the champion in the four-year-old class. This was a particularly nice class of mares. John McConechy's mare, "Jenny Littleton," champion at Edmonton, came third, and his "Rosie Gilchrist" fourth. P. M. Bredt won the yearling filly class and Canadian bred special with "Balgreggan Queen," by "Rubio" out of "Poppy." D. Thorburn won the class for three the progeny of one.

Percherons

George Lane, the well known breeder of Percherons, won the Percheron championship over all comers with his "King George 5th," an Alberta bred horse of a type which seems to justify Mr. Lane's claim that Alberta can produce some of the best horses in the world. This young horse is a wonderful three-year-old black, of splendid form and quality, and will become a really massive sire. He is by "Injalbert," out of "Ivy." Both his sire and dam are owned by Mr. Lane. W. E. and R. C. Upper showed "Futurity," which was placed second to the champion in the three-year-old class. He was futurity winner at Winnipeg last year. "Elradzi," from the estate of the late J. C. Drewry, Cowley, was third, with W. H. DeVine's "Match" fourth.

The aged class for Percherons only brought out three horses, and W. W. Hunter's "Docteur," twelve years old, a wonderful animal of massive build and great masculinity, won over horses six and four years his junior, his legs being in fine trim. He was placed reserve champion to "King George 5th." Mr. DeVine's "Famous" and W. B. Thorne's "Illico" were shown in the same class. W. B. Thorne showed his four-year-old stallion "Trump," which won over Messrs. Upper's "Coronation" in the four-year class. "Imperial," owned by the Drewry estate, carried off the two-year-old class, with Geo. Lane's "Lucifer" next in the running, and another Drewry horse, "Historibus," coming third. "Lucifer" was reserve to the grand champion for the Canadian-bred championship. Not many mares were shown, the best class being the two-year-old fillies, in which Geo. Lane was first with "Lena," by "Institute," out of "Selena." This mare was awarded Canadian-bred championship and was reserve in the open championship to Upper's "Rosine," by "Albert," out of "Rose."

Suffolks

Judge Drennan, of Canora, Sask., had charge of the Percherons and Suffolks. There was a strong class of aged Suffolk stallions, F. J. Hartell leading with "Ashmoor Cup Bearer," by "Dennington Cup Bearer." This horse is an unusually fine Suffolk sire of great proportions and clean bone. He was awarded the Suffolk championship. "Morston Gold Maker," another of Mr. Hartell's horses, was second, while Archie Jacques took the rest of the money with "Morston Freeman,"



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W. W. Hunter, Olds, showed the only Belgian stallion, "Dessert," a good horse which got a first placing.

Shires

The Shire classes brought out some of the best of this heavy draft breed ever seen at western shows, and Judge Gardhouse had to decide some keen competitions. "Boro Forester," owned by Countess S. M. Bubna, of the Merino Ranch, Mitford, an imported sire, won first in the aged class and the grand

championship. Tom Rawlington's "Osington Boss" and his "Hampton Royal Friar" came second and third, while John Graham took the next award with "Lambton Fashion." F. Schroeder's "Lorryman" was best three-year-old. W. W. Hunter won the two-year-old class with "Windridge Lad," with P. M. Bredt's "Tuttle Brook Prince" next. A useful lot of mares were shown, G. Lee Warner's "Queen Carlton" carrying off premier award and championship. Countess Bubna's "Barnsheath Primrose" was second, with G. L. Warner's "Gay Lass" third.