

Horses the Feature of the Guelph Winter Fair.

The Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, held at Guelph, Ont., December ninth to thirteenth out-classed all previous exhibitions of its kind, and goes down into history as the greatest winter fair ever held in Ontario. The quality of entries was superb from the smallest bantam to the heaviest drafter and the entry, especially in horses, showed a big increase over that of former years. A better horse show has never been held in this Province, and this division of the exhibition proved the most interesting of all. The attendance was the largest in the history of the show, all previous records being broken on Wednesday when upwards of 12,000 people passed through the entrance turnstiles. Thursday also brought out a record crowd of over 10,000, and financially the exhibition was a great success. It was truly a great show and an inspiration to those present, but the old drawback of lack of accommodation was more apparent than ever. To supply accommodation is the hardest task which the management is called upon to face. Not only are the live-stock stalls and pens inadequate to cope with the entry list, but the seating and standing room in the judging arena is far below requirements. The judging is the real feature of the Fair, and every one who cares to see it should have a comfortable view in full view of all parts of the ring or at least a standing position at the rail. Like many other projects, in our new and rapidly growing Dominion, this Fair has outgrown the plans as laid in the beginning and something radical must be done, or many of the exhibitors will be crowded out or forced to withdraw their entries because of lack of space. Already the dairymen exhibiting at this year's show have signified their intention of promoting a national dairy show to be held in Toronto, and with Toronto a large center and growing rapidly, and likely to offer large inducements for such a show to locate there Guelph must be up and doing or the greatest winter fair in Canada may pass from it. However, more space and better space is required, and the fair management must see to it that it is provided. It is not an easy matter to increase the accommodation as fast as the show is growing, but such must be done by some means.

HORSES.

Horses were the main feature of the 1912 Winter Fair, and never for a minute did interest lag when a class of horses, no matter what the breed was being placed in the ring. Nearly all the classes were keenly contested, and it was the general remark heard on all sides that the horse horse exhibit was the finest ever seen in the Province.

CLYDESDALES.—In the open class for this great breed there were about seventy entries, most of which faced the judge as their respective classes were called. The quality of the exhibit, as a whole, was wonderful, and the breeders and fitters are deserving of highest praise upon the condition in which the stock was brought out.

The class for aged stallions proved to be one of the most interesting of the entire show. There were sixteen entries all told, most of which were in the ring; Macaroon, showing in first-class condition, headed the list. He was the winner of the Cawdor cup in Scotland in 1911, was second at Toronto this year, and showing to better advantage than upon the latter occasion was soon selected by the judges for premier honors. He is a very smooth horse with plenty of Clydesdale character, a beautiful strong top, clean, flat, flinty bone, good feet and is a strong, free mover. Next in line was Royal Rover, a big, thick, strong four-year-old with an abundance of high quality bone, big, wide feet and strong hoof heads, a true goer and altogether a fine type of Clydesdale. Third stood Marathon, last year's second prize horse, carrying rather too much flesh, but a good type of horse, clean at the ground and thick throughout. Majestic Baron, a big brown seven-year-old horse with plenty of substance and quality and a bold true goer, stood fourth.

Nine three-year-old horses made a good class. King of Gretna, the winner of second prize at the Canadian National this year showing in the best of condition, was placed first. He is a good colt big, full of quality and a good mover. Viscount Kinnaird who stood next to King of Gretna at Toronto took the same place here. Not quite so big, but strong on top and clean of limb, he made a good second. Craigie Squire, another very high quality colt, was third, and Sam Brown, a colt with an abundance of good clean bone and showing lots of substance, was fourth.

Of ten very topny two-year-olds Prince of Aden was placed first. He is one of the best colts seen in America, and was picked by many to win the championship. His underpinning could scarcely be faulted. He walks and trots to perfection, has plenty of substance, is strong on top and is heavily muscled. Jewel Keeper, also a colt of highest quality and one of the right

kind of draft horses, a little larger with more substance than Hindsward Crest was placed second with the latter colt, also a high-class individual, third. Ryecroft Model was fourth.

Only four yearlings were forward. Laird O'Ken, a well-grown colt with good feet and legs, went first with Anagram, a big colt not in high flesh but showing lots of quality, second.

The filly classes were stronger than ever before. Ten mares foaled previous to January first, 1910, made one of the most difficult classes of the entire show. The final line-up showed Ruby Gay carrying the red. She is a big chestnut three-year-old particularly strong on top with a long, level croup and a great middle showing substance galore. She has an abundance of strong clean bone and a set of grand feet, and is a wonderful goer, moving strong and true at the walk and trot. A mare, Lady Pride by name, much similar in type, color and quality, scarcely so smooth and thick, but a grand good one, stood second. Nelly Taylor, a more up-standing, bay, brim full of quality, and the snappiest mover of the lot, was third, and a big thick bay, Mosser Rose, fourth.

Nell Pendreigh, a very smooth, high quality, true going two-year-old, headed her class, with Jean of Flashend, another quality entry, second and Dora Duff third.

Jean Russel a second prize filly at the Canadian National, showing in better fit than at that exhibition, a very trim mare, quality from the ground up and surely a comer, headed the yearling class of three. Jean 4th of Redbank, was second, and Nell of Aikton, third.

Exhibitors.—T. H. Hassard, Markham, Ont.; John A. Boag & Son, Queensville; Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont.; Joseph Telfer, Milton West, Ont.; Orangeville Horse Breeders Association, Orangeville, Ont.; Crawford & McLachlan, Thedford, Ont.; John Davidson, Ashburn, Ont.; H. E. M. McLean, Wyoming, Ont.; T. D. Elliot, Bolton, Ont.; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.; Samuel Johnson, Ravenshoe, Ont.; F. J. Wilson, Riverbank, Ont., and Geo. Gropp, Milverton, Ont.

The judges in Clydesdales, Shires and heavy draft horses were: Geo. Gormley, Unionville, Ont.; Geo. Charlton, Duncreef, Ont.; and Wm. McKirdy, Napinka, Man.

Awards.—Stallions foaled previous to Jan., 1, 1909: 1, Hassard, on Macaroon, by Baron of Bureil; 2, Boag, on Royal Rover, by Marmion; 3, Telfer, on Marathon, by Marcellus; 4, Smith & Richardson, on Majestic Baron, by Baron's Pride; 5, Crawford & McLachlan, on Theodore, by Royal Edward; 6, Orangeville Horse Breeders Association, on Durbar, by Baron's Pride. Three-year-olds: 1 and 3, Hassard, on King of Gretna, by Auld Ayr, and Craigie Squire, by Sir Humphrey; 2, Smith & Richardson, on Viscount Kinnaird, by Viscount Seton; 4, Elliot, on Sam Brown, by Sam Black; 5, Crawford & McLachlan, on Scottish Gem, by Scotland Choice;

6, Davidson, on Revelanta's Chief, by Revelanta. Two-year-olds: 1 and 6, Hassard, on Prince of Aden, by Baron's Beauty, and Craigie Chatton, by Chatton Again; 2, 3 and 5, Boag, on Jewel Keeper, by Majestic Baron, Hindsward Crest, by Scottish Crest, and Baillie Boy, by Royal Baillie. Stallion one year old: 1, Boag, on Laird O'Ken, by Cawdor Laird; 2, Smith & Richardson, on Anagram, by Benedict; 3, Hassard, on Halton Prince, by Ardimeret Prince; 4, C. E. Glasgow, on Douglas Heir, by Black Douglas. Aged mare: 1, Boag, on Ruby Gay, by Ruby Prince; 2, Smith & Richardson, on Lady Pride, by Pride of Blacon; 3, Hassard, on Nelly Taylor, by Hiawatha; 4, Sam Johnston, on Mosser Rose, by Sir Everest; 5, Geo. Cropp, on Fanny Clark, by Baron Maceachran. Filly two-year-old: 1, 4 and 5, Boag, on Nell Pendreigh, by Brown Mitchell; Elsa, by Ryecroft, and Buckley Lass, by Crossrig; 2, Hassard, on Jean of Flashend, by The Bruce; 3 and 6, Smith & Richardson, on Dora Duff, by Ransom, and Prunella, by British Times. Filly one year old: 1, Smith & Richardson, on Jean Russell, by Baron O'Dee; 2, Boag, on Jean 4th of Redbank, by Dignity; 3, Hassard, on Nell of Aikton, by Baron of Buchlyvie. Champion and grand champion stallion: Hassard, on Macaroon. Champion and grand champion mare: Boag, on Ruby Gay. Winner of the silver cup for best Clydesdale of the show: Boag, on Ruby Gay.

CLYDESDALES, CANADIAN-BRED.—With an entry list numerically, nearly as strong as that of the Clydesdale open classes, and with the quality comparing quite favorably with that of the horses, in those classes the Canadian-bred Clydesdales put up a showing a credit to the breeders in this country. An even entry in each class made competition close in all, and the winners were, in every case, worthy winners.

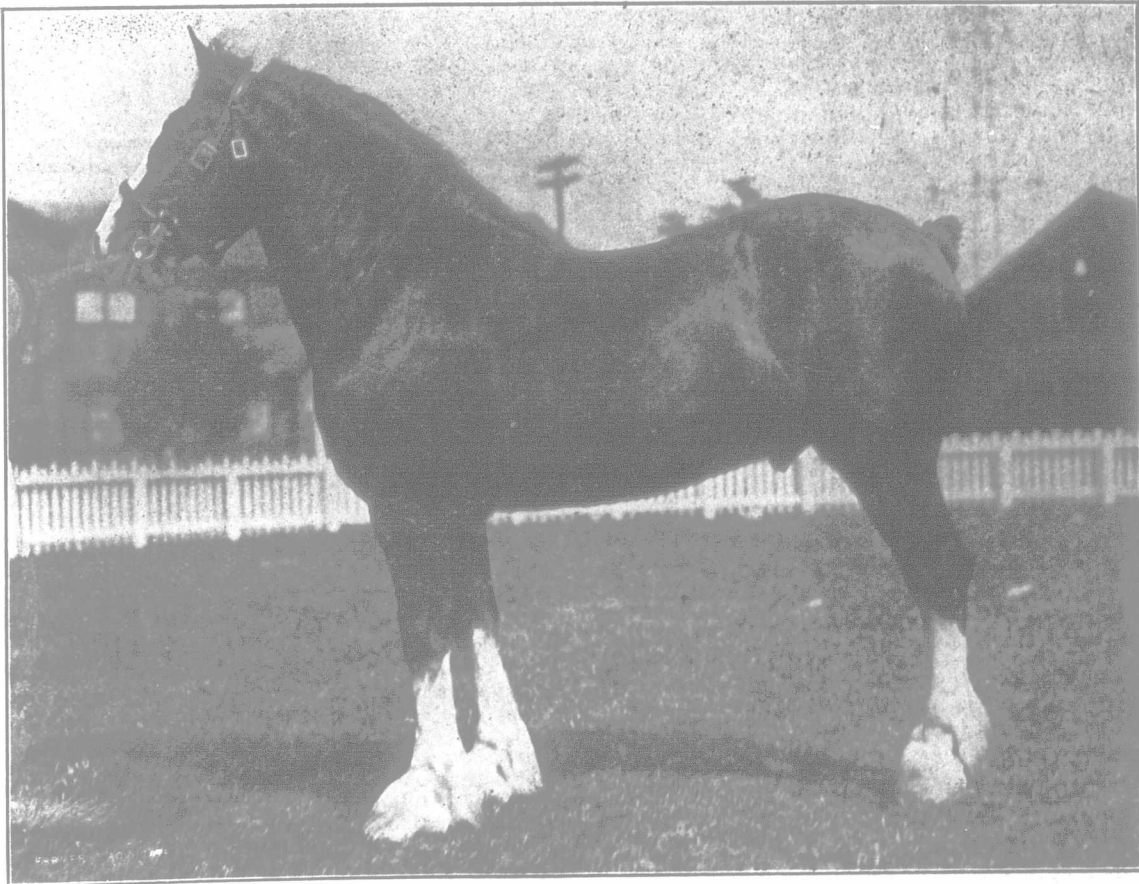
Six good horses came out in the aged class, the winner being Lord Ronald, a horse of good Clydesdale type and full of quality with good legs and feet, and a good mover. Second stood Brilliant Baron, a strong topped horse, while Glen Rae, a thicker and heavier five-year-old horse, was third.

The best of seven two-year-olds was Day Dream, a colt showing great quality with a good top and good feet and legs, and a good mover, but none too much substance. Talbot of Bell-back, was second and Royal Prince third.

Eight yearlings answered to the call of the judges, and they were eight good colts. The final line-up was headed by Acme Prince, one of Acme's good sons, quality all over with plenty of size and substance. Frisco Prince made a good second with Baron Rozelle close up in third place.

Eight foals were a string of which the breeders should be proud. Bay View Guest won the class with Spruce Hill second, and Mornington King third.

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Macaroon.

Imported Clydesdale stallion, champion male of the breed at the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, 1912. Exhibited by T. H. Hassard, Markham, Ont.