

he was placed second to a more compact sort. The third place was taken by Truman's well-known Blaisdon Albert, a horse that has won much credit for the Shires, and for the Pioneer Stud Farm. Saxon Hindlip, from the same stable, stood in fourth place. Like the Clydesdales, the champion Shire stallion was brought out in the three-year-old class, in Rolleston Wonder, by Moore's Extraordinary. He is one of the most typical draft stallions that has been seen in the Shire exhibit at this show. He has the typical Shire conformation, with nearly as much quality as one sees in a good Clydesdale. Robt. Burgess & Sons, of Illinois, were the exhibitors. The Truman Pioneer Farm made a good showing for the next two places, with Blaisdon Beau and Bury Standard. Both these horses well exemplify the ideals of this enterprising firm, as they possess immense strong bodies, with clean but drafty legs.

The Trumans were fortunate in landing first on Wrydelands Champion 2nd, out of a class of eleven two-year-olds, and fourth with Toneham King.

In the groups of five stallions owned by one exhibitor, Burgess was successful in landing the \$50 prize, but was closely followed by Truman's, who all through had put up by all means the most uniform exhibit of Shires, there being little variation in the type and character of the horses in this stable which won first and those that were compelled to take a lower position. The females in the Shire classes were decidedly weak in numbers, L. W. Cochrane and Burgess & Sons being the principal exhibitors. The breed was evidently weakened by the absence of females from the Truman Stud.

PERCHERONS.—Numbers was the outstanding feature of the Percheron exhibit, although we fancied there was some improvement in general quality over past years. The great black champion, Pink, shown by Dunham & Fletcher, was beaten in his class by a stable mate, Albert, a big, rangy gray, rather clean in the bone, with the exception of two splints, and an easy goer. Pink stood second. Three-year-olds were headed by the Portland winner, Rosenberg, a low-set, strongly-built black, which afterwards won championship for McLaughlin, although very many good horsemen preferred the winner of the older section.

BELGIANS made a strong showing in numbers, there being about 20 entries in each of the stallion classes, the principal exhibitors being Crouch & Sons, McLaughlin Bros., and H. A. Briggs.

HACKNEYS.—The Hackneys did not put up a strong show, the competition being principally between Truman, Graham Bros. and Galbraith. Truman showed a big, 16-hand, solid-bodied horse, a remarkably easy mover and clean-stepper for his size, called Active Forest King, son of the great show horse, Forest King, and won first in the aged class over Graham's Rosary, by Rosador. Rosary put up a most sensational show of style, and behaved himself much better than any of his competitors in the ring, but as he was just recovering from distemper and a serious strain from being cast in his stall, did not show in his usual bloom. He is a very fine, clean-cut horse, quite different in type to the Hackneys imported some years ago, but it is claimed there is a greater demand for such horses than for the big-boned, strong-bodied type at first introduced into America. Galbraith's Beau Brummel was very much after the same type, but hardly so well educated, so was given third place. Truman's Bonnie Gabriel had a walk-over in the three-year-olds. The championship was won by Truman's Active Forest King. Mr. Henry Fairfax, of Aldie, Va., placed the awards.

GERMAN COACHES.—The Kaiser's Coaches made the best showing of any of the harness breeds at the International, as they were particularly strong in the three stallion classes. J. Crouch & Sons and Oltmann Bros. did practically all the showing. Crouch's famous old champion, Hanibal, again led his class, and maintained his claim to the championship of the breed in America. Helois, owned by the same exhibitors, won fourth, while the Oltmann Bros. filled the other positions. Oltmann's Manfred had the best of the arguments in the three-year-olds, with Crouch second on Emmore. Crouch's Burger was considered the best two-year-old, with Atlas, from the same stable, in the third place. The females in this breed were light in numbers, but were strong in individuality. A particularly favorable impression was made on the public mind by this breed when they were paraded in the evenings before the packed amphitheatre.

FRENCH COACHES.—The stallion classes were strong in this breed, as it was practically an importer's rather than a breeder's show. McLaughlin Bros. won the best prizes and championship.

BREEDING CLASSES OF CATTLE.

SHORTHORNS.—Canada was represented this year by Shorthorns in the hands of only two of her own breeders, as well as by several winning Canadian-bred animals shown by American exhibitors. R. A. and J. A. Watt, of Salem, Ont., climaxed a creditable tour of American State Fairs by putting up a strong fight for premium honors at the International, winning in competition with the cream of the continent a full share of the best things going. The Watt Bros. deserve encomiums for the splendid advertisement they have given Canada in American rings, and, seeing them in the arena, holding, in many cases, the plums of the show and taking what came with the manner of gentlemen, one felt an additional glow of pride to think that the boys themselves were a tribute to Canadian homes, as their stock was to Canadian stables. All honor

to the plucky exhibitors who uphold our country's name abroad! They do us a greater service than the men who go there and build railroads or take charge of universities.

In aged bulls, F. W. Harding's Whitehall Sultan came into his own with the blue ribbon, second being found in W. H. Dunwoody's white Lavender Clipper, bred by W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont., and sired by Imp. Choice Goods, while a good third stood Watt Bros.' Mildred Royal, bred by themselves, got by Royal Wonder, and brought on remarkably well since Toronto and Winnipeg. In two-year-olds, Harding's Whitehall Marshall came up strong for first, beating My Choice, shown by J. G. Robbins & Sons, Indiana, which last year had him worsted in the senior yearling class. Whitehall Marshall certainly made good this year, winning the senior sweepstakes and grand male championship. Coming to senior yearlings, Hon. John Dryden & Son, Brooklin, Ont., headed a good string with their single entry, Bertie's Hero, which was second at Toronto, sire Clipper Hero, the Toronto junior champion of two years ago. Bertie's Hero has a fine combination of size, with the smoothness of form and fleshing and quality that may win more laurels in the future. Next to him stood Royal Sultan, another of the get of old Whitehall Sultan, exhibited by Herr Bros. & Reynolds, of Wisconsin. Cumberland's Last, later the junior champion, a white bull, turned up for colors in the junior yearling class. He is a wonderfully smooth, even-fleshed bull, with his hips laid in like those of an Angus. He was got by Cumberland, dam Lady Douglas, and was brought out by C. A. Saunders, of Iowa. Up beside him was sent Superbus, a red bull with a peculiar black spot on the left hook. He, too, is a first-rater, with an excellent loin and good beef form throughout. He is by Imp. Scottish Pride, dam Secret Superb, and was exhibited by the Ardmore Stock Co., of Iowa. Whitehall Sultan sired Glen Brook Sultan, the header of a very good line-up of senior bull calves, while a string of about twenty-eight junior calves left the ring led by Signet, a neat young calf, true in his lines, shown by the Kentucky breeder, Abram Renick.

In cows three years or over, the white Golden Bud, last year second to the Canadian-bred Fair Queen in the two-year-old class, won the blue for W. H. Dunwoody, of Minnesota. Golden Bud was bred by Hon. Senator Edwards, of Rockland, Ont., sired by Marquis Heir, a son of Imp. Marquis of Zenda. She will be remembered as the junior female at Toronto in 1903, and has well fulfilled the promise of her youth. Second went to Adkins & Stevenson, of Illinois, on Lady Marshall, and third to the Robbins cow, Lad's Lady, last year head of the aged class. Two-year-olds brought out the grand champion, Lad's Emma, a half sister to Lad's Lady (both granddaughters of the champion St. Valentine, bred by the Guardhouses, of Highfield, Ont.), and shown by Robbins & Sons. She is of good beef form, with well-arched ribs, broad back and loin. She will be remembered as the junior champion at Toronto in 1904. Close to her came Victoria of Linwood, shown by E. W. Bowen, of Indiana, while down to fourth went Juno of Woodhill, first junior yearling of 1904, and sixth from the top was left Watt's Tiny Maud, who was first at Toronto this year. The Watt Bros. got to the top in a long and exceedingly strong class of senior yearling heifers with that model of beef form, Queen Ideal, junior champion this year at Toronto and Winnipeg, second at Kansas City, and first here last year in a class of some twenty-eight senior calves. Robbins & Sons took second on Lottie; Forbes & Son, of Illinois, third on Zoe of Linwood, over Watt Bros.' Spicy's Duchess, which might, with no injustice, have been moved up a notch. Queen Ideal was later made junior sweepstakes female, was also reserve for the grand championship, and was sold for a long price to Senator Drummond, of Quebec. In junior yearlings, first went to Dunwoody's Woodhill May Blossom, and from a great class of thirty senior calves the short left left the ring headed by Viscountess of Fairview 6th. The young classes of both sexes were filled with lots of promising stuff, which left many deserving ones unplaced in almost every class.

In aged herds, Dunwoody was first, Robbins second, and Harding third. Watt Bros.' aggregation was fourth, and consisted of Mildred's Royal, Mayflower 3rd, Tiny Maud, Queen Ideal and Lady Hope of Ridgewood. The awards were placed by three judges, acting together—E. K. Thomas, Kentucky, Geo. Waters, Minnesota, and John Welch, of Indiana, and if deliberateness insures accuracy, the ribbons were correctly placed.

OTHER BEEF BREEDS.—We regret that space forbids more than a mention of the champions in the remaining beef breeds. Herefords were a numerous and exceedingly meritorious class. Cargill & McMillan, of Wisconsin, secured the lion's share of the herd prizes and championships, getting senior bull sweepstakes on Fulfiller, senior female sweepstakes on Heliotrope, and junior sweepstakes on a splendid heifer calf, Ethel 2nd, sire Andrew. They were also first on aged herds, first on young herds, on calf herds, and on four animals got of one sire. Van Natta & Son, of

Indiana, had the junior male champion in Prime Lad 9th, by Prime Lad, a superlative block of beef, table-lacked, full in the crops, and smoothly covered with firm flesh.

The Aberdeen-Angus cattle were out in full force, and superlative in excellence. The senior and grand-champion bull was Prince Ito 2nd, exhibited by C. J. Martin, of Iowa, junior sweepstakes being found in the senior yearling, McDonald's Lad, shown by E. T. Davis, of Iowa. The senior and grand champion female was Martin's Blackbird 26th, though a close rival was Davis' first-prize two-year-old, Glenfoil Rose, which, we believe, has taken the championship from Blackbird 26th in about two out of five shows this season. The Blackbirds were high in the lists in many classes.

There was an excellent show of Galloways, and a more than ordinary one of Red Polled. In the black-polled breed first on aged bulls went to Imp. Worthy 3rd, shown by C. E. Clark, of Minnesota, first on two-year-olds to Scottish Sampson, by Craymer, of Illinois; first on yearlings to Mosstrooper 5th, by Clark; first on yearlings to Standard Favorite, by Brooks de Farm Co., of Indiana; first on aged cows to Evaline 2nd of Avondale, by W. M. Brown & Son, of Carrollton, Mo.; and first on two-year-old heifers to Scottish Empress, by Brookside Farm Co.

STUDENTS' STOCK-JUDGING COMPETITION.

In the stock-judging competition, open to teams from agricultural colleges, the Guelph, Ont., team for the first time made the highest total score, taking premier place on cattle, sheep and swine, and thereby winning the much-coveted Spoor trophy. The superintendent of the competition this year was Mr. W. J. Black, formerly of the "Farmer's Advocate" staff, now Deputy-Minister of Agriculture in Manitoba, and President of the Manitoba Agricultural College. The contest was conducted differently than in former years, the boys giving the reasons for their placing orally, instead of writing them down. The Ontario students did their best work on sheep, and stood second to Ohio in cattle and also in horses, and a close second to Texas in swine, although handicapped by unfamiliarity with the American breeds of hogs. The Ontario team consisted of J. Bracken, G. G. White, H. B. Smith, H. A. Craig, and W. A. Munro. Below are the aggregate scores and relative standing of the first six colleges competing: Ontario, 4,154.30; Ohio, 4,068.33; Iowa, 3,957.64; Kansas, 3,765.75; Texas, 3,641.46; Michigan, 3,637.16. The result is most satisfactory to all those who took part in it, and reflects great credit upon Prof. G. E. Day, his assistants, Mr. H. S. Arkell and Dr. J. H. Reed, who trained the winning team.

SHEEP.

Once more Canada did herself proud in the American sheep show-ring. The show was styled international, but in most of the leading breeds the major portion of the entries were made and the lion's share of the awards captured by Canadian flockmasters and shepherds, whom the Americans have long since come to regard with profound respect. It is noteworthy, too, the cordial relations between Canadian and American breeders. It augurs well for the international live-stock trade of the future. But reverting to the Canadian end of it, we will be excused for indulging the remark, that after visiting the show, particularly the sheep department, we returned home prouder than ever, not only of Canadian stock, but of Canadian stockmen, and to our friends at home we extend the assurance that Canada reaped a splendid advertisement from the successful exhibition by her breeders at this the greatest sheep show in numbers and quality that the International has yet brought forth.

SHROPSHIRE.—The most numerous and strongest class was the Shropshire, in which the principal exhibitors were John Campbell, Woodville; J. G. Hamner, Brantford; W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland; Richard Gibson, Delaware, and Lloyd Jones Bros., Burford, all of Ontario; and such American exhibitors as H. L. Wardwell, of New York State; Geo. McKerrrow & Son, of Wisconsin; C. W. Hutchison, of Michigan, and F. W. Harding, of Wisconsin. Most of the best premiums and all the championships, both in breeding and fat classes, came to Canada. Hamner cut a wide swath in the breeding classes, getting several firsts, the open and the American Shropshire Registry's special championships on rams, and the open championship in ewes; also first prize in the open and in the American special for flocks. Senator Edwards was first in a string of 28 ewe lambs, with one of an imported pair that had been first at the Royal. Second and third came to a pair exhibited by Harding, which had been second to Edwards' pair at the Royal. Though larger, they were inferior to the other pair in fleshing, quality and Shropshire character, and a further peculiarity of the placing was that the one of Edwards' pair preferred by many expert judges was not even commended. In partial extenuation of this and some other inconsistencies, it may be remarked that the judge, Mr. W. R. Weaver, of Illinois, had a hard task with the numerous classes of uniform excellence, and while no one doubted his sincerity, the feeling was that he was hardly experienced enough for the job. John Campbell had his flock out in its usual show fit, and pulled out with a full share of honors, including