

been the case and the heifer calves have been retained to keep the herd up to its numerical requirements naturally the cattle are pedigree, or in other words as pure bred as they can be.

Then we turn to the so-called pedigree ones and we find that in many instances they are so short in the pedigree, that they have only just become eligible for the herd book; therefore these are not so purely bred as

the so-called non-pedigree stock. The moral of all this is, of course, that just because one cow is entered in the herd book and another is not, it does not follow that they are separated by a wide gulf; in fact they both may be equally well bred. This is not meant to imply, however, that animals should not be entered in the herd book. It is important that all animals when eligible should be entered.

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The Western Fair

The Western Fair, held at London, Ont., was this year up to the usual mark in general character. The continued rains had a very depressive effect upon the financial end, and it was only by close figuring expenses were met. The usual number of visitors were in town, but owing to the rain on the two best days many were unable to attend the Exhibition. In point of exhibits almost all departments were quite up to preceding years, while in many a marked improvement was to be noted. The exhibits of field roots, grains, cereals, fruits and vegetables were of a character which showed little indication of the severe drouth reported in Western Ontario. Some new buildings added to the convenience and attractiveness of the exhibition and the management are to be congratulated on their enterprise. A convenience at the Western Exhibition would be a catalogue of exhibits, a feature which it is to be hoped will soon attract the attention of the Executive. Speed events have always been a strong feature, and this year saw a number of fast performers, which together with the daily live stock parade and other attractions drew large crowds to the grand stand each afternoon when weather permitted. Live stock exhibits were strong all round and the interest on the part of visitors nowhere lacking.

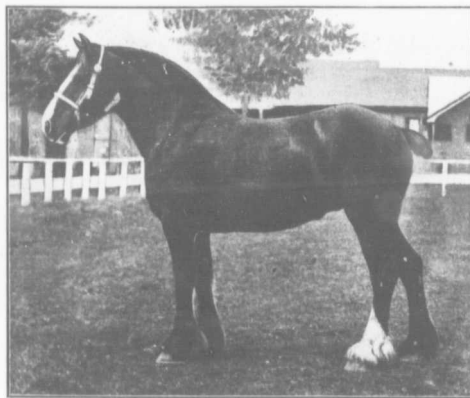
HORSES.

London has always been favored with strong exhibits of horses, and 1907 did not prove an exception to the rule. Not only were the draft classes well filled, but also general purpose, Roadsters, Hackneys and particularly the standard-bred classes. This year a marked improvement could be seen in almost all Canadian-bred classes. In the drafters, some fine harness teams, especially those of E. Tingman and M. Meadows of Maplewood, and J. McCartney of London, were of a most excellent character.

In Shires, the females were possibly heavier and stronger than ever before. In aged stallions, McIntyre & King

of Appin had on exhibit a large, drafty brown horse of passable quality. The three-year-olds were headed by a smooth, well-turned black, shown by F. H. Neil, of Lucan; an animal of good size, good quality, and a good mover. Another exhibit from the same stables was first in brood mare and foal. R. D. Ferguson of Port Stanley, got first place in aged mares, on a mare of first-class character, while J. T. Burr of Waubesa was second. In three-year-old fillies, Neil & McIntosh of Kildon got first place, and T. Parish of St. Thomas landed second. Some good fillies were on the grounds. Sweepstakes in stallions was awarded to F. H. Neil of Lucan on his aged three-year-old, while the aged mare owned by R. D.

ton. Three-year-olds were headed by Lord Kinross, a nice smoothly-turned bay, shown by Dalgetty Bros., of London. He is a typical Clydesdale and promises to turn out a good one. O'Neil Bros., of Southgate, were awarded second place on Celtic Prince, a big, strong black, while Present Fashion, a shapely, handsome and active brown, exhibited by A. Atcheson of Guelph was awarded third. In awarding first place in two-year-olds, the judges found a puzzling task in deciding between Jas. Henderson's Gowanlock and Dalgetty Bros.' Kinpurney. They are a pair very nearly alike, both being of fine character, good movers and a good sire, but were finally placed as above. Third was awarded to a good Canadian-bred in Romeo, sired by Prince Romeo, exhibited by G. E. Nixon of Arva. In yearlings, the only exhibit was made by A. E. Fierheller of Nixon. In awarding championships the judges had some difficulty in deciding between O. Sorby's magnificent fourteen-year-old Moncrief Marquis and Dalgetty Bros.' Lord Kinross. The more useful age, and freshness, were considered strong enough claims to decide the question in favor of the younger animal. In brood mares with foals, Chas. Framme of Sebringville, won first on a good, drafty animal in Jeanette, sired by Flashwood, while D. Palmer & Son of Thordale got second place with Lexy. Fierheller & Sons again came third with Lady Marshall. Clydesdale fillies three years of age were a strong class,



Princess Alexandra, 5-year-old, sire Baron's Pride. Champion Western Fair, London, 1907. Owned by A. Atcheson, Guelph, Ont.

Ferguson was awarded championship in the female class.

In Clydesdales the competition was keener and the exhibits stronger. The aged stallion class was headed by no less a favorite among Clydesdale men than the one-time Highland and Agricultural winner, Moncrief Marquis, a massive, powerful, shapely and active stallion, now 14 years of age, and exhibited by Oswald Sorby of Guelph. The second prize was awarded to W. Paulds of Mincey, for his shapely and trappy Scotland's Pride, while third place was awarded to Lord Cecil, a solid brown of a very useful kind, exhibited by Jas. Henderson of Bel-

ton and W. Brock, of Winchelsea, had something to be proud of when he landed first place with his handsome filly, Robina Burns. J. W. Carfoot, of Redwing, had a fine, shapely mare in second place, and the winner of the third place was owned by S. J. Prouse, of Ingersoll, a mare of good Clydesdale character. In two-year-olds, J. W. Boyle, of Woodstock, landed first and third with a nicely-matched pair of imported fillies, A. W. Brazier, of Kintore, being placed second. In the class for yearling fillies some nice ones were again brought out, first going to E. Trott of Christina, second to A. Elliott of