

may possibly induce them to follow Mr. Vanderbilt's example.

Horses, Not Outfits, Considered.

There seems to be an impression among our friends, the farmers, that it is useless for them to enter horses in the harness classes at the Industrial Exhibition unless these have a smart set of harness on them and an elegant vehicle behind them, and it has been alleged that judges in the past have taken the outfit into consideration in awarding the prizes. This may have been so in the past, but it was certainly not the intention of those who drew up the prize list. That there may be no mistake in the future, special instructions are to be given to the judges this year to consider the animal only in making the awards, except in classes 18 and 19, for which other regulations are drawn up. No farmer, therefore, who owns a good horse need be afraid to enter this year because he has no grand carriage and harness, as such will not be considered in determining the awards.

The Industrial Exhibition.

The prize list of the Industrial Exhibition, which is now to hand, contains a number of changes as compared with that of last year. In the horse department there are additional prizes, amounting to \$100, offered for Clydesdale stallions and four of their get, and for Hackney stallions and four of their get, while the English Hackney Society offers several special prizes. A class that has been reinstated is the general purpose class, for which \$319 in prizes is allotted. This seems to us a backward move, as we have always considered that it calls forth a most unsatisfactory array of horses and one hard to judge, so varied are they.

In the speed department there are three new classes given for colt stakes, for yearlings, two-year-olds, and three-year-olds, and one class for three-year-old pacers.

This year Hereford cattle get a full list of prizes, the amounts offered for them being the same as for Polled Angus and Galloways. Sections are offered for calves under six months in the Ayrshire, Jersey, Guernsey, and Holstein classes, the stipulation being that they must be calved after February 1st, 1896. In the former class the section for "bull and four of his get" now reads "four animals, the progeny of one bull, all bred and owned by the exhibitor," and the same section is offered for Jerseys. The herd prize for Guernseys reads "first, \$30, second, \$20, instead of a medal."

The milk test remains the same as last year. The new regulations require cattle to be on the ground by noon on Thursday of the first week, and there is also a stipulation that all animals must be registered before entry is made so that the registered number may appear in the catalogue, otherwise the entry will not be accepted.

All entries of live stock must be made before August 8th, except of poultry, which can be entered up to the 22nd.

There are no changes in the sheep list, except that the wool prizes are not offered this year.

There is an increase of \$240 in the prizes offered for swine spread over all the classes with the exception of Essex and Suffolks. These two breeds have now to be shown in one class.

Nor have poultry been forgotten. There are extra classes, male and female, provided both in old bird and chicken classes, for Buff Wyandottes, Black Sumatras, White Unbearded Polands, White Game Bantams, Black Cochins Bantams and Polish Bearded Bantams. In the breeding pens, Dorkings, Buff Plymouth Rocks, Brown Leghorns, Polish, Wyandottes, White, Buff Cochins, Polish and Rose-Comb Bantams have extra prizes added, and there is a new class for White Turkeys. There are also several additional prizes offered for pigeons and cage birds.

The new regulations made this year, and which have been endorsed by the breeders' associations, provide that judging in certain classes will commence on the Friday of the first week. On that day certain of the horse classes and all the classes for dairy cows will come before the judges. On Saturday as many of these classes as have not been finished will be proceeded with, and fat and grade cattle will also be called out. On Monday, September 7th, the judging will be general, and will be continued until everything is judged.

Such, in brief, are the new rules laid down this year for the Industrial Exhibition. We believe that what changes have been made are nearly all in the public interest, and we predict for this year's exhibition, should the weather be propitious, a much larger success even than it has met with in the past, although that has been by no means of a mean order.

FOR FARMING.

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The season so far has been exceedingly dry; we have had scarcely any rain since April 1st. The weather has been cold and backward. Grass is very short on the pastures, and cattle still have to be fed some feed in the stables.