

SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION

To characterize as depressing would be to describe mildly the weather conditions under which the Regina Exhibition of 1909 was ushered in. On the day preceding the opening there had been a steady downpour, three inches of rainfall being recorded for the twenty-four hours, and for what had been intended as the first and second days of the exhibition, precipitation continued in quantities sufficient to dampen the enthusiasm of fair association and exhibitors alike. Regina clay is not the most porous of soils, nor does it when well soaked, form the least adhesive of muds. Certainly the grounds were in no condition either for the exhibition of live stock or the reception of visitors. It was imperative, however, that judging in the various classes should be proceeded with, so sheep, swine, dairy cattle, some of the beef breeds and a portion of the Clydesdales were judged either in the stables or in the amphitheatre used for the winter fairs. Fortunately, Thursday broke bright and warm, the effects of the prolonged downpour rapidly disappeared, draft and light horses, Shorthorns and other live stock classes not already passed upon were shown in the regular rings outside, good sized crowds came from the city and various parts of the province, the attendance developing to proportions deemed scarcely possible after so unfavorable an opening, and an exhibition that seemed doomed to failure was brought to a fairly successful close.

Speaking generally, the live stock exhibit was about of average size. Some few classes, notably Clydesdales and Shorthorns, have been shown in larger numbers at previous exhibitions, but the deficiency in Clydes was balanced by an unusually large Percheron display and the falling away in Shorthorns more than made up by the Herefords and Angus. Other exhibits were up to usual proportions.

When one considers the conditions under which it was accomplished it is surprising how well the work of the various departments of the fair was kept going. Live stock exhibitors are indebted to that indefatigable worker, Paul M. Bredt, director in charge of this section, for the promptness and regularity, despite the elements, with which judging work in the live stock classes was carried on. To hold a successful fair is a credit to an exhibition association. A successful one always seems to run more smoothly than the other kind. Regina has had her share of weather-favored, financially successful ones in the past. The exhibition of 1909 will be remembered as one in which the fair association faced the possibility of serious deficiency in receipts by awarding every dollar called for in the prize list. An exhibition board with that kind of nerve has generally every other element that spells success for their efforts.

HORSES

Horse exhibits did not attain their usual proportions. The falling off was particularly noticeable in Clydesdales. This breed one is accustomed to see at Regina in numbers and quality equal to anything seen at Western exhibitions. This year while the quality of those shown was well up to the mark the display was weak numerically, one of the smallest exhibits seen at a Saskatchewan Provincial Exhibition in years. Three breeders who usually contribute strongly to the Clydesdale display were absent: A & G Mutch, Lumsden, R. H. Taber, Condie, and W. H. Bryce, Arcola. What was lacking, however, in the size of the Clyde exhibit was made up by an excellent display of Percherons. The feature characteristic of draft horse rings at every Western fair this summer held for Regina exhibition also. The horses of France were the feature of the equine exhibit. Other draft breeds were unrepresented. Light horses, Hackneys, and roadsters, especially, made a good display.

CLYDESDALES

Principal exhibitors were: Traynor Bros., Condie, Sask., with a large, strong exhibit; P. M. Bredt & Sons, Balgonie, with a string of carefully selected individuals of both sexes; Geo. Jeffrey, Davidson; J. E. Martin, Condie; Neil McCannel, Regina, and R. H. Miller, Lumsden. In the class for stallions, four years and over, five animals lined up. Alex Mutch, Lumsden, judge of the Scotch horse sections, took for first the entry of Wm. Bushee, Tregarva, King Douglas, a horse of fair substance and of good going quality. Second went to Traynor Bros., on Baron Cedarstrom; third went to P. M. Bredt & Sons on Spark, a stallion of fair size and good quality, and fourth to Traynors on Conscript by Marcellus.

In three-year-olds there were but three entries. P. M. Bredt & Sons' Tarquin, an easy moving, stylish looking colt was taken for place; Baron McBean, shown by J. E. Martin, a dark bay colt, fair in size, smooth and straight below got second, and Traynor Bros.' Baron Charmer, third. This last colt was shown under some disadvantage, an improperly shod foot interfering with his movement.

In two-year-olds Traynor Bros., were easily first with Homespun. Dr. J. A. Graham came into this section with a couple of colts rather low in flesh but with good-sized frames and fair-good quality, Isis Gem and Dean Carrick, taken for the awards in the order given. P. M. Bredt & Sons came to the front in the yearling section with a Baron's Gem colt called Baron of Edenwold.

For the brood mare awards three individuals were entered. P. M. Bredt & Sons exhibited their unbeaten female, Irene, which, despite the fact that she was shown under the most serious disadvantage, was easily first in the class. Geo. Jeffrey, Davidson, was second with a mare called Pearl of Mixedwood and O. W. Wylie, Tregarva, third with Morgan's Gem. The foal prizes were awarded to P. M. Bredt & Sons. Traynor Bros., Wylie and Jeffrey, in order. In yield mares there was but one, Charming Queen, shown by Neil McCannel, Regina.

Three-year-olds would have held more interest if better competition had developed. As it was Traynor Bros., took first without any trouble with Ladylike, champion in her class at last year's International, Chicago. O. W. Wylie was second with Eva Kenella.

The first appearance of genuine competition for the money came in the two-year-old class. There were entered here three mares, one of which, Cherry 7th, was fresh from two-year-old class Victories at Winnipeg and Brandon; Royal Gem, owned by Traynor Bros., first at the Saskatchewan Provincial Spring Show, and Mona's Gem, owned by the same exhibitor and third of the spring event. The judge took the last named for first. This is a breezy looking, well legged mare, straight going and with good strong feet. She had something about her that pleased one, a breezy appearance it might be called. J. G. Barron was second, and Traynors third with Royal Gem. In yearlings R. H. Miller was the only exhibitor, his filly, Sturdy Rose by Prime Sturdy receiving the award.

Other awards in Clydesdales were as follows: Three, the progeny of one stallion, any age or sex, won on the get of Black Guide, shown by J. E. Martin, S. T. Burgess and J. K. McGinnis; special by R. H. Taber, Condie, for best Canadian-bred stallion, won by J. E. Martin on Baron McBean; best Canadian-bred female, any age, J. G. Barron on Cherry 7th; best female, any age, R. H. Miller, Lumsden, on Sturdy Rose; best Saskatchewan-bred mare with foal by side, O. W. Wylie on Morgan's Gem, foal by King Douglas.

PERCHERONS

It is safe to say that the display of this breed was larger than has been seen at any previous Saskatchewan exhibition. Certain classes developed larger numbers and keener competition than was seen in the Clydesdale rings, which in a province continent-wide in reputation for its Clydes is a point worth noting. Exhibitors were W. E. & R. C. Upper, North Portal, Sask.; Colquhoun & Beattie, Brandon, and W. C. Swanston, Peise.

In the class for stallions, three years and over, W. E. & R. C. Upper offered their stud stallion Robosse, first at the spring show and at former exhibitions, and W. C. Swanston, two, Anacreon, purchased recently from T. D. Elliott, Bolton, Ont., sired by Polydor, five years of age, and Docteur, the horse that was second in the spring show in March. R. E. Drennan, Canora, Sask., who placed the awards in this breed, took Swanston's Anacreon for first, the same exhibitor's other entry for second and gave third to Uppers on Robosse. The first prize-winner is a large sized horse, strong in his underpinning and well actioned. The other two are fairly well known to followers of Percheron judging rings in the West. In three-year-olds and under, Colquhoun & Beattie introduced their three recently imported colts, Halifax, Haton and Ha Ha, taking the three awards in order. This stallion, Halifax, attracted more attention perhaps than any horse at the show. He is easily the finest specimen of the breed yet seen in Western Canada and in company with his two stable mates heads a trio of French drafters that have created more furore in draft horse circles than any three representatives of the Percheron breed in this country have ever done before. Rumor has it that Halifax will shortly head the stud of the leading breeders of Percherons in Saskatchewan. For the stallion championship there were presented Halifax, Haton and Anacreon. The former was easily winner, with the second prize two-year of the same stable reserve.

In females W. E. & R. C. Upper made a fairly clean sweep of the awards. They have a particularly representative outfit of mares and have recently increased their string by the purchase of Colquhoun & Beattie's Winnipeg and Brandon champion, Abella. They were first for mare and foal with Vinnetta and Palmetta and two youngsters by Robosse; first and third in yield mares with Abella and Lucy, Colquhoun & Beattie winning second with stable mate of the first prize-winner, a mare called Annette. In fillies, three-year-olds, Uppers' were alone winning with Prairie Queen, the female that was first in the same class at Winnipeg and Brandon. In two-year-olds it was the same exhibitors first, second and third. For female championship there was only one possibility, Uppers' Abella winning without competition.

Percheron exhibitors were fortunate this year in having a judge of their exhibits who is thoroughly qualified to pass upon the breed. Mr. Drennan is an American, graduate of the Iowa Agricultural College, an expert judge of Percherons in his home state and farming now at Canora, Saskatchewan.

DRAFT AND AGRICULTURAL HORSES

In these classes the team sections were the most interesting. In heavy drafts Colquhoun & Beattie exhibited the two pure-bred Percheron mares, Abella and Annette, winning the event without serious trouble; J. Caswell, Saskatoon, was second with a pair of large, drafty Clydesdales and N. McCannel, Regina, third. In the agricultural section five teams were offered, first money going to O. W. Wylie, Tregarva on a well matched, well-actioned pair; second to Geo. Jeffrey, Davidson and third to Jas. Badley, Peise. The four-horse team special, a wagon, offered by the International Harvester Co., was won by O. W. Wylie.

CATTLE

Exhibits in all but Shorthorns and Angus, were confined pretty much to one exhibitor in each class. In Shorthorns some good competition developed. The herd of P. M. Bredt & Sons, Balgonie, introduced some more serious competition than J. G. Barron, Carberry or Sir Wm. C. Van Horne, East Selkirk, had encountered at either Winnipeg or Brandon. In the class for bulls three years and over, Barron's Topsman's Duke 7th won as handily as at the two previous exhibitions; Van Horne's Huntley Wood went second, Bredt's Prime Favorite third, Barron's Mistletoe Eclipse fourth and Van Horne's Missies Marquis fifth. The aged bull line-up was a strong one, the two at the top low set blocky animals and Bredt's offering at third an exceptionally fine handler, and a strong breezy looking sire. In two-year-olds Barron was first with Topsman's Duke 8th and Bredt's second with Lord Ruby. In senior yearlings P. M. Bredt & Sons took first easily with Admiral Ruby a very smooth, well turned bull, hard to fault at any point, with Van Horne second on His Majesty, a deep set fellow but just a trifle flat on the rib and J. Caswell, Saskatoon, third with Saskatoon 32nd. Junior yearling was won by Van Horne on Golden Marquis, P. M. Bredt & Sons getting second on Don the Duster and J. G. Barron third with Scotch Thistle. The awards in the other male classes were as follows: Senior calf Van Horne 1, 2 and 3 on Spicy's Champion, Nonpariel Marquis and Spicy's Lad; junior calf, 1 and 2 Barron on Fairview King and Conqueror, 3 Bredt on a calf from Ury of Castleavery; senior champion, Barron on Topsman's Duke 7th; junior champion Van Horne on Spicy's Champion; grand champion, Barron, on Topsman's Duke 7th.

The female classes developed some interesting competition and the judge, Thos. Russell, Exeter, Ont., placed the ribbons in some sections in rather different order to what they had been awarded at Winnipeg and Brandon. Barron and Van Horne made the competition in the class for cows three years and over, the awards going, 1 to Barron on Fairview Jubilee Queen, 2, 3 and 4 to Van Horne on Roan Beauty, Sunshine's Queen and Mina's Princess. Bredt was first with Ury of Castleavery 4th in the class for cow over three years with calf at foot. Van Horne second and fourth with Duchess of Sanguahart and Spicy's Matchless and Barron third with Laura. The awards in the remaining female classes were as follows: Heifer two years, 1 and 2, Van Horne on Spicy's Lady and Nonpareil Queen; 3 and 5 Barron on Crimson Rose and Louise 3rd; 4, Bredt on Meadow Girl; senior yearling, 1, Bredt on Isabella, 2 and 3, Van Horne on Spicy's Rose and Missie of Huntley Wood; 4, Barron on Crimson Beauty; junior yearling, 1 and 4 Van Horne on Victory of Selkirk, and Village Fancy, 2 and 3 Barron on Rosie Hope and Baroness; senior calf 1 and 3 Van Horne on Spicy's Princess and Spicy's Lady, 2 and 4, Barron White Heather and Fairview Jubilee Queen II; junior calf, 1 Van Horne, 2, Bredt, 3, Barron; senior champion female, Van Horne on Spicy's Lady; junior champion female, Van Horne on Spicy's Rose; grand champion female Van Horne on Spicy's Lady; herd, bull and three females, 1 Van Horne, 2 Barron, 3 Bredt; three calves under one year, 1 and 3, Van Horne, 2 Barron; cow and two of her progeny, 1 and 2, Van Horne; herd bull and three females all under two years, 1 Van Horne, 2 Bredt, 3 Barron.

ABERDEEN-ANGUS

This breed was shown by J. D. McGregor, Brandon, and J. Bowman, Guelph, the same animals competing in the same sections as they have met in at all the leading fairs this summer. In addition to these two B. D. Smith, McLean, Saskatchewan, offered a small exhibit and came in for a portion of the money. The McGregor herd is particularly strong in females, while Bowman has the stronger bull division. It was as representative a display of the black breed as has been seen at any fair this year. Buyers are inquiring freely this season for beef breeding stock and the Angus seem to be coming in for more buying attention than they have before.

HEREFORDS

In the white-faced breed Wm. Shields, Beresford, was the only exhibitor and put up from his own herd all the competition that developed in the various sections. This breeder has a herd of Herefords that are unusually strong in breed characteristics and quality. It was unfortunate that at the leading exhibitions this year no outside competition devel-

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