

each experimenter were asked to allow 100 points for his first choice, and a proportionate number for the other varieties, to the best of his judgment. The number of points for each could then be summarized, the first choice represented by 100, and the others in proportion. Further value would be given the reports if, in addition to the usual summary, the results were grouped according to light and heavy soils, and also, in the case of some of the experiments, according to northerly and southerly location. In this way, each experimenter may, in some cases, have his particular experiment practically duplicated many times over in one season.

Brant Co., Ont.

DO NOT JUDGE ALL BY ONE.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

I would like to say a word or two in reply to "Subscriber," who wrote, on January 9th, in such scathing terms re imported horses and boys. I cannot see them abused in the wholesale manner in which he speaks of them—I mean the boys. We have one in our

home, and a brighter, better boy one could not find; indeed, he can put to shame many a Canadian boy who has his parents and his own home to go to, and there are several in this neighborhood, and better boys are hard to find.

I think, if Mr. Subscriber would judge all Canadians by one, as he seems to do the imported boys, he would have very little to say for the majority of them, but, happily, they are not all alike. We would on no account part with our boy, and am glad to say a good many think the same of their imported boys; and I hope, in future, Mr. Subscriber will be more lenient in his judgment of them.

ANOTHER SUBSCRIBER'S WIFE.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

May 4th to 9th.—Canadian National Horse Show, Toronto.
June 18th to 20th.—Galt Horse Show, Galt, Ont.
June 29th to July 9th.—Dominion Exhibition, Calgary, Alta.
July 11th to 17th.—Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

Ontario Horse-breeders' Exhibition a Great Success.

"Though you haven't a tenth of our population, you certainly put it over us in the raising of horses," said R. P. Stericker, the noted American Hackney judge, at the second annual Ontario Horse-breeders' Exhibition, held last week in St. Lawrence Arena, Toronto. "Your farmers take a keen interest in horses, and among them are a good many Old Countrymen who know how to fit a horse. Most of the best geldings in America are Canadian-bred. The remarkable feature about this show is the large number of farmers who are watching it so closely. It can only be the horses that bring them, for, excepting the band, there are no other attractions in the arena." This comment, gratifying as it is to national pride, expresses in a nutshell the general opinion of judges and visitors.

The fortnight's postponement of the date of the Exhibition, owing to railroad blockade, did not prevent a substantial increase in attendance, the admission receipts totalling some \$800, against \$700 last year, which means that 3,200 quarters were paid, chiefly by farmers, who attended for the express purpose of observing the judging of breeding horses under circumstances about as comfortable as those usually found at a sale. This is indeed a tribute to the horsemanship of our people. Time was, as Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, observed, when farmers could hardly be induced to attend a show of this kind. They thought there was nothing in it for them. Now they come in large numbers. Let no one say we are not progressing along agricultural lines.

Exhibition at this show is an excellent advertisement. Many of the visitors are on the lookout for stallions to purchase or to syndicate, and a great deal of business results directly and indirectly. That the opportunities are appreciated by our breeders and importers is evidenced by the increase in entries, from 185 in 1907, to some 230-odd in 1908. Although these numbered comparatively few new individuals, the judging provided some interesting surprises, and was certainly not characterized by slavish adherence to precedent. Just what criticism the official placing deserved, we are not in a very good position to say. The management of the show, in their unprecedented solicitude for the personal safety of the press reviewers and others within the ring, forbade them to stray beyond touch of the railing of the central box, unless escorted by the ringmaster, and it will be readily understood that, standing in the center of the ring, glancing up and down a blazed line of whitefaces or a row of bed-decked and beribboned tails, with an occasional side-squint at the individual horse's action, is a poor vantage from which to size up a ring of a dozen animals, and our comments are abbreviated accordingly.

The slate of official talent was composed as follows: Clydesdales, and Canadian-bred Clydesdales and Shires—A. B. McLaren, Chicago; Jas. Torrance, Markham, Ont.; referee, James Henderson, Belton. In the open class of Shires, Mr. Torrance was referee. Hackneys—R. P. Stericker, West Orange, N. J., and A. B. Campbell, V. S., of Berlin; referee, A. B. McLaren, Chicago. Standard-breds—Robt. Graham, Bedford Park, Ont., and O. B. Sheppard, Toronto; referee, A. B. McLaren, Chicago. Thoroughbreds—Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Ottawa, and S. B. Fuller, Woodstock, Ont.; referee, A. B. McLaren, Chicago. Ponies—R. W. Davies, Toronto, and Albert E. Major, Whitevale; referee, A. B. McLaren, Chicago.

CLYDESDALES.

The capital string of ten mature stallions, though furnishing little new material, afforded a strong list of more or less familiar propositions to be conjured with anew. Graham-Renfrew Co.'s Sir Marcus, the celebrated Canadian-National and Chicago-International champion, out once more in the pink of bloom, and carrying a wealth of additional avoirdupois, very smoothly and neatly disposed, had no difficulty in making good his claim to first. An appropriate second was Smith & Richardson's President Roosevelt, a horse of something the same scale and No. 1 quality of fur-

nishing. Third was a Hiawatha get, Gilt Edge, exhibited by Thos. Mercer, leaving fourth to no less a horse than R. Ness & Son's Baron Silloth. Right Forward no longer maintains the prestige of his youth. Maturity has rather detracted from his splendid form of 1906, and he had to be content this time with fifth position. Below him stood Dalgety's Royal Carlung, a strong, good horse, with quite an impressive display of bone and quality, while as far down as seventh was found Mercer's right good imported bay, Broadalbane, by Hiawatha, dam Lady Gartley, by Royal Gartley. Of stallions foaled in 1904, a full baker's dozen lined up. The judges unquestionably pleased the ringside with their first selection, to wit, Graham Bros.' Royal Choice, first in his class at Toronto and Chicago in 1907. He has certainly improved since the autumn campaign, and is one of the most striking stallions in the American show-ring to-day. The blue ribbon decorated Smith & Richardson's imported Buchlyvie Laird, a fine quality horse, with a particularly pleasing set of pasterns, but none too ample a breadbasket. Some spectators would have favored for second position the third selection, Hassard's Auchenrieve, a thick, good young horse, by Moncrieffe Marquis. Equally strong numerically was the splendid class of stallions foaled in 1905. These were eventually headed by Graham-Renfrew Co.'s grand young black horse, Baron Howes, bearing in royal form his recent Chicago prestige. John A. Boag & Son came close up into second place with imported Glensman, by Flash Sturdy; while Smith & Richardson scored third with an Everlasting get, Black Ivory, bred by Jas. Durno. Fourth was Hassard's Hiawatha colt, First Baron, and fifth a strong, honest sort in Dalgety Bros.' Kinburnie. Among the half-dozen colts rising two years old, the Claremont stables provided the goods for first place in King Easy, while a first-class second was turned up in Ness' Royal Benedict. Graham Bros. also came third with King o' the Barons, leaving fourth place to the Bedford Park firm's Top Spot, after Baron Hood. The championship class furnished one of those interesting denouements which go to enhance the fascination of the show-ring. Graham-Renfrew Co. exhibited two strong candidates in the Toronto and Chicago champion, Sir Marcus, and the splendid black colt, Baron Howes, while between them stood the imposing three-year-old Royal Choice. Opinion favored Sir Marcus, but when, in the dull light of the late afternoon, the decision was made known, the two-year-old horse was found to have scored. He was certainly no discredit to the honor, for, pasterns he combines ideal conformation of body, legs, pasterns and feet, with the gilt-edge quality befitting a sweepstakes winner.

Of the mares, not so much need be said. A trio of good ones were headed by the female sweepstakes, Smith & Richardson's Floshead Princess, with Cowie's Queen Bess, and Andrew Aitchison's Blacon Jewel, in the order named. This latter is a beautiful, well-knit, quality mare, and would grace first place in many a ring. Of mares foaled in 1905, Hodgkinson & Tisdale's Crissa Princess led the way, while Elliott's Craigie Beauty was first in the string of fillies foaled subsequent to January 1st, 1906.

Stallions foaled previous to Jan., 1904.—Graham-Renfrew Co., Ltd., Bedford Park, Sir Marcus (imp.), by Sir Simon; 2, Smith & Richardson, Columbus, President Roosevelt (imp.), by Marcellus; 3, Thos. Mercer, Markdale; Gilt Edge (imp.), by Hiawatha; 4, R. Ness & Son, Howick, Que., Baron Silloth (imp.), by Baron's Pride; 5, Graham Bros., Claremont, Right Forward (imp.), by Prince Thomas; 6, Dalgety Bros., London, Royal Carlung (imp.), by Prince of Carlung; 7, Thos. Mercer, Markdale, Broadalbane (imp.), by Hiawatha; 8, O. Sorby, Guelph, Medallion (imp.), by Baron's Pride; 9, Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Duke of Malton (imp.), by Sir Everest.

Stallions foaled in 1904.—1, Graham Bros., Claremont, Royal Choice, by Everlasting; 2, Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Buchlyvie Laird, by Baron o' Buchlyvie; 3, T. H. Hassard, Millbrook, Auchenrieve, by Moncrieffe Marquis; 4, T. H. Hassard, Millbrook, Dunure

PROVOCATIVE OF IMPIOUS THOUGHTS.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

Having noticed in your valuable paper the discussion on the automobile question, allow me to say I think it a very important one, and also agree with the writers that there should be some legislation on the subject.

We live on the main road from London to Stratford, and the automobiles are nothing but a pest, as they run continually every day in the week. People race home from church on Sunday, or make a dash for the first open gate, when they see one coming, and I believe their thoughts are so wicked against these automobiles that all the good they received at service is destroyed.

As for the women going to town, they simply don't go. They buy everything they can get at the country store, so you see the merchants of the towns are losing trade simply because a few (in our town there are three) have automobiles. But let them run in the town if they care to, but banish them from the country roads, so we can enjoy a drive on our good roads when they are finished.

A NEW SUBSCRIBER.

Middlesex Co., Ont.

George, by Baron o' Buchlyvie; 5, Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Knight of Maryfield, by Prince Thomas; 6, Andrew Aitchison, Guelph, Present Fashion, by Drumflower; 7, R. Ness & Son, Howick, Que., Vanderbilt, by Casablanca; 8, T. D. Elliott, Bolton, Pride of Avon, by Rathillet.

Stallions foaled in 1905.—1, Graham-Renfrew Co., Baron Howes, by Baron Hood; 2, John A. Boag & Son, Glensman, by Flash Sturdy; 3, Smith & Richardson, Black Ivory, by Everlasting; 4, T. H. Hassard, First Baron, by Hiawatha; 5, Dalgety Bros., London, Kinburnie, by Royal Favorite; 6, Graham-Renfrew Co., Limited, Craignair, by Lothian Again; 7, Smith & Richardson, Baron Columbus, by Baron o' Buchlyvie; 8, R. Ness & Son, Fickle Baron, by Baron's Pride; 9, O. Sorby, Guelph, Dragoon, by Royal Edward.

Stallions foaled in 1906.—1, Graham Bros., Claremont, King Easy, by Baron Mitchell; 2, R. Ness & Son, Howick, Que., Royal Benedict, by Benedict; 3, Graham Bros., Claremont, King of the Barons, by Baron Airies; 4, Graham-Renfrew Co., Bedford Park, Top Spot, by Baron Hood; 5, John A. Boag & Son, Queensville, Ont., Timothy, by Benedict; 6, Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont., Rab the Ranter, by Everlasting.

Champion stallion, Baron Howes.

Mares foaled previous to January, 1905.—1, Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Floshead Princess, by Prince Tom; 2, J. W. Cowie, Markham, Queen Bess, by Balmedie Queen's Guard; 3, Andrew Aitchison, Guelph, Blacon Jewel, alias Lady Alexandra, by Baron's Pride.

Mares foaled in 1905.—1, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton, Crissa Princess, by Prince Thomas; 2, John A. Boag & Son, Hannah, by Douglas Chief; 3, T. D. Elliott, Bolton, Ont., Hamilton Rose, by Hiawatha; 4, Andrew Aitchison, Guelph, Eleanor Sproat, by Majestic.

Mares foaled on or subsequent to Jan. 1, 1906.—1, T. D. Elliott, Craigie Beauty, by Royal Blend; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Bishopston Queen, by Prince Sturdy; 3, John A. Boag & Son, Rose Campbell, by Benedict; 4, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Craigie Belle, by The Dean.

Champion Clydesdale mare, Floshead Princess.

SHIRES.

The exhibit of Shires was not numerous, but the quality was fairly well up to the mark. The list of entries included a number of animals which have recently been sent to Canada by the English firms of R. Moore & Sons and John S. Chambers & Sons, of Holdenby, Eng. In the aged stallions, first was accorded to the massively-built, typical, imported Shire, Newham Duke, exhibited by Thos. Mercer. This is the horse shown by J. M. Gardhouse some four years ago. The Canadian stables of John S. Chambers & Sons provided the second candidate in Cranmore Girton, while John Gardhouse & Sons rounded up the class by Royal King 3rd. This is a well-put-together horse, and, with a little more depth of barrel and substance, would probably have had the call. Of stallions foaled in 1905, an easy first was J. M. Gardhouse's Mona's Rocket, a smooth-quality-type of horse, with the best of legs and feet, an excellent way of going, good bone, and fine, silky feather. This horse, in the Old Country, won nine firsts and two championships. Second in this class was John Gardhouse & Sons' Government, leaving fourth to Elliott's Sir Ralph de Willington. Some difference of opinion was expressed as to the placing of the aged mares. Black Jewel is a sweet, black mare, rather on the flash order, but there appeared to be a certain lack of freedom in her action which caused many to prefer the second-prize mare, Holdenby Nicausis, a Chambers-bred mare, exhibited by the Highfield firm. The Gardhouses also secured third with Lily of the Manor, by Stroxtan Tom, while the Canadian stables of John S. Chambers & Sons supplied the fourth candidate in Deeping Rose. This firm was first in the next class, mares foaled subsequent to 1905, with a rather thick, blocky filly called Holdenby Aura, leaving second to Gardhouse's Spalding Belle.

Stallions foaled previous to 1905.—1, Thos. Mercer, Markdale, Newham Duke (imp.), by Catthorpe Irving; 2, John Chambers & Son, Holdenby, Eng. (Canadian