

As noted in last week's issue, judging commenced on Wednesday, September 1st, when the ponies were disposed of, continuing thereafter for six successive afternoons (omitting Sunday), the classes being interspersed according to the fashionable horse-show programme, two or three of each breed being adjudicated per day. Harness and saddle horses were shown before the grand-stand, but the breeding classes were judged in the small ring to the rear of the Manufacturers' Building, where the work was followed, especially during the latter week, by many hundreds of interested farmers and horsemen, occupying the covered seats and lined up around the fence enclosing the ring.

The educational benefit thus received would amply justify an extension of the covered seating accommodation, unless, as would be much better, a large amphitheatre were built, in which both horses and cattle could be exhibited before thousands of seated onlookers, and in a subdued light, where the flies would not be so viciously troublesome. The advantage of such an arena in guarding against interruption or disagreeable conditions caused by rain, should not be lost sight of, although it must be admitted that the Toronto dates are singularly fortunate in this regard. Without wishing the exhibition any ill-success, one might almost hope that a rainy spell should play havoc with the judging some year, just to impress the need and hasten the erection of a judging-arena such as many of the American State fairs have provided on their grounds.

A gratifying feature in the horse-ring was the entire absence of friction or difficulty in any regard, and the reasonable liberty accorded to the press, a liberty which was in no instance abused, nor is likely to be. Robt. Miller, as Director-in-Charge, and Jas. Noble, as Superintendent, make an efficient team, and carried out the programme with punctuality and despatch. The single-judge system was followed, except in Canadian-bred heavy drafts, where awards were settled by a committee of two. Clydesdale ratings were made by Robert Copland, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, who did fairly satisfactory though not unexceptionable work. He was assisted in Canadian-bred heavy drafts by John Bright, of Myrtle, Ont., and, without reflection upon either judge, it cannot be said that the combination of talent conducted especially to consistency or speed. Shire positions were again allocated by a Clydesdale breeder, Wm. Smith, of Columbus, Ont., who had a light task, but discharged it well wherever discrimination was called for. Hackneys and Thoroughbred stallions were placed by Wm. Carr, of New York; Standard-breds and Roadsters by S. J. Cherry, of Preston, Ont.

While these men did probably as good work as any other board likely to be assembled, it did not escape criticism. Whether due to the values involved, the closeness of competition, or whatever may be, it does seem hard to get the ribbons placed to everyone's satisfaction. When, for instance, a prize is given, against the opinion of the ring-side talent, to an entry bred by one of the judges, that may or may not signify a natural partiality for an individual of one's own breeding, but it does lend weight to an opinion expressed in the cattle-ring, that no man should consent to officiate in a class where some of the candidates are of his own breeding.

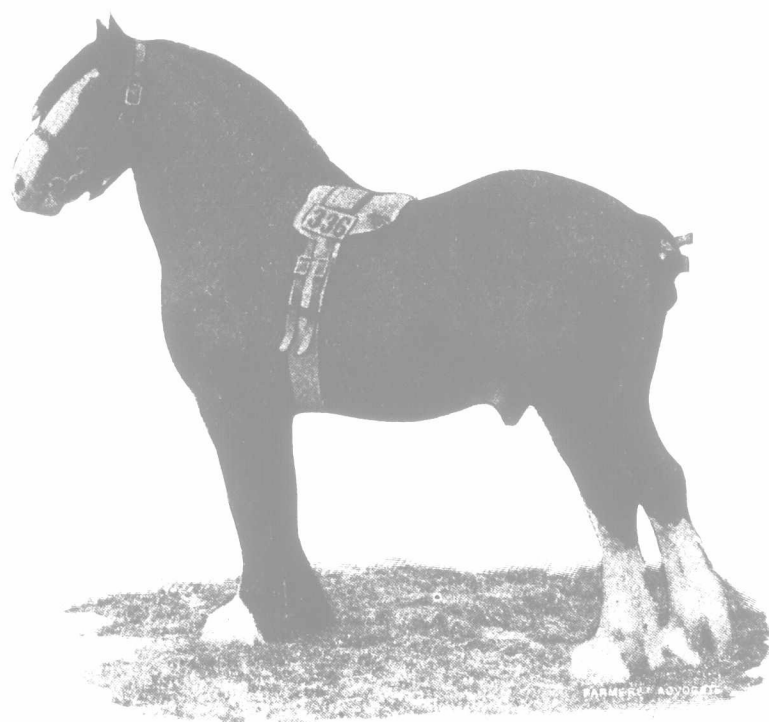
CLYDESDALES.

Scottish material recently imported furnished the competition, as usual, in open Clydesdale classes. It was chiefly a battle of the importers. Exception, of course, was class 47, for aged stallions, importers excluded, though even here it was Scotch-bred horses that entered. Canadian-bred Clydesdales show principally in the section for heavy drafts. The roster of exhibitors comprised such well-known names as Graham Bros., Clarendon, Ont.; Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont.; Dalgety Bros., London, Ont.; Robt. Ness & Son, Howick, Que.; Thos. Mercer, Markdale, Ont.; and Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton, Ont., along with other Ontario men operating on a less extensive scale, including A. G. Gormley, Unionville; Miller & Millan, Brantford; W. J. Cowan, Cannington; John Davidson, Ashburn; J. J. McKenney, Toronto; A. Hewson, Grahamsville; R. T. Wood, Etobicoke, and John Black, Kilsyth. As previously explained, Graham & Renfrew's recent importation did not arrive in time to enter. Among the ten aged stallions was no lack of good material to build with. A clear first was found in Gartly Pride, a solid, compact, cresty son of Baron's Pride, supported on first-class underpinning, preparing one to expect the capital action he shows. Beside him was placed the Everlasting horse, Royal Choice, imported by Graham Bros., and exhibited as a three-year-old in 1907. He is an impressive-looking candidate, big, strong-boned, with a bold, masculine outlook and splendid forehead, but his two good ends are joined by a middle that inclines to slackness. Mercer's Margrave, in third place, though not particularly heavy-boned, is a fairly well put up and typical horse, by Hiawatha, splendid at the ground, with large feet and approved slope of pas-

terns, wanting only a little more substance to put him well up in any class. The best mover in the lot was Viscount Lothian, selected by R. R. Ness, whose devotion to Ayrshires is not so exclusive as to prevent him knowing a good thing in horseflesh. Passing down, we note in fifth place Borland Chief, a well-knit, well-fashioned kind, by Baron's Chief. Dalgety's Sir Randolph is a big, thick, honest horse, by Moncrieffe Marquis, the kind we need more of to sire high-class, marketable geldings. Fentland Pride is a strong-boned four-year-old, shown by the same firm, while down the list were the chestnut Gold Stripe, and Smith & Richardson's Baron Curzon, by Baron's Pride.

The aged stallion class, closed to importers, was headed, finally, by Baron Dow, an imported horse, sired by Baron Britton, by Baron's Pride, and owned by R. T. Wood, Etobicoke. He appeared from the ring-side to move well, but had certainly no points to spare to that even, well-balanced five-year-old Buteman, owned by W. J. Cowan, Cannington, Ont., exhibited for first against Royal Choice in Toronto two years ago. A worthy third was Baron Montague, a brown seven-year-old, by Drumflower, by Macgregor, dam by Baron's Pride, and shown by John Davidson, Ashburn. He is a thick, well-built horse, and goes right. The class was rounded out by Royal Ardethen and Talbot, the latter somewhat overburdened with flesh.

The half-dozen three-year-old stallions formed but a fair ring. The red ribbon decorated Graham Bros.' Coniston, a Baron Rowena get. Though not particularly flash as to action or quality, he is up to a pretty good size, and his feet, though apparently soread somewhat by his shoes, present good open hoof heads. Rather on the loose order as the second-prize horse, General



Gartly Pride (imp.) (9555).

Five-year-old Clydesdale stallion, by Baron's Pride. First in the aged class and champion at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, 1909. Imported and exhibited by Graham Bros., Clarendon, Ont.

Favorite. King's Bounty is a very good mover, but wanting a little in body. Captain Vasey is a thick, strong-boned colt, by the Royal & Highland first-prize horse, Silver Cup, while Gay Sprig, a get of the champion, rare-quality horse, Refiner, was relegated to fifth, because, in the judge's opinion, he had not size enough to warrant a higher place. Dunure Acknowledgment, a clean, flat-boned stallion, could spare a bit of length from his back to his quarter.

Two-year-olds made the strongest exhibit of the show. This class, usually well filled, mustered 17, from a catalogue entry of 20, the largest number forward in it for at least four years back, the figures being 12 in 1908, 13 in 1907, and 16 in 1906. When they came in, on Friday afternoon, Mr. Copland had his work cut out. Baron's Pride blood carried the day, one of his own get, Baron's Fancy, bred by the Montgomerys, and imported by Graham Bros., capturing the red. He is a good level colt, well bottomed, and displaying abundance of Clydesdale character. Bay Ronald, next to him, is a very true horse, of a slightly different and rangier type, while Life Guard, in third place, though not quite so thick, moved well, and looks like improving. He was closely followed by Duke of Montrose, and he in turn by Smith & Richardson's Commodore, by Baron o' Buchlyvie, the best breeding son of Baron's Pride. Hard after him was Ness & Son's Bowhill Baron, a direct get of the illustrious king of living Clydes. In the judge's opinion, these six would have made a very creditable ring at the Highland, and there were more good ones, but

only one which Smith & Richardson considered the best of their string of five. Among so many good ones, it seems invidious to confine mention to the winners. The others forward, grouping them according to ownership, were: Smith & Richardson's Baron Onslow, by Baron's Pride; Prince of Merton, by Baron O'Dee; Dunure Shepley and Dunure Gold Link, by Baron o' Buchlyvie; Graham Bros.' unplaced candidates were Abbey Blacon and Blacon Cross, by Pride of Blacon, and Abbey Gale, by Douglas Chief. Dalgety Bros. showed Royal Mulben, by Baron Albion. Ness had Encore, by Lancer, and Inglesstone, by Everlasting; while Mercer's Hiawatha colt, Agricola, completed the ring.

Those who saw the yearlings judged, on Saturday afternoon, pronounced them a fine class, the best, in Mr. Bright's opinion, seen at Toronto in a good while. Graham Bros. were first and second with Macgregor Blend, a Benedict colt, something extra at the ground, a good goer, and of fair size, and Paul Jones, an imported animal, by Sir Marcus, out of a Macgregor mare. He was rather excelled at the bottom, and also in scale. Third and fourth went to Smith & Richardson, third on King's Edict, by the same sire as the first-prize entry, and fourth on Baron Crawford, by Baron's Pride. As the fifth colt, King's Counsel, shown by Ness & Son, was also a Benedict, it was all but a clean sweep for Baron's Pride stock.

Three-year-old fillies responded to the number of four, including an uncatalogued entry to Mr. Hewson, and were fittingly headed by Smith & Richardson's extra well-bred Baron Solway filly, Queen Minnie, winner of twenty first prizes and seven championships in Scotland. While not large, she is type and quality from the ground up, and should prove a choice breeder, being now, by the way, in foal to Libori. Graham Bros. recently imported Ardethen filly, Lady Ferns, won in the two-year-olds, second going to an Everlasting filly forwarded by Ness & Son. There was no class for yeld mares, but a clicking good one appeared to try conclusions for championship honors. Crosby Gem was her name, a sweet, toppy mare, by Baron's Fashion, shown by W. J. Cowan. She moved well, and displayed quality all over. Against her were Queen Minnie, Lady Ferns, and the first-prize yearling, Fourth Maid. It was a close decision. Other things equal, odds should be against a yeld mare, because of the probability of her never proving a breeder. It looked for a time as if Queen Minnie might get it. She did not seem to show her best, however, and Mr. Copland finally cut the knot by awarding the championship to the two-year-old, and reserve to the yeld mare. Male championship was easy for Gartly Pride. Awards:

Stallion, 4 years old and upwards

—1, Graham Bros., on Gartly Pride, by Baron's Pride; 2, Graham Bros., on Royal Choice, by Everlasting; 3, Thos. Mercer, on Margrave, by Hiawatha; 4, R. Ness & Son, on Viscount Lothian, by Luffness; 5, Graham Bros., on Borland Chief, by Baron's Chief; 6, Dalgety Bros., on Sir Randolph, by Moncrieffe Marquis.

Stallion, 4 years old and upwards, importers excluded—1, R. T. Wood, on Baron Dow, by Baron Britton; 2, W. J. Cowan, on Buteman, by Pride of Blacon; 3, John Davidson, on Baron Montague, by Drumflower; 4, Miller & Millan, on Royal Ardethen, by Ardethen; 5, A. G. Gormley, on Talbot, by Up-to-Time.

Stallion, 3 years old.—1, Graham Bros., on Coniston, by Baron Rowena; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on General Favorite, by Airies Prince; 3, Thos. Mercer, on King's Bounty, by Gold Mine; 4, Smith & Richardson, on Captain Vasey, by Silver Cup; 5, W. J. Cowan, on Gay Sprig, by Refiner; 6, Smith & Richardson, on Dunure Acknowledgment, by Baron o' Buchlyvie.

Stallion, 2 years old.—1, Graham Bros., on Baron's Fancy, by Baron's Pride; 2, Graham Bros., on Bay Ronald, by Baron Pothschids; 3, Thos. Mercer, on Life Guard, by Montague Watchman; 4, Graham Bros., on Duke of Montrose, by Royal Favorite; 5, Smith & Richardson, on Commodore, by Baron o' Buchlyvie; 6, Ness & Son, on Bowhill Baron, by Baron's Pride.

Stallion, 1 year old.—1, Graham Bros., on Macgregor Blend, by Benedict; 2, Graham Bros., on Paul Jones, by Sir Marcus; 3, Smith & Richardson, on King's Edict, by Benedict; 4, Smith & Richardson, on Baron Crawford, by Baron's Pride; 5, Ness & Son, on King's Counsel, by Benedict. Champion stallion—Gartly Pride.

Filly, 3 years old.—1, Smith & Richardson, on Queen Minnie, by Baron Solway; 2, Graham Bros., on Maid of Gloucester, by Royal Favorite; 3, Thos. Mercer, on Rose of Cowan Hill, by Broadbance; 4, A. Hewson, on a post-entry filly; 5, 2 years old.—1, Graham Bros., on Lady