

Beef Cattle at Toronto

The Shorthorns were as usual the feature of the best cattle exhibit. The entry in this class alone was nearly 200 greater than last year and the display made was a credit to the breed. Mr. D. E. Platt, Hamilton, placed the awards. No judge in recent years did his work better or gave more general satisfaction. His was consistent throughout, set a type and following it through to the end. He judged solely from the breeders' standpoint, which will account for some animals of good blocky type, but lacking in breed character, not getting so high up as their owners expected. On the whole Mr. Platt did his work very well indeed and made very few mistakes.

The bull classes were well filled, though not as even, a lot as the females. In the aged bull class, Sidelight, a Royal Wonder bull, shown by The Little Missouri Horse Co., Meadville, Pa., was a bull particularly worthy of mention. The principal exhibitors were R. A. & J. A. Watt, Salem, Ont.; W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Sir Geo. Drummond, Beacomfield, Que.; John Gardhouse, Hightfield, Ont.; E. & G. C. Robson, Elderton, S. Dymont of Barrie, J. & D. J. Campbell, Woodville, W. R. Elliott & Son, Guelph, Arthur Johnston, W. & S. Auld, Eden Mills, Eastwood Bros., New Toronto, Kerr & Davidson, Balsam, W. G. Pettit & Son, Freeman, F. Smith, Kesteven, H. J. Mitchell, Burlington, G. Ames & Son, Moffat and others.

The cow classes were particularly strong. The aged cows that lined up before the judges were as good a lot of Shorthorn matrons as have ever graced a Canadian show ring. Queen Ideal of the Beaconfield Herd was placed first. She was brought out in good form and though showing the effects of frequent fitting for the show ring, her many good qualities were to the front.

The class for Shorthorns in milk was not as strong as it should have been. There should be at least two classes, one for three-year-olds in milk and another for four-year-olds or over. This would enable a championship to be given for the best cow in milk, and not have the winner come in competition with the best matrons for sweepstakes honors.

That veteran feeder and breeder, James Leask was strong in the steer classes sired by a Shorthorn bull, winning both 1st and 2nd in the two-year-old and yearling classes. Joseph Stone, Saintfield was first in the calf class, with a steer bred by Leask.

OTHER BEEF BREEDS

The Hereford show was not as strong as last year. W. H. Hunter, The Maples, had both the senior champion and junior champion bulls. His aged bull, Improver, looking well and showing his deep massive qualities to advantage, being given the grand championship by H. D. Smith, Hamilton, had the first prize yearling bull. J. A. Govenlock, Forest, had the best of it in the female classes winning both championships on two very good cows. He was also to the front in the herd classes, winning all but the junior herd, which went to Hunter. R. J. Mackie, Oshawa, judged the Herefords.

The Aberdeen Angus made an excellent show with a couple of new exhibitors out. John Lowe, Elton, had the senior champion bull, and James Bowman, Guelph, the junior and grand champion bull in his imported yearling. Magnificent. Bowman also had both championships in females on two splendid animals. He also won in graded herd. L. B. Broadfoot, Ferrus, won first on aged cows, with Elm Park Kyma 11th, a good deep individual.

There was nothing sensational about the Galloway display. D. McCrae, Guelph, and R. Shaw, Brantford, were the contestants. The former had much

the best of it in the bull classes, winning both championships. Shaw was stronger in females, winning the senior and grand championship, senior honors going to McCrae. John Davidson, Ashburn, judged the Angus and Galloway classes.

Horses at Toronto

The horse exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition was always a strong one. This year it was stronger than ever, the large stable accommodation on the grounds being inadequate for the purpose. But quantity was not its only feature. The quality on the whole was of the best and quite bore out the reputation Canadians have for producing the best horse flesh to be found on this continent. Some of the breeds were not so strongly represented as they should have been, considering the numbers and quality to be found in the country. The exhibit of thoroughbreds is a notable example. The time was when the thoroughbred put up one of the best shows on the grounds. This year it was away below par. There were only 14 entries, and the total prize money of nearly \$10,000 divided equally among them would give a total of \$700 for each horse show. The thoroughbred people will have to be out of the prize lot. Contrast this show with the standard breeds, which made one of the largest exhibits in the horse department, one exhibitor alone, Miss Kitty Wilkes of Galt, had 65 entries, and put up a show that in itself would be creditable to any big fair. One of the sensational animals in this class, Morrigan, was owned by this exhibitor. That there were the pony classes. The entries in this section were nearly three times larger than last year and the quality very good. The Canadian Pony Society has been doing things the past few months. To its efforts is due the very fine display made this year in the pony classes. Some of the other horse societies should take a lesson from the Pony Society and get out more representative exhibits at next year's fair. The harness classes generally were well filled. Hunters and jumpers were very good. A feature worth noting was the strong infusion of trotting blood in many of the animals shown, especially on the dark side. The thoroughbred people should make a note of this.

HACKNETS

Of the light horse display our readers will be more interested in the Hackney exhibit than any other. While it did not show much superiority over recent years in numbers, the quality was of a high order, many recently imported animals facing the judge, Mr. Wm. Gibson, of Beacomfield, Que. Mr. Gibson, did his work exceedingly well. He was consistent throughout in his placing, and did not jump from one type to another, something that could not be said of all the judges in the horse department. The principal exhibitors of Hackneys were Messrs. Calkins & Angus, Byron, Mich.; Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont.; Oak Park Stock Farm Co., Brantford, Ont.; T. H. Hasard, Millbrook, Ont.; Graham & Renwick Co., Bedford Park, Ont.; A. Yeager, Simcoe, Ont.; Geo. A. Bennett & Sons, Carlisle, Ont.; Chas. E. Eard, Simcoe, Ont.; T. A. Cox, Brantford, Ont.; and W. G. Galt, Galt, Ont.

CLYDESDALES

For several years the Clydesdale show has been the feature of the horse display at Toronto. In the past the display was everything but the best of the Scotchmen's draft horse could wish for. But there was a fly in the ointment. Mr. James West of Sandeland, Scotland was brought over to place the awards and some real good judging was looked for. Whether it be that horsemen are born "kickers" and

stick to their favorites, no matter what quality may be against them, it is that never at the ringside of any Clydesdale ring, have we heard so much adverse criticism of a judge. In our opinion much of it was deserved. No judge in recent years at Toronto has jumped round from one system to another in his placing as did Mr. Weir. It may be the way they do things in Scotland. To say the least his placing was very hard to follow, though he may have had good reason for his decisions. They were not, however, apparent to the ringside.

In the aged stallion class, that splendid stallion, Sir Marcus, shown by the Graham, Renfrew Co. was an easy first. He was shown in the best of form and in a condition that could hardly be improved upon. He has all the good qualities and few of the bad ones and, as shown at Toronto, was a fine type of the modern Clydesdale. The principal exhibitors were Dalgety Bros., London, Ont.; Thos. Mercer, Markdale, Ont.; Smith & Richardson, Columbus, Ont.; Graham Bros., Claremont, Ont.; The Graham, Renfrew Co.; Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton, Ont.; W. J. Cowan, Cannington, Ont.; J. D. Larkin, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.; E. R. New & Son, Howick, Que.; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.; D. Gunn & Son, Beaverton, Ont.; A. G. Gormley, Unionville, Ont., and others.

SHIRES

The Shire men did not do themselves justice at this year's show. The exhibit was much smaller than it should have been, though the general quality shown was as good, if not better than at recent shows. Both cham-

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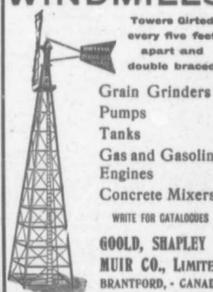
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