



SHIRE STALLION, PROVOST =16333-.
OWNED BY WALTER CARD, NEEPAWA, MAN.

stamping out of the disease were full of sound common sense and in the nature of heavy criticism on the sapient officials of the British Board of Agriculture, who, it will be remembered, discovered (!) pleuro in a Canadian beast. A reasonable system of compensation, he stated, was essential to the rapid stamping out of glanders.

In the discussion of pneumonia, Prof. McFadyen, the nestor of the profession in Great Britain, stated that lots of cases of strangles existed without any local swelling, and that the germ found was the same in infectious catarrh of young horses, strangles and infectious pneumonia.

A laudable feature of the proceedings is the placing of the essays in printed form in the hands of the members of the Association a week before the meeting, and the selection of certain members to prepare criticisms of the papers for discussion. Among those attending was Dr. Bowhill, F. R. C. V. S., who acted as veterinary officer to Col. Dent when purchasing remounts in Canada.

Snap-shots at British Agriculture.

To the Editor "Farmer's Advocate":

Great Britain may be a nation of shopkeepers, as Napoleon dubbed them, and yet her agriculture is one of the things that has undoubtedly added luster to the fame of the tight little island. The culmination of agricultural effort in these isles is undoubtedly more easily kodaked at the Royal and Highland Shows than at any other place, so a snap-shot of these institutions will be in order.

The Royal—held at Carlisle in this year of our Lord 1902 and the coronation of Edward 7th—the English Agricultural Society's show, has undoubtedly the right-flavored cognomen. This is the Royal's last year as a travelling show; it will be permanently located at the N.-W. corner of London in future. One of the reasons for taking this show off the road is that it is a losing venture when receipts and expenditures are compared. Its itinerancy is not a sufficient excuse, however, for the continual appearance of a deficit in the Society's financial statements—there are others! First and foremost, the English Society is nothing more or less than a big political machine, owned by the landlords, to whose music the tenant farmer dances. A curious thing is that, by the system of election followed, the council practically elects itself and is in matter of fact a remarkably close corporation. Outside of holding an annual show, it is doubtful whether the R. A. S. E. is of much benefit to agriculture in Great Britain; it cannot be said to be closely in touch with the British agriculturist. The show itself is always worth a visit—the best stock is there, a few titled people may be looked at, the bands play excellent music, there is an absence of fakers and side-shows, and the judging is done expeditiously, with no visible friction, and the on-lookers can, by means of a well-catalogued stock, get some information regarding the different animals, and are able to recognize them in the ring. The judging rings are kept pretty clear of all except the judges, so that if a judge doesn't know his business he is unable to get "on-the-spot" assistance from an anxious owner. As for attractions, the work of the hunters and jumpers is the only pretense at it, judging attractions by the transatlantic standard. People go home early from the show-yard, as it is called, the gates clos-

ing at 8 p.m. Nearly all varieties of improved stock are to be seen there, and the price you pay determines in a great measure how well you see the stock. Admission first day is five shillings, second 3s. 6d., third 2s. 6d., and the last days are 1 shilling each. The judging is all done on the first day. The exhibits have been described in detail to the "Advocate" readers; suffice it to say that with one or two exceptions nothing sensational was shown. Toronto shows as good sheep and pigs, and is a close second in horses and cattle; while Chicago, in the classes shown there, is superior to the big English Show. Implements, both home and foreign, are well to the front and take up a lot of space. Canadian goods are well displayed, and evidently are in favor. Rain spoiled the attendance this year, and made the show-yard more like a field on which sheep were folded.

THE HIGHLAND.

is a remarkable contrast to its southern contemporary. While it also is nomadic in its nature, the H. A. S. contrives to have a balance on the right side of the ledger. Held at Aberdeen, right in the heart of the cattle-breeding county of Great Britain, it was only to be expected that the show of horned and polled stock would be good. The Doddies were certainly a fine show, even in quality as a breed, which is more than can be said for the red, white and roans, on which breed the continual culling out of the best by Canadian and Yankee stockmen is showing. The champion Shorthorn was the two-year-old heifer, also a winner at the Royal, from the Darlington herd. Those picturesque and withal useful animals, the Highlanders—useful because the blood of the Highlander is being employed, I am told, in the breeding of some newcomers to Coates' Herdbook—were a good show. The same pigs were, with a few exceptions, winners at the H. A. S. Show as at the North, Leicesters, Shropshires, Carlisle. In the North, Leicesters, Shropshires, Cheviots and Blackfaces were in evidence. Horses were plentiful, especially high actors, some very good ones being shown; and then the Clydesdales! The Scotchman has been over-liberal with the whitewash brush on his draft horse, and the champion, a remarkably good horse, almost-champion, practically-perfect, named Everlasting, is yes, positively disfigured by the white marks he possesses. Kits have been the best of the best, but idol, and his drafter has them of the best, but there are other things besides pasterns necessary to a first-class draft horse. Here again one sees a well-ordered show, judging with fair speed, the dual-judge system being used, animals well catalogued and properly numbered, and an extra good parade of the prizewinners at 10 o'clock every morning. Graduated prices also for the different days of the show. Titled people are not as plentiful at the Highland Show, and yet the attendance



PRIME MINISTER (2772).

Excellent 3-year-old Clydesdale stallion shown at Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1902.
OWNED BY CORNELIUS MARTIN, WASCANA, ASSA.

getic farmers and breeders of pure-bred stock, the Canadian farmer is ahead of his Old Country confrere.
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Ottawa Exhibition.

The Ottawa people took some chances in fixing the date of their show this year for the last week in August, two to three weeks earlier than usual. The unusual lateness of the harvest caused uneasy apprehensions as to the probable attendance, but, fortunately, the weather proved ideal, and a shower on Tuesday night gave the farmers an opportunity to take in the fair while the grain was drying, and they came in large numbers, while the city people also turned out in a gratifying manner, swelling the attendance to such an extent that on the two best days the grounds were packed with a cheerful and contented class of people, while the officers and directors were happy-looking faces and congratulated themselves and everybody else on the result of their venture on an early date, as the turnstiles told the tale of repleted coffers.

The Ottawa Exhibition is a model one in many ways. It is well managed, the officers and directors take an active interest in making visitors comfortable. Exhibitors, judges and visitors all join in complimenting the officials on their courtesy and kindness in contributing to the comfort and convenience of their patrons. The stabling for stock is well arranged and admirably adapted for displaying the animals to advantage, while visitors can see without disturbing them. The show ground in Lansdowne Park is a pretty one, combining many pleasant features, and most of the attractions presented before the grand-stand were of a first-class character. If the early date for the Ottawa Exhibition is continued, and whether it is or not, the show when it comes to be better known will be more highly appreciated, and if favorable excursion rates from Western cities are advertised in future, larger numbers will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the Capital City at this pleasant season, when the natural beauties of the city and its surroundings are at their best.

The one difficulty in holding the show at the early date, namely, the hesitancy of western exhibitors of live-stock to take their animals to Ottawa before the Toronto Industrial, where the largest money list of prizes is hung up, thereby losing to some extent their freshness and bloom, will doubtless disappear as the circumstances of the Ottawa Association warrant an increase in the amount of prizes offered and breeders learn that in some classes good money offered has not been claimed.

The outstanding feature of the live-stock department this year, as indeed it has generally been here, was the dairy cattle, and especially the AYRSHIRE class, which was extraordinary in respect to both numbers and uniformity of excellence, there being some 250 head of this breed on exhibition, while the character and quality of the animals was declared by veteran breeders to have exceeded that of the display at the Columbian and Pan-American Exhibitions. One well-known breeder, who had visited the leading Scottish shows in the present year, stated emphatically that the Ottawa show of Ayrshires far outclassed anything he had seen in the land of their origin. And one can well believe this when he reflects that enterprising men of means in Canada have for years been buying the best that could be secured for importation to this country, and giving them and their produce the best of care. No one need envy the position of the judge to whom was entrusted the duty of placing the awards in this