

The Toronto Industrial Exhibition.

Another season has come and gone, bringing many changes in almost every line of life—changes in our governments, in our agricultural conditions, and in ourselves; periods of hopefulness and of depression; and yet with it all, Toronto's great Industrial Exhibition goes on, ever increasing in importance and magnitude. The Exhibition which closed on September 12th has undoubtedly been the most successful ever held in the number and quality of the exhibits and of the attendance. The magnificent situation of the grounds on the lake shore, the lawns, flower plots, trees, and walks give a parklike appearance. The adequate accommodation given to nearly every class of exhibits and the admirable provisions made for the accommodation of the vast throngs of visitors all go to make this by all odds the most successful Exhibition on the American Continent. Such an exhibition is of incalculable benefit to all classes of the community. An intelligent person can scarcely fail to derive a fund of valuable information, and the entertainment provided is sufficiently varied to suit all. Although extra efforts were made to make the opening week more than usually attractive, the weather, which was cold and wet, did not conduce to a large attendance. Monday of the second week, however, opened bright and fine. It was Labor Day and Citizens' Day, and this, added to the fact that Li Hung Chang, the great Chinaman with the yellow jacket, favored the Exhibition for a couple of hours with his august presence, made this day a record-breaker in the annals of the Exhibition, no less than 100,000 people having passed through the gates. The following days were also fine and an immense throng of visitors were present—close on 80,000 on Wednesday, Farmers' Day. The Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen and a galaxy of M. P.'s from Ottawa were among the notable visitors present.

In nearly every department the entries exceeded those of last year, and we are safe in saying that the general average quality was higher. The number of exhibitors was also greater and the prizes, in many classes, more evenly distributed. The live stock was brought in three or four days earlier than usual, and the judging of the various breeds distributed over several days, so that exhibitors showing in different classes had a better opportunity of attending to each class; but we doubt if this would compensate the breeders as a whole for the extra time and cost of feed, etc. The exhibition of fruit was grand, but this and all the other leading departments we refer to in detail elsewhere.

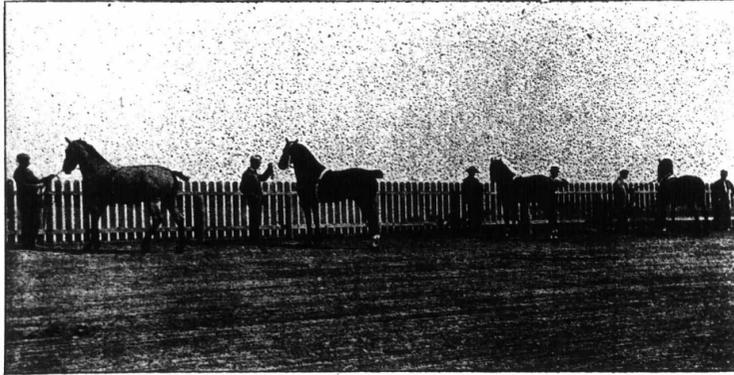
The Good Roads Association introduced a new feature this year in having practical demonstrations of the operations of road graders, rollers, stone crushers, etc.; Mr. Campbell, the Ontario Government Road Instructor, making an address on the necessity for adopting more systematic methods for improving our country roads to an assembled concourse of municipal councillors and others. The tent provided by the Local Government for the convenience of members of Farmers' Institutes, Breeders' Associations, and the Agricultural College seemed well patronized and appreciated. Among the more important gatherings was that at which Hon. Mr. Fisher, the new Dominion Minister of Agriculture, met the breeders to discuss the questions of quarantine, freight rates on stock, etc. The Dominion Government Experimental Farms made an instructive exhibit in the horticultural building, the special feature being the display of fruits from the Experimental Farm in British Columbia. Northwestern Ontario also had a small exhibit of agricultural products and minerals. The Canadian Pacific Railway had a large building on the grounds, and a very extensive display was made of the varied products of the territories contributory to the great transcontinental road: gold, silver, lead, and other minerals from British Columbia; grains, grasses, and vegetables from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Assiniboia, and Manitoba; and minerals from Northwestern Ontario; the whole building being decorated with stuffed animal heads, birds, etc., from Manitoba and the West. A magnificent display of agricultural implements was made, all the leading manufacturers being strongly represented.

HORSES.

THOROUGHBREDS.

The present lack of demand for anything but horses of very good quality in Thoroughbreds showed its effect in this class. It may be said that no inferior individuals were shown. In the mature stallion section nine animals met the judges, most of which bore evidence of having done considerable turf service, in marks of the firing-iron upon their joints and limbs. The decision of the judge, Dr. Hodgson, Seaforth, seemed to have been influenced by this, as he confined the awards to good animals bearing as little as possible of these blemishes. Brown & Gilkinson, Brampton, had out their previous winner, Woodburn, and secured first upon him. He is a sweet horse, very breezy in appearance, and up to considerable weight, while he looks to be able to run a good heat with a little training down. He was sired by King Alphonso and out of Molly Wood. Graham Bros., of Claremont, rarely leave a class in which they exhibit without a trophy, and in this instance they bore away the second award upon Montana, by Doncaster. He is very strong-backed, chestnut, of good size and quality. King Bob, by King Ban, shown by W. J. Thompson, Orkney, is hard to fault for the stud, so full is he of Thoroughbred characteristics. It seemed hard to throw out Courtown, Prohibition, and others, but all could not get prizes.

Mature stallions designed to get hunters and saddle horses are always of the sort the country is better for. Here two Spring Show ('96) rivals contested, in Quinn Bros.' noble Wiley Buckles, by London, and Graham Bros.' Goddard, by King Ban, this time reversing the spring decision by placing the Claremont horse in front, with Wiley a good second. The winner, having homed in such favorable quarters, was brought out in excellent form. That he is a great horse was borne out by his securing the sweepstakes prize. The remaining entry was The Poacher, by Boulevard, shown by E. A. Andras, Port Hope, a breezy and handsome animal, hardly up to the weight of the other two. No three-year-olds, and just one two-year-old



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was out, in H. E. Simpson's (Toronto) Exitus, by Exile. Yearlings made up a nice quartette, the first and second winners coming from Thorncliffe stables, where the very best can always be found. The first, Scottish Chief, by Admiral, is out of the well-known Thistle, and does his parents justice. Allegretto, by May Duke and out of Andante, is also a promising colt. A son of Dandy Dinmont, from Royal City stables, Guelph, has much to commend him.

The mare or gelding section, four years old and upwards, had half a dozen entries of good quality. A typical saddle gelding, bred at Thorncliffe Farm, was placed at the top. He is a strong, handsome chestnut, known as Harpoon, by The Chicken and out of Thistle. He is now owned by Capt. R. Myles, of Toronto. A breezy bay mare, Galena, by Limestone, shown by N. Dymont, came second in the section. A compact, good mare, Alphonsina, by Raffaello, and shown by H. E. Simpson, Toronto, was third.

A chestnut also led off in the three-year-old fillies. She is Minnie Lightfoot, by Oddfellow or Easterling, and owned by N. Dymont, of Barrie. She is a strong mare, with fine action, and won in good company. Robert Davies contested and secured second with Music, by Autocrat, a rangy brown. A. Frank & Sons, The Grange, came third with Caledon Maid, a capital bay mare that a trifle more size would improve. Mr. Dymont's yearling, Madeline, by Courtown, was alone in the two-year-old section. It would have taken a good one to beat her. Yearlings were strong. Robt. Davies' Bullseye, by Oxlip, was the choice of the judge; Dymont's Flying Bess, by Courtown, came second; and H. E. Simpson's get of Emperor, third.

Mares with foals had out four entries. Robt. Davies' Thistle is accustomed to winning, as she did upon this occasion; her very fine foal by Parisian also taking off the best premium. N. Dymont's Hyala came second, while the second foal by Admiral was from Thorncliffe Farm, out of Andante, who secured the third prize; the third prize foal being that of Hyala and by Courtown. The winning mare of the day was Robt. Davies' yearling, Bullseye.

STANDARD-BRED TROTTERS.

A medium road horse is not worth raising, which fact effected the Standard-bred class in the number and quality of exhibits in a marked degree. The quality of the entries was of a very high order, while the numbers were not up to some former years. Mature stallions were five strong, and mostly of very desirable type. Not only did they show fine breeding, but their size, style and action were of a sort that there should be more of in the country. A newcomer, in Graham Bros.' Vrowsky, was the horse of the class, which was proved by his conformation and performance, as he came direct from his third heat of the afternoon into the contest and won first and sweepstakes award. He did his performance in 2.22 on the half-mile track. He is a powerful, well-made bay, very level-headed, and has excellent bone. A horse that would at once attract the attention and claim the admiration of a horseman was Keswick, by Jay Gould, exhibited by John Sharen, Woodstock. He is a very dark chestnut, and while he has enough size, his beauty, and especially his action, was much admired. He is claimed to hold a low mark, which we can readily believe. Good size characterized all the prizewinners, as D. Dalton's (Delhi) Shadeland Duval, the third prize horse, is a strong, free-going chestnut that inclined to pace.

Three-year-olds had two entries much alike in make-up. They were both very good, and will be among the best wherever they are located. The first winner was Uncle Boy, by Wildbrino, owned by Hugh Smith, Claude. He showed a great capacity for speed by his form and way of going. He is a bit larger than his opponent, Graham Bros.' Gallant Graham, which we understand is several months the younger. This colt is by Kentucky Volunteer and out of Gold Foil.

Three-year-old geldings or fillies had in competition two rather good, well-fitted mares. The first winner, Elfreda, by Wildbrino, was one of the sweetest at the show, having a girth and chest that indicates a great constitution, while her strong quarter and excellent limbs were about faultless. She is owned by O. B. Shepherd, Toronto. The other mare is owned by M. O'Hallern, Deer Park, and is a fair individual.

Two-year-olds had just two contestants, the best being Bonny Scott, by Wiry Jim, and shown by Hugh Smith, Claude. He is a good colt. Thos. Hodgson, V. S., Toronto, had the other number in Pindus, by Wildbrino. Yearlings were fine, and four in number. We were much surprised at the decision of the judges, J. H. Allen, of Picton, and Jacob Errett, Ottawa, in placing the awards in this section. Two our mind the best entry was Hugh Smith's Comely Girl, by Wiry Jim, a noble mare with action away beyond that of any other number in the section. She is large enough, full of quality, and a real trotter. Her place was second, however, being beaten by Edna Briggs, by Wildbrino, shown by G. H. Briggs, Toronto. She is a very sweet brown mare, very well formed, but will never be fast, if present indications are to be relied upon. Geo. Jackson, of Downsville, had in the third prize colt a nice bay, but a little thin for the showing.

Brood mares and foals were not a striking lot. Five entries were out, most of which were thin and plain. Miss Stirling, by Twilight, shown by S. J. Cole, Woodstock, was the best mare, as was also her foal by Keswick. The dam shows age, but is of the correct type. Robert Davies' Prairie Bell 2nd, by Gen. Stanton, is a good mare and won second place. James Childs' Harmoine, by Hermit, was the best-fitted mare in the class, and was generally admired. No second or third prizes were awarded foals, because the worthy ones had not been registered.

Four pretty ones showed in single harness. Robt. Porteous, of Simcoe, did them all with a very handsome black mare, Miss Hinman, by Waser. She afterwards captured the female sweepstakes award. Everything about her is admirable. A fine brown mare, Blue Bells, by Wildbrino, and shown by Geo. Brown, Toronto, is of nice conformation, showing good action, and came second; while a lightish-bodied, stylish bay gelding by Belmont Stanton was awarded the third place.

HACKNEYS.

The exhibit of Hackneys does not get much further ahead from year to year. Strange to say, very little new blood appears, possibly from the fact that no new men seem to take up their breeding. The exhibitors this year were: Messrs. Beith & Co., Bowmanville; Crossley, of Rosseau; Hillhurst Farm, Hillhurst, P. Q.; Graham Bros., Claremont; and G. H. Hastings, Deer Park. None of the classes had what may be termed strong competition, in numbers, although almost every section took considerable looking over before the awards were given. The judging was done by two good men, viz., F. S. Peers, Mount Morris, N. Y., and J. T. Gibson, Denfield.

The manner in which these exhibitors bring out their stock is known to all who have watched an Industrial contest as being the result of great care in feeding and handling. The stock itself is of