

has become so hardened that there is little or no danger of it getting knocked off.

The preferable time for doing this work is just before the cattle arrive at the age of one year. When everything has been done thoroughly, as directed, there will be no evil results, even in the case of cows heavy in calf, or of those that are milking, there will be little, if any, noticeable decrease in the flow of milk.

Essex Co., Ont.

JAS. D. FORSYTH.

Steer Feeding: the Kind and Cost.

To the Editor "Farmer's Advocate":

I see by your paper, of the 20th inst., that Prof. Grisdale has given a very satisfactory answer to the question of what it costs to finish a three-year-old steer. Instead of 17c. per pound, he has boiled it down to 6c. or 8c. per pound, a very big reduction, and I believe he is not very far off the mark. Of course, that depends greatly on the price of grain, and I think he has placed it at a fair average price—one cent per pound ground is what we value it at. Prof. Grisdale is right when he says we buy our feeding stock. The reason we prefer to buy is that we would have to carry too much stock through the summer, and our land is too valuable for pasturage. Prof. Grisdale is not right when he says we take advantage of those who raise these steers. I say no; they are brought to the best market in Canada, and sold to those who will pay the most money for them, and I will say this, Mr. Editor, that there is no man makes more, or makes his money easier, than the man who raises these feeding steers. Now, Prof. Grisdale says it only costs two cents per pound to raise a steer till he is six months old. That is the worst part of the business; after that he will grow on rough feed and plenty of clover hay. We will say he comes in November, and when he is six months old he will be ready to go out to pasture. We can get pasture in Scarborough for \$1.00 per month; that will bring him up to \$14. The next six months I will allow him 100 bushels turnips, value \$5, and one ton clover hay, value \$5; another six months' pasture, value \$6. Now this steer should weigh 1,000 pounds, at a cost of \$30, and he should be worth from 34c. to 4c. per pound, or \$35 to \$40, and a profit of from \$5 to \$10, after the farmer has received pay for his feed. I might say that I have a steer growing as an experiment. He was born the 25th of November, just about 17 months ago, and a butcher of experience has set his weight at 900 pounds, which, at 4c. per pound, would make him worth \$36. Now, I want to tell you how this young animal has been fed. The first two weeks he had new milk, after that skim milk and all the hay he could eat, until the grass came about the first of May, and for the next six months he received nothing but pasture. Since winter set in he has received about 80 pounds turnips a day, and all the straw and clover hay he would eat up clean. Now, a word or two about the kind of steers one should buy. I might say that I have no desire to buy a fat steer, all that I want is the size and quality. A big, strong, straight steer, without an ounce of fat on him, weighing from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, is what I want. A steer of this sort should gain from 300 to 400 pounds in six months. The next point is the breed. I have asked the milk producers what breed of cows they want, and the general opinion seems to be the Shorthorn cow, a cow weighing from 1,200 to 1,400 pounds. Such cows as these are worth from \$50 to \$60 as a milk cow, and after milking them for one year, they are worth as much for beef as when purchased as milk cows. Now, Mr. Editor, this is the breed of steers the feeders are all after, and these are the steers that command the highest price for stockers, and also as finished cattle, in the British market. I might say, Mr. Editor, that I do not wish the public to believe that I want small, neat cattle, but the big, open cattle, that will put on lots of weight, as a steer is no use to a feeder without size and weight.

JOHN KENNEDY.

York Co., Ont.

Good All Round.

I simply write to express my gratification with the excellence of the "Farmer's Advocate." You are certainly publishing an excellent paper, good all round, but especially valuable along live-stock lines. There are few, if any, papers published in this country that surpass it in make-up and general excellence, and I hope that your efforts to foster the live-stock interests of Canada are being properly appreciated.

ANDREW M. SOULE,

Dean and Director.

Virginia Agricultural College and Experiment Station.

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Eleventh Annual Canadian Horse Show.

A proud day for the equine was Wednesday, April 26th, the opening of the 11th annual Canadian Horse Show, held again in the Armories at Toronto. With a catalogue of entries exceeding by almost 340 the number of last year, and quality excelling the former high standard, with beautiful weather and a public interest merited by past efforts, the well-directed energy of the management could not fail to insure a rattling success. Not even the performance of a world-famous musician could detract seriously from the interest in the Horse Show, and as the days passed, the rising tide of attendance eclipsed all records. Opening day was graced by the presence of the Governor-General, Lord Grey, and family, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and many other notable personages, while the exquisitely-costumed elite of Toronto's society added eclat to the event and dispelled all uncertainty as to the effectiveness of the spring styles.

Eloquent testimony to the educative influence of this show was the high average merit, the conformity to type, and the paucity of sub-standard exhibits. The distinguishing feature this year was the phenomenal increase and improvement of the Hackney, Saddle and Heavy-harness classes; this without reflecting at all upon the other sections, which were right up to the mark throughout. The show was a delight to spectators, a profit to horsemen, and a gratification to the management. It was, in fact, an unqualified success.

The judging was done by a select coterie of horsemen, most of whom are fairly well known in Ontario rings, and with but few exceptions the decisions were favorably received. The personnel of the ribbon-placers included R. P. Steriker, West Orange, N. J.; William West, Shelburne, Vt.; Dr. Rutherford, Ottawa; Dr. Andrew Smith, Toronto; Robert Graham, Claremont; Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton; Dr. Sinclair, Cannington; Col. Bridge, C. B., and Major Drage, London, Eng.; Colin Campbell, Montreal; W. S. Spark, England; Seward Carey, Buffalo; S. W. Taylor, Jr., New York; E. S. Skead, Ottawa, and John Macdonald.

THOROUGHBREDS.

Here, as elsewhere, experience has been that the horse show fails to draw the breeding classes of Thoroughbreds. They do not show to good advantage on the rein, hence fail to arouse popular enthusiasm, absence of which is reflected in the apathy of the horsemen. Of the three aged stallions (none being entered in the junior class), a comparatively easy winner and sweepstakes was

the chestnut, Orme Shore, a recent importation of Robert Davies, Toronto. He is got by Orme, dam Virginia Shore; is well modelled, and of good quality, breeding and performance. Second went to a Spendthrift get, Dr. Andrew Smith's Kapanga Colt, leaving third money to Messrs. Barbour, Toronto, on Bill of the Flay, a Billette get, now in training for the King's Plate. In the class for Thoroughbreds qualified to improve the breed of saddle horses and hunters, the old champion Dalmoor, owned by E. Whyte, of Hamilton, had to take second position to Gold Car, shown by Wm. Hendrie, same city. Gold Car is by Goldfinch, out of Carina, is a well-put-up stallion, of good manners and gait. Third went to Ben Carrick, a Ben Strome (imp.) get, property of Allan Kemp, of Oakville. Reserve was the four-year-old chestnut, St. Jolly, by St. Juvenal, exhibited by W. Wilson, of London.

STANDARD-BREDS.

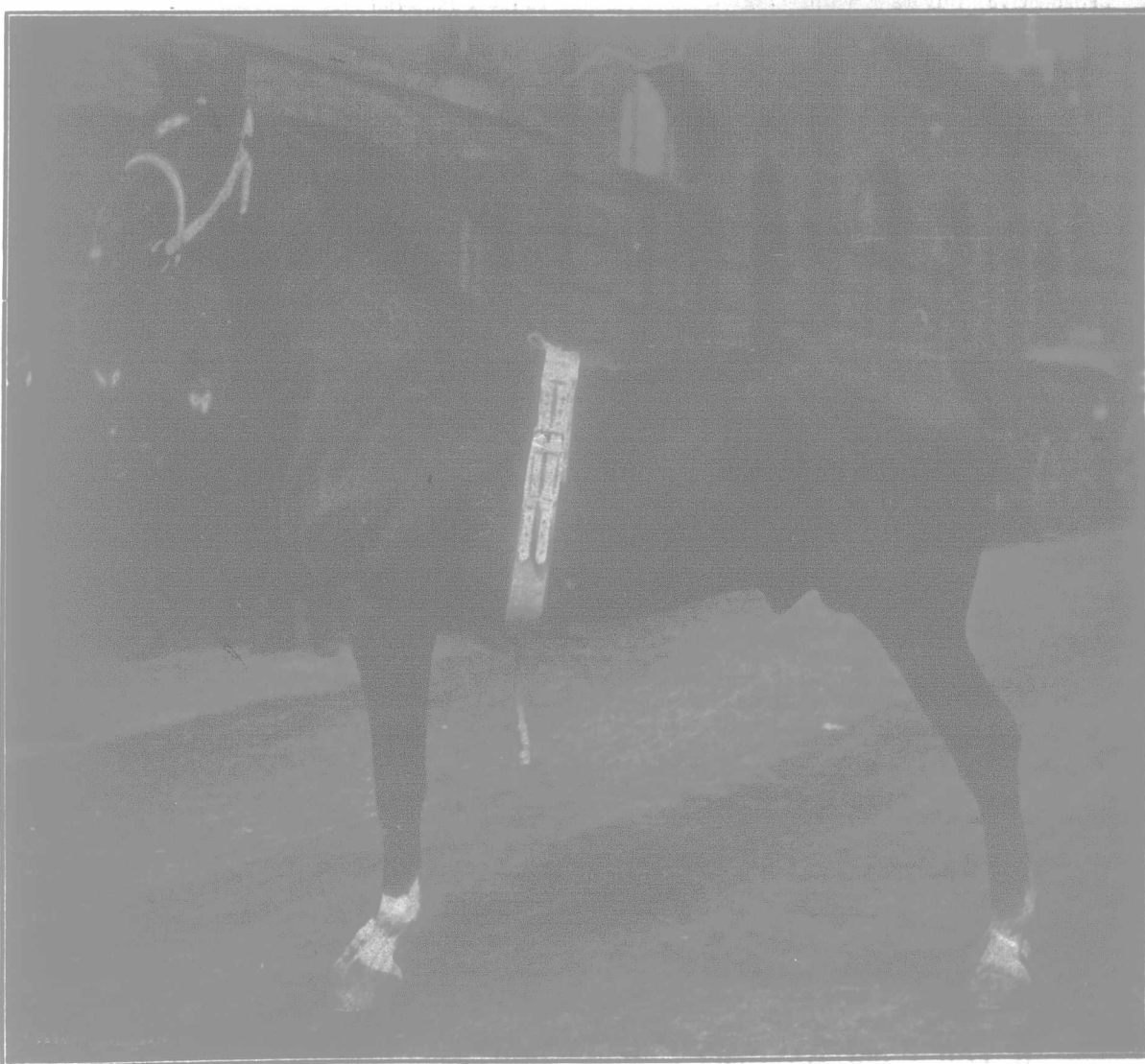
No new ribbon-bearers left the aged Standard-bred ring, awards going to the same horses and in the same order as in 1904. First and later champion was the splendid horse, Oro Wilkes, again exhibited by Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt. Prodigal Son, which last year got second for Crow & Murray, was entered this year for the same position by J. Nobles, Toronto, and last among the winners was D. L. C., by Accoli, property of Simon James, Hamilton. In three-year-olds Miss Wilks headed the bunch with a Delmarch colt, Oro-Dell, last year third in his two-year-old form. The Blue frill was placed on Red Badge by Red Heart, and after him came Robert Davies' Earl of Chester, by Dare Devil, reserve going to Ashley Stook Farm, Belleville, on the two-year-old Gilbert Parker.

The special for stallion any age or breed, qualified to produce carriage horses, brought out five Hackneys, five Standard-breds and a Thoroughbred. With Graham Bros.' Whitewall Fashion in the ring, there could be no two choices for premier honors, but as to the others, there was room for difference of opinion. The judge preferred the Thoroughbred, Ben Carrick, for second position, and left the trotters out altogether, choosing for third the Hackney, Rosseau Performer, shown by Jos. Thompson, Orillia, and for reserve another Hackney, Income, sire Rosador, exhibitor W. C. Quickfall, Glenallan.

HACKNEYS.

It was a great week for Hackneys. The horse show is their special province anyway, and the phenomenal display of Hackney blood, not only in the breeding, but in various leather classes, indicated the undoubted ascendancy of the breed. During the past two years

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