Toronto's Big Fair Weathers the Storm Well.

The second week of the Exhibition always brings larger crowds than the first, and this year was no exception to the rule. However, it may be said that a much smaller number of people were to be seen on the grounds nearly every day than on corresponding days during the last few years. Labor Day as usual brought throngs of people and over 130,000 passed the turn-stiles, but following this was an appreciable falling off. The weather was better toward the end of the show than in the beginning, but for some reason the people did not come. It was no fault of the exhibits that they did not draw larger crowds, but the war, undoubtedly, had a potent effect in keeping people away. On Thursday the Duke and Duchess of Connaught paid the exhibition a visit, and among other special features a grand parade of prize-winning live stock was reviewed by His Royal Highness.

The grand stand did not seem to be patronized anything like it usually is. On several afternoons a handful of people, in comparison to what the grand stand is capable of accommodating, were in the seats. This will surely show a considerable falling off in revenue. Another factor which undoubtedly kept several of those from a distance away from the show was the increase in railway rates over that which has usually obtained at the time of Toronto exhibition. The rate from distances was considerably higher this year than formerly. However, notwithstanding all the obstacles of war, unfavorable weather and higher railway rates, the great exhibition was seen by many thousands of people who cannot but be benefited through the education received, and who surely went away well repaid for time and money and anxious to come again.

The management must be commended upon the success of the exhibition in these trying times. It has proven that Canada has withstood the shock which the entire world received at the outbreak of the colossal war now in progress, and that she is capable of going ahead with production, which means much to the Empire in these trying times.

Horses.

THOROUGHBRED.—The classification for this breed permitted of only two classes, and these were judged by Alex. Gemmell, of Ayr, Scotland; Orson Moulton, Batavia, N. Y., and F. D. Mercer, Toronto. Eight stallions appeared in the class from which Kelston, Nasbaden Selwick and Kapanga Horse were chosen and placed in the order named. Kelston, a seal brown, was in good fit and fine mettle, and showed to good advantage. Nasbaden always puts up a good display of substance and quality, and appeared well on this occasion.

Exhibitors.—James Bovaird & Sons, Brampton, Ont.; D. A. Campbell, Barrie, Ont.; G. W. Beardmore, Toronto, Ont.; John Coventry, Woodstock, Ont.; Messrs. Barbour, Toronto, Ont.; Dale & Dalziel, Toronto, Ont.; Roland Thayer, Aylmer, Ont.; A. E. Currie, Guelph, Ont.; Paterson Bros., Agincourt, Ont.; Jas. McBurney, Toronto, Ont.; Robt. Newell, Toronto, Ont.; D. J. Arthurs, Brampton, Ont.; John C. Palmer, Toronto, Ont.; J. H. Lavin, Long Branch, Ont.

Awards.—Aged stallion: 1, Dale & Dalziel, on Kelston by Longfellow; 2, Thayer, on Nasbaden by Nasturtium; 3, McBurney, on Selwick by Knight of the Thistle; 4, Barbour, on Kapanga Horse by Spendthrift. Mare and foal: 1, Bovaird, on Ismailian by St. Andrew; 2, Palmer, on Hundley by Candelmas; 3, Lavin, on Sally Savage by Goldfinch; 4, Arthurs, on Doddie S. by Charxus.

PERCHERONS.—There appears to be no lack of interest in horse flesh when some good individuals line up in the show-ring. Automobiles might toot as loud as siren whistles, yet during the judging of some of the Percheron classes, they would make no impression whatever upon the ears or minds of the enraptured by-standers. Western Canada and the United States are more noted for good Percheron blood, but in the majority of cases, visitors had no grounds for complaint at the exhibit put up at the Canadian National this year considering the peculiar circumstances that have retarded the importation of new blood. Exhibitors know that to achieve success in the ring with Robert Graham, of Bedford Park, as judge they must have quality of the right kind, and working in conjunction with Thos. Murray, Holcomb, Ill., the animals were placed with that end in view.

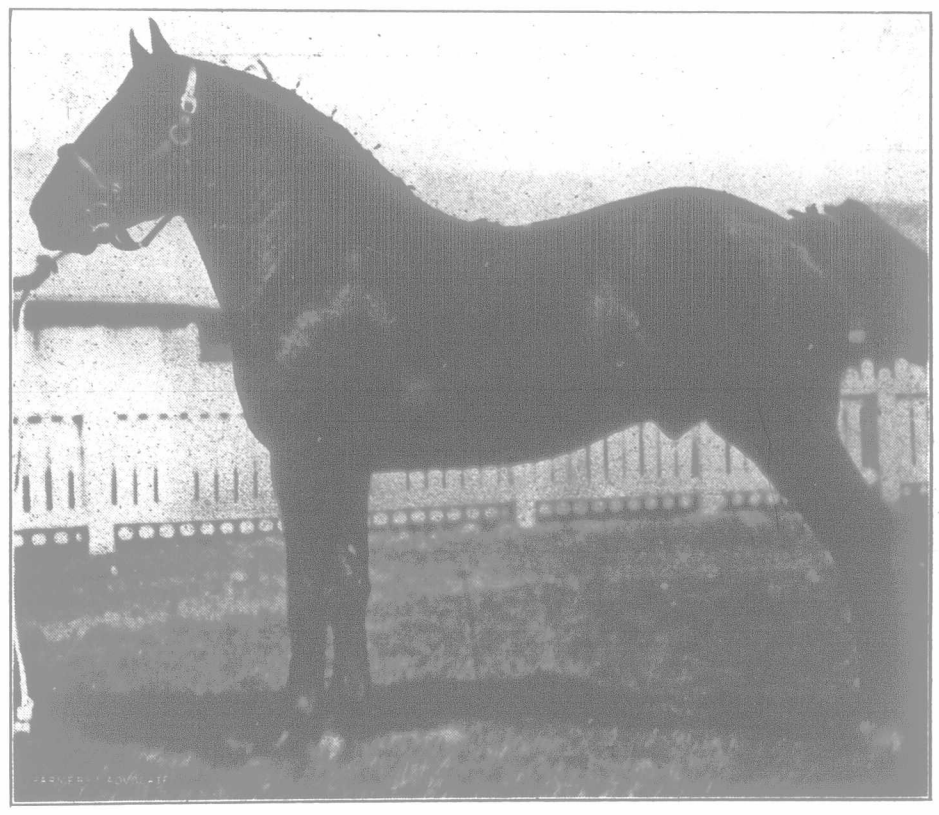
The aged stallion class is always the signal for a battle. Elliott's Ivade, Hamilton & Son's Kavargnac and Hodgkinson & Tisdale's Ichnobate at once showed that the first place must be fought for. They are three noble greys and Ichnobate with his excellent feet and limbs, strongly-muscled body and almost perfect symmetry found himself again, where he was last year, first in his class and male champion of the breed. Ivade has size and quality and real Percheron type and so has Kavargnac, but perhaps not quite the freedom in motion of the champion horse. Porter's Jarnac put up a good performance and struggle for a higher place and Hodgkinson & Tisdale's Kaumis moved up and down the ring in such a way as to make his betters work for their place.

Six three-year-olds were forward, and of these the black Lenoir and the grey Luth battled for the honors. The former horse is outstanding in style and performance, but the latter has substance and is carved out to conform to the Percheron breed. Lenoir won, Luth took second place and Porter's Laharpe went third.

Only two three-year-old fillies came out, and Pear's Lady Grey won from Liste. The winner is a stout, well-coupled mare, while Liste does not present the same amount of compactness but has a good way of moving.

The two-year-old fillies were perhaps the most interesting class of females, considering numbers and quality and here again Pears won the class with Lady Leonia, a mare with clean limbs, a strongly-coupled body and ability to move properly. Lady Incivil took second place and Mela, sired by Imprecation, stood third. Elliott's black Maline, a showy filly, took fourth place and were she a little better balanced behind her coupling and good quality would have pleaded for her a higher place in the class.

The class for Brood mare and foal appeared like a difficult one to judge, but not on account of superfluous quality or conformation in the entries for in this regard they were somewhat indifferent. Dobson took first, with Karavane, a black mare with lots of quality, but slightly plain in quarters and croup. Pears won the next three places with Julia, Impresse and Kocarde.



Melanesien.

Winning two-year-old Percheron stallion at the Canadian National Exhibition, 1914. Exhibited by R. Hamilton & Son, Simcoe, Ont.

The Yeld mares, three in number, were a good trio. Janville and Jeanne, two very similar mares in appearance, size and quality looked to have equal rights to first place, while Kalmouck had strong recommendations. Both the former mares are draughty, but Janville loomeed up a little larger and won from Jeanne which moves away in good style and is not easily beaten. In the finals none of the other fillies could present so strong a case, and Janville was made champion Percheron female of the show.

Exhibitors:—Noble Johnson, West Toronto; T. D. Elliott, Bolton, Ont.; J. A. Marshall, Burk's Falls, Ont.; Wm. Pears, West Toronto; Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton, Ont.; R. Hamilton & Son, Simcoe, Ont.; Milton Porter, Simcoe; Tilt & Cheyne, Brampton, Ont.; Arthur W. Dobson, Weston, Ont.; Meadowbrook Stock Farm, Whitby, Ont.

Awards.—Stallion, four years old and over: 1 and 5, Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Ichnobate by Alger, and Kaumis by Selibat; 2, Elliott on Ivade by Sahara; 3, Hamilton & Son on Kavargnac by Romancier; 4 and 6, Porter on Jarnac and Hoquielin. Stallion three years old: 1, 4 and 5, Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Lenoir by Maulinet, Lileidineux by Celibat and Lorrain by Harmeton; 2, Hamilton & Son on Luth by Hommage; 3, Porter on Laharpe. Stallion, two years old: 1, Hamilton & Son on Melanesien by Historien; 2 and 3, Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Mireton by Huinquet and Molitor by Impasont. Stallion, one-year-old: 1, Pears on Major Cormier by Cormier. Filly, three years old: 1, Pears on Lady Grey by Incivil; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Liste by Zanzibord. Filly, two years old: 1 and 2, Pears on Lady Leonia by Cormier and Lady Incivil by Incivil; 3 and 5, Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Mela by Imprecation and Moquette by Hidalgo; 4, Elliott on Maline by Incitatur. Filly, one-year-old: 1 and 3, Pears on Lady Julia by Cormier and Lady Impress by Cormier; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Nitrine by Jousset. Brood mare and foal by her side: 1, Dobson on Karavane by Fier-a-Bra; 2, 3 and 4, Pears on Julia by Algathon, Impresse by Sahara and Kocarde by Campigny Ex Robion. Yeld mare, any age: 1, Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Janville by Guillaurme; 2, Meadowbrook Stock Farm on Jeanne; 3, Dobson on Kalmouck by Triolet. Foal of 1914: 1, 2 and 3, Pears on Lady Mary by Cormier, Lady Kagnat by Kagnat and Lady Kate by Cormier. Mare with two of her progeny: 1 and 2, Pears on Julia and Impresse. Champion stallion: Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Ichnobate. Champion mare: Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Janville. Best string of five: 1, Hodgkinson & Tisdale.

SHIRES.—There being no large stables of Shires in the country it would be no surprise to readers to learn that numerically this breed was weaker than the Clydesdales or Percherons. Most classes contained only one entry and had there been more with as good quality as those brought out the exhibit would have been creditable indeed.

Two large horses with indifferent quality came up against Verona Leader in the aged class of stallions but the smooth turned body and clean limbs of the latter horse carried him to the top. Second came Intake Forester, and third was Roxwell Saxon Harold.

Watnall King, the winning two-year-old and champion, is a remarkably clean horse and with age will develop into a sire of considerable substance and quality. J. M. Gardhouse's aged mare, Rokeby Halo, and her yearling filly, Heather Belle, are two good specimens of draft females. The older mare has no lack of substance and with it all clean limbs, and under-pinning.

Exhibitors.—Jas. Bovaird & Sons, Brampton, Ont.; Jas. Collander, North Gower, Ont.; Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton, Ont.; John Gardhouse & Sons, Highfield, Ont.; J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.

Awards.—Stallion, four years old and over: 1, Collander on Verona Leader by Uncle Sam 4th; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale on Intake Forester by Lockinge Albert; 3, Bovaird on Roxwell Saxon Harold by Roxwell Saxon Oak. Stallion, two years old: 1, Gardhouse & Sons on Watnall King by Tuttlebrook King. Filly, three years old: 1, Gardhouse & Sons on Grey Fuchsia by Proportion. Filly, two years old' 1, Gardhouse & Sons on Nicausis Queen by Tuttlebrook. King. Filly, one-year-old: 1, J. M. Gardhouse on Heather Belle by Waveney Rex. Brood mare with foal: 1, J. M. Gardhouse on Rokeby Halo by Madresfield Thumper. Foal of 1914' 1, J. M. Gardhouse on a foal by Marden Raider. Mare, with two of her progeny: J. M. Gardhouse on Rokeby Halo. Champion stallion. Gardhouse & Sons on Watnall King. Champion mare: Gardhouse & Sons on Grey Fuchsia.

CLYDESDALES.—This breed of horses in which Canada at present largely depends for draft material, showed the effect of curtailed importations during the summer now drawing to a close. Some of the classes were not quite as strong as usual, but with the troupe brought across the Atlantic by Graham Bros. showing in company with the good stuff now in Ontario, admirers of the Clydesdale were well pleased, as were any visitors whose interests are at all centered in the horse. John A. Boag, Queens-