

HORSES IN HARNESS.

The real attraction of the show was the harness classes. Horses in these classes were judged by their conformation, quality, style and action. Several dealers had made extensive preparation for the harness features of the show, and, consequently, the best display of such horses Toronto has yet had was the result. One firm, Crow & Murray, had recently paid \$5,000 for a pair of fast, high-stepping mares, while Geo. Pepper & Co. had been adding to their already strong string some of the best that could be found in America. But the real sensation of the show was the string that Al. Yeager brought up from Simcoe, consisting of the Hackney stallion, Hillhurst Sensation, and ten of his get. On this string Mr. Yeager won five firsts, three seconds and four thirds in the very hottest competition. At one time Hillhurst Sensation and eight high-steppers sired by him were in the ring together, and the sight so delighted Lord Minto that he asked it to be announced that it was one of the most unique features of a horse show ever exhibited. Mr. Yeager was fortunate in his choice of a sire, and the persistency with which he has followed the breeding of high-steppers, and the success he has attained, has been an invaluable boon to horse-breeding in Canada.

The first class for high-steppers was for mare or gelding not under 15 hands. In this class the three first winners were all by Hillhurst Sensation. The first two, Miss Canada and Derby King, were shown by A. Yeager, and the third, Confidence, by Crow & Murray. When the division between 14.1 and 15 hands was lined up, Crow & Murray had first with Hands Off, and A. Yeager second and third with Gay Lady and Gay Lassie respectively. Between 15 and 15.2, Gay Boy 2nd got first for Yeager; Sporting Duchess, one of Crow & Murray's high-priced team, second, and Corling third, for Geo. Pepper & Co. From 15.2 to 16, Prudence won for Yeager, Creighton second for Pepper, and Confidence third for Crow & Murray. Over 16 hands, Crow & Murray were first, with Montrose; Peter B. Wood, Hamilton, second with Duchess, and Mrs. McCoy, Toronto Junction, third with Flyer. It was in the class for teams under 15.2 that Crow & Murray's high-priced team appeared to best advantage. This is a very fast team, and show considerable Standard blood. In fact, they are just a little fine, but they have magnificent action. Both have a mark under twenty. Geo. Pepper was second with Little Creighton and Little Poroder, and Yeager got third with Gay Lassie and Gay Lady. Over 15.2 and under 16, Creighton and Corling won first for Pepper, Confidence and Shipmate second for Crow & Murray, and Prudence and Economy third for Yeager. Above 16 hands, Crow & Murray were first, Mrs. McCoy second, and J. W. Fairweather third.

The classes under and above 15.2, bred in Canada, and that had not won a first prize at any previous show, brought out some magnificent new horses. Under 15.2, Pepper's Wiry Jim was the proud winner of the red, followed by J. J. Dixon's Gay Boy, with Yeager's Miss Canada, a gray mare, third. Over 15.2, Yeager got first and second with Derby King and Prudence; Duchess getting third for P. B. Wood. The harness championship was a long struggle between Pepper's Creighton and Yeager's Derby King, the Toronto horse finally winning. In looking over the previous awards, it would appear that the judges, Messrs. Wm. West, Charlotte, Vt., and G. B. Hulme, New York, had seen fit to reverse at least one of their decisions. In one class Derby King beat Prudence, while Prudence defeated Creighton in the class between 15.2 and 16, but Creighton finally won from Derby King. The championship was not decided, however, until the horses had been unharnessed and a third judge called in.

When the final awards were handed out in the saddle classes, Geo. Pepper was the lucky man with Daisy Dean, and in the hunter classes he also secured the championship with Rattler, making in all three championships for his stable.

The hunting and saddle classes were particularly strong this year, several of them having over twenty entries. The high jump, open to all, was a draw between Pepper's Myopia and Crow & Murray's Thistledown, with Pepper's Senator third.

The pony stallions were headed by Graham Bros.' Joe Rock, a pure-bred Hackney, 13.1½ hands; second was Mrs. Chas. Wilmot's Black Diamond, 13.1. For ponies under 12.1, Master H. D. Bailey's Miss Geary, a three-year-old, 10 hands, got first. This was the smallest pony at the show, and was well driven by her youthful owner.

Numerous other classes interested the visitors during the four days' show, so that not a single moment was without its lessons. On Saturday morning some four thousand of Toronto's little folk enjoyed the show, and saw the pony classes judged. Rainy weather throughout most of the week did not dampen the enthusiasm of the show authorities, who have every reason to feel proud of the success of their tenth annual show.

York Co., Ont.

Present indications are that fall wheat suffered greatly from ice lying on it in winter. A couple of weeks ago, farmers reported that the prospects for wheat were bright, for when the snow had cleared off it was green and, apparently, healthy. The heavy frosts that came recently were very damaging, heaving the soil and exposing the roots, and unless the weather becomes milder, accompanied by warm rains, it will be necessary to plow up many fields. Wheat is not grown extensively in West York, as the farms are comparatively small, and more attention is devoted to dairying, gardening and spring grains. M. J. S.



Black Diamond 13.1.

The cross-bred Hackney-Welsh pony stallion. Winner of over fifty first prizes at British and Canadian shows, including first in harness pony class, Canadian Horse Show. Owned by Mrs. Chas. Wilmot, Port Hope, Ont.

Rape: Its Value, Use and Culture.

Every year the question of cheap summer forage becomes more and more pressing. To the farmer whose pasture lands are of limited area, the use of some crop capable of producing the maximum yield of the most nutritive forage is imperative. Various crops have been tried, and it is not my aim to condemn any, but rather to bring one valuable plant to your consideration and solicit for it a trial.

The crop I mean is rape. It ranks as one of the most nutritious of our forage plants. It is remarkable not only for the valuable character of

the food it supplies, but also for the large amount that may be produced on a given area. It will yield two or three cuttings in the season, and the amount harvested off an acre may vary from 25 to 35 tons in the summer.

The quality of the food produced is most excellent. Analysis shows it to be richer than clover in flesh-forming material. Feeding operations prove it to be particularly well suited for beef cattle, young stock, sheep, lambs, and swine. It may be used, and generally is used, as a pasture, and this fact renders it all the more valuable to the busy farmer.

SOIL AND SEASON.—It will grow

on almost any kind of soil. It will give a fair return off poor land. It will yield a heavy crop on average soil. It will produce an immense amount of food on very rich land. It does well on dry soil; it thrives and grows apace on moist places. It will grow on good land, no matter how dry the season, if sown in rows and cultivated. It will flourish in the most rainy weather, if water does not stand in the field. Stubble or fallow should be used; sod is not suitable.

SEEDING AND CULTIVATION.—If

intended for pasture, it is usually sown broadcast, at the rate of three pounds per acre. The exception is when pigs or sheep are to be pastured, for experience has shown us that it is

better under such conditions to sow in rows, twenty-one to twenty-four inches apart, when two pounds seed per acre is sufficient. The space between the rows may be cultivated once or twice till the plants are well under way.

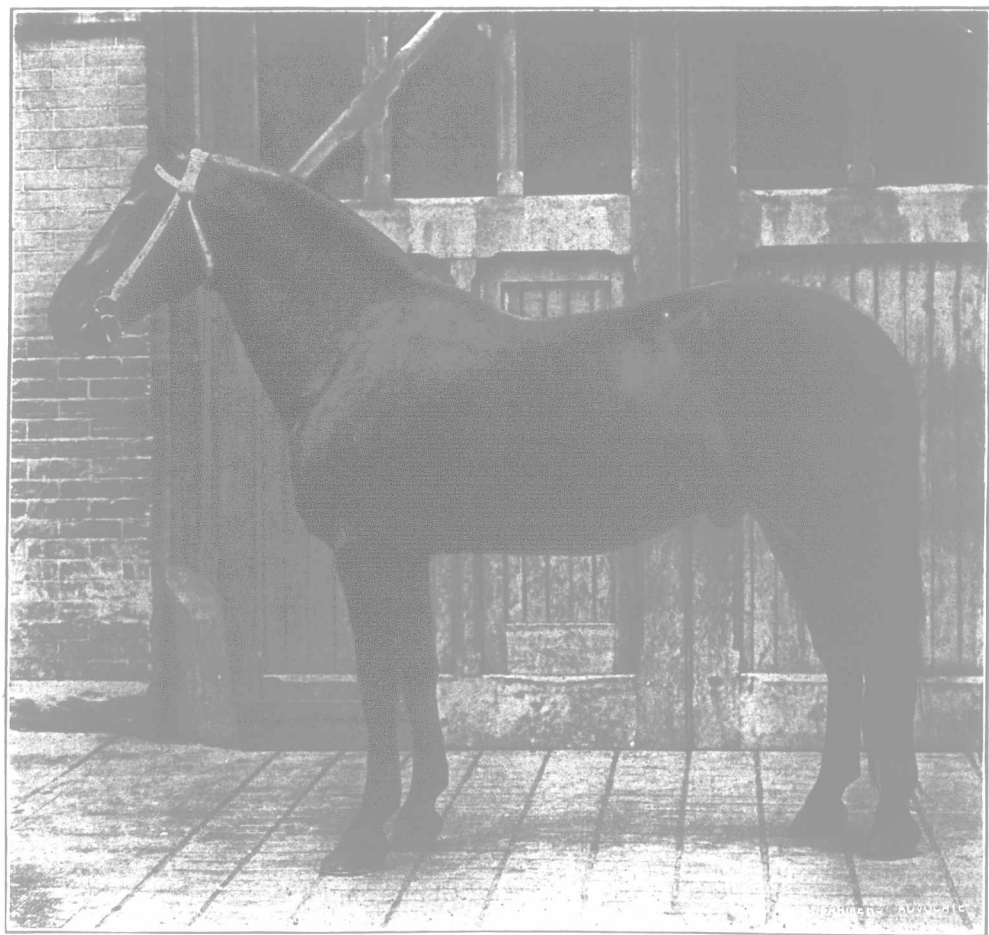
Pigs may usually be turned in five or six weeks after seeding, and an acre will carry from 25 to 40 during the season. It is better to divide the field into two parts, and change pastures at intervals. It will be found necessary to limit the meal ration if the most profitable results are to be looked for.

Steers do well on it at any time, but it is

probably of the greatest value for beef production in the autumn. Lambs and sheep like it, and do well on it at any season, but they should not be confined to rape exclusively until they become well accustomed to it, and care must be exercised to prevent their bloating on it. They should not be turned in when hungry, nor when the rape is wet with rain or dew. The same precaution applies to steers or young cattle.

J. H. GRISDALE.
Exp. Farm, Ottawa.

It is announced that the C.P.R. are rapidly pushing work on their proposed road from Toronto to Sudbury. Railway men take this as an indication that the C. P. R. are determined to secure a choice of location before the McKenzie and Mann people begin work on their road from Toronto to James Bay.



Oro Wilkes 30347.

Champion Standard-bred stallion, Canadian Horse Show; by Sable Wilkes 8100; dam Ellen Mayhew 222. The property of Miss K. L. Wilkes, Cruickston Park Farm, Galt, Ont.