

Pilot Mound Spring Show.

While the weather was about as unfavorable as it could well be for this show, there was no fault found—the general expression being that the rain was worth more to the country than the show. The attendance was good, however, and the stock shown of fair to extra good quality. The prizes were awarded as below:—

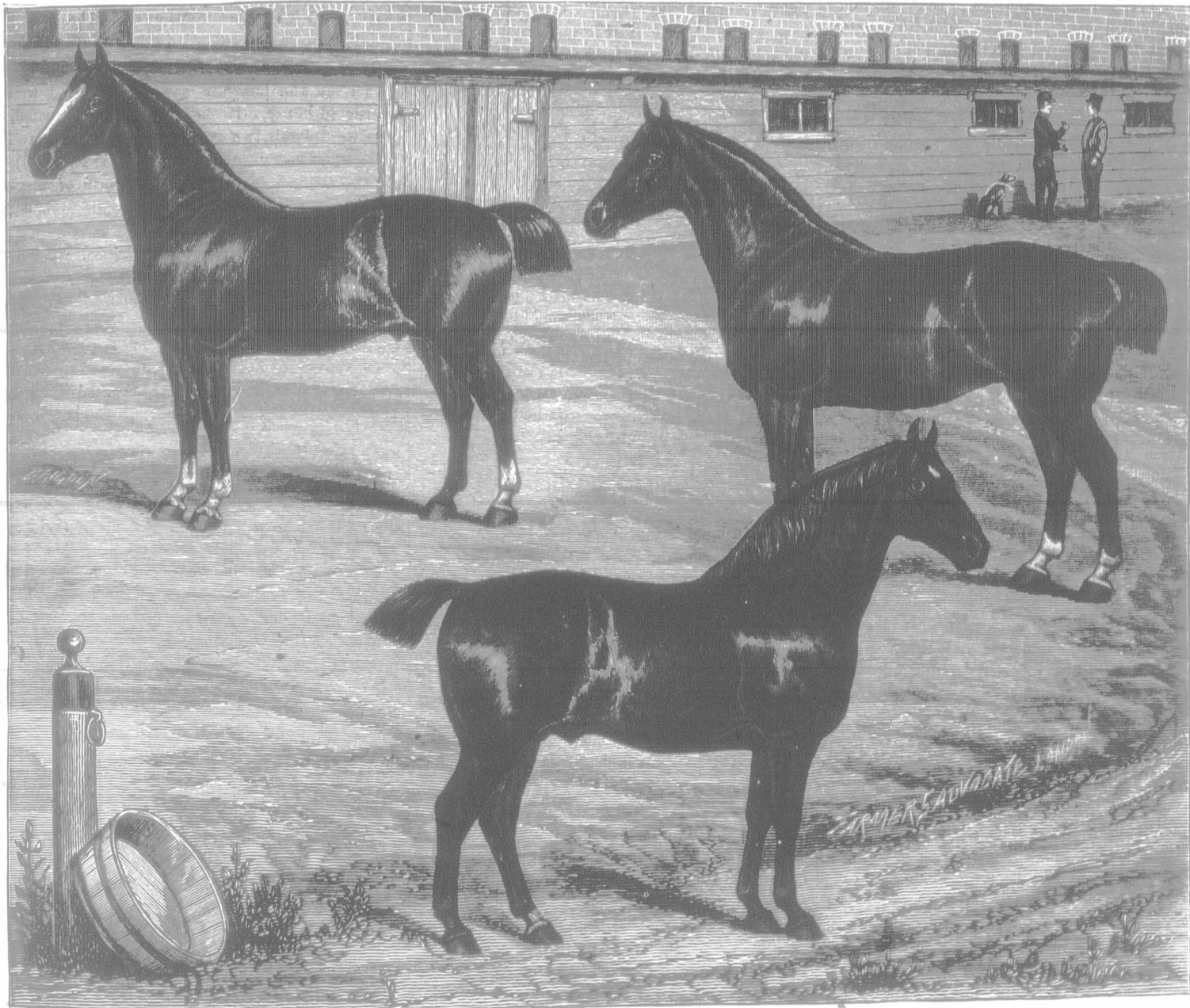
Heavy Draught—1st, McAlpine, owned by David Miller; 2nd, Drummer, owned by A. J. Kenny, Clearwater, Man.

General Purpose—1st, a stallion owned by Jas. Penman, Kingsley, Man.

Hackney Horses.

While in some lines of stock general purpose animals are not profitable, the general purpose horse is certainly the one most sought after at the present time. A great drawback to the production of first-class general purpose horses in the past has been the almost entire absence of sires of that class of sufficient breeding to insure even a probability of the get being of the desired type. In the Hackney, as the name suggests, we have a horse for all purposes. Wm. Taplin's "Sporting Dictionary and Rural Repository of General Information," published in

It is in the department of the Hackney to encounter and overcome emergencies and difficulties of every description. His constitution should be excellent and his spirit invincible. He must be able to go twenty-five or thirty miles at a time without drawing bit, and without the least respect to the depth of the roads, or the state of the weather, and if he is not equal to any weight in these trying exertions, he will be held in no estimation as a Hackney of fashion." John Lawrence, of Bury St. Edmunds, in his history and delineation of the horse published in 1809, uses the word road-



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THREE IMPORTED HACKNEYS, THE PROPERTY OF MESSRS. EVEREST & KERR, REABURN, MAN.

Carriage—1st, Royal George, owned by Robert McKnight.

Roadster—1st, Ontario Chief, owned by M. Toohy, Manitou.

Cattle (Durham)—1st, Red Ranger, owned by James Morrow, Silver Spring; 2nd, Sir William Wallace, owned by R. S. Preston, Pilot Mound. Bull (Durham) two years—1st, Laird, by Bonnie Doone, owned by McKniver Bros., Pilot Mound; 2nd, Prince Charlie, owned by George Mutch, Crystal City.

The awards seemed to be generally satisfactory, although in one or two instances some fault was found. The exhibitors generally, however, showed their good sense by accepting the awards without "kicking."

1803, says:—"Hackney, in the general acceptance of the word with the sporting world, is a horse superior to all others on the score of utility, being rendered subservient to every office of exertion, speed, or perseverance; or, in other words, to all the drudgery and labor of his situation, from which his contemporaries, the racer and the charger, by the imaginary superiority of their qualifications and pampered appearance, are always exempt. It is the peculiar province of the Hackney to carry his master twelve or fifteen miles in an hour to covert (where the hunter is in waiting), and sometimes to bring back the groom with greater expedition.

ster as synonymous with Hackney, and as the term roadster was applied to trotters, there is every reason to accept as a fact the belief that the Hackneys excelled as trotters at that time, while the performances noted below show that at a little later date they were fast trotters of very great distances. On March 5th, 1823, Maberly's mare trotted over a four mile course, in Epping Forest, sixteen miles in fifty-eight minutes and ten seconds, carrying ten stone (140 lbs). At Ferryheath, on the 20th of November of the same year, Capt. Mansfield's brown mare trotted nine miles in thirty-one minutes. In 1832, on the 27th of April, Mr. Dixon, of Knightsbridge,