

been judged, we think it would be both profitable and interesting to the spectators if the judge would select the most perfect type of the class that has passed before him and discuss or criticise the animal, pointing out the desirable points, both of conformation, style and action, and if not objectionable to the exhibitor of another animal that is not quite so good (not necessarily animals that have competed with each other), to compare points. In this way the public will see the type of animal that the particular class demands, and there is no doubt a greater interest would be taken. It is claimed that this would put the judges in an awkward position, as many first-class judges are not good speakers. It does not require an orator to criticise a horse, and any man who knows a horse should be able to intelligently state to an audience what he wants to see in a certain class of horse, especially when he has a good representation of the class before him. If arrangements somewhat in accordance with the suggestions given were made, the visitor to the exhibition would be able to tell at what time and place the classes that he is interested in would be shown, and he would know that he could spend an hour or two comfortably, and doubtless profitably, in viewing the exhibits, and we also think that by judiciously observing points of this nature the judging of the regular classes would become so interesting and instructive that it would not be necessary to spend so much money on special attractions in order to draw the crowd. We have simply referred to the horse exhibit, but no doubt the exhibit of other classes of stock could be improved in a like manner. WHIP.

Horses for Army Use.

"The Breeding in Canada of Horses for Army Use" is the title of a circular recently published, from the pen of J. G. Rutherford, Chief Veterinary Inspector for Canada. It is pointed out that three distinct types are required by the army; i.e., artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry. For the breeding of these the conditions in Canada are most favorable. The artillery horse is described as standing from 15.2 to 16 hands high, weighing not less than 1,300 lbs., with a girth at 72 inches. For the cavalry, a typical specimen is required to be from 15.1 to 15.3 hands high, 70 inches in girth, and well proportioned. This horse, it is said, may be bred from Thoroughbred sires on strong, half-bred mares. The mounted infantry horse is outlined as a strong pony on short legs. He must have a fair shoulder, a good back, and be deep through the heart.

By way of advice, Dr. Rutherford says it will pay breeders on the Western ranges to devote considerable attention to the breeding of military horses, and in other parts of the Dominion also the supply of desirable animals may be greatly increased by intelligently selecting breeding stock.

To those who are interested in this subject it may be pointed out that in times of peace a comparatively small number of Canadian horses will be bought by the British Government. In fact, Mr. Broderick, in the House of Commons, recently stated that the number of army horses to be purchased from this country would be 500. In time of war, however, these figures would not represent the demand, but it is doubtful if for some time to come the requirements will equal those of the past two years.

STOCK.

Judging Contests to Continue.

The executive committee of the Intercollegiate Judging Association met General Manager Skinner, of the International Live Stock Association, at the Transit House, Chicago, on July 29th, with the result that satisfactory arrangements have been made for a judging contest at the coming exhibition in December. Those in attendance were: Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph, Ont.; Prof. J. J. Ferguson, Michigan; Prof. Skinner, Indiana, and Prof. Carlyle, Wisconsin.

It was arranged to hold the next competition under the auspices of the International Association, the executive of the Intercollegiate Association to have charge of the details. Five hundred dollars have already been subscribed for prizes, and it is expected the sum will reach at least eight hundred before the contest begins. Important changes were made in the rules of the Association. This year each college will be allowed to enter but three students, and these must have taken at least a full year in the institution which they represent and have passed all required examinations during that time. The judging, in future, will be done more by the scoring process, with very brief comments on the animals. Texas, North Dakota, Iowa, and Ontario, have already signified their intention to enter the next competition, and it is expected that several others will join before the time arrives.

Our Scottish Letter.

THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY'S SHOW.

Favored with fairly good weather, we have had a successful Highland Society's Show at Aberdeen. Following immediately on the Royal, the event lacked somewhat in variety, yet there was a sufficiency of freshness about the meeting to make it memorable. Perhaps its chief characteristic was the success of English exhibitors of Scots cattle, horses and sheep. The championships for Shorthorns, Aberdeen-Angus cattle, Clydesdale mares, Hackneys, Shetland ponies and Border Leicester sheep all went south of the border. The display of Shorthorns has rarely been better at the Highland, and, as a section, they were more uniform in merit than the black polled cattle, which were on their native heath. Mr. George Harrison, Gainford Hall, Darlington, who won the Shorthorn championship, is a fine judge, and can usually be seen wandering around the outskirts of the crowd at the Tillycairn sale of Collynie and Uppermill bull calves, not rashly bidding for the lots which excite the keenest bidding, but quietly laying on his bids for some moderate-looking animal, possibly not as well finished for sale, but having genuine qualifications which the expert recognizes. The lovely female, Flora VI., which Mr. Harrison has this year exhibited, is one of the truest specimens ever shown. Her lines are ideally straight, her color is perfect, her ribs are grandly sprung, her head is that of the true Shorthorn, and altogether she commands admiration from everybody. Mr. Harrison bought her at Birmingham, and she was calved in the possession of Mr. Naylor, Welshpool, but on the sire's side she is Uppermill, and

specimen of the breed, except that her head is too long and not characteristic. The bull is one of the finest of his sex in any breed at the present day. Ayrshires were championed at Aberdeen by Mr. Robert Wilson's capital dairy cow, Mayflower VI., a right good sort, which won at Carlisle also. Mr. Wilson farms at Manswraes, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, and is one of the veterans amongst Ayrshire breeders. He has been an exhibitor at the Highland for something like half a century, and is held in the highest esteem by everybody. Being himself a cattle salesman, he has a great liking for the kind of cow that takes the market, hence large frames, with capacious vessels and long thick teats and plenty substance, are found in his exhibits.

Horses made a better show at Aberdeen than at Carlisle. The Clydesdales were out in great force and were a strong feature of the show. The phenomenal success of Baron's Pride as a sire was again illustrated. All the first-prize winners, with the exception of the first-prize yearling filly, were got by him. The champions were Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery's two-year-old colt, Everlasting, which took the same honor last year, and Mr. Thomas Smith's two-year-old filly, Royal Ruby, from Chester. The first-prize winners were all owned by the Messrs. Montgomery before the close of the show. Pride of Blacon, Royal Baron, Everlasting and the first-prize yearling make a remarkable quartette of Clydesdale stallions. In some classes the same predominance of this sire was to be remarked. He had the first, second and third aged horses, the first and second three-year-olds, the first, third and fourth two-year-olds, and the first, second and third yearlings. The females were not less

noteworthy as a tribute to Baron's Pride's success as a sire. The first brood mare was the Carlisle winner, Cedric's Princess, from Blacon Point, Chester; and the first yeld mare, Mr. Guild's magnificent Toppsy Pride. The first and second 3-year-olds were White Heather and Pomona, and the first, second and fourth two-year-olds, Royal Ruby, Pyrene, and Prima Donna. In the yearling class, Mr. Henry Grey led with his Glasgow and Stirling champion filly by Royal Favorite. This horse's stock was again counting, and he would probably work out second to Baron's Pride as a winning sire. The number of really high-class Clydesdales now owned in the Lothians is worthy of remark. Mr. Guild, Mr. St. Clair Cunningham and Lord Roseberry are all located in that part of the country, and these good mares were all owned by him. Colonel



CLYDESDALE FILLY, ROYAL RUBY.
First and female champion, Royal Show, 1902.
OWNED BY THOS. SMITH, BLACON POINT, CHESTER.

her dam was bought at the Auchronie sale, carrying her, so that she is pure Scots. The other Shorthorn classes filled well, the bull championship going to Mr. Wm. Bell, Ratcheugh, Alnwick, for Baron Abbotsford, the second-prize winner at the Royal. His dam was Clara, a Collynie cow which could always take a place in the best of company, and she is breeding capital stock.

Mr. J. J. Cridlan, of Maisemore Park, Gloucester, carried off the chief honors amongst Aberdeen-Angus cattle with his fine bull, Elate, which won at the Royal. This bull's dam was bought carrying him at Mr. Egginton's sale at South Ella, Hull, so that the calving breeder in his case also was not the mating breeder. The choicest cow shown came from the Royal herd at Abergeldie Mains, Ballater. The younger females leading the classes came from the famous Glamis herd of the Earl of Strathmore. They were first both in the two-year-old and the yearling heifer classes, and, unlike the Royal judges, those at the Highland preferred the two-year-old to the Highland Aberdeen-Angus breed showed up yearling. The Aberdeen-Angus breed showed up well, but there was a lack of uniformity amongst the exhibits, and we are not sure that the judges were altogether happy in their classification. A deal of criticism has been passed on the judging of the Galloways at Carlisle, and it is certainly significant that some cattle which took the highest places there, although entered, did not come north to the Highland. The judge also took a somewhat different view of the leading animals. He made the first-prize cow at both shows breed champion at the Highland, whereas, to most breeders the unbeaten bull, Campfollower of Stepford, looks a much more creditable specimen. The cow, Maggie X. of Tarbrooch, is a very level

Holloway's blood was counting in the battle: Cedric Princess is a daughter of a mare which he bred. Lord Roseberry showed and took third in the brood-mare class with a mare bred by Colonel Holloway and got by Cedric 1087. The second, third and fourth yearling fillies were all got by Baron's Pride. Mr. J. Douglas Fletcher, of Rosehaugh, who owns a capital Clydesdale stud in Ross-shire, had the second, a filly of his own breeding, for which there was plenty of inquiry. Clydesdale business, alike in respect of selling and hiring, was fairly brisk at the show, and quite a large number of horses have had their seasons fixed for 1903.

A week ago, Mr. Robert Ness, Howick, Quebec, sailed with a nice shipment of very fine horses. He had five Clydesdales, three of them got by Baron's Pride, one by the Glasgow champion horse, Royal Carrick, and one by the Royal champion horse, Macara 6992. Mr. Ness had also two Hackneys and two Boulonnaise horses. He has been long an importer of good horses, but we question if he ever took out as superior a lot as he has brought on the present occasion.

Fanciers of Scots cattle should note that very important sales of Aberdeen-Angus and Shorthorn cattle are announced for the ensuing autumn. Macdonald, Fraser & Co. (Ltd.), Perth, have them on hand, and the first A.-A. sale is to take place in their Perth premises on Friday, 12th of September. In the following week there will be a series of sales of the same breed in the north, and in the week beginning 30th September another series in the south. The Shorthorn sales begin with the Collynie and Uppermill bull calves on Tuesday, 7th October, and last for four days.

"SCOTLAND YET."