

the hocks, something which, if noticed in time, could easily have been rubbed out. Vanderbilt bears the hall-mark of quality that Mr. Ness always demands. He moves well, and is altogether a sort that would have done no discredit to third.

Of the twenty-five two-year-olds, a baker's dozen pulled out. When it was all over, the Bedford Park stable was first again with a Baron's Pride colt named Drawdykes Baron; 2, Graham Bros., on Boreland Chief, by Baron's Chief; 3, Dalgetty Bros., on Bullseye; 4, Smith & Richardson, on Baron Columbus, by Baron of Buchlyvie; while out of the honors were Ness' Fickle Baron, a Montgomery-bred get of Baron's Pride, and Gunn & Son's Dunrobin, a neat colt, on the small side, but the trappiest mover of the lot. Drawdykes Baron is a fine, strong-boned kind, with all the quality he needs. Boreland Chief was a close competitor, well put up on an ample foundation. Bullseye is by Labori, and particularly strong in the coupling, but not quite so attractive about the head.

Getting down to yearlings, the list shortens. Ness won out with a well-developed, hard-boned colt, in the pink of condition, called Royal Benedict, sire Benedict; 2, Graham Bros., on King o' the Barons, by Baron Airies; 3, Graham-Renfrew Co., on Gay Sprig, by Refiner; 4, Davies, on Baron Forward, by Right Forward.

Champion horse any age was Sir Marcus, reserve Royal Baron.

Females begin in the catalogue with yeld mares. They proved a fair class, and the issue resulted: 1, Davies, on Flora of Ardyne, an imported bay Baron's Pride mare, rather attractive as to body, but nothing very extra in underpinning; 2, Gunn & Son, on Pearl, by Goldmine; 3, Davidson & Sons, on Queen Bess, by MacQueen; 4, Davies, on Princess Royal, by Prince of the Glen.

Three-year-olds were headed by Hodgkinson & Tisdale's grand, smooth filly, Fifeshire Lass, by Time Enough; 2, Davies, on a toppy bay by Baron's Pride; 3, Davies, on Marietta, by the same sire; 4, Smith & Richardson, on a Prince Tom get, Flosshead Princess, recently off the boat, we believe; at any rate, not in very good show fit.

In two-year-olds, the judges perpetrated a little joke on the ring-side talent, by standing the winners at the east instead of the west end, as had been done all along. Until the ribbons were handed out, it looked like a riddle, inexplicable on any ground except that everything had been forgotten but quality. All the scale and best conformation appeared to be at the wrong end. Needless to say, it turned out all right. Awards: 1, Gunn & Son, on Margherita, by Royal Blend; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Crissa Princess, by Prince Thomas; 3, Ness, on Strawberry Bloom, by Royal Fashion; 4, Gunn & Son, on Dunrobin Flora, by Everlasting.

Graham-Renfrew Co. showed a plum in yearlings in Lady Betty, a Baron's Pride filly, correctly turned in feet, pasterns, legs and body; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Craigie Belle, by The Dean; 3, Ness, on Belle of Dildawn, by Benedict; 4, Davies, on Zarena, by Baron's Pride.

A pair of brood mares with foals were shown by Gunn & Son and Davies. Gunn & Son were first, with Dunrobin Mabel, a sweet mare, by Prince of Roxburgh. The Davies entry was Lady Lochfergus, by Baron's Pride. Foal prizes went the same way. First was Dunrobin Doris, by Baron's Voucher, and out of Dunrobin Mabel. Davies showed a bay colt for second.

Female sweepstakes was awarded to the yeld mare, Flora of Ardyne, and reserve to Gunn's two-year-old, Margherita. Spectators considered the order should have been reversed, and there was talk of a protest. From a very casual inspection, we should say the two-year-old deserved it clearly on points, while, in a close case, it would seem only right to prefer a filly to a yeld mare. The filly will very probably breed, and, while the mare may, the probabilities are generally against her.

#### SHIRES.

Shires were slim in numbers. Morris & Wellington, of Fonthill; John Gardhouse & Sons, of Highfield; John Breckon, of Appleby; A. G. Clark, Alloa; Porter Bros., of Appleby; J. B. Hogate, of Weston; T. D. Elliott, of Bolton; and Archie Reid, of Yarratts, brought out a few each, but the entries in each class would not average more than two or three. J. M. Gardhouse, of Weston, the well-known and successful exhibitor of previous shows, was missed from the showing this year, except for a solitary entry in yearlings.

In stallions four years old and upwards, Hogate showed the bay, imported Grimsargh Admiral, by Gunthorpe Advance, for premier honors, the blue colors decking Porter Bros.' Baron Kitchener, a gray, by Wenona Mark. Baron Kitchener is rather the blockier type, and was in higher condition, but the other had advantage enough to win. Three-year-olds were more interesting. The trio exhibited were lined up as follows: 1, Morris & Wellington, on imported Bramhope Cardinal, by Duke of York; 2, Gardhouse & Sons, on Admiral Togo, a Morris & Wellington-bred horse, by Mars; 3, Archie Reid, on Bramhall Zealot (imp.), by Blythwood Spark. Bramhope Cardinal is a very pleasing sort, with generous scale, consonant proportions, and real Clydesdale quality. Feet large and well-shaped, support pasterns of approved length and set. Sloping shoulders blend well into the body, and, altogether, he is put together in a way that should stand wear. Admiral Togo is another good one, and would ordinarily have graced first place. Red colors went unchallenged to Elliott's two-year-old, Sir Ralph

de Wellington, by Mars; breeders, Stone & Wellington. In yearlings, it was J. M. Gardhouse's turn to lift the money, with an only entry in a home-bred colt, Royal Nateby, by Nateby King. Championship, and the special offered by the Shire Horse Society for best stallion or entire colt, was won by Bramhope Cardinal.

Coming to females, Gardhouse & Son showed a useful yeld mare called Rose, by Pride of Hatfield. In three-year-old fillies, Morris & Wellington had a clear track with Ashwell Jess (imp.), by Catthorpe Canopus, the only competing entry being disqualified for sidebones. Two-year-old fillies called forth the reserve champion, Morris & Wellington's Pelham Queen. In yearlings, the Fonthill firm got first with Jeanette, a bay, of their own breeding, by General Favorite. Second were John Garhouse & Son, with Black Maud, a filly of their own breeding, by Colleshill Royal Albert. In brood mares with foals, it was Gardhouse's turn. Their entry was Holdenby Nicausis, an imported brown mare, of Chambers' breeding, sire Northgate Prince. She is a very smooth, sweet quality mare, with hard, clean bone, and A-1 feet, pasterns and legs. The remaining three were placed in order of quality, as follows: 2, Clark, on Black Jewel (imp.), by Tartar 2nd; 3, Morris & Wellington, on Lady Penzance, a mare of their own breeding, by Mars; 4, Breckon, on Brockhall Queen (imp.), by Puckrup Prince Harold. In foals, Lady Penzance had one called Dorothy, by Bank Statesman, that was good enough for the red, the Gardhouse mare's filly foal, by Patterton, being second, while Clark's Black Jewel furnished the third, in a bay foal by Nateby King. First for mare and two of her progeny went undisputed to Morris & Wellington's imported Beatrice. A worthy sweepstakes was found in the brood mare, Holdenby Nicausis; reserve, Pelham Queen.

#### CANADIAN-BRED HEAVY DRAFT.

Some really high-class Clydesdales turned up in the classes for Canadian-bred heavy drafts. In fact, it seems to us that improvement over the standard of previous exhibitions was more marked here than anywhere else. Among the foremost exhibitors were Smith & Richardson, Columbus; Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton; Donald Gunn & Son, Beaverton; Graham Bros., Claremont; Geo. Davidson & Sons, Cherrywood; John W. Cowie, Markham; Nelson Wagg, Claremont; R. L. Graham, Schomberg; W. J. Howard, Amber; Alex. Jamieson, Redickville; John S. Beare, Cedar Grove, and half a dozen others who showed one or more horses each. Aged stallions were forward to the tune of six: Smith & Richardson's Lord Roberts, by Merriment; Howard's Balmanno Pride Prince; Hodgkinson & Tisdale's Baron Stewart, by Lord Stewart; R. L. Graham's Admiral, by imported Vice-Admiral; Gordon Montrave, by Montrave Matchless, shown by John Hutchinson; Millbrook; and Sir Louis, by Lewie Gordon, exhibitor Ira Nattress, Millbrook. First could not be gainsaid to Lord Roberts. He is a solid, well-built bay, all-Clyde from the ground up. Balmanno Pride Prince is a blocky, thick-set kind, though from appearances one would judge he excelled more in quantity than in quality of bone. Baron Stewart is rather on the rangy order. There was one other that seemed entitled to a place, a big horse, with lots of bone, and very good in his parts. The prevailing trouble developed, however, and the vets threw him out for sidebone. Lest the uninitiated reader be inclined to unduly discount some of the horses mentioned in this report, it may be explained that sidebones are very common in heavy horses, and, while constituting an unsoundness, and undesirable in stallions, are not to be compared with ring-bone. If confined to a single foot, and caused by an injury, a sidebone does not necessarily disqualify a horse for breeding purposes. As a matter of fact, prizes are awarded to hundreds of horses with this defect, and the fact that so many were found this year, simply indicates that the examination was critical. If the horse in question has sidebones, they certainly are not pronounced. However, if in the opinion of the veterinarians he was disqualified from winning a prize, it would have been only common courtesy to have advised the owner to leave him in the stable.

Three-year-olds were headed by Davidson's tidy MacQueen colt, MacArchie; 2, Pioneer, exhibited by Walter Mitchell, of Lindsay; 3, Lavender's Beat, by Lavender, owner Smith & Richardson. Two-year-olds made a good class of seven, led by W. J. Howard with the male champion, Balmanno Bold Prince, a clean well-put-up colt, by Balmanno; 2, Smith & Richardson, on Hopewell McQueen, by Hopewell; 3, R. L. Graham, on Royal Chattan, by Gallant Chattan. The only yearling was shown by Silas McDougall, of Edgely. Young Treasure is his name; sire, The Treasurer.

It was a very good string, indeed, of six three-year-old fillies that lined up on Saturday afternoon. A capital red-ribbon ornament was found in Wagg's MacQueen-bred Lady Margaret, dam Kate Erskine. We wish there were more like her in Canada. A grand, big, roomy filly, perhaps a bit on the rangy order, but possessing plenty of bone, the best of feet, pasterns and legs, sloping shoulders, and a well-knit frame, she bears the stamp of quality and breeding all over, and moves with a spirit and freedom seldom found in one of her scale; 2, Alex. Jamieson, on Dainty Miss, sire Bogie Stamp; 3, Cowie, on Grasmere Jessie, by Pedestrian; 4, Graham Bros., on Royal Ruby.

Two-year-olds.—1, Geo. Crawford, Oro Station, on Moss Lavender, by Lavender; 2, Richard Rowe, of Hawkstone, on Rose, by the same sire.

Yearlings.—1, Davidson & Sons, on Queen of the

Roses, by MacQueen; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale, on Baron's Queen, by Royal Baron; 3, John S. Beare, on Bonnie Queen, by MacQueen; 4, Cowie, on Nellie Chattan, by Gallant Chattan.

Class 90, geldings and mares over four years, brought in the four crack geldings of the Dominion Transport Co., Joseph Russell's Bob and Gamey, and a four-year-old mare, Susan M., by Two-in-One, shown by Nelson Wagg. It was strong company for any mare to face, and Susan M. acquitted herself with great credit by winning third. First went to Bobby Burns, by Macarlie, and second to Sport, by Lord Charming. Both are splendid, blocky, drafty horses, of a type to delight the heart of a teamster, and loaded with fat besides. The mare is a fine big, deep-ribbed sort, with splendid underpinning, and uncommon sweetness and feminine character—a good mate, in fact, for Lady Margaret.

Brood mares with foals, were headed by Davidson & Sons' Fair Queen, with a bay foal by MacQueen; 2, Gunn & Son's Jessie Keir, with a foal by Royal Baron; 3, John Graham's (Brampton) Polly Hurworth, with a get of Bogie Stamp; 4, W. J. Howard, on Minnie of Amber, with a foal after Balmanno. The foals were placed a little differently; 1, Davidson; 2, Graham; 3, Howard; 4, Gunn & Son.

Mare with two of her progeny—1, Davidson's Fair Queen; 2, Gunn & Son's Jessie Keir; Howard's Minnie of Amber; 4, John S. Beare's Brown Polly. Champion mare, Lady Margaret; reserve, Queen of the Roses.

Heavy-draft mare or gelding in harness—1, Bobby Burns; 2, Sport; 3, Susan M.; 4, Charlie, shown by Dominion Transport Co. Pairs—1, Dominion Transport Co., on Bobby Burns and Sport; 2, Joseph Russell, on Bob and Gamey.

#### PONIES.

The diminutive Shetland, Welsh and Hackney equines were adjudicated on Wednesday, August 28th, in advance of the other classes. Shetland stallion, any age—P. McCullough & Son, Markdale, on Foxglove, by Ratler; 2, Jos. A. Laurin, Montreal, on Viscount, by Havelock; 3, F. D. Elliott, Toronto, on Lord Minto, by Vermont Dewey. Shetland mare, any age—1, Alfred Rogers, Jr., Toronto, on Nepsie; 2 and 3, McCullough & Son, on Lady Troswick and Bessie. Welsh stallion, any age—1, W. A. Collins, of Sunderland. Welsh mare, any age—1, Robt. Miller, Stouffville, on May Fly. Hackney stallion, any age—1, C. J. Brodie, Claremont, on Graham Roosevelt; 2, Graham-Renfrew Co., Bedford Park, on Plymouth Horace, by Sir Horace. Hackney mare, any age—1, T. A. Cox, Brantford. Stallion 14.1 and under—1, Graham-Renfrew Co., on Bathgate Swell, by Woodland's Eaglet. Colt, filly or gelding—1, Dr. B. Gallop, Milton West, on Joe Rock, Jr.; 2, Arthur Taylor, Toronto, on Mona, by Altoner. Yearling colt, filly or gelding—1, M. H. Nicholls, Hamilton, on Dorothy, by Sensation; 2, P. McCullough & Son, Markdale, on Bella, by Emir; 3, McCullough & Son, on Janet, by Foxglove. Brood mare, 14.1 and under, with foal—1, T. A. Cox, on Berkely Elegance; 2, Geo. Davidson & Sons, Cherrywood, on Maud D.; 3, Robt. Davies, Todmorden, on Creta, by Parisian. Foal of 1907—1, T. A. Cox; 2, Geo. Davidson & Sons.

The final event in the breeding-horse ring was the awarding of a special prize for best string of ten horses belonging to a single exhibitor. It is a fancy prize, and valuable from a spectacular, rather than an educational point of view. First was won by Graham-Renfrew Co., with their magnificent aggregation of Hackneys and Clydesdales; second by Graham Bros., with the same breeds; and third by Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt, with a select representation from her capital string of Standard-breds.

#### SHEEP.

The unprecedented demand for sheep, and the high prices prevailing for lambs, mutton and wool, and consequently for breeding stock of this kind, has had the effect of bringing out the largest and best display of sheep at the fairs this year that has been forward in a long time, if, indeed, it has ever before been equalled in this country. Extensive importations have been made this year by a large number of breeders, and it is noticeable that greater attention than usual has been paid to the quality and character of the selections brought out, nearly all being of a high class of individual excellence, so that this may well be called a red-letter year in the importation and exhibition of superior sheep. The only regrettable feature in this connection is that comparatively few home-bred sheep are now shown in most of the classes, breeders seemingly having concluded that there is little hope of winning with such in competition with imported sheep fitted for showing by professional English shepherds, whose whole time is devoted to this one pursuit, with large flocks to select from. If there is good ground for this feeling, the Sheep-breeders' Association might do well to agitate for a separate class for Canadian-bred sheep of the various ages, or for a separate class for imported animals in a more or less limited number of sections. As things go now, our young men are not likely to make much progress in the work of improvement of flocks, developing superior specimens, and fitting them for competition at the fairs. Perhaps on no former occasion have the various breeds been so uniformly well represented, as to quality, at Toronto as this year, though in one or two the number of exhibitors was less than usual, and not for many years has the feeling of satisfaction at the buoyancy of the trade been so apparent. The only pity is that so many Canadian farmers have given up sheep-breeding, and that so few