

a good mover, of fair quality. Mr. Graham was fifth with Lothian Queen, the daughter of Lothian King and the dual Royal first mare Lizzie of Inchparks. The Clydesdale class of the show was that for yearling fillies. Alike in numbers and quality it far surpassed the others, amongst the entries and exhibits being the first Castle-Douglas, first Kilmarnock, and first Ayr fillies, as well as others almost equally good. There were eleven entries, and nine appeared. Mr. W. Graham was rightly first with the first at Castle-Douglas, by Patrician, and bred by the Messrs. Shennan. She is looking very well, and has gone the right way. The Carlung filly that was first at Kilmarnock, now owned by Mr. Pilkington, was a very strong second. She, too, has fully justified the good opinions that were formed of her. Mr. Andrew McClelland, Glenturk, was third with his prime, big filly by Top Knot, which has been successfully exhibited at all the shows this season. She has good feet and legs, and a magnificent top. Mr. Smith was fourth with Red Rose, the Macgregor filly that was first at Ayr. The Marquis of Londonderry was fifth with a very sweet filly by Castlereagh, and Mr. Smith was sixth with Leezie Lindsay, bred by Mr. Picken, Torrs, and first as a foal last year.

The gentlemen who acted as judges of Hackneys are both well-known in the North—namely, Messrs. Alex. Morton, Gowanbank, Darvel, and James Griggs, South Creak, Fakenham, the latter being the first who was introduced into Scotland as the English judge under the scheme of the Scottish Committee. There was some little grumbling about the awards, as there always is, but on the whole the work was thoroughly well done, and it was certainly not a case of giving prizes to men. The animals were winning according to the judgment of the bench, and a complete stranger led the brood mare class, and won the championship for mares with foal. This was Mr. Edward Green, The Moors, Welshpool, and the mare was Modesty (1731), a chestnut, bred by Mr. Moore Burn Butts, but, as far as we could learn, hitherto unknown to fame. But to begin with the first class—for stallions foaled in 1890, and above 15 hands. The Halewood Stud Company were first here with the first at London, Astonishment II. (3122). He was looking thinner than at London, but is a very stylish, gay horse, and was, without hesitation, awarded the gold medal as the best stallion. Mr. D. Sowerby, Hull, was second with Gentleman John, which stood third at London. He has greatly improved since then, and was quite fit to get in front of Mr. Alfred Lewis' Stylish Shot, which stood second at London. He has grown a little heavier, and does not move so well as at the earlier show. The next class, for stallions foaled in 1890 not over 15 hands, was a little larger, containing five entries, and the quality was quite good. The first prize winner was again the London first, Dr. Fred, owned by Mr. J. E. Anderton, Breeze Hill, Preston, and got by Renown, out of Coral Girl. He seems at present to threaten to grow rather thick and coarse, and can hardly be said to have improved on his London form. Mr. John Lett, of Cleveland Bay fame, was second with Hafas, got by Lord Swanland, out of Vestas, by Prickwillow. He is a good horse standing, but his movement could be improved. Mr. Joseph Wood was third with Winal Fireaway, a black horse got by Old Fireaway, out of Heather, by Moore's Confidence. He promises to grow into a very good horse. The reserve was Mr. Haselwood's Charmer, by Cadet, a beautiful horse well named. The class which followed for two-year-olds was a splendid one, composed of fine horses, fairly numerous and choice in quality. Thirteen returned from the vets., and after a deal of trouble this was reduced to the more manageable proportions of eight. Mr. Arthur Fewson had an outstanding winner in Hedon Squire, a noble animal of great style and a faultless performer. He is regarded as the best of his age seen this season, and is not recalled by North countrymen as having been out before. There is in him every promise that he will make a champion winner very long. He has a deal of quality, and carries a fine riding neck and shoulder. He was got by Rufus, out of Polly (494), by Fireaway, and was deservedly reserve for the championship. Mr. Charles Mitchell, Enthorpe House, Market Weighton, owns the second horse, Enthorpe Prince. There was a long contest between this horse and that eventually placed third, Mr. Stephenson's Goodmanham Squire, a beautiful horse by Ganymede. Enthorpe Prince moves well, and gives a good show. He was second in London. His sire was His Majesty (2513), and his dam Peg (3171), by Superior. Goodmanham Squire is a grand colt that looks like making the best of the lot. He has beautiful action and is uncommonly good in the forehead, but rather lacks timber. If he comes to strength he will make a valuable sire. The reserve was Mr. W. Waterhouse's Success III., a choice chestnut, and thought by some to be the most handsome horse in the show. He is own brother to Ganymede. He was first at the Great Yorkshire last year, but did not move quite so well on Monday. Mr. Samuel Webb came next with the Vigorous colt, Penipentenary, and a very good colt in the class was Gold Quartz, owned by the Halewood Company. He was got by Goldfinder VI., out of Anemone, by Donal Grant, and has as many Hackney points as any colt in the class, but was going rather amiss. Brood mares above 15 hands were a most magnificent show, and well worth going to see. Modesty, owned by Mr. Green, to which reference has already been made,

was a clear winner for points standing, but her position was severely criticised. She could perhaps have done with a little more action, but if she possessed that she would be invincible. Her sire was Lord Derby II., and her dam Snowdrop (321), by Denmark. A great price would not buy her, and Mr. Green, who is one of the best men to be met at a Royal Show, is entitled to be proud of his championship with this delightful mare. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was second with New York (1296), a famous prize winner and a very good animal. She has better action than the first, but lacks the Hackney points. She is rather square in the shoulder, and her neck is just thick enough. Mr. Waterhouse owns the third mare, Bury Sunflower, a beautiful chestnut, bred by Mr. John Rowell. This is a mare of a high order of merit, but rather ragged in her quarters at present, as she is nursing well a choice foal by Agility. Mr. Harry Livesey's fourth is the famous black-brown mare Agnes, which stood second at London. The judges differed hopelessly regarding the positions of the third and fourth, and Mr. Benson, of the Halewood Company, was called in to decide the tie. The positions announced are those assigned by him. Sir Humphrey de Trafford, Bart., was fifth with Ferry Queen, a useful Norfolk mare by Norfolk Count. It ought to have been said that New York was the reserve for the female gold medal. Mares under 15 hands made a good class, but not up to the former in quality. Mr. Geo. Jackson, Bandwood House, King's Heath, was first with Minnie, a sweet little chestnut mare, but rather strong in her shoulder. She was shown in good form. She was got by Cadet, out of a mare by Hue and Cry Shales. The Prince of Wales was second again in this class with Constance (63), a strong brood mare of the harness type, got by Cannon Ball, and having foal at foot by Cadet. Mr. Temple was third with Shirley, a daughter of Cadet, of the real Hackney type, and good quality. Mr. Harry Livesey was fourth with the beautiful chestnut mare Lady Alice, winner of many prizes. She has been bought by Mr. C. E. Galbraith, and will very probably be seen at Edinburgh. She was got by Lord Derby II., and is an excellent mare of her class and size. For mare or gelding, about 14 hands and up to 15 stones, Mr. Fewson got first with the chestnut, Skidby Belle, a strong riding mare; and for the next class, up to 12 stones, Mr. Pope, Cannon House, was first with his famous Lady Isabella (2194), by D'Oyley's Confidence. She is a splendid mare of her class and type. Mr. Thomas Roberts, 41 Ranelagh Street, was second with Belle of the Ball, a roan mare got by a son of Confidence. She is a strong mare, perhaps rather more of the driving than the riding type, and of the same line of breeding as Lady Lofly, to which she bears some resemblance. Mr. Fewson was third with the bay gelding, The Masher, by Dane-gelt, a really good specimen, but a little down in his back. Lady Brooke was fourth with the beautiful lady's pony, Queen of the Dale.

The largest class amongst the sheep was that of Shropshires. Indeed, so large were the classes and of such quality, that in some cases quite a fourth of them were commended in some form or another. They seemed to be the only class of stock for which there was a demand from America and Canada, and several of the best pens have been purchased by Mr. Robert Miller, Brougham, Ontario. He has not confined his attention to Shropshires alone, but has also bought some of the prominent prize winners among the Cotswolds and the Oxford-Downs. The third prize shearing Cotswold ram, a very smart sheep, is one of his purchases, and he also bought the first prize pen of three Cotswold ram lambs, an excellent lot, which were purchased so long ago as April. Amongst Oxford-Downs Mr. Miller has purchased Mr. Albert Brassey's first prize shearing ram, a sheep which has been first wherever exhibited this season, and has been shown pretty frequently. Another of his purchases in this section is the unbeaten pen of three ram lambs, also bought from Mr. Brassey, and yet a third purchase is the first prize pen of three Oxford-Down shearing ewes. They also are the property of Mr. Brassey, have been frequently shown and never beaten. In taking over such quality of stock Mr. Miller is reflecting credit on Canada, and his eager energy will, we trust, meet with ample reward. The first prize Shropshire ram is one of the most magnificent sheep of the tribe exhibited. His owner is Mr. Berry, Birmingham, and his victory was distinctly popular with all classes. The well-known Scottish fancier of the breed, Mr. David Buttar, of Corston, showed some choice specimens, and even in such heavy classes was able to secure honorable mention; thus showing that these valuable sheep can be bred under climatic conditions very far from being as favorable as those they are familiar with in their native district. The third prize shearing ram, in a class of eighty entries, has been purchased by Mr. Miller for exportation to Canada. This ram was very highly thought of by all with whom we conversed, and will doubtless be highly popular in Canada. From the same firm Mr. Miller purchased the third pen of three Shropshire ram lambs, an excellent lot that should be received with marked favor. The corresponding pen of ewes was also purchased by Mr. Miller, and it contained one of the best ewes in the show. But not content with this, he has secured the first prize pen of shearing ewes from Mr. Thos. Fenn, at Ludlow. This pen were also first at the Bath and West of England show, and are a really grand lot. The strong boned and

perhaps rather coarse sheep, the Lincolnshire breed, are in great favor in South America, and we met one or two buyers from that part of the world who were anxious to secure sheep of this race. Altogether the Royal Show of '93 will be remembered by all who visited it as one of the best in a long series of good exhibitions.

SCOTLAND YET.

FARM.

Timely Notes.

ANCESTRAL WISDOM.

Superintendent Gregg, of the Minnesota Farmers' Institutes, made a good point in stating, "I think too much of my father to do all things as he did." By this he did not mean to convey the idea that he considered his father a nincompoop, but rather that by the light of his predecessor's experience he was able to see his way clearer to improving on his practice. Too many keep on the old, well-beaten track of farming in the ancient manner, for no other reason than that their fathers did so. Of this persuasion are those that use the old dash churn, flat milk-pans, keep scrub cattle, don't take a farm paper, never attend an institute for they know it all, &c., &c.

BUYING A BULL.

This season I have seen strongly exhibited the dislike or distrust that most farmers have of what they call aged bulls. No less than three first-class Shorthorn bulls in my immediate neighborhood, ranging in age from 4 to 6 years, could not be sold in their own vicinity on account of this very foolish prejudice, but were sold to parties at a distance. In two cases parties who refused these highly-bred and useful animals are now using young scrub bulls of the poorest kind. Now, is a bull aged at 6 years Is he not in his prime? My experience goes to prove that a bull who has not been abused when growing will beget better stock after he reaches maturity than it is possible or reasonable to expect for an immature yearling to do. The trouble very often arises from the fact that a young bull is generally—if not always—over-worked, and so permanently injured; hence, when he arrives at maturity he is more or less stunted. For my own part I would buy a strong, vigorous, active 5 or 6-year-old bull every time before I would buy an untried and immature yearling. Again, it is worse than folly to throw away your good, pedigreed bull after using him for only a couple of years on grade stock, and retard the improvement of your stock by using a grade bull or mongrel. If you don't see your way to buying a new bull to replace your present one that is, if he really wants replacing—keep him on another year, or take your cows to some neighbor who has another pure-bred bull, but do not use a grade.

SCHEDULED CATTLE AND CUSTOMS DUTIES.

The Canadian fat-cattle and "stocker" trade is now feeling the full effect of the embargo placed on them last year, and is being rapidly ruined. Among all the other remedies proposed for this state of things, I am surprised that our High Commissioner in London is not empowered to make concessions to our chief customer, England, in the way of customs duties. Events have lately proved pretty conclusively that we can't get along without the English market, and would it not be only fair—and greatly also to our own interest—to give a little to regain our prestige in the opinion of the English people, instead of always asking for more. We ask for concessions for this and for that—and what do we offer in return? Are we not like the thankless children of King Lear? We want all our parent can give us, and then we would turn her out-of-doors as a recompense. It would be politic and only a measure of justice that we should make some small return to England for the privilege of free entry into her markets. Let us take off the duties on some of her principal exports, and we would find that England would meet us more than half way. We spend tens of thousands of dollars in trying to work up a one-horse trade with the West Indies, France and Australia, and neglect our best customer, England, who is worth more to us than all the others put together.

BUSINESS POLITICS.

The farmers at last, through their association, the Patrons of Industry, are bringing their political opinions into line with business requirements. Let us hope they will vote also in the right way at every election as it comes up, and then we would have some of our burdens removed and others lightened. The Patrons' deputation that waited on the Finance Minister asked none too much, and could have asked a great deal more.

GENERAL.

Care for your horse—stable in fly-time—white-wash stables inside, and keep cool, clean and dark. Put up plenty of fruit for winter use; there is abundance of it this season, and will be very welcome when the snow is flying next January.

Use plenty of oil on your machinery, and keep your knives sharp. It is easy enough to sharpen the sections with one of the numerous knife-sharpeners now so common.

IN VICTA.