

SUFFOLK PUNCH HORSES

appear to be spreading over a wider surface, the principal exhibitors being Jos. Beck and W. Salmon, Thorndale, the former winning in aged stallions, with a good, typical Suffolk, with good action. A. J. Salmon and J. A. Melvine, Winchester; H. Walker & Shantz, Haysville, also showing stallions.

The Messrs. Mossom, Boyd & Co., Bobcaygeon, showed some good mares and fillies that had lately been purchased of Mr. Jos. Beck.

Thos. Irving, Winchester, was also a prominent exhibitor.

PERCHERONS

made a most creditable display, The Haras National, Montreal, taking first with the black horse Joly, a horse of great size and weight, and as good a specimen of the Percheron draught as ever has been seen at our exhibitions, W. E. Baker, Demorestville, winning second with Brilliant, a very neat three-year-old, the third going to The Haras National Co., who also show several other good horses.

Mares and fillies were not nearly as good as last year, only one mare being shown, and she by W. E. Baker.

HACKNEYS.

Five Hackney stallions, several of which had been recently imported, came forward, but it is quite evident our Canadian horsemen do not yet understand how to handle these horses, as they were not broken to the line properly. In fact, outside our heavy horsemen, there are very few who take any pains in training their horses to show on the line. Horses must be made to move straight if judges are to be able to decide on their moving capabilities, and if a Hackney is not broken to show his action he loses fully half his good points. The lot that showed in Toronto may have been able to move, but they were too green for anything.

Asa Choate, Port Hope, had the best horse standing still, and so won the red, the second going to Geo. H. Hastings' Young Nobleman, a horse with good knee action but not so good behind. There was little choice in the remaining three which were brought out by Jos. Beck, Thorndale, J. A. Belway, Winchester, and Mathew Carlyle. The beautiful Cob stallion shown by Ormsby & Chapman was shown out of his place, as there was no class for him.

CATTLE.

The show of cattle at Toronto on the whole may fairly be said to have been equal to the average of past years, both as to numbers and merit. We have seen larger and better representations of some of the breeds here, but all things considered the showing this year was a very satisfactory one and one which the Province may justly be proud of. We firmly believe, and we speak with a fair knowledge of the facts, that at none of the exhibitions in America can so large and meritorious a display of so many different breeds of improved stock be seen as at the annual gatherings at the Toronto Industrial. All that is required to make the exhibition satisfactory all round is better stabling accommodation, a better classification of the animals as to breeds and ages, and especially a more complete catalogue. The catalogue should indicate at least the date of birth, color, breeder, owner, sire and dam, with herd book numbers. The first three of these items are not given in the Toronto catalogue. It would cost very little more to give this information and it would be very helpful to visitors. Another feature which would add greatly to the interest of the exhibition, one which the managers of the Old Country shows make a prominent one, is a daily parade of all the prize horses and cattle in the large ring, in the order of the catalogue, with their numbers displayed on the animals. In these parades it should be a fixed rule, on pain of forfeiture of the prize, that every prize animal be brought out at the time designated in the programme.

It is vexatious to find that in the single instance in which the prize animals are called out, on Friday afternoon, not more than half of them appear.

A notable circumstance in the cattle department of this show this year is that in at least

four of the breeds exhibitors from the Province of Quebec carried off the bulk of the best prizes. This speaks well for the pluck and enterprise of the eastern men and deserves commendation, for they have won, not with inferior, nor even with middling stock, but with animals of strictly first-class character, and in the dairy classes—Jerseys and Ayrshires—with strong competition. Ontario men should take a note of these facts and look to their laurels. They cannot afford to let this be repeated.

SHORTHORNS.

We have seen larger and better displays of this standard breed at Toronto, and when we reflect that there are over four hundred breeders of this class of cattle in the Dominion there ought to be more than twenty herds represented at the Metropolitan Exhibition. If only one-half of the breeders would prepare one animal for exhibition we should see a larger and better representation of the possibilities of the breed, and it is desirable, for many reasons, that a larger number of breeders should take part in these shows. It is not certain that all the best animals are in the hands of a few men. There are doubtless single gems in many herds, which, if they were properly prepared and brought out, would shine successfully in the competition. It is too generally thought that it is not creditable to make a show unless a sufficient number are taken out to compete in nearly all the sections and for the herd prizes. This is a mistaken idea. If a man shows only one animal good enough to win a prize in such a show he has done well and is entitled to rank amongst the successful men, and is a benefactor to his country. In England a large proportion of the exhibitors at the Royal Show come up with their one best beast, and are happy if they find themselves anywhere in the list of winners.

The selection of judges for this class at Toronto was a good one, and with Richard Gibson, W. G. Pettit and Geo. Thompson for a jury the exhibitors must have felt safe and sure that the best were likely to win.

The call for bulls over four years old brought out only two entries, and Mr. Russell's roan Stanley, the sweepstakes bull of last year, was easily assigned first place. He is a bull of fine quality and very thick flesh, and is a good representative of the Kinellar type, whence comes his dam imp. Wimple. Mr. Leask's Deacon, a large red bull by imp. Vensgarth, takes second place.

Three-year-old bulls had only two entries, Mr. Russell taking first prize with imp. Windsor, a red son of the Cruickshank sire Gravesend. This bull has greatly improved, and is smooth, even and of good quality. Messrs. Ballantyne & Son won second prize with imp. Prince Royal, imported by Mr. Dryden from the herd of Edward Cruickshank, a lengthy, straight bull of good character.

The section for two-year-old bulls, with four competitors, had for first place an easy winner in the Bow Park bull Master Ingram, a roan son of Sir Arthur Ingram and Haverling Nonpariel II. He was the first prize yearling last year and has gone on well, keeping himself together in good shape. He ought to be a good one if good parentage is any guarantee of the character of the offspring, for it is very rarely that a bull can boast of a better sire and dam.

Mr. Robert Davies, of Toronto, comes second with Northern Light, a red imp. Cruickshank bull, straight and smooth, but wanting in depth and width and masculine character.

Mr. Chisholm's red Gladstone 2nd won third prize, a straight, smooth bull, which, with a few hundred pounds more flesh, would make a strong show.

Mr. S. J. Pearson showed a very large red bull in this section, Sir Hector Redmond by Sir Redmond, a useful bull.

In yearling bulls there were four competitors, and Cromwell, a roan son of imp. Warrior, bred by Messrs. Nicholson and owned by Mr. Eastwood, of Mimico, a bull of great substance and fine quality of flesh and hair, with capital quarters, flank and thighs, was justly placed first, while Mr. Currie's War Eagle, a red, bred by Mr. Johnston, by imp. Warfare, a double-headed, substantial bull, with rather harsh hair and

wanting in spring of rib, was placed third, and the Bow Park roan Duke 29th was sandwiched between these for second prize.

There were twenty-one bull calves entered, and while there were a goodly number of promising ones among them, we must say we have seen many better rings of calves here, and it is always a difficult ring to judge where the range of age in months is so great and calves change so much as they grow in their first year, but the judges made a very good selection in Messrs. Nicholson's Crown Jewel 9th, a roan son of imp. Warrior, a lengthy, straight, well-formed calf, with good back, flanks and quarters.

Mr. Ballantyne's Indian Prince, red, by imp. Indian Chief, a Cruickshank sire, won second place, and Mr. John Miller's Strathroy by the imp. Sittyton bull Vice-Consul and a Strathallan cow, a calf of fine quality of flesh and hair, which many thought should have had a higher place, had to be content with third prize.

The silver medal for best bull, any age, went to the Bow Park bull Master Ingram.

The females this year were a better class than the bulls, and among them were several very choice animals, especially the Bow Park cow Lady Oxford Waterloo, a beautiful roan cow with a sweet head, smooth shoulders, deep ribs and flanks and level top line, which won first prize in her class and the sweepstakes for best female. Mr. Watt's first prize yearling heifer Matchless 8th, by the famous old Barmpton Hero, hero of many a well-fought field in the last decade, now in his thirteenth year and still getting good ones, is a heifer of faultless symmetry and splendid quality.

The first prize heifer calf, also shown by Mr. Watt, a roan, by Perfection, one of the best sons of old Barmpton Hero, is in the succession of good ones, a remarkably well-developed calf, promising to grow large, yet as plump as a pear, and full in all her points without a flaw in her make-up. It was a hard class to show in too, probably the best in the show, Mr. Russell's Queen Mary and Mr. Ballantyne's Missie 6th taking second and third places. Among those outside the "short leet" might be mentioned Mr. Pearson's level-topped, long-quartered Miss Canada, which only needed a little more preparation to bring her well to the front; Mr. Miller's contribution of Vice-Consul's babies, all as smooth as they are made, and Mr. Nicholson's comely red daughters of Warrior. The herd prizes were assigned as follows:—First to Bow Park, second to Mr. Russell, third to Mr. Davies. The prizes for four calves bred by exhibitor were given:—First to Mr. Nicholson, second to Mr. Miller, third to Mr. Russell.

HEREFORDS.

The competition in this class of useful cattle, we regret to find, is limited to representatives of three herds, those of Hon. M. H. Cochrane and Mr. Judah, of Hillhurst, P. Q., and Mr. Fleming, of Weston. They are grand cattle for beefing purposes and the best of graziers. The show of Herefords, in point of quality, is always good when Mr. Cochrane's herd is in it, and he brings them out in the pink of condition. His grand old bull imp. Cassio, the peerless son of the noted Grove 3rd, still heads the herd, and is a wonderful bull, with a breadth and depth, thickness and smoothness that is rarely equalled in any breed. His prepotency as a breeder is also remarkable, as the fine string of daughters which go with him to make up the first prize herd abundantly testifies.

The sweepstakes female Vanity 3rd is a model for a beef animal, and caps the climax of Cassio's cunning as a sire of surprises.

Mr. Fleming's herd wins second prize and Mr. Judah's third, and there are many meritorious animals in both.

POLLED ANGUS.

Quebec has the show in this class all to itself, and Mr. Cochrane and Dr. Craik divide the prizes, the best of them going to Hillhurst.

A magnificent herd is that of Mr. Cochrane, all of them bred by himself, headed by the best black bull we ever saw, the noted Lord Hillhurst, a son of the famous Paris 3rd. He is not only large enough for any thing but carries a wealth of flesh smoothly laid on upon a carcass of extraordinary depth and width carried near to the