

His opponent, Darnley (foaled 1882), exhibited by George Garbutt, Thistletown, is a horse of considerable substance, but his quality is not prime. The two females were shown by H. N. Crossley, Rosseau, and Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton. The former exhibited Rosseau Maid, by Bravo II., and out of Queen of Althorpe. She is a capital two-year-old, full of quality. Her flat, clean limbs, fringed with straight silky hair, is just what we like to see. She was not in high fit, but fairly well grown for her age. Mr. Hendrie's number was Midnight, alias Bess of Winona, by Duke of Lancaster. She is a monster that could be made a ton weight without overloading. She is rather a good sort for a cart and moved as well as one could expect from her size.

CLYDESDALES.

The Clydesdale class has dwindled down to a mere handful at the Canadian Horse Show. In the aged class four horses were out, and only two of those may be termed prime good ones. Robert Davies' Prince of Quality, by Cedric, was in fine form. He is allowed to carry quite as much weight as is good for him, but he does it well. He is one of those low-down, big little horses that is all horse. He has great thickness and depth in front, indicating a grand constitution, while his middle, hind quarters and limbs are of the wearing sort. There was no question about his position in the front. Graham Bros.' Straven Gallant, an imported horse of 12 years, was the next in order of merit. He too is of the broad, low sort, with good middle and limbs. King of Ardnacross, imported and exhibited by Neil Smith, Brampton, is by Duke King. He is a horse of considerable substance, but might have a better set of limbs. He was placed 3rd. Graham Bros.' Merry Monarch, by Macneillage, was the 4th horse. He possesses very good ends and limbs, but carries hardly enough middle. Three three-year-old colts met before the judges. The champion of the show was found among them in Graham Bros.' new importation, Young Macqueen (2290), from the stud of R. B. Ogilvie, Madison, Wis. He is by Macqueen and will doubtless resemble him very closely when he matures. He is a flash, bright colt, but he will need to do a lot of thickening before he overtakes King's Own, shown by Robert Davies, Toronto. King's Own is by Queen's Own and out of imported Candour. He has always been a big colt, and now looks more like a mature horse than a three-year-old. He is well come and shows it in his grand body and limbs. The third colt is also by Queen's Own, and is named Macqueen (2218). He was shown by Alex. Doherty, Ellesmere. He is a tidy colt with nice limbs and feather, but hardly large enough. It was generally conceded that the judges were justified in placing Young Macqueen 1st, but considerable exception was taken by good judges outside the ring when he was placed ahead of Robert Davies' Prince of Quality in the sweepstakes contest. While the newcomer shows a deal of outcome (in fact, he suggests a great future), as he stood at the show the black horse beats him. Constitution is a great point in a sire, and Prince of Quality is very strong just there, while the colt needs all he shows to possess at present. The judges took a long time to reach a conclusion, and only decided as they did after calling in Mr. Robt. Ness, Howick, P. Q. It is understood that the question was put to Mr. Ness in this way: which of the two would he prefer as a breeder to take home with him? And naturally it would be the younger horse; but at the same time it is open to question if that was a fair way to put it. Two good two-year-olds contested in their class. James Henderson's (Belton) newly-imported colt, Goldfinder II., by Goldfinder, is a big good one. He is well-proportioned, well-developed, and moves well on capital limbs and feet. We referred to this colt in the "Gossip" of last issue. Black Prince, shown by Robert Davies, is a full brother to King's Own in the former class. He is a good sort of colt that will be heard from again. He would be good property to pick up right now. Prince of Blantyre, by Prince of Quality, exhibited by Alex. Doherty, was the only yearling shown. He was not in condition, but appeared a fairly good youngster. Just three Canadian-bred Clydesdale stallions out of four entries were out. The fourth was in the city, but through some misunderstanding missed his class. He is Grand Salute, by Grand Times, owned by H. G. Boag, Queensville. It is difficult to say where he would have been placed had he met in competition. He is a nice limbed horse and moves exceedingly well. The best horse in the ring was Captain Willie, by Lord Lieutenant, shown by Graham Bros. He is a big, rangy horse, with nice action and limbs. A greater depth of body would not have been lost on him. Bay Wattie, by Prince Imperial, exhibited by W. J. Howard, Dollar, was placed 2nd. His breadbasket is his strong point. He is just three years old, and of a sort that will improve. Addison, by Macneillage, shown by Wm. Foster & Son, Humber, was the remaining entry.

Out of eight mares just three contested—Kate Hill 2nd, by Lewie Gordon, shown by Wm. Brewster, McIntyre, Ont., and two full sisters by Bay Wallace, shown by J. W. Robinson, St. Mary's. The first named was foaled in the stud of Jas. I. Davidson, Balsam, Ont., in 1891. She has proven her excellence by winning good prizes on a number of occasions. At the last Industrial she stood 1st in Canadian-bred brood mares. She is a sweet mare of good size, without a sign of roughness. She has an extra fine set of limbs. The other two mares were of entirely different pattern—large, roomy, and heavy quartered. They possess good

limbs and capital feet. They won 2nd and 3rd in this class, also 2nd for pair of pure-bred Clydesdale mares or geldings shown in harness. The team that surpassed them was shown by W. Hendrie, Hamilton. They are a slashing fine dray team. Draft teams not pure bred were four in number. W. Hendrie, Hamilton, showed two pairs and won 1st and 2nd on them. They were all big and good. The nicest team in the class was shown by Geo. T. Ward, Woodhill, but they were hardly large enough. J. W. Robinson, St. Mary's, had out a pair of Bay Wallace mares, but they did not mate up quite as well as the others. The class was good throughout.

HORSES IN HARNESS.

The horses in harness, whether single, double, tandem or four-in-hand, were numerous and well brought out. They were judged by Robt. Graham, Claremont, and J. N. Scatcherd, Buffalo, N. Y. Some of them came from the stables of wealthy men, who calculate on having the best obtainable. Dealers also competed largely, and carried away some of the money. The same horses came forward in several of the classes. A number of the classes were unwieldy, but in every case it was not difficult to quickly thin them down to half a dozen entries. The Hackney type is becoming more and more conspicuous in these classes. Unless a horse is a good actor and gets up well he need not compete, and a solid body is almost as essential to win. In mare or gelding not exceeding 15 hands 2 inches there were twenty entries present. The prizes went as follows: 1st, E. B. Clancy, Toronto; 2nd, T. A. Crow, Toronto; 3rd, R. Beith, Bowmanville; and 4th, S. B. Fuller, Woodstock.

There were twenty-four entries in mare or gelding over 15.2. The prizes were awarded as follows: 1st, F. Doan; 2nd, Geo. H. Gooderham; 3rd, Isaac Watson; and 4th, T. A. Crow; all of Toronto.

Pairs not exceeding 15.2; eight entries: 1st, T. A. Crow; 2nd, Jessica and Lady Aberdeen, R. Beith; 3rd, Adam Beck, London.

Pairs over 16.2; sixteen entries: 1st, S. F. McKinnon, Toronto; 2nd, Geo. H. Gooderham; 3rd, T. A. Crow; 4th, J. Ross Robertson, M. P., Toronto.

The harness tandems were the best we ever saw shown in Canada. Former winners were among them and took most of the money. Jessica and Lady Aberdeen proved equal to the occasion. The young mare took the lead, and did it admirably, while the more cobby Hackney left little to be desired between the wheels. The 2nd went to a gray and a black driven by T. A. Crow; 3rd, T. A. Crow. Four-in-hand: 1st, T. A. Crow; 2nd, Toronto Horse Exchange.

SADDLE HORSES.

The saddle classes were all well filled. They were judged by J. N. Scatcherd, Buffalo. The prize winners were invariably bright, handsome animals, exhibiting much of the Thoroughbred type. Mare or gelding over 14.2 and not exceeding 15.2; 8 entries: 1st, D. Hughes Charles, Galt; 2nd, G. W. Beardmore, Toronto; 3rd, Adam Beck, London; 4th, F. J. Capon, Toronto.

Mare or gelding over 15.2; eighteen entries: 1st, D. King Smith, Toronto; 2nd and 4th, Adam Beck; 3rd, S. B. Fuller, Woodstock.

Ladies' saddle horses; thirteen out of seventeen entries present: 1st, John A. Gunn; 2nd, Geo. A. Peters, Toronto; 3rd, Mrs. J. Kerr, Toronto.

Best saddle and harness horse, 15 hands and over, shown in harness and under the saddle; fifteen entries: 1st, Adam Beck; 2nd, Hume Blake, Toronto; 3rd, John A. Gunn.

Hunters and jumpers were numerous and varied. Out of large classes seldom could be got more than three or four that would clear all the hurdles. The horses were usually of light weight and tucked-up in body. The Thoroughbred type was evident in each of the classes. Qualified hunters must have been regularly hunted with a recognized pack of hounds more than one season, and within a year from date of entry. Green hunters—must not have been hunted more than one season. There were just five entries in heavyweight qualified hunters up to carrying 180 pounds: 1st, Adam Beck; 2nd, J. Phillips, Toronto; 3rd, G. W. Beardmore.

Qualified hunters up to carrying 150 pounds; eight entries: 1st, D. King Smith, Toronto; 2nd, Royal City Stables, Guelph; 3rd, G. W. Beardmore.

Green hunters were green indeed, as very few out of thirteen entries cleared the hurdles: 1st and 2nd, Adam Beck; 3rd, F. Chisholm, Milton.

Green hunters, lightweight; nineteen entries: 1st, Royal City Stables; 2nd, Geo. A. Peters; 3rd, Adam Beck.

Best performance over six jumps: Adam Beck's Huntsman won an easy victory in a class of twelve.

Corinthian class, open to hunters by members of a recognized Hunt; twenty entries: 1st, Adam Beck's Huntsman; 2nd, D. King Smith; 3rd, E. Phillips. This was a very close competition.

ROADSTERS.

There were eleven entries made in single roadsters, and just nine of these came forward. The missing entries were American. They were much of the Standard-bred pattern, several of the entries sidewheelers. A roan mare, Blue Belle, shown by J. J. Burns, Toronto, was evidently the choice of the judges. H. J. Eyck, but there were others we would have paid more money for. She moved well, but was far from dandy bay mare that any man should be pleased to drive. She won 2nd. The next two were pacers. The sweetest animal in the ring was Prince Hal, a six-year-old gray gelding, shown by A. W. Holman, Toronto. Goldwinner, a rapid mover, shown by A. N. Smeal, Toronto, got the 4th place. ling lot. They were capably shown, and they were not a start-pair that got 1st moved in nice form. They were exhibited by plain horses of good size, shown by T. A. Crow. A pair of sweet chestnuts none too free in action, shown by Dent Dalton, Delhi, was the remaining entry.

PONIES.

Robt. Beith, M. P., won 1st prize in harnessed ponies with a pretty brown mare that many considered too large. Robt. Miller, Brougham, came next with a beautiful gray Welsh gelding. S. Nordheimer, Toronto, won 3rd prize. Jumping ponies were few in number. Robert Davies' Creta caused quite a sensation by the excellent manner in which he cleared his jumps.

Polo ponies: 1st, Major Lessard, Toronto; 2nd, Capt. Forester, Toronto.

Best and best-appointed pair of horses to cab as let for hire: 1st, F. Doan, Toronto; 2nd, P. Mayer, Toronto.

Mare or gelding shown in harness and delivery wagon: 1st, The Harry Webb Co.; 2nd, Thos. Bartrem, Toronto.

Best performance of professional private coachman: 1st, Walter Rud, coachman for A. E. Gooderham; 2nd, John Milligan, coachman for W. B. Simpson, Toronto; 3rd, James Norton, coachman for Geo. Gooderham, Toronto.

Best amateur driving of pair to four-wheeled vehicle: 1st, Adam Beck; 2nd, E. B. Clancy, Toronto.

Best driving of tandem: Adam Beck, London, and G. A. Stimson, Toronto, equal—prize divided.

Best riding by gentleman: Geo. A. Carruthers, Toronto.

Royal Love-making.

Mr. F. S. Peer, of Mt. Morris, N. Y., in a review of the London Hackney Show, written for the *Country Gentleman*, referring to the interest taken in this and similar affairs by members of the royal family, says:

"Speaking of royalty reminds me of a little incident that happened to come under my personal observation last year while attending this show. The press gallery, in which I had a seat, adjoins the royal box, and on the occasion of the visit to the show of the Prince of Wales, among other members of the royal family was Prince Charles of Denmark, who was seated directly behind Princess Maud, daughter of the Prince of Wales. The announcement of this young couple's engagement had but recently been made. Prince Charles in a sly manner pulled a stray lock of hair in the Princess' neck and otherwise amused himself after the fashion of lovers. The great audience that was staring at them of course saw nothing of this, but I was guilty of looking on from a side view. The Princess put her hand back of her chair ostensibly to arrange the set of her cape—after the manner of all women. The Prince's hand stole slyly up to meet it and held it fast. Presently the Princess looked around at Prince Charles with a face that at the start assumed a look of reproof, and was intended to say 'Don't'; but when their eyes met it said the very reverse, and I fear I became more interested in watching this pair of lovers than I did in the brevet king of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and all the colonies, and his presentation of the grand challenge cup; for the first I knew, the Princess, in turning to see if any one was looking, caught me in the very act. The tale-tale crimson covered her face, confessing the whole, and showed that even a princess of the greatest monarchy and a prince of royal lineage were flesh and blood—not unlike a pair of rustic lovers that at the same moment were hanging over the rail in the arena, looking at each other, as oblivious of the presence of their future king as if they had set up a republic for themselves, which no doubt they have done before this. Four of a kind make two pair—and the band played 'God Save the Queen.'"

Our Scottish Letter.

The show season is now upon us, and if one might he could easily fill a letter with superabundance of details regarding prize-winning stock. That this would be of interest to Canadian readers is, however, doubtful, and hence some effort will be made at summarizing.

Ayrshire Cattle have many admirers in Canada, and there is evidence, so far as the shows have gone this year, that the discussions, of which some account has been given, are tending to wiser counsels amongst judges. There is a decided inclination on the part of societies to put down doctoring—otherwise, the manufacturing—of show cattle, and the success which has attended really useful, well-bred commercial cows at the shows now past should encourage breeders to persevere in the line marked out for them. The system of setting teats and soaping the bodies of cattle is ridiculous, and although plausibly defended, it cannot be said to admit of much real defence. The great show of the year for Ayrshire cattle has yet to take place—that is, the show at the county town of Ayr—but alike at Castle Douglas, Kilmarnock, and Glasgow the quality of the stock was above an average and several choice animals were exhibited. The noted herd at Burnhouses, now owned by Mr. William Howie, furnished leading prize winners at the more recent shows, and Mr. Andrew Mitchell, Barcheskie, and Sir Mark J. McTaggart Stewart, Bart., exhibited first-rate cattle at Castle Douglas. Mr. Robert Montgomery, Lessnessock, has several quite superior animals on exhibition this season. He secured the championship at Glasgow with a two-year-old bull named Sensation, which we rather think will take some beating. There are still some exhibitors who work away with bulls which produce animals with small, short teats, but the number of such is becoming small by degrees and beautifully less. The tribe with these characteristics cannot die out too soon. An effort is being made to establish test records of butter-fat and quantity of milk in connection with Ayrshires, and there is some hope that ere long rules will be in force in the Scottish dairy breed similar to those with which breeders of Jersey cattle are familiar.

In the *Clydesdale world* the great event is the victorious career of the comparatively young horse Baron's Pride 9122 as a breeding horse. He is owned by Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery, and although but seven years old he has twice won the family group prize at Kilmarnock, while he is himself perhaps the best Clydesdale stallion of the day. He was shown at Kilmarnock Saturday last along with nearly twenty of his progeny, all of which were prominent prize winners, and in one group there were four first prize animals and one second prize animal, all got by him. Baron's Pride is a genuine Clydesdale alike in breeding and character, and his breeders, Messrs. R. & J. Findlay,

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