

wish. Mr. W. D. Grand, who has since been appointed to preside over the American Horse Exchange at New York, the central market of the continent, and who by his activity and enterprise has done more than anyone else to show the American purchaser what excellent horses Canada could produce, held a horse show on the old Upper Canada College grounds in April, 1892. It was an exhibition of the horses which he had gathered to sell in the American market, and it was the greatest private horse show known to history. The readiness with which the public turned out to see this show under the large circus tent, in uncomfortable weather, clearly indicated how popular a success a regular horse show, open to everyone, would be. Last year the new Armouries were completed, and the horse-men could be no longer restrained. The Agriculture and Arts Association, with whose Secretary, Mr. Henry Wade, the horse show idea had long been formed, and the Country and Hunt Club of Toronto, whose active forces were determined to hold a horse show of some kind or another, joined hands. After some difficulty, the use of the new Armouries, which were just finished, was obtained, and the first Canadian horse show was held on April 18th, 19th and 20th, 1895. The success of the event was instantaneous, and pleasant recollections of it exist among the many thousands who saw it. The Agriculture and Arts Association assumed control of the breeding classes, and the Ontario Government grant to the old spring stallion show supplied the prizes in these classes. The Country and Hunt Club of Toronto took charge of the harness, saddle, hunting and special classes, for which a sum in excess of two thousand dollars for prizes had to be provided. Thanks to the energy of the Committee and the liberality of many public spirited citizens, the money was found. The success of the show exceeded anticipations. While, owing to the short notice, the owners and dealers had not time to scour the country and pick up all the best horses, and though the constant drain of the American market had carried off many of the best, the entries numbered close upon 500, and there was excellent competition in every class.

For a first attempt, the arrangements were remarkable, and aroused the admiration of the large party of American visitors and judges who came up to attend the show, and who said they could give no higher eulogium than to say that the Toronto show on its first attempt had attained a point to reach which it took New York several years' experience. The Chairman of the Committee was Mr. Robert Davies, of Toronto, and the Secretaries, Henry Wade and Stewart Houston; the Superintendent, Mr. Fred L. Fellows, C.E. The members of the Joint Committee were:

Breeding Classes.—N. Awrey, M.P.P., Hamilton; J. C. Snell, Edmonton; Major R. McEwen, Byron; J. Sissons, Barrie; Joshua Legge, Gananoque; A. Rawlings, Forest; Robert Davies, Toronto, representing Clydesdale Horse Association; John Gardhouse, Highfield, representing Shire Horse Association; H. N. Crossley, Rosseau and Toronto, representing Hackney Horse Society.

Harness and Saddle Classes.—D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., M.P.; George W. Beardmore, M. F. H.; Lieut. Colonel Otter, D.A.G.; John D. Hay; Andrew Smith, F.R.C.V.S.; J. Kerr Osborne; Edmund Bristol; C. W. Clinch; John Kittson Macdonald, representing the Country and Hunt Club.

This year the second Annual Canadian Horse Show will be held on April 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, the time having been extended from three days to four. Last year the Agriculture and Arts Association passed out of existence by Act of Parliament, but the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association has been formed to take its place, and in the direction of this year's Horse Show, that organization and the Country and Hunt Club of Toronto are again associated. Advances have been made in every possible way. The premium list has been increased by nearly \$2,000, and a total of \$6,000 given in prizes. Many additional classes have been added, and a largely increased entry is expected. In fact, on April 4th, when the entries close, it is expected that they will approach seven or eight hundred in number.

The Committee in charge of this year's show has the same chief executive offi-