

227 tons (green), or 11.21 tons per acre, as compared with 3,788,364 and 11.60 in 1910. Annual average, 11.45.

Hay and Clover.—3,301,468 acres yielded 4,238,362 tons, or 1.28 tons per acre, as compared with 5,492,653 and 1.71 last year. Annual average, 1.45.

The acreage devoted to other crops in 1911 were as follows: Orchards, 303,188; small fruits, 25,360; vineyards, 11,586; gardens, 58,748; rape, 40,330; flax, 12,128; hops, 622; tobacco, 14,744; summer-fallow, 279,220; pasture (cleared), 3,116,768.

The Great Horse Show at Madison Square Garden.

Once more the show doors have closed, and the twenty-seventh annual Horse Show at Madison Square Garden has passed into history. This show, the last one to be held in the Old Madison Square quarters, was declared by many to be fully up to, if not superior to the standard of other years.

Some four hundred horses were shown, which is just a little under the total of previous years. But what this year's show lacked in numbers it more than made up by the superior excellence of the horses shown. Undoubtedly, the Madison Square Show brings together as good specimens of horseflesh as tread the tanbark of any arena, bar none.

Canadians were in evidence as judges, exhibitors, and executive managers of the show. The draft-horse breeders from the land of the maple chose not to come to New York this year, which weakened the Clydesdale exhibit, compared with that of previous years. However, the honor of the Dominion was fully upheld by the exhibit of Hunters, Jumpers and driving horses made by Adam Beck, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Major Kilgour, Lieut. W. B. Sifton, and Clifford Sifton, Jr., all of whom were in the game from start to finish.

Clydesdales.—Only five of this breed were shown, the exhibitors being Fair Acre Farm, of Newmarket, N. J., and Conyngham Bros., of Wilkesbarre, Pa. Mikado was the only horse entered in the class for stallions four years old and over. This horse is so well known to Canadian ringside talent that he needs no description. He made his usual show, but later had to accede champion honors to a horse of greater scale, thickness, and draftier type.

In the class for three-year-old stallions, Evader, owned by Fair Acre Farm, won the blue, and later on also won the championship, over Flisk Prince, owned by Conyngham, who was made reserve champion. The action of the judges was criticised considerably by prominent men at the ringside for the placing of these two horses.

In the Clydesdale filly classes, only two were shown. Pearl of Fairfield, owned by Fair Acre Farm, won the blue over Purple Heather, shown by Conyngham Bros. Purple Heather was a younger mare than the other, a trifle more upstanding, and lacked some in thickness. She is a mare, however, of much quality, and, with two more years' growth, will be a fighter for the blue in any class.

Percherons.—The Percherons, like the Clydesdales, were shown by two men, Senator E. B. White, of Leesburg, Va., and McLaughlin Bros., of Columbus, Ohio. In the class for stallions four years and over, Dragon, the famous stallion, twice grand champion at the International Show at Chicago, was placed second to Hautbois, a four-year-old owned by McLaughlin Bros. Hautbois is a great rugged horse, coarser than Dragon, and to ringsiders not as typical a Percheron as Dragon. Hautbois was also made champion of the Percherons. Senator E. B. White also had on exhibition a beautiful three-year-old filly, in foal to Dragon. She was the only female Percheron at the show. She weighs 1,600 pounds, is black in color, and sound and clean of limbs. The judge of Percherons was B. Tisdale, of Beaverton, Ont., while Col. William Herdrie and Dr. Chas. McEachern assisted with the Clydesdales.

Hunters and Jumpers Pre-empted.—When it came to this class of horses, the visitor was given a rare treat. The Canadians, Major Joseph Kilgour, Hon. Clifford Sifton and Hon. Adam Beck, exhibited some splendid strings, and won a large percentage of the blue ribbons. James McLean, of New York, and Edward McLean, of Washington, D. C., and the Vanderbilts, were the heaviest exhibitors from the States. The foreign horses, owned by officers of different nations, attracted considerable attention. England, Ireland and Belgium were represented by three or four stallions, which took part in the jumping contests.

Great Interest Shown in International Tests.—Major Joseph Kilgour, of the Canadian Rifles, won the broad water jump with a beautiful, a beautiful chestnut gelding standing on his hands.

In the class for qualified hunters carrying 1,200 pounds to hounds, Hon. Adam Beck carried the coveted prize with Sir Edward, who was champion in England in 1909. He was declared by many to be the best built horse of the show.

He has a high-jump record of 7 feet 4 inches. Edwin Weatherbee, of New York, won second with David Gray. In the light-weight hunter classes, carrying 165 pounds, the Hon. Beck also came into the limelight by winning with Sir Thomas, a very excellent horse.

The Canadian Challenge Cup likewise remained on this side of the water. It was competed for by seventy-five different horses representing several nations, but the veteran Ironsides, ridden by Lieut. W. B. Sifton, won the honors. This cup was keenly contested for, the winner being in doubt until the last horse had jumped. Loud applause was given young Sifton when he returned to the arena, announced as the winner.

The America Cup, valued at \$750, with a cash prize of \$150, which holds a place in International events for army officers similar to that held by the King's Cup offered at the Olympia Horse Show, England, was won by the Royal Dutch Hussars. Teams of three officers competed over four jumps. The best average of the contesting horses counted. The victory of the Dutch was due chiefly to the famous Black Paddy, ridden by Baron H. F. M. Van Voorst Tot Voorst. He received a great ovation for the clean work he did in clearing the obstacles, and in balancing up the work of his mates, Dreadnaught and Fox. The Canadians were second in the contest. Their horses, Dreadnaught, May Fair and The Strand, all did grand work, but not up to the standard of the Dutch. The Americans were obliged to take a back seat. Their horses, Deceive, Connie and Quandary, all hit the obstacles, more or less, and did not show quite the form the others did. The English were disqualified, owing to the fact that Col. P. A. McKenna did not show up in time to ride his mount.

Saddle Horses.—These horses were drawn largely from New York City and the various States. Lady riders were as much in evidence as men, and in the majority of cases the ribbons went to the gentler sex, primarily because of their superior equestrianism. In the class for saddle horses 14 to 15 hands high, little Miss Helen Preece, 14 years old, practically won first for her horse, Sceptre, by the skill she showed in riding. The horse was rather a plain affair, but was well shown. Mrs. W. A. McGibbon was awarded a first on Rosabel, receiving a splendid cup, presented by The Holland House. This class was for horses suitable for park driving, and Mrs. McGibbon was hard pressed for first by Mrs. H. D. Atterbury, with Kildare.

Keen Competition in Harness Horse Classes.—Judge Wm. H. Moore, of New York, was the winner of the most ribbons when it came to this class of horses, although in some events he was hard pressed. Moore's splendid pair, composed of Memella and Phyllis, two brown mares, seven years of age, won two blue ribbons. They were splendidly matched, and showed great style and action. Avondale Farm, J. Sumner Draper, and James McLean showed fine pairs.

Morgans.—E. A. Darling, of Vermont, and A. R. Van Tassel fought for honors in this division, the majority of the ribbons going to Darling. In the stallion class, first went to Darling on Bob B.; second to Lyndon, shown by Darling, and third to Van Tassel, on Bob Morgan, a 25-year-old horse, and the sire of Bob B. The Morgans, because of their splendid appearance, were surrounded by admiring crowds most of the time.

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Death of Arthur Barnett.

The stockmen of Ontario will learn with regret of the death of the veteran herdsman and foreman, Arthur Barnett, who was for a period of forty-two years continuously in the employ of the late Hon. John Dryden, and of his son, W. A. Dryden, at Maple Shade Farm, Brooklin, Ont. Born in 1836, near Hull, in Yorkshire, he came to Canada in the spring of 1862, in the 26th year of his age, and engaged with Mr. Dryden on April 16th of that year. In a recent letter to "The Farmer's Advocate," the present proprietor of Maple Shade writes: "Arthur was a good man, and this term is not used only in the sense of an employer in regard to the qualities of one of his workmen, but in every way in which the term might be applied. In all the long years of his life at Maple Shade he never flinched from duty or whatever his conscience dictated as the right thing to do. It was always his desire to work to the best advantage with his own labor, as well as that of the other men, and his mind was always active in working out plans to such an end. He prided himself on his long record of service at Maple Shade, and it has surely been a creditable one in this country of shortlived engagements in farm operations."

Arthur has long been well known by exhibitors of stock at the old Provincial exhibitions, and later at the Ontario Exposition, which was his annual holiday, and where he enjoyed meeting his old friends. He was always glad to welcome him. He was always remembered by those who

knew him best as a friend worthy the name, and his unimpeachable honesty and integrity in word and deed have been features of his character—an object lesson to all. In his latter years he suffered much from a form of rheumatism which seriously crippled him, and which later developed into pneumonia, from which he died on November 18th, at the ripe age of 75 years.

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What will be the total weight of paper used in the 1911 Christmas Number of "The Farmer's Advocate"? See full particulars on page 1949 of this issue.

R. S. Hamer, B. S. A., who for the past few years has been District Representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture for Lanark County, with headquarters at Perth, is appointed to take up work as assistant to the Live-stock Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.