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The New York Horse Show.

The eleventh exhibition, on Nov. 11-16, of horse-flesh, held under the auspices of the New York National Horse Show Association, in the Madison Square Gardens, New York, was, if possible, a greater success than any of its predecessors. The receipts from the sale of boxes exceeded by about eight thousand dollars that of any of the previous sales. The attendance of those who could not afford to gaze on the noble animals from amidst the enchanted circle of New York society and contented themselves with foot space on the promenade was, if anything, greater than ever, and at times degenerated into a "crush." The entries slightly exceeded those of last year. The prizes were larger in some cases, and in some classes there were more of them. Horse and spectator were, as usual, seen at their best, and though both were one year older, beauty, whether quadruped or biped, reigned supreme. Full evening dress was the order for the gentlemen, but the absence of low-cut dresses for ladies could not fail to be remarked by those who attended the show last year; nor were diamonds so conspicuously displayed as on former occasions. This falling off in respect to female attire is not to be regretted, for, whilst pretty dresses add greatly to the general effect of any display, the management of exhibitions ought not to encourage too much of it, for, whilst it may lure the idlers, it has a tendency to keep away those who have more interest in being present, and whom the breeder would be better pleased to see there. The presence of society in full force adds very much to the receipts at the gate, but the exhibitor does not take his stock to the show for the express benefit of those who furnish the prize money,—it is a matter of advertisement and gain to him, a means of livelihood. The mere prize money does no more than pay his out-of-pocket expenses; it is not a living, but can be made the means of attaining one if the right sort of people, viz., those breeders, dealers, exhibitors and farmers who wish to acquire or improve their stock, are attracted. The fact must never be lost sight of that whilst society will attend exhibitions of horse-flesh so long as they are made interesting spectacles for them, the object of all shows is to bring the buyer and seller together. Both must have ample opportunity of using their judgment and receiving instruction, and not be relegated to the background, as was attempted once upon a time, not very long ago.

Canadian breeders and citizens were, as usual, strongly represented amongst the spectators. We were pleased to see, amongst others, Messrs. Robt. Beith, Robt. Bond, Geo. Beardmore, M. E. H., James Cochrane, Mr. Coghlin, H. N. Crossley, Fay, Geo. Gooderham, Geo. Hastings, Stewart Houston, Major Laurie, J. K. Macdonald, Ramsay, Munroe, Alf. Smith, Henry Wade, and Adam Beck.

Owing to some harsh treatment received at the hands of the executive last year the exhibits from Canada were few and far between, though few horses sent from Canada this year failed to receive recognition at the hands of the judges. It is gratifying to notice how some of last year's decisions rendered by Mr. Livesey (who received a rather severe scoring at the hands of the newspaper men) were, under the hands of such practical and practiced men as Messrs. Arthur Fewson, Robt. Beith, and R. Stericker, reversed. These judges were blamed by some of the New York papers for exceeding their time limit, but surely, better it was to err in this respect against an arbitrary rule of the Society than to walk into a ring, as though you had learned it all outside, and suffer the humiliation of having your decisions unsustained by those who came after you. Whether classes are well filled or not every horse must receive its due share of attention at the hands of a judge, and no matter how practical and skillful, he cannot select four winners out of a pack of fifteen or twenty horses all hurrying 'round a ring and crowded in every shape and form.

London as usual took its share of the ribbons, and we were pleased once more to remark the success of Mr. Adam Beck, whose judgment never fails him in selecting a few good ones. His most notable successes were with Monarch in the green hunter class, first prize (\$150), and with Hurricane, who won first for best performance jumps five feet high, jumpers over six successive fences, two at five feet, two at five feet six inches, and two at six feet. Third in five feet class; hunters ridden by members of a Corinthian club; and a championship prize. Mr. Beck's winning amounted to \$650.00.

Mr. L. Meredith took first in the saddle class, 14.1 to 15 hands, with a rare good one. Mr. James Cochrane, representing Montreal, was fortunate enough to get third prize in the Hackney mare class, four years, 15 hands and over, with Princess Dagmar, in what was probably the strongest mare class ever shown at the Gardens; fourth prize with Barthorpe Performer, a two-year-old Hackney, a rare good Performer, who would undoubtedly have been higher up had he not been a little lacking in his middle; and Camymaid, whom he recently sold to Mr. Stevens, of Attica, took first in the three-year-old filly class. Mr. Geo. Hastings, with his usual good luck, secured second with his Black Nobleman in the class for four-year-olds under 15 hands. This horse, though a very good actor, was hardly in fit condition to show, or he might have been first.

Fireworks, shown by Mr. Crossley in the four-year-old Hackney stallion class, 15 hands and over, secured fourth prize. This was a strong class. As

usual, however, the conformation of the horse, though he is not a great actor, brought him honorable mention. Amongst horses bred in Canada, but owned by Americans, Gladys was again successful in the dog-cart. Four Stripper by Cadet, out of Blue Ribbon, a mare sold at Grand's sale three years ago, won the Hackney produce prize for colts. A horse sold by Mr. Beith, by breeding a half-bred Clyde, secured third in one dog-cart class.

Hackneys once more asserted themselves, winning several prizes in dog-cart classes. Every one was eager to see the recently imported Hackney stallion, Langton Performer, who created such a sensation this spring in London (Eng.), and those who failed to see him certainly missed a treat, for such action, combined with speed, has never been seen at New York before, and he well merited the success he gained—first in his class, and the junior championship, though we could find one or two faults in his conformation. His owner, Mr. Stevens, may well be proud of him; nor has he any reason to regret the other purchases he made; for a beginner, two junior championships, besides several firsts, is not so bad.

Mr. Twombly, another new exhibitor, secured first in most of the mare classes, besides the senior championship for mares. If he obtains a stallion suited to his mares, he will be a hard man to beat, and we are likely to hear of him frequently in the future.

The mares were, as a rule, a great deal better than the stallions, and we are rather afraid that this may be due to the large demand for males of the Hackney breed, which causes them to be preserved entire instead of being castrated at an early age, as many of those shown should have been some years ago. One word of thanks, before we conclude, to those American gentlemen who were so good as to take us in hand and pay us such marked attention and minister so well to our wants. There are those who ask the question, why bring Americans over here to judge our stock? This year we had quite a few, and we treated them well; they did not forget it. There are some who, remembering the good times they had in Toronto, felt bound to do all they could for them; their deed was as good as their word: they sought us out, showed us around and entertained us in every way possible. We get just as good decisions from Americans as from any other set of judges; and when our turn comes to go over to the other side, they reciprocate the good feeling which was extended to them here, and every one has experienced how much better it is to land amongst friends in a fresh city than find oneself a stranger in a strange land.

Among other important trotting stallions, Quarter-master, by Alcyone; Rundle & White, Danbury, Conn. Thoroughbreds.—First, St. Saviour, by Eolus; Frederick Gibbard, New York. Best Hackney stallions.—Imp. Rufus Jr., by Rufus, shown by George Green, Katonah, N. Y.; the reserve ribbon went to Enthorpe Performer; F. G. Bourne, Oakdale, L. I. In Coach stallions, the French Oratem, owned by McLaughlin Bros., Columbus, won first. In Draughts, the first was won by the Clydesdale, Imp. Reserve, by Douglas Chief, owned by W. L. Law.

Our Efforts Appreciated.

We are indebted to a host of old and new friends for the cordial expressions of approval that are reaching us regarding the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and in returning our hearty acknowledgments can only state that our earnest purpose is to continue to render still better service. The demands of more urgent and practical matter upon our space will not permit reproducing more than a couple of typical expressions from readers and our newspaper contemporaries:—

Mr. Thos. A. Sharpe, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Agassiz, B.C., in renewing his subscription for another year, expresses himself in very appreciative terms, concluding thus:—"I have read the paper for over 20 years with pleasure and profit."

Commenting on our last issue, the Echo (of Amherstburg, Ont.) has the following to say:—

"The FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, Ont., has very appropriately made special recognition of Thanksgiving Day in its November 15th issue. As usual, it is full of good, practical things for farmers and breeders; in fact, appears to grow better as it grows older. C. C. James, Deputy Prov. Minister of Agriculture, writes interestingly of 'The Hopeful Features of Canadian Farming'; an able paper is given by Thos. McMillan, on 'Breeding and Feeding Beef Cattle'; James Bowman discusses 'The Advantages of Sheep Raising'; Prof. H. H. Dean deals with that live dairy subject, 'The Valuation of Milk for Cheesemaking'; 'Tuberculosis Among Cattle' is discussed by S. J. Thompson, V.S.; 'The Care of Farm Implements' is well handled; also, 'Manuring Meadows,' 'The Classification of Grade Cattle at Shows,' the Live Stock Trade, and a lot of seasonable topics for dairy farmers, beekeepers, poultrymen, and others. The illustrated 'Helping Hand Department' is a new and useful feature, and the 'Home Department' is admirable. Besides the fine Shropshire frontispiece, we notice two beautiful engravings—a Manitoba Bonanza Threshing Scene, and the C. P. R. Stock Yards at Winnipeg. We congratulate the ADVOCATE on the good service it is rendering the farmer, and do not wonder at its growing popularity."