

wealthy-haired son of Bapton Diamond, was selected for first place. He is very taking when seen at a distance, but his handling disappoints one, as he is thin in his crops and light-fleshed, partly accounted for by a spell of sickness while on the fair circuit. Second award went to a good roan shown by Messrs. Prather, of Illinois; and third to a good son of Choice Goods, of the Tebo Land Co.'s herd.

Junior bull calves were a weak class of nine, but with a right good roan for first place in Bapton Victor, shown by C. E. Clarke, of Minnesota.

The class for cows three years old and over was a very strong one, notwithstanding that the noted Ruberta, so often champion, was not brought out, having calved on the morning of the judging, a white heifer, sired by Choice Goods. That the class was strong may be known from the fact that Robbins & Sons' grand cow, Lad's Lady, which ran Mayflower 3rd so close at Toronto, was here forced to take the third place, the first being given to Orange Blossom of Fairview, a grand, wealthy fleshed and smooth red cow, shown by C. E. Ladd, of Oregon, a signal credit in her fitting to Frank Brown, the former Canadian manager of the herd. The second-prize cow was Hanna's Starrs' Queen, a thick-fleshed roan; the fourth, E. W. Bowen's Queen of Beauty, and the fifth, Harding's Happy Valley. A star of the first magnitude is Fair Queen, of Mr. Bowen's string, bred by Harry Fairbairn, of Thedford, Ontario, and winner of the female championship at the Chicago International last year, while a yearling, and at several State fairs this season. She was accorded first place without a struggle in the strongest section of the class, the two-year-old heifers. Rarely, indeed, is so good a representative of the breed seen in any country. She combines substance with style and quality in the highest degree, and is practically faultless. It is a singular coincidence that the first four winners in this, the best section of the Shorthorn class, trace their origin to Canadian herds, the second, Robbins & Sons' Lad's Missie, being a granddaughter, on her sire's side, of the champion St. Valentine, bred by the Gardhouses, of Highfield, and on her dam's side, of one of Mr. Ballantyne's Neidpath Missies. The third, Lady Dorothy, shown by the Ladd Estate, of Oregon, was sired by Red Knight, and out of Dorothea, of the Crimson Flower tribe, bred by and bought from Mr. Chas. Rankin, of Wyebridge, Ont. The fourth Matchless 25th, is a daughter of a cow of that name and tribe bred by the Watts, of Salem, Ontario. The senior yearling heifers kept the judges an hour and a quarter in the effort to place them, the first position being given without question to Robbins' Lad's Emma, another granddaughter of St. Valentine. She was the junior champion at Toronto this year, and is a heifer of remarkable finish. The second place was given to C. E. Ladd's Lady Portland, a big, wealthy roan daughter of the Canadian champion, Topsman, bred in the herd of the Russells, of Richmond Hill. The third award went to Bellows' Hampton's Queen of Beauty, and fourth to Harding's Anoka Gloster. In a good class of eighteen junior yearling heifers, the first position was taken by Hanna's white heifer, Diamond's Rose, the second by Purdy Bros.' Fairview Orange Blossom, third by Bellows' Gloster Rose. In an extra good class of twenty-eight senior heifer calves, Purdy Bros. were first, the second going to Robbins' Pearl Russell, not placed at Toronto, but here ahead of the same firm's good red calf that was third at Toronto. In junior heifer calves, the rating was: First to T. K. Thompson & Sons, Kansas; second, to Robbins' Lad's Emma 2nd, which was placed fifth at Toronto, but here takes precedence of her half-sister that was first at the Canadian show. She is own sister to Lad's Emma, the first-prize two-year-old, and is a very perfect calf.

There were fifteen groups competing for the prizes for four animals the progeny of one sire,

and the rating was: first to Robbins & Sons, for the get of The Lad for Me; second to Bellows & Sons, for the progeny of Hampton's Best; third to Hanna, for the get of Bapton Diamond; and fourth to calves sired by Choice Goods.

For two animals the produce of one cow, Robbins & Sons were first for produce of Imp. Emma; Hanna second, for produce of Queen of Scots 6th; Purdy Bros. third, for calves of Sweetheart 2nd. Here it was thought that Ladd's entry, including progeny of Topsman, should have had third place.

The awards for graded herd of one bull and four females were made in the following order, ten herds competing, and the placing done by Messrs. Ike Forbes and Wiley Falls: First to Ladd of Oregon, with Bapton Ensign as herd-header; second to the Tebo Land Co., with Choice Goods leading; third to Robbins & Sons, with Lord Chesterfield at the head; fourth to Bowen, with Burnbrae Chief as leader; and fifth to Hanna, with King Edward as head of the group.

There were seventeen young herds shown, and a very superior lot they were, the awards going in the following order: First and third to Bellows & Sons; fourth to Thompson & Sons; fifth to Harding. The placing of the third herd was mysterious, as it was considered clear that better ones were behind it.

HEREFORDS.—The white-faced breed has, in the hands of American breeders, attained much popularity in the States, and a high degree of perfection. The type has been greatly improved in the last decade or two, the cutaway hams that used to characterize the breed having given way to long, wide thighs, quite equal to the best of the Shorthorns, while the loins and ribs are deeply covered with high-class flesh, and the shoulders neatly and smoothly laid. The best of the breed are certainly models of profitable beef-producing animals, and, as seen here, reflect great credit upon their breeders and feeders. The breed has been fortunate in the United States in falling into the hands of enterprising and enthusiastic admirers, who have worked together untiringly to uphold its character, making individual excellence the main issue in developing their cattle on intelligent lines. Representatives of half a score of the principal herds in the States proudly carried the Hereford standard at St. Louis, and they were certainly second to none of the breeds in the excellence of their display. The long lines of uniformly colored and typical cattle exhibited in its classes commanded the admiration of all lovers of the beautiful in animal life. Familiar names to Hereford breeders are those competing, including Vannatta & Son, of Indiana; Gudgell & Simpson, Funkhouser, and Steele Bros., of Kansas, (who carried off the principal prizes), lesser lights in the list of breeders coming in for a share of the honors occasionally. Missouri herds captured the largest share, and Harris & Sons led in the winning. The well-known expert judges, who have had long and successful experience as breeders of Herefords, Tom Clark and C. A. Stannard, tied the ribbons, giving general satisfaction in their rulings, presenting in almost every case a consistent placing of the competing animals from the standpoint of approved conformation and type, and leaving the impression that they were masters of their profession. Their decisions were accepted as final, the feeling being that honest men were adjudicating, and scarcely a whisper of criticism was heard.

In a great class of fourteen bulls three years and over, Vannatta's Prime Lad, who had been winning in the circuit of State fairs, and is one of the best of the breed seen in public in recent years, rightly secured premium place. He is four years old, low-set, level, thick and smooth. He was sired by Kansas Lad Jr., and out of the show cow, Dot. Gudgell & Simpson's Bright Donald, a typical three-year-old, made a close second. Funkhouser's Onward IV. came consistently into third place, and Harris' Fulfiller was fourth. Nine two-year-old bulls of very even

character made a splendid showing, the first four being so well matched that it was not easy to decide the order of precedence, but a modest Missouri firm, Comstock & Sons, found their Defender, by Perfection, at the head of the winners, followed by Harris' Keep On 26th, Vannatta's Donald March On, and Curtice's Prince Rupert 8th. In an extra good entry of thirteen senior yearling bulls, the rating was, first to Funkhouser's Onward 18th, second to Harris' Benjamin Wilton 10th, third to Curtice's Blair Donald 43rd, and fourth to Steele Bros.' Princeps 8th. The junior yearlings were a very even and typical entry, and the final order of rating was, first to Gudgell & Simpson's Beau President, second to Funkhouser's Onward 23rd, third to Meteor, shown by J. Gabbert & Sons, Mo., and fourth to Hidrotic Alamo, exhibited by John Sparks, of Nevada. Senior bull calves were an exceptionally even class, and the awards were placed, first to Steward & Hutchison's Mapleton, second to Harris' Goodenough 4th, third to Distributor, shown by S. L. Brock, of Mo.

Lorna Doone, a charming five-year-old cow, bore off the palm in the class for cows three years and over. She was bred and exhibited by Vannatta & Son, sired by Christopher, and out of Lutie of Rockland. She has substance and quality in combination to a remarkable degree, and later won the senior championship.

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FARM.

Nova Scotia's Exhibition.

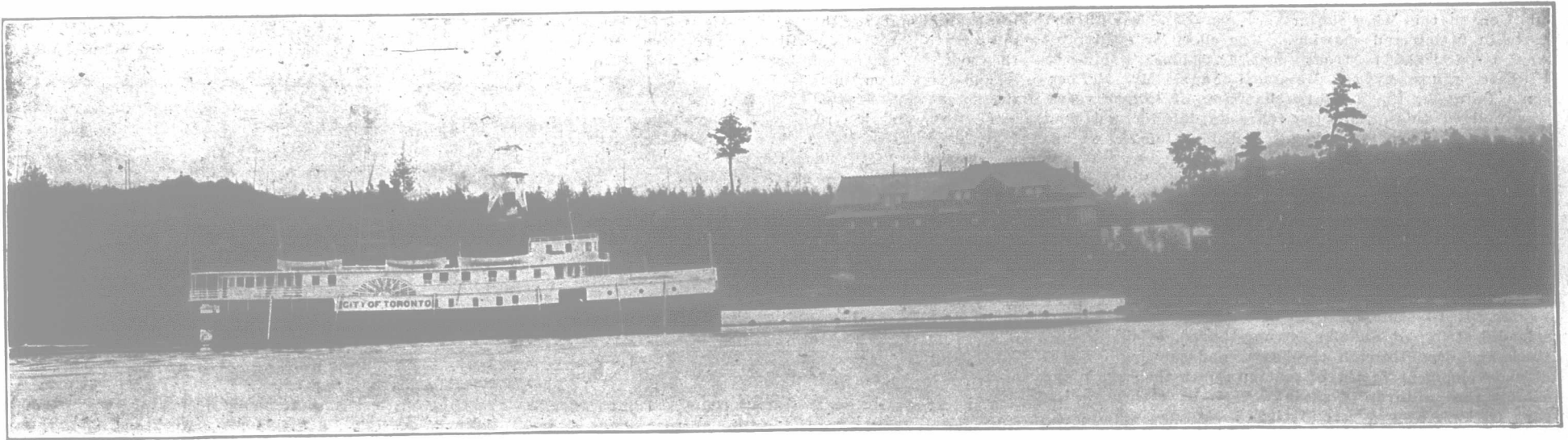
The Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition opened in Halifax on Sept. 7th, under the most auspicious circumstances. The weather was all that could be desired. The entries in most departments of the fair were larger than those of former years, and the exhibits, taken as a whole, were of decidedly better quality, and were brought out in better form than ever before. The attendance during the first week was much larger than last year. The rain on Monday, 12th, spoiled the attendance somewhat, but Tuesday went a long way towards making up the deficit, nearly 21,000 people being in attendance.

The special amusement features of the fair were, so far as the writer was able to observe, clean and free from objection; fakers of the thimble-rigger type were conspicuous by their absence. One side-show of an objectionable nature, which succeeded in getting a place on the grounds, was, as soon as discovered, promptly taken in charge by the police. In this respect many other exhibitions might well take a leaf out of the book of the Halifax Exhibition Committee.

CATTLE.

The show of cattle, both in the beef and dairy classes, was highly creditable to the breeders and fitters, not only in point of quality, but also in the manner in which the exhibits were brought out.

The dairy classes were the largest, Jerseys and Guernseys predominating in point of numbers. In these two breeds the exhibit was much better than last year. Holsteins and Ayrshires also made a good showing, although the latter were not quite so strong as on some former occasions. In Guernseys and Jerseys the lion's share of the prizes went to Mr. Walter McMonagle, of Sussex, N.B., the honors being closely contested in some of the classes by Messrs. Josselyn and Young, of Marsh Bridge, near St. John, N.B., and H. S. Pipes & Sons, of Amherst, N.S. Some excellent animals, good enough to carry off some of the prizes, were shown by other exhibitors. We regret very much that space will not permit us to make personal mention of all the live-stock exhibitors, nor to discuss the various classes in detail; we must content ourselves with a passing glance at some of the outstanding exhibits. Worthy of special mention is the aged Guernsey bull, Hedwig's Nonpareil, shown by Mr. McMonagle. This animal won first in his class, and sweepstakes for best Guernsey bull of any age. He is a bull of great



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