

Entries in the vegetable and flower classes came almost entirely from gardeners and florists of London and its environs. One exhibition from St. Mary's and another from Strathroy were very successful in winning prizes on flowers, but these were exceptions to the rule. But in the matter of fruit exhibits the majority came from Hamilton and St. Catharines way. A brave showing was also made from Cedar Springs in the south-western fruit belt. John Sharman, a resident of the Springbank district, a few miles southwest of London, is however of the opinion that they can grow fruit as well as can those of the Niagara or Leamington fruit belts. He therefore stirred up his neighbors and together they put up a special exhibit, not for competition, of apples, pears, peaches, plums, quinces and grapes, which excited much interest. The excellence of the grapes and peaches was especially surprising.

In the general fruit classes exhibits were good, grapes alone showing any deficiency. Branches were large but scarcely as well ripened as usual, and entries seemed to be somewhat scarce. Apples were possibly hardly as large-sized as might be expected, but peaches and plums seemed larger and more tempting than ever.

The show of flowers was attractive as it always is. The display of dahlias, perennial phlox, gladioli and asters, appeared to be especially highly colored and large-sized. For such, no doubt, the weather has been favorable.

Mention ought to be made of the British Columbia government exhibits of crabs, apples, pears, peaches and plums. High color, full size, and attractive box-packing combined to make this a very taking display. Speaking of boxed fruits, very fine work in that line was shown by E. F. Augustine, of Lambton Co., Ont.

Good crops both of field and garden are evidently grown at the farm of the London hospital for the insane, to judge from their exhibit in the Hall. Besides these there were samples of canned fruit, ladies' fancy work, plain and fancy bread and buns, turkey, duck, hen and pheasants, eggs, and other articles in their interesting collection.

Horses.

The classes for Clydesdales, Shires and other heavy draught breeds, while not as numerous represented at London as in some previous years were up to a high standard in type and quality, and made a very creditable showing throughout, the awards being placed by John Bright, of Myrtle, Ont. The Dominion Exhibition at Ottawa being held the same week, with higher prize offerings and transportation expenses paid, doubtless accounts for light entries in some classes. The comparatively low prizes offered were also given by some former exhibitors as a reason for their not showing their stock this year, as the expenses nearly, if not quite, consumed the prize money.

In the class for Clydesdale Stallions 4 years old and upwards, Dr. Hassard's newly imported horse Macaroon, a bright bay of approved type, full of quality, and with splendid action, second in his class at Toronto, was here first, and male champion of the breed. In the section for three-year-old stallions, Dr. Hassard had again the winner in his big and bountiful bay horse King of Gretna. The Markham steed also produced the winner in the two-year-old section in Cragie Champion. T. E. & H. C. Robson of Ilderton having a worthy second in Lord Grey.

In the yearling colts C. E. Glasgow, Port Stanley, had a worthy winner, Douglas Heir, though closely followed by James Henderson & Sons' young Edward Carruchan, a colt of fine type and quality, handicapped only by his youthfulness, being barely 13 months old, but having a very promising future.

The mares and fillies in the Clydesdale class were strong in every section, the winner in mares accompanied by a foal being headed by Lady Annabel, a grand big mare, shown by G. A. Attridge, closely followed by Smillie & Sons' Lulu Webster.

Dr. Hassard had a pronounced winner in a strong 3-year-old filly class in his newly imported Baroness of Towiebeg, and the same exhibitor had a splendid winner in the two-year-old section in his imported Jean of Flushend, which was later winner of the female championship of the breed.

Exhibitors: T. H. Hassard, Markham; James Henderson & Son, Belton; H. & M. McLean, Wyoming; T. E. & H. C. Robson, Ilderton; W. M. Hogg, Thamesford; C. E. Glasgow, Port Stanley; Martin Rosser, Denfield; G. A. Attridge, Muirkirk; John Ballantyne, Atwood; Fierheller Bros., Mt. Elgin; James Smillie & Sons, Inwood.

Awards: Clydesdale Stallions 4 years and upwards—1, Hassard, on Macaroon. Stallion 3 years—1, Hassard, on King of Gretna; 2, Henderson & Son, on Seaford Chief; 3, H. & M. McLean, on Earl Dudley. Stallion 2 years—1, Hassard, on Cragie Chatton; 2, T. E. & H. C. Robson, on Lord Grey; 3, W. W. Hogg. Stallion 1 year—1, C. E. Glasgow, on Douglas Heir; 2, Henderson &

Son, on Edward Carruchan; 3, Martin Rosser, on Major Randolph. Stallion, champion—1, Hassard, on Macaroon; Reserve, Hassard's Cragie Chatton. Clydesdale mare, 4 years and upwards, with foal by her side—1, G. A. Attridge, on Lady Annabel; 2, Smillie & Sons, on Lulu Webster. Filly 3 years—1, Hassard, on Baroness of Towiebeg; 2, Ballantyne, on Flash Ellen; 3, Hassard, on Culra Buchlyvie. Filly, 2 years—1, Hassard, on Jean of Flushend; 2, Fierheller & Bro., on Jessie of Ferndale; 3, Ballantyne, on Loretta Lea. Filly, 1 year—1, Smillie, on Queen Lily. Foal of 1912—1, Smillie & Sons; 2, Attridge. Champion female—1, Hassard's 2-year-old, Jean of Flushend.

SHIRES.—The English Shire breed, though in the hands of a few exhibitors, made a capital show in respect of type and quality, and in about the usual number Porter Bros., Appleby, Ont., were the principal exhibitors, winning the largest number of prizes. Their grand grey stallion, Proportion, a worthy representative of the breed, combining abundant size, quality and true action, was again declared male champion, while his estimable white dam, Tuttlebrook Fuchsia, in her 10th year, with a promising foal by her side, was first in her class. The champion female was Porter Bros.' big 3-year-old, Tuttlebrook Sunflower, a splendid representative of the breed, bred by the exhibitors. The first prize two-year-old stallion, Black Prince, shown by Frank Drury & Son, Charing Cross, Ont., is a remarkable good one, with a promising future, and well represents this worthy breed of heavy draughters.

Exhibitors: Porter Bros., Appleby; Frank Drury & Son, Charing Cross; H. B. Powers, St. Thomas.

Awards: Stallion, 4 years and over—1, Porter Bros., on Proportion. Stallion, 2 years old—1, Drury & Son, on Black Prince. Brood Mare—1, Porter Bros., on Tuttlebrook Fuchsia; 2, H. B. Powers, on Mayflower. Mare, 3 years old—1 and 2, Porter Bros., on Tuttlebrook Sunflower and Tuttlebrook Ladylike. Filly, 2 years old—1 and 2, Porter Bros., on Tuttlebrook Flirt and Tuttlebrook. Filly, 1 year old—1, Porter Bros., on Tuttlebrook Lorraine. Female champion—1, Porter Bros., on Tuttlebrook Sunflower. Two mares or fillies owned by exhibitor—1, Porter Bros.

In the class for a pair of Clydesdales or Shire mares or geldings, two extra good pairs of mares were exhibited, which gave the judge some trouble in satisfying himself in the placing, the awards finally going—first to G. A. Attridge, Muirkirk; and second to Dickson Bros., Atwood.

PERCHERONS.—Competition was not strong. Dr. T. H. Hassard, Markham, and Hodgkinson and Tisdale, of Beaverton, contested the stallion classes, with two or three other entries in females. Hassard secured first on Jacotia, on the three-year-old Juda and on the two-year-old Kartomier, champion at Toronto the previous week.

Stallion, three years old—1, Hassard. Stallion two years old—1 and 3, Hassard; 2, Hodgkinson & Tisdale. Stallion, any age—1, Hassard. Brood mare with foal—1, E. E. Hanmer, Norwich; 2 and 3, J. W. Coulter, Talbotville. Mare, three years old—1, Hassard. Filly, two years old—1, Hassard. Yearling filly—1, Coulter. Foal of 1912, Hanmer.

CANADIAN-BRED, HEAVY DRAFT.—To those who have followed this class at the Western Fair of recent years, little that was new developed. J. S. Smillie & Son's aged stallion, third last year, came to the top, with Thos. McMichael & Sons' Glen Rae as second. McMichael had it to himself in the three-year-olds with Lord Ronald, which was first in his class here a year ago, and champion stallion 1912. He was also in yearlings with Captain Tom, while his veteran, Doll of Flashwood, again led the brood mares, for the fourth time in succession at this fair. The awards in three-year-old fillies went to Dickson Bros. on the champion female, which last year showed successfully against a good string of two-year-olds. D. A. Murray exhibited a pair for second and third. Mr. Bright judged consistently, though his opinion of McMichael's yearlings differed from that of their owner, who preferred the smaller quality one, which had hitherto always beaten her stable mate.

Awards: Aged stallions—1, J. S. Smillie & Son, Inwood; 2, Thos. McMichael & Sons, Seaford, Ont.; 3, Fierheller Bros., Mt. Elgin. Three-year-olds—Thos. McMichael & Sons. Two-year-olds—Wm. Eglington. Yearlings—Thos. McMichael & Sons. Sweepstakes—1, Thos. McMichael & Sons. Brood mare with foal—1, Thos. McMichael & Sons; 2, Philip Yoke, Thamesford. Three-year-old filly or gelding—1, Dixon Bros., Atwood; 2 and 3, D. A. Murray, Bennington. Foal—J. S. Smillie; 2, P. Yoke, Thamesford. Two-year-old fillies or geldings—1, Dale & Son, Seaford; 2, P. Farrell, Woodstock, Ont. Yearlings—1 and 2, McMichael & Sons. Mare, any

age—Sweepstakes, Dixon Bros. Draft team—1, D. A. Murray. Stallion and 3 of his get—McMichael & Sons.

AGRICULTURAL HORSES.—The Agricultural classification furnished one of those awkward situations that no judge likes to meet. Two teams in harness competed, both excellent of their kind, but diverse in type and neither answering precisely to what is generally understood to be called for, viz: sort of an under-weight drafter. P. Farrel, of Woodstock, had a very nice pair of bays up to about 1,600 pounds scale, while against them were a first-class team of rather weighty general-purpose horses, shown by the city Waterworks Department. They were the kind of a team that many farmers would select in preference for general farm work, but the judges could not well do otherwise than award the prize to Mr. Farrel. "Agricultural horses" make an unsatisfactory class at best.

Awards: Brood mares with foal—1, J. Smillie & Son; 2, Thos. McMichael & Son. Three-year-old gelding or filly—1, O. Johnson, London. Foal, 1912—1, McMichael & Son. Pair geldings or mares—1, P. Farrel; 2, London Waterworks Department.

THOROUGHBREDS.—The English brood horse made very slim showing. Numbers were few and while several good animals were forward, one single entry was allowed only third, while another was given but second, being scored for lack of fit. W. H. Millman, of Toronto, once more placed the awards, which were as follows:

Aged Stallion—1, R. Thayer, Alymer. Stallion, three years old—3, A. L. Johnston, London. Stallion, yearling—2, John Coventry, Woodstock. Sweepstakes—Thayer. Brood mare with foal—1, Hon. A. Beck; 2 and 3, Coventry. Filly or gelding, 2 years old—1, E. J. Brady. Filly or gelding, yearling—1, Brady; 2, F. N. Case. Foal, 1912—1, Beck. Mare, any age—1, Beck.

ROADSTERS.—Aged Stallions—1, Ira A. Mabee, Alymer; 2, C. H. Mabee, Tillsonburg; 3, Chas. Luke, Bothwell. Stallion, two years old—1, Alex Fraser, London. Stallion, yearling—1, N. Norton, Woodbank. Brood mare with foal—1, F. N. Case, Beaconsfield. Filly or gelding in harness, three years old—1, Miss K. L. Wilks, Galt; 2, C. H. Mabee, Tillsonburg; 3, Uri Pierce, Falconbridge. Filly or gelding, 2 years old—1, Miss Wilks; 2, S. W. Wilson, Thorndale; 3, G. H. Smith. Filly or gelding, yearling—1, Ira A. Mabee; 2, Miss Wilks; 3, Thos. McMichael & Sons, Seaford. Foal of 1912—F. W. Case. Mare any age—Miss Wilks. Stallion and three of his get—Ira A. Mabee.

HACKNEYS.—Aged Stallion—1, A. Watson & Sons, St. Thomas. Stallion, three years old—1, J. W. Coulter, Talbotville; 2, Watson & Son. Brood mare with foal—1, Coulter; 2, A. St. Clair, Alymer. Filly or gelding, three years old—1, G. H. Smith, Delhi; 2, John McMillan, Glanworth; 3, R. Thayer, Alymer. Filly or gelding, yearling—1, Coulter; 2 and 3, Watson and Son. Foal of 1912—1 and 2, Coulter.

Cattle.

The display of cattle of both beef and dairy breeds at the Western Fair in London last week notwithstanding the fact of the Dominion Exhibition being held at Ottawa the same week, was quite equal to that of previous years in numbers and quality, making a very pleasing and satisfactory showing. The animals, with very few exceptions, were brought out in excellent condition, and the majority were of high-class character.

SHORTHORNS were well represented, and the prize awards were capably placed by H. J. Fluck, of Goodenow, Illinois, whose rulings in a few instances were different from those at Toronto the previous week, which does not necessarily mean that they were more or less skillful, as opinions and tastes differ. One of these reverses occurred in the initial class, that of bulls three years old and over, in which the colours of T. E. & H. C. Robson's massive roan, three-year-old, Marcellus (imp.), first at Toronto, were lowered to those of John Gardhouse & Sons' smooth and compact, five-year-old, Archer's First, bred by the exhibitors. The male champion was found in the first-prize senior yearling, Pride of Albion, a model in conformation and character, exhibited by J. H. Melick, of Edmonton, Alberta, whose herd won a number of important prizes at Toronto the previous week, and the female championship at London on the handsome and smooth red, two-year-old, Maxwellton Gloster 3rd, by Avondale.

Exhibitors were: J. H. Melick, Edmonton, Alta.; John Gardhouse & Sons, Highfield, Ont.; Mitchell Bros., Burlington, Ont.; Harry Smith, Hay, Ont.; T. E. & H. C. Robson, Ilderton, Ont.; Geo. Amos & Sons, Moffat, Ont.; H. K. Fairbairn, Thedford, Ont.; R. R. Wheaton, Thorndale, Ont.

Awards:—Bull, 3 years and upwards—1, Gardhouse & Sons; 2, T. E. & H. C. Robson. Bull, 2 years old—1, J. H. Melick. Senior yearling—1, Melick; 2, H. Smith; 3, Mitchell Bros. Junior yearling—1 and 3, Mitchell Bros.; 2, Gardhouse