

by what may doubtless be considered as being the best two-year old colt we have perhaps ever seen, i.e., Mr. A. Henderson's Buscot Harold, a son of the last year's Champion, Mark-eaton Harold, who was also sired by that noted horse and dual champion, Harold. The other leading winners herein were Mr. James Eadie, Sir J. Blundell Maple, Mr. Jos. Wainwright, the Earl of Egerton, Mr. John Nix, and Lord Wantage.

Three-year-old stallions were an extraordinarily large class, there being no less than sixty eight horses. In such a class doubtless there was room for difference of opinion, but we think the awards given are probably those that were in agreement with most of the on-lookers. A grand, massive, heavy horse, full of weight, quality and substance, property of Mr. J. Parnell, went rightly to the fore, whilst next him was placed a very typical and promising horse of Lord Rothschild's, Coth-ridge Swell, the other money winners being Lord Hothfield, A. Grandage, the Earl Egerton, W. H. O. Duncombe, and A. Crawford.

The four year-old class numbered forty-five entries, and although the leading horses were very good and excellent specimens, the tail end of the class was not of any exceptional merit or quality. The premier herein was Mr. J. Rowell's grand horse, every inch a Shire, Bury Blood Royal, who, with every reason, fully deserved the place he secured. Messrs. P. Stubbs, J. Forshaw, etc., were also prominent winners.

Stallions between four and ten years of age, divided into two classes, as regards their height, numbered respectively 32 and 40 entries. In the former class Mr. P. A. Muntz scored a most thoroughly deserved victory with that grand horse, Dunsmore Bounding Willow, Messrs. J. W. Whitehurst, J. Forshaw, etc., being also well up, whilst in the larger horse class Mr. A. Henderson easily took the lead with Mark-eaton Royal Harold, who was champion in 1897, and was this year R. N. for the same high honor, being beaten by the same owner's Buscot Harold, one of his own sons. Messrs. J. Forshaw, F. P. Shaw, etc., also provided winners.

The stallion class for stallions over ten years was one where veterans met; not, perhaps, veterans of show-yard victories—those there were numerous—but veterans from the stud, where their high value and merit had been abundantly proved by the success of their progeny. Lord Rothschild's stud provided the winner herein in *Cœur-de-Lion*, a noted horse with great stud reputation and of capital quality.

The female section was one of the highest order of merit and quality. Forty-seven entries in the filly class yearlings was one that could hardly be equalled elsewhere. Mr. F. W. Griffin headed the same with a filly of grand conformation and development, followed closely by Lord Ellesmere's *Oakland's Nora*.

Two year-old fillies numbered 51 entries of great merit and quality, this lot being headed by Mr. W. H. O. Duncombe's *Bow Royal*, a noted winner, and one whose future promises to be of great notoriety. Three year old mares were headed by Mr. A. Henderson's *Lockinge Lucretia*, a grand mare of great character, who was followed by a pair of Lord Ellesmere's to whom went second and third awards.

Four-year-olds were a strong lot of grand quality, being headed by Mr. A. Grandage's *Queen of the Shires*, last year's champion and R. N. for the same honour this year, a grand mare with any amount of go and action.

Mares over 16 hands were another strong lot, and from this lot was selected the champion mare of the year, namely, Mr. A. Henderson's *Aurea*, who not only secured the first in the class and the championship of the show for mares, but also was the dam of the champion horse as well. A grand mare from Mr. Cyarinkon's stud secured the second place, and realized, when sold, \$2,350.

## LESSONS FROM THE LONDON HACKNEY SHOW.

The fourteenth annual exhibition of the Hackney Horse Society was held in London (Eng.) the first week in March. It was a complete success. It was the means of bringing together a large number of horse breeders and buyers, many of them from the continent, and of convincing them of the demand for the Hackney horse.

There were fewer stallions present than in other years, but this was more than made up by the increased number of good mares that

were present. The horses were shown in good shape, there being fewer overfed animals present than ever before. The majority of the horses were shown in a condition that a few years ago would have been considered light.

A great improvement was noticeable in the soundness of the animals. All horses were examined for soundness before they came into the ring to be judged. There were 110 young stallions examined, and of these only two were rejected; 111 adult stallions were examined, and three rejected. The average rejection is thus 2.26 per cent., which speaks volumes for the soundness of the Hackney.

The height of the Hackney is another important point. The demand now is for a large horse possessing good action. This point has been seriously considered by the Hackney breeders, and judging from the horses present the breeders are prepared to furnish the large style of a Hackney of just as good quality, conformation, style, and action as the smaller horses. Nevertheless it is far more difficult to breed the larger type, because every horse bred for size will not possess the necessary amount of bone, or a proper all round development proportional to his size.

There were 101 matured stallions shown, exclusive of ponies; of these 30 horses or 29.70 per cent. were 14 hands 3 in. and over; 48 horses or 47.52 per cent. were 15 hands 2 in.; and 21 horses or 20.79 per cent. were 15 hands 3½ in. or over. Of the whole adult horses shown nearly 11 per cent. were 16 hands or over, while one four-year-old measured 16 hands 2½ in.

In commenting upon the size of the Hackneys at the show the *London Live Stock Journal* says: "It nevertheless remains a pleasant and undeniable fact that the big middled, short-legged, flat-boned type of Hackney survives to prove to the world that, in spite of change and alteration, the English harness horse can still be found in all his former excellence, and it is this stamp of animal that the breeders of harness horses must look to for crosses with their mares. Such Hackneys, fortunately, appeared in plenty at the Agricultural Hall this week, and with such young stallions as *Royal Danegelt* and *Rosador* to represent the breed, there can be no difficulty whatever in supplying the market with exactly the class of harness horse that the buyers want, if only the Hackney breeders will study the requirements of their best friends—the public.

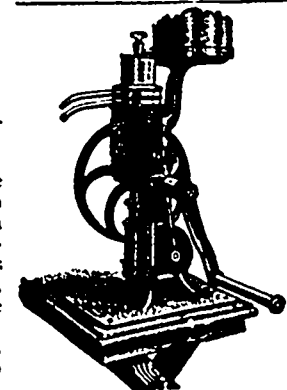
The decision of the judges did not always meet with favor from the ring side. The prize horses showed a great diversity of types, which, of course, can be accounted for by there being more than one judge. One judge, thoroughly capable, should show in his prize animals a uniformity of type. The Englishmen, however, are not yet prepared to adopt the one judge system.

The contest for the championship of the show lay between Sir Walter Gilbey's *Royal Danegelt* and Mr. Beattie's *Rosador*, last year's champion. They are both sons of *Danegelt*. *Royal Danegelt* was awarded the championship of the show. The championship prize for mares went to W. S. Forster's *Brunette*, with Sir Gilbert Greenall's *Orange Blossom* as reserve.

The number of entries was 242 stallions, 157 mares, and 51 geldings—in all 65 more than last year in the breeding classes.

## BOOKS AND BULLETINS RECEIVED

The Suffolk Stud Book, Vol. XI. The volume contains the pedigrees of 331 stallions and 299 mares. It is two years since Vol. X. was issued. Secretary, Fred Smith, Warren Hill, Woodbridge, England.



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## Stock Notes

### John Isaacs' Sale of Shorthorns.

The sale of Shorthorns at Kinellar Lodge, Markham, Ont., on Wednesday, the 16th of March, was a perfect success and will be one of the features of the Shorthorn trade of the year. Not for years has there been as much interest shown in Shorthorns as there has been the last few months. The reports of private sales show that good prices are going. The prices realized at public sales have also been good. Breeders have looked forward therefore to the sale of Mr. Isaacs' imported stock with a great deal of interest, because the prices realized would be a sure indication of the strength of the trade. In this they were not disappointed. This was the first opportunity to obtain imported stock that had presented itself for many years, and buyers were ready to take advantage of it. Mr. Isaacs is to be congratulated on the success of his sale. He had a fine day for it and a very large and representative attendance of buyers from all parts of the province, some fifteen or more from the United States and a large number from the North-west. The imported bulls were all fine topped, short-legged, black animals. They were a little thin, but one could hardly expect to find yearlings in high flesh after an ocean voyage and ninety days in quarantine. They were the reform in the very best shape for examination by buyers. The home-bred bulls were good ones and had they been imported would have brought nearly three times the money that they did.

The females were also good and it was a great surprise to many that some of the cows did not bring more than they did. Rose Monrath, with a bull calf at her side, Mina, with a heifer calf, and a number of the heifers should have brought more money than they did.

The first animal put up was the general choice of the lot of imported bulls, *Golden Fame*. His dam is *Golden Drop*, and his sire *Emanator*. He is an extra good youngster, broad backed, well covered, smooth, deep well filled quarters and shoulders. He was started at \$500, but quickly ran up to \$750, when he was knocked down to W. D. Platt, Hamilton, Ont. *Golden Fame* will be a very valuable addition to Mr. Platt's herd, for he is a most promising youngster, and should do well for his new owner. *Royal Prince* is another imported one, a two-year-old of the *Golden Drop* family, that is full of promise. He is a well built, black bull, low down, and should be a good breeder. He, too, is sired by *Emanator*. *Kintore Hero*, a two-year-old roan, bred by A. Campbell, Kintore, Aberdeenshire, is a nice, smooth, short coupled, useful looking animal, but did not seem to meet with as much favor as some others. *Golden Measure*, a Duthie bred bull, 13 months old of the *Missie* family, a good straight bull, went to James Russell. *Invincible*, a roan, just a year old, is a thick, sappy kind of youngster that promises well. His dam is of the *Diamond* family, and his sire is of *Cruckshank's* breeding. *Banker* is a red calf just about a year old, well grown, straight, smooth, with good points, and showing good quality. He was a general favorite and ran up to \$375. *Prince Odette* is only 11 months old, but is a well grown calf that will yet make his mark. He is of the *Princes*, *Royal* family and his sire, *Sittouton Pride*, is a Duthie bred bull. He appeared to be a little fine, but will set out and thicken up with age. *British Prince* is another good one, bred by S. Campbell, Kinellar. His sire is *Clan Alpine*, a *Cruckshank's* bull out of *Mary Ann* of the *Mina* family. He is a bull of whom we will hear something when he has more growth. *British Flag*, a 13 months old youngster, is a great, strong, sappy, likely kind of a bull, with perhaps as much outcome as any of the others. He goes to Kentucky. *Scotland's Fame*, another good bull, goes to head an Ontario herd and will be heard from in the future. *Lancer*, the last of the eleven imported bulls comes of the *Lady Dorothy* family. He appeared to be rather fine in the bone, but is a thick-set, low down animal and promises well. He goes to Illinois.

The following is a list of the names of the animals, dates of birth, purchasers, and prices.

**BULLS.**  
*Royal Prince*, imp. (Jan. '06). J. Miller & Son, 405 Brougham, Ont.  
*Kintore Hero*, imp. (Mar. '06). A. P. Cook Co., Brooklyn, Mich., U.S.A.  
*Golden Measure*, imp. (Feb. '07). Jas. Russell, 375 Richmond Hill, Ont.

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1 " Carrot	1 " Carrot
1 " Beet	1 " Beet
1 " Radish	1 " Radish
1 " Tomato	1 " Tomato
1 " Vine Peach	1 " Vine Peach

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