

competitors, none of a very high class, a local horse shown by H. H. Learmont, getting the prize.

In the Clydesdale class, Sir William Van Horne took 1st prize, whilst Mr. Geo. G. Stewart of Howick came a good second, though neither horse can be considered really first class.

The Toronto harness horses were far in advance of any other entries both in get up and in working, therefore it is not to be wondered at that the prizes went there. No doubt if there is another show held in Montreal, the local talent will make use of many tips that have been shown them by the Westerners.

Class 5, for hackneys, introduced perhaps as good a horse as there was in the show in Dr. Watson's *Bell Boy*, who easily won the prize.

Class 2, for horses suitable for cavalry purposes 15 2 and over, brought out 10 contestants, and it would have been a liberal education, for those of our readers who breed horses, to have seen them, and it only proves that if such can be reared in the country, why not hundreds more, for which a high price would be given.

A feature of the show was the masterly manner in which the two New York judges handled the "ribbons," when putting some of the harness horses through their paces.

We cannot pass the jumpers by without mentioning a bay mare *Pearl*, exhibited by Mr. George Pepper; not much to look at perhaps to the ordinary observer but made on the lines of a jumper, which promise she carried out by taking her fences in faultless fashion. In mentioning her owners name, it is safe to say that any success that attended the management of the programme was entirely due to Mr. Pepper, who deserves the thanks of the committee for his work.

*My Fellow*, a light weight hunter, shown by Mr. Adam Beck, is an uncommonly useful and stylish looking animal and would fetch a good round price in England: *Westminster Belle*, shown by the same gentleman, is worthy of more than passing mention.

Classes for cabmen's turn out, was rather a misnomer for the generality of the entries were not what we are accustomed to see on the stands.

Taken all in all the show of horses, as we have said, was a good one; far better in fact than could have been expected, and deserved a greater amount of patronage from the public. From a social point too, the show was a success, but the

miserably cold weather militated to a very great extent against the showing off of gowns which the ladies had no doubt donned for the occasion.

Doubtless, with the experience gained by the initial venture, the management will be in a more workmanlike shape, though in this no great amount of fault can be found.

A great feature of the show was the satisfactory disinfecting done by Jeyes' Sanitary Compound Co., whose manager, Mr. Bragg, was in attendance to give all information in regard to "Jeyes" desinfectants, the beauty of which being that they are non-poisonous, although most powerful in their actions.

We can only trust that Montreal will have another Horse Show next year and that the promoters will meet with a greater measure of support.

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### SORE SHOULDERS ON HORSES.

As a rule, this trouble lies in the "breaking in" of the horses' shoulders. When the breaking in is once successfully accomplished, with careful watching the shoulders will stand the hard work well. The young and tender shoulder needs plenty of air, and even when standing the collar with a pad does not permit the air to cool the heated parts. Very often in the spring horses are put to work that have not had a collar on for months. Many of these will have sore shoulders that will remain with them throughout the busy season.

It is not easy to obviate the effect of sudden and hard work on tender shoulders, as the horses cannot be laid off when once the busy season begins. A writer in the *National Harness Review* has the following to say in regard to this matter: "Many will become sore under hard collars, many under sweat pads, then holes will be cut in the parts over the sore places, the hard collars on same will be removed, and larger ones with pads and holes substituted; some will receive applications of axle grease and continue their work with shoulders becoming worse; some collars will be cleaned each night, more will not; a few fortunate ones will have their collars removed at noon and cleaned, and instead of softening axle grease, will have their shoulders (whether sore or not) washed with an astringent, such as a solution of one ounce tannic acid dissolved in a quart of water; this will be repeated at night for a short time and will require from five to ten minutes per team per day. The shoulders so treated will not become sore, or, if already sore, will quickly heal, and they will be able to pull with comfort much heavier loads than can the horse whose shoulders are as raw as his willingness and patience are great." Ex.