



A crowded grand stand at the Canadian National Exhibition, 1904.

The Winnipeg Fair

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In point of attendance the Winnipeg Industrial Fair of 1905 may be considered a marked success. A season of wet weather before the show, left the grounds, which are too low in any case, in bad shape, but fine, dry weather prevailed during the fair, and visitors had a pleasant outing. The grounds are badly in need of drainage. The performances before the grand stand, though not so numerous as heretofore, were quite satisfactory. Some of the Midway attractions were of an unobjectionable kind, while others were of a class that should not be allowed on any show ground. Besides these shows were given too conspicuous a place on the grounds, and allowed too much liberty in making known their wares. Though not large, the Winnipeg Fair grounds are not laid out to the best advantage, and it is difficult to locate all the exhibits. A plan of the grounds and other particulars regarding the show published for distribution would greatly aid visitors. There is great room for improvement in the grouping and arrangement of the live stock barns. They are a veritable fire trap, and exhibitors risk more than they should have to in taking valuable animals to the show.

The live stock exhibits at Winnipeg are the ones of most interest to farmers. Outside of these and agricultural machinery, there are not many attractions from an agriculturist's standpoint, though a very creditable dairy and poultry exhibit is always on hand. The live stock show this year was well up to the average of other years, and if we leave the Dominion Exhibition of 1904 out of the count, ahead of anything seen in the West heretofore.

HEAVY HORSES

The showing of horses was very creditable. There were not quite so many entries as at the Dominion Fair last year; but, when compared with the Industrial of former years, the showing of 1905 gave evidence that Western horsemen have not by any means been resting on their oars. Some of the sections were particularly strong; and in almost all of the classes there were enough really worthy animals to take up the prize money. Most of the horses, too, were brought in in good form, although there were, as usual, a number of really excellent animals that showed at a serious dis-

advantage for want of proper fitting and manner.

The honors in the heavy horse classes were distributed by John Gardhouse, Highfield, Ontario, who discharged his duties in a workmanlike manner and to the eminent satisfaction not only of the spectators but also of the exhibitors. The same may be said of the work of Mr. Ferriss, of Windsor, Ontario, who drew the nice distinctions in the light horse classes. The horse judging ring is too small for the purpose, especially when more than one class is being judged at one time.

There was an excellent showing of Clydesdales. This breed predominates in Western Canada to such an extent that they may almost be said to monopolize the attention of Western lovers of the draft horse.

The call for aged stallions brought out a very strong class, probably the strongest, with the exception of the sweepstakes class, in the show. Nine doubtful champions contested the honors; and it was a battle royal. After the judge had made a very careful inspection of the horses lined up before him, and had seen them moved, first at the walk and then at the trot, the contest began to narrow itself down. A short list was drawn, including Nick o' Time, shown by T. E. M. Banting, Banting, Man.; the well-known Woodend Gartley, shown by the Napinka syndicate; Clanyard, shown by Jno. Graham, of Carberry; Village Boss, shown by R. G. Willis, Boissevain; and Barrowman, a son of Woodend Gartley, shown by the Treherne syndicate. These were again put through their paces; and, after a very careful deliberation on the part of the judge, Barrowman was sent to the head of the line. He is a very nicely balanced horse, showing plenty of scale and substance and good action.

The contest then lay between Woodend Gartley and Nick o' Time for second place. The superb action of Mr. Banting's horse, coupled with pretty fair general excellence throughout, makes him just the sort of horse that takes a lot of beating. Woodend Gartley, on the other hand, is also a good one. He is scarcely so good a mover as Nick o' Time, although by no means a bad one. He has rather better legs and is a better coupled horse. He was, therefore, placed second, with Nick o' Time

third, Clanyard fourth, and Village Boss in fifth place. Some excellent horses, including J. B. Thompson's Prince, Delectable, and Gralata's Merriton, were still left unplaced.

The three-year-old stallions were also a strong class. Balcray, shown by Galbraith & Son, is a grand, good colt with lots of scale and quality and a capital mover. His legs, ankles and feet are of the very best. J. A. Mitchell's Cadet is also a very promising colt, with plenty of size and excellent quality. He did not show quite so good in action as Balcray; and he has scarcely so strong a head as one likes to see on a stallion. These colts were placed by the judge in the order named. Third place was taken by Black Hair Prince, a showy topped colt of good quality that can handle himself well. This colt was shown by T. H. Hassard, of Millbrook, Ontario. Kenneth, shown by the Oak River Clydesdale Association, was chosen for fourth place.

Two-year-old stallions were not so strong a class. First place went to McTavish, shown by the Arctic Ice Co.; second place to J. B. Thompson's entry, and third prize to Weardale King, shown by Armstrong, of Greenfell.

Yearlings were a pretty fair class. First place went to a nicely balanced youngster with lots of quality, shown by J. Burnett, of Napinka; second to the entry of H. V. Clendenen, of Harding, Man.; and third to Jno. Graham, of Carberry.

The call for blood mare with foal by her side brought out a class of five worthy matrons. After very careful deliberation on the part of the judge, the entry of Sir Wm. Van Horne was chosen for first place. This is a big, drafty, strong topped mare, not quite so clean in the neck as we should like, but a capital mover.

A mare shown by Wm. Black, of Hayfield, put up a strong fight for the premier position. She is of a quite different type, being lower set and closer coupled. Taken altogether, she is probably a little better in her underpinning than Van Horne's mare, but she is scarcely so good in the quarter, especially in the breeching. She was finally compelled to fall back to second place. The third prize went to a sweet little imported mare, shown by J. Barnett, of Napinka.

The filly classes were not strong in numbers, but made up for it in quality. Galbraith & Son had first in three-year-olds and Mr. Sutton, of Roland, Man., first for two-year-olds.

The sweepstakes for best mare any age brought out as usual a lot of Clydesdale females as one not often sees together. Besides the first prize winners in the various classes, a number of dry mares were shown that were not eligible to show in the class for brood mares with foals by their sides. Some of these made the competition for sweepstakes particularly interesting. The contest gradually narrowed down to a short list consisting of Galbraith's three-year-old filly, Sutton's two-year filly, and a right good four-year-old mare shown by J. B. Thompson. After a very careful balancing of their respective claims to preference, the coveted badge was finally placed on Galbraith's filly.

Shires made a very ordinary showing. There were only a few animals out and with one exception they were rather a common lot. The only animal worthy of mention was the five-year-old stallion shown by John Stott, of Brandon, and he is a right good one.

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