

Brandon Fair

Ideal weather, record crowds and strong competition among the exhibitors in several of the most important sections of the show, made the Inter-Provincial Fair held at Brandon, from July 19 to 23, a decided success. The days of the show were in every sense red letter days for Brandon, as well as for the farmers for many miles around, who took occasion to visit the fair. So great was the rush for the fair that in some cases the advertised excursion trains proved insufficient, and numbers of country people had to be left at the stations. Manager Smale and the directors are deserving of high praise for the splendid arrangements made for the exhibition, all the features passing off smoothly and without a hitch.

Exceptionally strong were the beef cattle classes. Winners in the Short-horn, Angus and Hereford classes were up to international standard. The splendid showing made by western breeders was especially gratifying, and augurs well for the future of the livestock industry in the west.

Shorthorns

Some magnificent animals were led into the ring for the inspection of Judge Leslie Smith, who adjudicated the Shorthorn classes. First came the aged bulls, in which "Oakland Star," a massive roan from the barns of J. G. Barron, Carberry, was the winner over "Brown Dale," exhibited by J. A. Watt, Elora, Ont. A. F. and G. Auld, Guelph, showed the third prize winner, "Burnbrae Sultan," while Wm. Lelond, Miniota, Man., was fourth with another good bull. This was probably the best class of aged bulls ever seen at Brandon. The winners were splendidly fitted, and reflected great credit on the herdsman.

The two-year-old class brought out another excellent quartette, from which "Gainford Perfection," owned by Mr. Watt, stood out as a distinguished winner. He is a magnificent young roan, of big substance, smooth as an apple and of real quality.

In the senior championship, "Gainford Perfection" won out over Mr. Barron's aged bull, and was also awarded grand championship for Shorthorn bulls. His position was well merited, tho the judge found it difficult to fault the older animal.

The youngsters were almost equally meritorious, and a fine yearling exhibited by Mr. Barron, "Emma's Prince," took first in his class and junior championship.

Eight beautiful females were shown in the class for mature cows. Here the judge's placing came in for criticism, but in placing Mr. Barron's "Emma of Oak Bluff" over the Watt cow, "Sittyton Lady," Judge Smith was influenced by the fact that the former was suckling a fine calf. Mr. Watt's cow, however, had many admirers. Yule and Bowes came next with "Spring Valley Buckingham."

In the two-year-old heifer class, Mr. Watt's "Silver Queen" was an easy winner, beating his own heifer, "May Queen," which was placed second. The senior championship was awarded to the former, "Emma of Oak Bluff," being reserve. "Silver Queen" also carried off the female grand championship.

The first award for Shorthorn herd consisting of bull and four females went to Watt with "Gainford Perfection," shown in company with "Sittyton Lady," "Silver Queen," "Choice Gem" and "Countess Thelma."

"Gainford Perfection" got the special for best animal in the show, shown against his own sister, "Silver Queen."

Aberdeen Angus

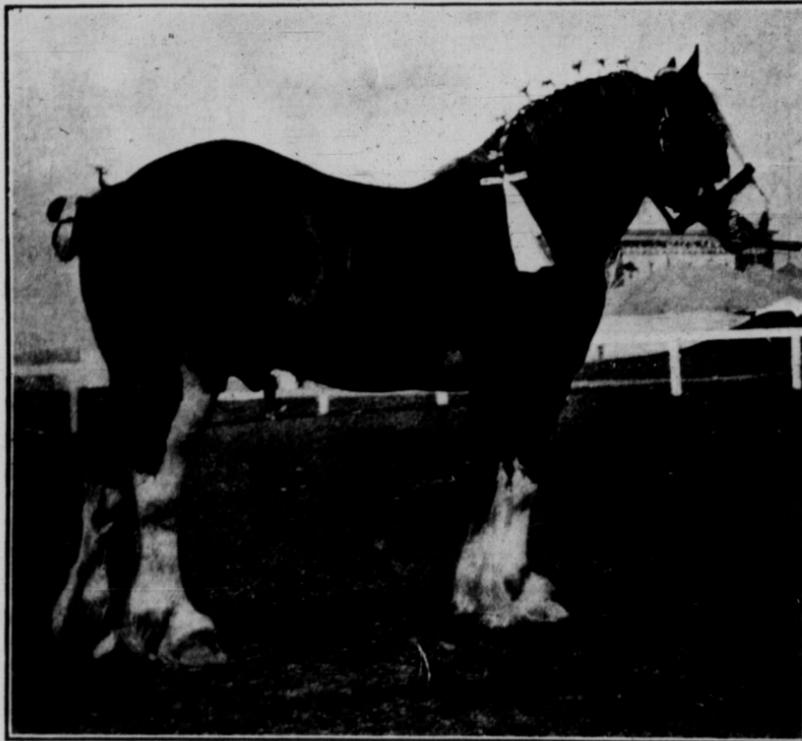
Chas. Escher, Jr., Botno, Iowa, noted as the feeder of the best carload lots of fat cattle at the International Show, Chicago, placed the ribbons on the Aberdeen Angus. Here he met with some animals which he would be proud to have in his own herd. Brandon has been made famous as the home of international winners from the Glencar-nock Stock Farm of J. D. McGregor,

and this herd carried off most of the principal awards with tip-top individuals, shown in the pink of condition. The imported herd bull, "Evreux of Harviestown," created no surprise by winning in the aged class, and then securing for the McGregor herd the grand championship of all males of the breed. In the aged class he beat "Young Leroy" and "Beauty's Irwin," owned by J. Bowman, Guelph, which were second and third. In the purple he beat "Roseneath Ringleader," owned by J. Turner, Carroll, which was first in the two-year-old class.

In the herd competitions McGregor took first and third, and Bowman second and fourth. McGregor also took first for three calves under one year and for three animals the get of one bull.

Herefords

J. H. Chapman, Hayfield, Man., had a herd of outstanding quality with which he captured the bulk of the principal awards in Herefords. He took all the female championships. His "Miss Armour Fairfax" won the senior fe-



"Charneck," first prize aged stallion at Brandon Fair, 1915. Exhibited by J. Tucker, Margaret, Man.

male championship, and his "Beau Fairy" the junior female championship.

Strong herds were shown by James Page, Wallacetown; L. O. Clifford, Oshawa, Ont.; J. Moffatt, Carroll, and Jones Bros., Whitewater. The first named showed the grand champion and senior champion bull, "Bonnie Brae 31st," which won over J. Moffatt's "Perfect Fairfax" in the aged class, and over L. O. Clifford's "Lord Fairfax" in the championship class. The junior championship went to J. Chapman on "Perfection Lad," which was also reserve to the grand champion, while J. Moffatt won reserve junior champion with "Advance." Jones Bros., Whitewater, Man., were also winners in the Hereford classes.

Exhibitors in the fat cattle classes were J. D. McGregor, J. Moffatt, J. Donaldson, Brandon; Wm. Porterfield, Brandon and Jas. Page. J. D. McGregor showed the best steer and the best group of three steers, while J. Moffatt had the best year old steer, a grade Hereford.

Dairy Cattle

W. H. Gibson, of the Indian Head Experimental Farm, placed the awards on the dairy cattle. Geo. Bevington, Winterburn, Alta. took the male grand championship, with his herd bull, "Count Tensen A." while the female

grand championship went to G. T. Prouse, Ostrander, on "Molly of Bayham," a mature cow. Geo. Bevington also won first for three-year-old cow, for two-year-old heifer, yearling heifer, senior heifer calf and junior heifer calf. J. H. Laycock, Okotoks, Alta., was first in the two-year-old bull class with "Sir Payne of Golden West," which was champion at Calgary, and first in the senior bull calf class with "Bonnie Brae Palestine." G. T. Prouse took first for yearling bull with "Meadowview King Abbebeck," and for junior bull calf with "Meadowview Dot Abbebeck."

In the Ayrshire classes the competition was between Roland Ness, of De Winton, Alta., and W. Braid, of Oak River, Man. The former took both male and female grand championships with "Morton Mains Planet" and "Burnside Tena." W. Braid exhibited the first prize two-year-old bull, "Greenhill Rising Star," and first yearling bull, "Logan Braes of Menie." The senior and junior bull calf classes went to R. Ness, with "Burnside Masterman" and "Burnside Master Heather." W. Braid also exhibited the re-

year-olds, in which first place went to "The Bruce of Hillcrest," owned by R. H. Taber, of Condie, Sask. "Lordly Prince Rupert," owned by H. M. Coates, Roland, a smart bay with good action, came first in the yearlings. Both the latter horses won again in the Canadian bred classes. "Jack of Lauder," owned by W. J. McCallum, was the winner in the three-year-old Canadian bred class.

"The Bruce of Hillcrest" was awarded the Clydesdale stallion championship, and "Princess Carruchan" the Clydesdale mare championship.

Draft and Agricultural

The draft and agricultural classes were among the best features of the show. Competition in these was keen and some fine individuals and teams were brought out. The principal winners included A. C. Stewart, Rapid City; G. C. Porterfield, Brandon; J. L. Parkinson, Pomeroy; L. J. Hamilton, Brandon, and A. C. McPhail, Brandon.

An interesting competition was the class for six-horse teams from various municipalities. The placings were: 1, P. Dawley, Oakland; 2, T. Wishart, Portage; 3, J. Hall, Langford; 4, W. E. and R. C. Upper, Calgary.

Percherons

In the Percheron section, W. E. and R. C. Upper, of Calgary, took both stallion and mare championships, with "Bijou" and "Rosine," respectively. "Mogul," owned by J. W. Reid, Forrest, was reserve champion stallion, while "Russellette," the property of C. D. Roberts and Son, Osborne, was reserve champion mare. "Futurity," owned by Messrs. Upper, was Canadian champion, with "Hott 2nd," owned by Messrs. Roberts, reserve. A. Reid, Forrest, Man., exhibited the best Canadian bred mare, "Gladys," which won over Messrs. Upper's "Irene." C. Roberts and Son took first for mare with foal at foot with "Marlowette."

The awards in the Percheron section were placed by Dean Rutherford, of the Saskatchewan Agricultural College.

Sheep and Swine

In Leicesters the exhibitors were Herbert Smith, Camrose, Alta.; Thos. Zachary, Austin, and A. B. Potter, Langbank. H. Smith exhibited the champion ram and Potter the champion ewe. W. L. Trann, Crystal City; A. McEwen, Brantford, and F. T. Skinner, Indian Head, were the exhibitors in Shropshires. Here both male and female championships went to McEwen. P. Arkell and Sons, Teeswater, took most of the prizes and both championships in Oxfords. A. C. McPhail, Brandon, and J. Campbell, Brandon, were the other Oxford breeders exhibiting. J. Bowman, Guelph, in Suffolks; F. T. Skinner, Indian Head, in Southdowns; J. A. Chapman, Hayfield, in Dorsets, and Dolson and Son, Norval, in Cotswolds, had no competition. A. McEwen took all the important awards in Hampshires. F. T. Skinner exhibited the champion fat sheep. H. Smith took first in the class for fat wether or ewe.

The swine championships were awarded as follows:

Berkshires—Dolson and Sons.
Yorkshires—A. D. McDonald and Son, Napinka.

Poland Chinas—Boar championship, F. H. Wieneke, Stony Mountain; sow championship, D. W. Agnew, Douglas.
Tamworths—Dolson and Sons.
Duroc Jerseys—J. Maurer, Clive, Alta.

Dairy Competition

In the dairy competition, which was in charge of Prof. J. W. Mitchell, A. B. Potter, Langbank, Sask., carried off the prize for the animal, owned by a bona fide farmer, making the highest record. The cow was "Madeline De Kol," a Holstein, and her score 125.10 points.

The test lasted two days, and the scale on which the judging was done was as follows: 25 points for each pound of butter fat, 3 points for each pound of solids-not-fat, 1 point for each ten days in milk after the first thirty days' limit, ten points. Ayrshires made the highest score of any breed.