

one year; second on three Shrop. wethers, under one year; second on Southdown wether, one year and under two.

Messrs. Jas. P. and Geo. Phinn showed a nice pen of pure-bred Shrops. and Shrop. grades, all under one year old, the former showing six pure-breds of grand quality, having lots of size and individual excellence. For lambs intended for breeding they were all right, but evidently had not been pushed hard enough to be right ripe for the butcher; however, they won a third-prize for three ewes under one year in a strong ring. Geo. Phinn's three high grades showed the Shrop. element very decidedly, being slightly more open in fleece than the registered lambs.

The exhibitors of Southdowns had very little competition with other breeds. The only Dorsets were two yearlings, a wether and ewe, shown by R. H. Harding, Thorndale. They were a fine, strong pair of sheep, in real nice fix, but for a beau ideal mutton sheep, no one disputes the excellency of the Southdown.

T. C. Douglas, Galt, showed a nice flock of Southdowns, consisting of one yearling wether, three wether lambs, six ewe lambs and one grade wether. They exhibited first-class Southdown points, but some of them might have been a little larger and fatter; however, we would not object to a chop from any one of them, if we were looking around for a real delicacy. This flock won second on wether under one year; third on three ewes under one year; second on three wethers under one year.

R. Shaw & Son, Glanford Station, are old-time exhibitors, and always take home a creditable number of prizes. Their Guelph exhibit consisted of five Southdown shearing ewes, three Southdown ewe lambs and two half-bred Leicester and Southdown ewes. In the section for five sheep under two years, bred by exhibitor, this flock won the only prize offered, a \$25 premium, on five yearling ewes.

Mr. A. Simenton & Son, Blackheath, made as good a record as any exhibitor at the show, on their three Southdown ewe lambs and one yearling, winning first on the yearling, which was one of the best ever taken into a show ring. So good was she that the judges held her for a long time in the grand sweepstake section for pure-bred ewe, any breed, under two years, bred by the exhibitor. The three ewe lambs won first in the section for three, and third in single lambs.

R. L. Burgess, Burgessville, although a new exhibitor, brought out five creditable Southdowns—two shearlings, one of which carried off a second ribbon, and three ewe lambs, which did not go unnoticed, as the envied red ribbon came to one of them in the single lamb contest.

D. H. Dale, Glendale, was an exhibitor of very fine Southdowns, consisting of three ewe lambs, three wether lambs and one yearling wether. The awards were: First on wether lamb, first on three wether lambs, first on yearling wether, second on three ewe lamb; grand sweepstake for pure-bred wether, any breed, under two years, bred by exhibitor; also special prize for best two lambs, one ram and one ewe, bred and raised in Ontario.

A. Telfer & Sons, Paris, were also successful competitors of the neat little mutton breed. Their exhibit comprised three ewe and three wether lambs, which received second on ewe lamb, third on wether lamb, both sections being very strong; also third on three wether lambs.

Daniel Barberie, Corwhin, showed a few creditable grades, on which he won third on three ewe lambs in a section of nine entries.

James Bowman, Guelph, with a grade exhibit, won second on grade yearling ewe, the third going to James Scott, Aberfoyle, who also showed a few good specimens.

The judges on Oxfords, Hampshires, Shropshires, Southdowns, Dorsets and Merinos, with sweepstakes, were Mortimer Levering, La Fayette, Indiana; and Henry Arkell, Teeswater, Ont., with Thos. Wilkinson, Hamilton, as reserve. The Cotswold, Leicester, Lincoln and Grade classes were judged by Jas. Russell, Richmond Hill, and A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, with Thos. Wilkinson as reserve.

#### SWINE.

The exhibit of swine was a triumphant success, surpassing in number and quality of entries any previous fat stock show held in Canada. The increased amount of prize money offered was doubtless accountable for the great interest manifested by the leading swine breeders, together with the general revival in Canadian swine raising and the efforts of the Swine Breeders' Association.

The building in which the show was held was well adapted for the purpose—light, airy and well ventilated. The pens for the hogs were fairly well arranged, only somewhat overcrowded, owing to the large number of entries. The feeding troughs were made of rather frail material, and many were smashed to pieces before the show was half over by the big clumsy porkers. This and the arrangement for a judging ring should receive the attention of those in charge in the future. A simpler and more efficient system of weighing might also be introduced with advantage.

A brief review of some of the individual exhibits will be of interest:

#### BERKSHIRES.

The judges of this class were: A. Elliott, Galt, and S. Coxworth, Claremont. The exhibitors were: Messrs. Snell, Edmonton; Geo. Green, Fairview; P. McGarr, Guelph; J. Kitching, Corwhin. In the section for barrow, over nine months and under eighteen, Mr. McGarr made two entries and Messrs.

Snell three; the latter were all by that famous sire "Enterprise—1378—," an illustration of whom appeared in a recent issue of the ADVOCATE. The judges placed that wonderful barrow, "Happy King," first. He possesses great length, together with thickness, levelness and depth, standing well on a good set of legs. This hog was afterwards awarded the sweepstakes as best pure-bred barrow, any age or breed, in the show; Freedom making a close second, and being the handsomer and more showy of the two, a thicker fleshed and a more level pig, but not having the length of Happy King. The third prize, Smart, was also a fine specimen. All three were brought out in capital fix, standing well on good feet and possessing bone of good size and quality. Altogether, this pen was one of the attractions of the show. McGarr's entries in other company would have been considered good specimens.

Geo. Green had it all to himself in the section for barrow under nine months, with two capital youngsters, Texas and Fairview Duke, placed in order named. Texas, a worthy son of Queen's Own, is a good, thick, level pig; well down on his under line. Both were well brought out. There were seven entries for sow over nine months and under eighteen. Green had three entries, taking first place on Maid of Texas, sired by Royal Crown; a sow of good length and depth, being level and smooth and not quite so fat as an unplaced entry, Lady Parnell; Green's third entry in this section being Blue Bell, by Queen's Own, too young for her class, being just a few days too old to enter as under nine months; she is, however, a wonderfully good sow, with fine carriage, and a show sow all through.

John Kitching got second and third place with a right good pair of sows—full sisters, sired by Wallace—2463—, Lady Fancy and Lady Flora; splendid typical specimens of Berkshires. Sows under nine months called out three entries from Green's pens and two from Snell's; Green's Charmer, by Royal Hubert, heading the list, with Cherry Blossom, by Queen's Own, third; while Snell's Memory wedged into second place, leaving two excellent young sows unplaced; in fact, Mr. Green seemed to fancy his sow Rosy the best of his string, but she was carrying a little too much fat and had to give way to the more modern type. She did good service, however, to her owner in the next section—three pigs, offspring of one sow and bred by exhibitor: Messrs. Snell were first with Freedom, Happy King and Smart, dam Happy Bell; Geo. Green second, with Texas, Rosy and Cherry Blossom, dam Queen Albina, and P. McGarr third with Dick, Sam and Lass, dam Swan.

#### POLAND CHINAS.

There were just two exhibitors in this class, Messrs. W. and H. Jones, Mount Elgin, and W. and F. Row, Avon. In barrows over nine months and under eighteen, Messrs. Jones made three entries, taking first and second on Sir Oliver, by Canada Boy, and Trenton Rock, by Ella's Moor—both good, thick-fleshed, deep-sided pigs. In barrows under nine months, Messrs. Row were first on Jack, a son of Senator, with Jones second with Oxford Boy. Three sows under eighteen months were paraded before the judges, Jones showing Pride III. by Ella's Moor, a truly wonderful sow with broad, level back, and great, deep, full sides, and hams—such hams as only a Poland-China can have, but unfortunately she was off her feet and had to take second place to Dorchester Belle, a sow of great length, depth and evenness, with another good daughter of Senator in third place.

In sows under nine months, Row entered three, all sired by Senator, getting second place on a good, lengthy sow, Fancy Queen. Jones got first and second on two full sisters, by Ella's Moor, out of Comparison. The judges, declaring for length rather than breadth, placed Princess ahead of her sister, Princess A.

In section for three pigs out of one sow, Row stood first with Jack, Dorchester Belle and Beautiful Belle, out of Avon Belle; Jones second on Princess, Princess A. and Oxford Boy, and third on Trenton Rock, Pride III. and IV.

#### YORKSHIRES.

J. E. Brethour, Burford; Jos. Featherston, Streetsville; R. Gibson, Delaware; Robt. Chadwick, Burnhamthorpe, and Jas. Jackson, Avon, were the exhibitors in this class.

R. Gibson's "Quality" was an outstanding first in barrows under nine months; he was a big one for his age, with a good back, deep sides and hams. Chadwick was second and third with Prince and Charlie, both good pigs.

In barrows over nine months, Featherston was first with a great, big, good one, appropriately named English Bacon. Chadwick followed closely for second and third with Nip and Tuck, a good pair; but, perhaps, not quite so well hammed as the first prize. Chadwick's four prize-winners were by Plymouth Prince—671—, out of "Prescot Lady." "English Bacon" was also by the same sire.

Sows under nine months were a fair lot of five—two from Featherston's pens, and three of Brethour's Fraulines. First and third went to daughters of Halton King—1045—: Canadian Maid, first; Dominion Maid, third; the former a very even, level, well-hammed sow; Brethour's Frauline IV., the best of his pen, ranking second; and a right good one she was—lengthy, level and well-sided and hammed. She was by Oak Lodge Model II., out of Flora. R. Chadwick's Nip, Tuck and Prince won first for three pigs out of one sow; Featherston

second with Dominion Maid, Dominion Girl and Dominion Lass; Brethour third on Frauline IV., V., VI.

#### CHESTER WHITES.

Judges were: Jos. Featherston and J. E. Brethour. The exhibitors were: R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Wm. E. Wright, Glanworth, and H. George & Sons, Crampton. In barrows over nine months, George's Best topped the lot, with Wright second and third on Jim and Sam, a very even pair of brothers by Glanworth King, out of Glanworth Maid. The Georges won first in barrows under nine months, with a mammoth Lennox, beating a good, straight, deep-sided pig, Eddie, forward from Harding's pens.

The call for sows over nine and under eighteen months, brought out one capital entry from each exhibitor. Wright's Glanworth Lily, a sow of very considerable merit, perhaps not so well balanced or so even as might be, had to take third place. Harding's wonderful sow, Flossy, bred by D. DeCourcy, Bornholm; fitted to the last notch, with a great back and sides, and remarkably good hams, had to content herself with second place, making way for that magnificent sow, Chester Queen, from George's pen, afterwards judged best sow of any pure breed any age in the Show. The Georges had two entries forward in sows under nine months, and Harding three nice, even sows. George's Rosa, first; sired by Honest Tom—301, the sire of most of their prize winners. Second and third to Harding, on Annie and Minnie, full sisters, by Cleveland—320—, out of Thorndale Maid.

Three pigs out of one sow, bred by exhibitor—First to George & Sons, second to Wright, third to Harding.

#### TAMWORTH OR JERSEY RED.

These two red breeds had to class together. The former especially were strongly in evidence. H. George & Sons, Crampton, and W. and F. Row, Avon, were the principal exhibitors. L. H. Stauffer, Breslau, making three entries in Tamworths. In barrows under eighteen months, the Georges were first with a Jersey Red monster, Sambo, weighing 614 pounds; second with a Tamworth, Last Look, and third with another Tamworth.

The call for barrow under nine months brought forward, in our opinion, the best pig of the class, George's Tamworth, Pork Packers' Choice, sired by Short Nose—88—, the sire of most of their winning Tams. This was a remarkably smooth, level, well-balanced pig of good length and depth and well hammed. Second stood a good pig from Row's pen—Sam, sired by Indian Chief—85—. The Georges had two wonderful Jersey sows under eighteen months, Duroc Choice and Lena, both sired by Stanley—4—, out of Dora. Row had the winning sows under nine months, in Fancy and Red Bird (Tamworths), both by Indian Chief, and good typical specimens. Three pigs, out of one sow—First went to George's Tamworths, out of (imp.) Countess 2nd—105—; second to the same exhibitor's Jerseys, out of Dora—4—, and third to Row's Tamworths, out of May Queen—220—.

#### BEFORE THE BOARD.

A protest was entered against the Georges for including in their exhibit pigs belonging to other parties, which being admitted before the Agricultural and Arts Board, the winnings were withheld according to the Act. It was claimed in justification that others had done similarly, and we are advised that another such complaint is yet in abeyance. It would be better for all concerned if rules were strictly observed.

#### SUFFOLKS.

Mr. James Main, Milton, and Thomas Teasdale, Concord, acted as judges. The exhibitors in this class were: Jos. Featherston, Streetsville; R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe, and A. Frank & Sons, The Grange. Featherston captured two firsts, five seconds and three thirds; Dorsey three firsts and a third.

#### GRADES.

Same judges as above class. In the section, barrow under eighteen months, the Messrs. Snell, Edmonton, came in nicely for first with the Berkshire grade, Boxer, and a capital all-round hog; he was a good sample of a money-making pig. A. Barber, Guelph, was second and third on Grit, and Tory, a Yorkshire-Berkshire cross of extra merit. Grade barrow, under nine months: There were fifteen entries in this class. Barber's Jake was placed first, second and third going to a well brought out pair of cross-breds (Poland China and Berkshire) shown by Messrs. Jones, Mount Elgin. Mr. Barber, Guelph, also won first on grade sow under eighteen months. The call for sows under nine months brought out five good beasts, mostly Yorkshire grades and crosses. A. Hales, Guelph, won first on a good, evenly-fleshed sow; S. Congdon, Everton, second, and W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills, third, with nice, even pigs.

#### SWEEPSTAKES SILVER MEDAL.

for the best grade hog, any age, breed or sex, was awarded to Messrs. Snell Bros., on Boxer. It is worthy of note, here, that at the last Fat Stock Show it was also a Berkshire grade that captured this prize.

#### THE INGERSOLL PACKING CO. PRIZE.

When this, the last class, was called, there was a general scramble; twelve pair of very lively porkers were turned loose among the judges and interested spectators, and, with the aid of the electric light, the judges, Messrs. Elliot, Coxworth and Teasdale, entered upon their unenviable task. The class called for pair of pigs (grade or pure bred), under nine months old, to weigh not more than from 100 to 220 lbs. each; suitable for the export trade.