

Angus cattle have been sold for £62 10s. 4d. apiece, or a total of £109,156 14s. In 1918, the figures were 1,611 head sold for £55 1s. 6d., or £88,725 7s. 6d. In 1917, the average for 1,542 head was £48 13s. 10d.; as recently as 1908 it was down to £22; in 1895 the average value stood at £19, and 1887 at £17. Those were the real slump years.

American-bred Percherons have been selling in London at 370, 320 and 310 guineas each.

ALBION.

Birmingham Fat Stock Show—The King's Success.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

In the Bingley Hall the sixty-seventh annual show of the Birmingham Agricultural Exhibition Society was held from November 30 until December 4. Entries were down to 112, so far as the fat stock were concerned, that section being made up of sixty-nine cattle, twelve pens of sheep, and thirty-one pens of pigs.

The most astounding feature of the exhibition was the success of the King's Shorthorns. Only two animals were sent from the Royal herd at Windsor, and, while one, a young steer by Newton Count, bred on the Royal farm, could only earn second money—£5 in his class, the other, the red heifer, Windsor Calomel, went right through the several championships, securing the supreme title in the end and carried off three silver trophies worth 100 guineas each, and £30 in monetary awards. This heifer was bred by His Majesty, and is a daughter of Notlaw Boxer, out of Congalton Calyce II. At two years, seven months, three weeks, and six days she turned the scale at 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. Compact, naturally, her immense weight is deceptive, for she has a real quality-like look about her, and it is abundantly clear that she has been fed wisely and well, her flesh being most evenly distributed and it having just that correct "touch" which proves rapidly approaching ripeness. Calomel is a credit to her illustrious lineage—the Notlaw cattle are making great names for themselves in the beef-raising estancias of the Argentine—and His Majesty's herd-manager, W. S. McWilliam, received many congratulations. Below are enumerated the King's successes, earned by Windsor Calomel: Supreme championship, (Elkington Cup of 100 guineas); Thorley Challenge, (Shield of 100 guineas); Webb Challenge, (Cup of 100 guineas); extra prize of £20 for best Shorthorn in show; class first prize of £10 for best Shorthorn heifer or cow; second prize of £5 in Shorthorn steers with the red steer, Charlie.

The value of pedigree, perhaps, turned the scale in favor of the King's exhibit this year when it came to adjudicating for the three 100-guinea trophies enumerated above. The Royal heifer was "followed home" each time by the black cross-bred exhibited by J. Douglas Fletcher, Rosehaugh, Avoch, Ross-shire. This steer, at the age of two years, nine months, one week, and six days scaled 17 cwt. 27 lbs., and was one of the heaviest animals in the show. His sire was the Aberdeen-Angus bull, Black Ebro, and his dam the Shorthorn cow, Diamond Chloe.

Herefords made a select dozen, and best of them was Frank Bibby's Clive Coquette 4th, a daughter of Shucknall Prince. She was exceedingly well fed, carries a big spring of rib and has level lines.

Charley Morris had the honors in Devons to himself, and his breed champion heifer, Highfield China Cup 9th, enjoyed the distinction of winning at the Royal Cardiff Show in June. A. W. Bailey-Hawkins sent on the Norwich champion, his stylish Aberdeen-Angus heifer, Pride 5th of Stagenhoe, and she won her class, the breed special award of £20, and the medal given by the Argentine Association, a simple prize in its way but highly treasured by English raisers of these Scots cattle. Pride 5th of Stagenhoe is standing her journeyings very well, and she presents an ideal body-piece, with her flesh neatly laid on and in the right places. Lord Sheffield and R. M. Greaves took the spoils in the Welsh classes, while in the cross-breds the

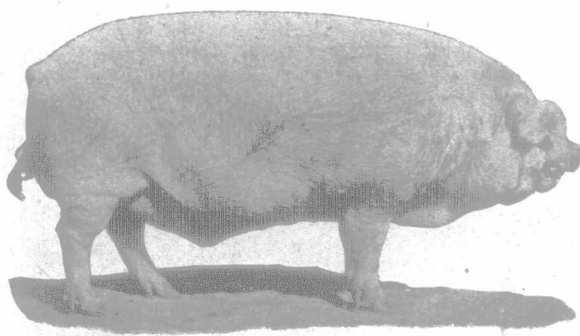
Duke of Portland's young heifer was considered next best to J. D. Fletcher's outstanding black steer.

Among the sheep there was nothing to come within hail of the well-finished pen of Hampshire Downs, sent by the Pendley Stock Farms. Mutton qualities highly developed were theirs. F. C. Fairweather's Southdowns carried all the grace of that ideal breed, so commendable for its early-maturity and small joints.

In the pig section, Arthur Hiscock, now at Manor France Farm, Blandford, won all before him, and took the championship with a pen of two Berkshires, pictures of careful feeding. Just to show you how "light" some of the stock were, I append you the weights of the premier animals:

CATTLE.		
Animal and Breed.	Age in months	Weight Lbs.
Windsor Calomel, Shorthorn.....	31	1,366
J. D. Fletcher's cross-bred.....	33	1,727
Pride 5th of Stagenhoe, A.-A.....	22	1,107
Welbeck Lass, Shorthorn.....	19	1,193
Blackbird of Maisemore, A.-A.....	12	1,037
Clive Coquette 4th, Hereford.....	31	1,370
Bounds Cider Boy, Hereford.....	21	1,192
Highfield China Cup 9th, Devon.....	34	1,553
Mynyddog, Welsh steer.....	35	1,551
SHEEP.		
Pendley Farms Hampshire Downs..	10	532
E. C. Fairweather's Southdowns.....	10½	365
PIGS.		
A. Hiscock's Berkshires.....	8	535
R. Ibbotson's Tamworths.....	8¾	482

ALBION.



Chester White.

Champion boar at Toronto for J. G. Annesser, Tilbury, Ont.

The Maritime Winter Fair.

The Maritime Winter Fair was held at Amherst, Nova Scotia, Dec. 15, 16, 17 and 18. As this is the first show for four years, the building having been used by the Military Department as a Barracks during the war, it was feared that exhibitors would not have their stock in show condition; however, the exhibitors surprised even the management in the number and quality of the stock shown. The showing of beef cattle, sheep and poultry was larger and of better quality than ever before, while the showing of dairy cows and hogs was not quite up to some former shows. The dairymen, however, were out in force with young stuff in the breeding classes.

The opening meeting was held on Monday evening and able and instructive addresses were delivered by Hon. W. M. Lea, Commissioner of Agriculture for P.E.I., Hon. J. F. Tweedale, Minister of Agriculture for N.B., and J. J. Sinclair, M.P. Hon. Mr. Lea emphasized the need of greater production, both of farm products and manufactured goods, and said this cannot be done by working shorter hours. He showed the need and possibilities of greater live-stock production to re-establish the European herds that have been depleted by the war; he urged more thorough organization of farmers, showing the advantages that have come from creameries and wool growers' associations and egg

circles. J. J. Sinclair, M.P., formally opened the Fair, and showed the advantages that come from live-stock exhibitions, working for the improvement of the live stock, which is the basis of better agricultural conditions in the Maritime Provinces.

Hon. Mr. Tweedale spoke of the work of the Department of Agriculture of New Brunswick in aiding stockmen to improve their herds, and in trying to interest boys in the improvement of live stock. He said the only cure for the present unsettled conditions is that everybody must work.

The exhibit of beef cattle was the outstanding feature of the Fair. J. M. Laird & Son, of P.E.I., showed over thirty head of Shorthorns, every one of which was a show animal and brought out in show condition. Competent judges remarked that it is very seldom that such a herd is seen at Toronto or any other exhibition.

R. A. Snowball, of Chatham, N.B., was also out with a fine string of Shorthorns, many of which are of the very best. The Experimental Farm at Fredricton also showed a few Shorthorns of outstanding quality, and C. N. Black & Son, of Westmorland Point, N.B., are deserving of special notice, as their herd is small but some of their cattle are of exceptional quality. Other exhibitors of Shorthorns were Forrest Bros., Amherst Point; A. S. Etter, Amherst; Geo. M. Holmes, Amherst.

In the Hereford classes Wm. O'Brien, of Windsor, and Forrest Bros., Amherst Point, were the principal exhibitors; and their cattle were a credit to them, both in the quality of the animals and the finished condition in which they were brought out. Forrest Bros. had the largest exhibit in the building, numbering about forty head, eleven Herefords, two Shorthorns and 25 grades. The honors were pretty evenly divided between O'Briens and Forrests, with O'Briens taking rather more of the first prizes.

In the Angus classes Horne Bros., Winslow Station, P.E.I., had the only exhibit, showing fifteen head of really good, useful, beef-producing cattle, and they were brought out in good show condition.

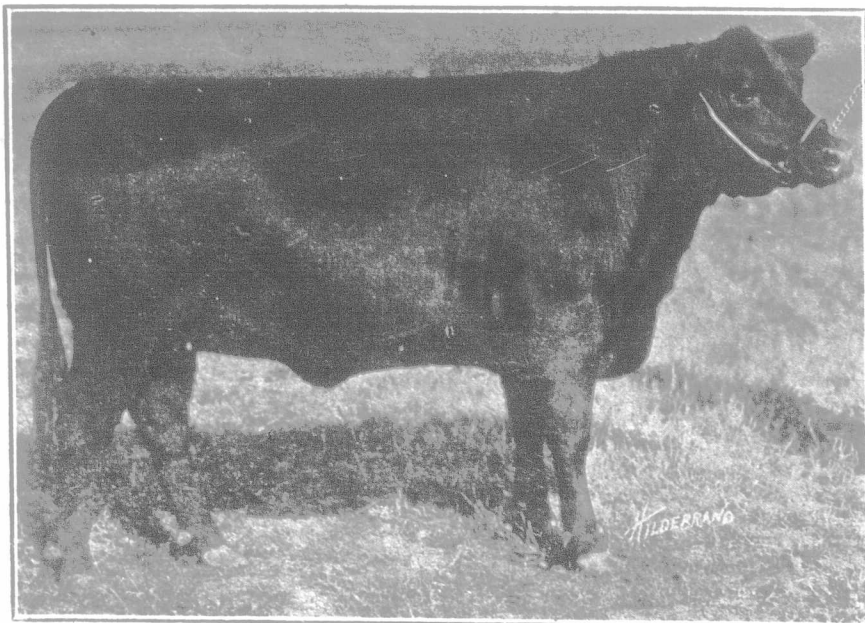
In the grade classes Forrests had the largest show, though good exhibits were shown by O'Briens, Lairds & Sons, Geo. Holmes, Arthur Etter, Edward Anderson, Sackville, N.B.; C. W. Pugsley & Son, Barronsfield, N.S., and by the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredricton.

In the dairy stables the old exhibitors were nearly all in evidence, though we missed Harding Bros., Stanley A. Logan's Holsteins, and J. R. Semple's Jerseys. Two or three new young breeders were showing some good stock. Roy Stevens, of Sackville, N.B., had a few good Ayrshires, and W. R. Younker, of St. Catharines, also had some good young Ayrshires, and won the sweepstake for the best Ayrshire heifer in the breeding class. Other exhibitors of Ayrshires were A. McRae & Sons, of Charlottetown, who won first on a two-year-old cow and fourth on aged cow; also some prizes in the breeding classes, including the sweepstakes for best Ayrshire grade heifer any age. Geo. L. Boswell, Charlottetown, won first on three-year-old Ayrshire cow with a score of 182 points and a milk yield of 143.2 lbs.

John Retson, of Truro, showed some good Ayrshires winning second and fourth on two-year-old cows and sweepstakes for best bull any age. But R. Brown, Yorke, P.E.I., won first on one-year-old cow, second on two-year-old and third on aged cows, the aged cow had been in milk eight months and had now made over 11,000 lbs. of milk. Mr. Brown also won several prizes in the breeding classes. McIntyre Bros., Sussex, N.B., won fourth on aged cows, third and sixth on three-year-old cows, fifth on two-year-old cows, and second on one-year-old; also second on senior yearling, third and fourth on junior yearling, and third on bull calf. Fred. S. Black & Sons, Amherst, won first and sixth on aged cows, and second on two-year-old, and showed a fine string of young stuff in the breeding classes.

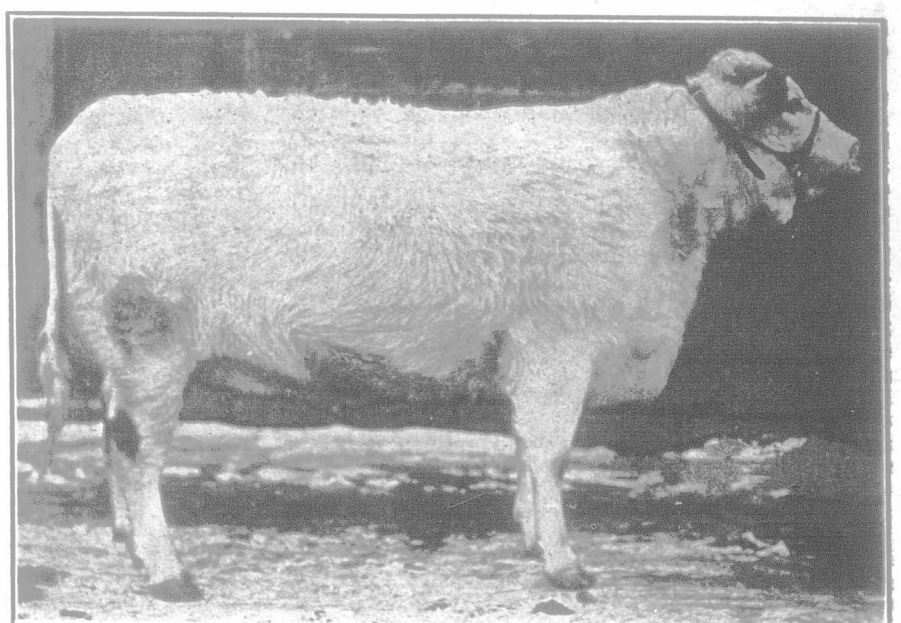
In Guernseys Roper Bros., of Charlottetown and D.G. McKay & Sons, of Scotsburn, N.S., were the principal exhibitors, and divided up the honors about evenly, both in the test and the breeders' herds.

In Holsteins Fowler Bros., of Amherst Point, won



Tiptop Lass of Shamrock.

Champion Angus female at Guelph for G. C. Channon, Oakwood, Ont.



Jubilee Gilt.

Champion Shorthorn heifer at Guelph, 1919.