

months and under 2 years—1, Hastings; 2, Featherstone. Sow over 12 and under 18 months—1, Featherstone; 2, Hastings. Sow under 6 months—1 and 2, Hastings; 3, Porter Bros. Herd—1, Featherstone; 2 and 3, Hastings.

EXPORT BACON HOGS.—Best pen of 4—Great interest was manifested when this class was lined up for comparison, and certainly the exhibits were a credit to their respective breeders; true to type, and fitted just right, and most satisfactory was the fact that they all looked the proper age they should be for a class of that kind. The judges were Messrs. Garbut, Nichol and Dolson. First and fourth went to D. C. Flatt & Son, on Yorkshires; second to D. Douglas & Sons, on Tamworths; third and fifth to J. Featherstone & Son, on Yorkshires.

Poultry.

Not only were the entries more numerous than last year, but the quality of the birds seemed better. This was decidedly noticeable in the utility varieties, utility being understood to represent birds which are good for both eggs and flesh. This is as it should be. Progress is certainly desirable. On the other hand, to stand still is to stagnate. To retrograde is to die. Among Plymouth Rocks, White Wyandottes and Buff Orpingtons there was a noticeable improvement in type. This is especially satisfactory at the present time to note, for in recent years there has been evident signs—more particularly to a close observer—of declining size and heft in Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Wyandottes, which varieties have been for years leading market types.

The recent action of the American Poultry Association, in taking half a pound off the standard weight of Barred Plymouth Rock pullets, is much to be regretted. It smacks of being a premium for deterioration. It is earnestly to be hoped that our Canadian producers of market poultry will not be influenced by it. We read with pleasure that the Canadian members of the association vigorously combated the suicidal action.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS were fairly numerous and of excellent quality. The first prize for cock and cockerel went to F. Westbury, of London, Ont., while first prize for hen went to G. Norton, of Carluke, Ont., who also wins numerous other prizes and the association bronze medal. G. F. Holden, of Port Dover, was first prize for pullet, and she certainly deserves it, for she is of good type and color—a very pretty bird. Other prizewinners were C. Hockin, London, Ont.; John Bedford, Toronto; R. Hoover, Locust Hill. The latter prizewinner should have excellent results from the cockerel and pullet shown by him when they are a year older. The pullet was of particularly good shape. Among other birds shown by John Bedford, of Toronto, was a cockerel of very fine type. He ought, when fully matured, to make a great breeder.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS were in goodly number and of excellent quality. The greater number of the birds seem to have been shown by F. A. Andrews, of London, Ont., who, besides taking first prize for cock and cockerel, also wins the association bronze medal. R. Hoover, of Locust Hill, was awarded first for hen, which was well deserved, for she was of good color and true W. P. R. type. Other prizewinners in this class were J. F. Brown, of Seaford, and L. Brown & Son, Toronto.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Unusually good class. Winners of prizes were L. M. Campbell, of Crosshill, Ont., who also wins the bronze medal, A. C. Bucken, Listowel, and W. Ellerby, Weston, Ont.

WHITE WYANDOTTES were well represented, of excellent quality and good type. The honors seemed to be divided between Mrs. W. Dawson, of London, Ont., and the Russell Farm, the proprietor of which is J. W. Russell, M.P. Mrs. Dawson wins first, second and third prizes on hen, and third on pullet; first and sixth prizes on cockerel. This lady sold the first cockerel for \$125. The Russell Farm wins first, second and fourth prizes on pullet; third on cock, and fifth and sixth on hen. Other prizewinners were J. Bedford, Toronto, who won third on cockerel, second on pullet and sixth on hen; Wm. Kemu and Waterman, London, Ont. In one or two cases the White Wyandotte males from outside points were not of proper Wyandotte shape. This should be carefully guarded against. Incorrect type in one of the leading utility varieties such as this one is—should be carefully guarded against.

BUFF WYANDOTTES made a good showing. They seem to have got ahead of the Silver variety. First prize for cock and hen and special premium ribbon were won by S. H. Samuels, Norway.

Other varieties of the Wyandotte family, which is now a very large one, were fairly represented. J. R. Johnson, of Leamington, showed a nice little bunch of Partridge Wyandottes.

BUFF ORPINGTONS.—This comparatively new but popular variety of the Orpington group was represented by numerous birds of great merit. In several instances the pullets were of typical shape and color. First prizes for cock and pullet went to H. A. Hoffman, of Ridgetown, Ont. The pullet

in this case was particularly good. First prize for cock was given to that well-known breeder, J. W. Clark, of Cainsville, Ont. W. T. Lawrence, of London, Ont., won first prize for hen, with an exceptionally fine bird. She was of true type and color, both inside and out. Suitably mated, she ought to have fine offspring. Second and third prizes for cockerel were won by that veteran breeder, T. Rice, of Whitby. It is a matter for congratulation that he has taken up Buff Orpingtons. He will surely be a hard man to beat at future shows. W. T. Lawrence, the young and successful London exhibitor of both Buff and Black Orpingtons, has up-to-date ideas, and will be heard from in the future with no uncertain result.

BLACK ORPINGTONS were fully up to the mark in quality, and were fairly numerous. It very much looks as if the Black variety will have difficulty in making the friends the Buffs have done on this side of the ocean. In England they are certainly prime favorites. Prizewinners were Hamilton & Scovyn, London, Ont., first and second for cocks; both splendid specimens. First prize for hen was given to P. L. Holden, of Port Dover, Ont., and second went to J. Brown & Son. W. T. Lawrence won on pullet, which was certainly a very fine bird.

WHITE ORPINGTONS were few in number, and, as a whole, not up to the mark. First cockerel was a fine type, but bad in color. The young birds were not a promising lot. The old birds were evidently moulting. This variety ought to do much better.

WHITE LEGHORNS were the largest class of the show, and were a fine lot of birds. Prizewinners in the S. C. class were: F. Wales, of Milton, who also gets a cup for best hen, cockerel and pullet; T. A. Brown, Toronto; W. Ferguson, Brantford, and R. Hoover, of Locust Hill. In the R. C. class the principal prizes were taken by A. & C. Readwin, Guelph; R. A. McLean, Brantford, and R. Hoover.

BUFF, BROWN AND BLACK LEGHORNS were of good quality and numerically strong.

BLACK MINORCAS were a strong and good class. Winners were: T. A. Faulds, of London, Ont., who also won the bronze medal; H. Dunne, Parkdale Poultry-yards, Toronto, who wins besides other prizes the special awarded by the American Black Minorca Club. Other exhibitors were G. A. Walker and Mrs. T. A. Willoughby. H. H. Dunne also won in the R. Comb variety.

Independent Telephone Association.

A year of good progress was reported by Sec. Treas. F. Page Wilson, at the annual meeting, attended by about 50 delegates, of the Canadian Independent Telephone Association, Toronto, Sept. 28th. Between 20,000 and 27,000 independent telephones were reported in operation in Canada. Gratification was expressed that the Railway Commission had decided that independent companies should be allowed to instal phones in railway stations. F. Dagger read a paper, "Is the Telephone a Natural Monopoly?"

It was resolved that no member of the Association should arrange any interchange of service over the lines of the Bell Telephone Company, that a committee should be appointed to watch legislation, and that efforts should be made to bring about Provincial Government ownership of all long distance telephone lines.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. W. Doan, Harrietsville; Vice-President, C. Skinner, Sherbrooke, Que.; Secretary-Treasurer, F. Page Wilson, Executive Committee—T. W. Ralph, North Augusta; F. Dagger, Toronto; Dr. F. Demers, Lewis, Que.; G. W. Jones, Clarke, Ont.; A. Hoover, Green River; S. L. Squires, Waterford; M. House, Bridgeburg; L. Moyer, Beausville; T. R. Mayberry, Ingersoll. Auditors—C. G. Adams, Harrietsville, and John Perry, St. Mary's.

Ontario Veterinary Surgeons' Annual Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Toronto Veterinary Medical Association was held at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds on Friday, Sept. 3rd, 1909. Dr. J. P. Bond, President, in the chair. There was a large attendance of veterinary surgeons from various parts of the Province.

The general business of the Toronto Veterinary Medical Association was transacted, and Dr. J. P. Bond was unanimously elected to fill the chair for the ensuing year.

The interest of the Veterinary Surgeons, which was considered the foremost matter, and the proposed bill to amend the Act of Incorporation, was fully discussed, and the point that the Provincial Government had in the past ignored the request of the profession, was fully discussed.

Some suggestions along the lines of influencing the interest of the various members of the Local Legislatures were taken up and recommended. This Act of 1908 would mean a matter of vital importance to the veterinary profession in the Province of Ontario.

Dr. Wm. Mole, M. R. C. V.S., read a paper on some recent discoveries in connection with contagious abortion in cattle, detailing the results of the commission appointed by the Royal Agricultural Society in England, and gave to the meeting the results: the discovery of a serum that had been named Abortin, which gave promise of diagnosing and preventing this disease among dairy herds.

Honey Prices and Crop Report.

The Honey Crop Report Committee, of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association, met at the Exhibition grounds Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 8th, and examined the reports as received to date in respect to the buckwheat honey crop and prices received for white honey. The crop of dark honey is good, but the committee find that the markets are clear of last year's crop and buying freely already. The following prices for dark honey are advised: Wholesale, 6c. to 6½c. per lb.; retail, 7½c. to 8½c. per lb. A number of the largest producers have already sold at these figures. In regard to white honey, the committee find that the prices sent out in their previous report are being fully realized, and think that those still holding part of their crop should receive these prices without difficulty. Practically everything has been sold at from 10c. to 11c. Fed and Halton report most of light honey disposed of, much of it going to the Northwest.

Farmers' Club Conference.

It is pleasing to those interested in the advancement of agriculture to note the keen interest taken in the Farmers' Club movement in Ontario. On September 8th, 1909, about sixty farmers, from every part of the Province, met together at the Farmers' Institute Tent, Canadian Exhibition Grounds, for the purpose of increasing the many features of the Club work, and to exchange ideas, so that each and every one present may be able to return to their homes with something not only new, but helpful in advancing agricultural education.

The directors of the Ontario Horticultural Association met in the tent of the Department of Agriculture, on the Exhibition grounds at Toronto, on Sept. 9th, to arrange the programme for the annual convention, to be held in Toronto November 9th and 10th. It was recommended that the President and Secretary be appointed a committee to recommend action regarding the billboard nuisance; also that the Ontario Association recommend that the grant be increased to \$5,000 in aid of horticultural societies. It was resolved to prepare a memorial to the late John S. Pearce, of London. W. E. Saunders, of London, succeeds the late Mr. Pearce on the committee on the incorporation of horticultural topics in the school books.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Branch of the American Poultry Association, held during Toronto Exhibition, the following officers were elected: President, Wm. McNeil, London; 1st Vice-President, L. H. Baldwin, Deer Park; 2nd Vice-President, J. E. Bennet, Toronto; Secretary, H. B. Donivan, Toronto. Executive—Mrs. Dawson, London; Prof. Graham, O. A. C.; J. H. Minshall, Brantford; J. Bedford, Toronto; R. Oke, London; H. W. Partlo, Ingersoll. The next meeting will be at the Poultry Institute, held in February at the Ontario Agricultural College. Several cups and medals are offered for the poultry show at the Winter Fair, Guelph, in December.

In the statement of farm crops in Canada at the end of August, issued by the Dominion Census and Statistics office, the wheat crop is put down at 168,386,000 bushels, or 21.73 bushels per acre, and barley, 56,975,000 bushels, or 30.55 bushels per acre. Oats are given at 354,919,000 bushels, a yield of 38.15 bushels per acre; rye, 1,708,000 bushels; peas, 8,184,000; mixed grain, 19,521,000 bushels; buckwheat, 7,791,000 bushels; and hay, 10,216,000 tons. The wheat estimate of the three Western Provinces is away up, being 149,285,000 bushels; oats, 187,802,000 bushels; and barley, 33,893,000 bushels.

A directors' meeting of the Ontario Vegetable-growers' Association was held at the office of J. Lockie Wilson on the Exhibition grounds at Toronto last week, to arrange the programme for the next convention, which will be a one-day event, held in Toronto on November 11th, with an evening session. A number of good speakers have been arranged for. It was decided to ask the Provincial Government to investigate the cabbage and cauliflower industry, as they did in the case of onions.

At the recent annual convention of the American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers, held at Portland, Oregon, August 16th and 17th, G. A. Putnam, Supt. of the Ontario system, was elected president.