

herd. Truly a wonderful animal is his first prize aged sow. She is the most perfect specimen of this breed we ever saw, and her equal was certainly not at the great World's Fair. This sow, we believe, was bred at the Hamilton Asylum, and is a representative, with other magnificent specimens shown, of the great skill and success of Mr. Brethour as a breeder and feeder. Although many of our stockmen are fairly successful as breeders, yet few and far between are the men who understand the feeding and fitting of stock so as to bring it out in the most perfect and finished form. The Oak Lodge herd also succeeded in winning first on yearling sow, first on sow over six months and under twelve, first on sow under six months, and boar and four of his get, and many other prizes. Joseph Featherston exhibited twenty-five head in high fit, and a creditable lot, possessing much quality, smoothness and finish. This herd contained a number of the best boars brought forward, while the majority of the sows were in excellent form, and of a very desirable type. The special for best sow and four of her produce under six months was won by Mr. Joseph Featherston, and first on yearling boar was fairly won in a strong class. In the section for boar over six months and under twelve Mr. Featherston again came in first, and also won the red ribbon on a good yearling sow in good company. Mr. H. J. Davis, Woodstock, was the next strongest competitor; his herd was represented by a strong-boned, large and useful lot, but not carrying enough flesh to show up to the best advantage. Levi S. Bowles, Springville, came in for first on boar under six months. The Isaleigh Grange herd contained some good animals, and had they been in condition would no doubt have come in for a fair share of the prizes. McNish Bros., R. & T. Duck and others made up the show in this class.

#### CHESTER WHITES.

The entries in this class this year were fifty-seven, against forty last year. Although not out as strong in numbers as the Yorkshires or Berkshires, they held their own well in other respects, being of superior quality, highly fitted, and had a noticeable scarcity of inferior stock. The exhibitors in this class were: Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre; H. George & Sons, Crampton; Daniel DeCourcy, Bornholm; and R. H. Harding, Thornedale, each exhibitor coming in for a fair share of the prizes. In the aged boar section, H. George & Sons secured first on a boar of grand quality, of excellent conformation, and in splendid fit. D. DeCourcy came forward with a worthy second, and Wm. Butler & Son took third on a boar of considerable merit. Wm. Butler & Son secured first on yearling boar, also on boar over six months and under twelve, and also under six months. H. George & Sons won second in the yearling class, and R. H. Harding was second in the two younger boar sections. In the aged sow class R. H. Harding won first on a sow of No. 1 quality, straight and smooth and of fine finish. Wm. Butler & Son and D. DeCourcy followed close with sows but very little her inferior. The first honor for yearling sow fell to H. George & Sons on a very handsome individual, while D. DeCourcy captured the firsts in the two next sections for sows over six months and under twelve and sows under six months.

#### POLAND-CHINAS

were somewhat less in numbers than in the past two years, but the exhibit was remarkably good in quality. Messrs. W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin; W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains; and Frank Row, Avon, were the only exhibitors in this class. Messrs. W. & H. Jones captured most of the best prizes. Their herd contained seventeen head, a typical lot in grand form and of the best quality, not one inferior animal in the herd. Frank Row exhibited only three, winning second on yearling sow and first on sow over six months and under twelve. W. M. & J. C. Smith were out with twelve head, on which they won five prizes. Their stock was somewhat at a disadvantage, having been on the road some weeks doing the fairs of the Northwest.

#### TAMWORTHS.

The exhibit in Tamworths was not nearly as strong in numbers as last year, there being but forty-four, against seventy-six last year. Probably one reason for the falling off in numbers was owing to the fact that the pioneer breeder, John Bell, was not out with any representatives from his herd. However, there was a conspicuous improvement in the type of the breed, and we were pleased to notice that there was scarcely an inferior individual in the class, which is probably more than can be said of the exhibit of any previous year, which indicates that this breed has come to stay, notwithstanding the prejudice with which they were at first received. The exhibitors were H. George & Sons, Frank Row, W. T. Elliott, and P. W. Boynton. The herds of Messrs. George and Row secured the majority of the awards, with the exception of the aged and yearling boars; W. T. Elliott, Hamilton, being awarded first, and worthily, in these two sections. His aged boar was a monster and still retained the smoothness and quality of a smaller hog, while the yearling gives every appearance of maturing into a wonderful boar. The rest of the awards were pretty evenly distributed to H. George & Sons and Frank Row. A large per cent. of this exhibit were of great individual excellence and well brought out. Especially would we mention the aged and yearling sows belonging to F. Row, the finest pair of sows of this breed we have yet seen, and probably as near perfection in their class as any breed represented.

#### DUROC-JERSEYS

appear to be gradually growing in favor throughout the country wherever they have been given a trial, and they seemed to attract considerable attention this year at the pens. They are credited by those who have given them a trial as being excellent grazers, of a docile and contented disposition, and are easy feeders. They resemble the Poland-Chinas in most respects, except color, which is sandy or red. The majority of the prizes were divided between Wm. Butler & Son and Tape Bros., Ridgetown, who were forward with herds noteworthy for their high-class quality and general excellence compared with former years. Messrs. H. George & Sons were also exhibitors in this class, and were winners of a number of prizes.

#### SUFFOLKS.

This breed was again represented by the same exhibitors as last year, and the number of entries was also the same. The exhibitors were Jos. Featherston, R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe, and A. Frank & Son. Robert Dorsey's exhibit contained sixteen head—an even, typical lot, with lots of quality. This herd won all the firsts, with the exception of the yearling sow section, which was won by Jos. Featherston along with other prizes.

#### ESSEX

were more strongly represented than in any previous year. The entries were thirty-four, against twenty-four last year, and the quality was fully as good if not better. Mr. Jos. Featherston was out with sixteen, and A. B. Cooper, of Islington, was out with twenty-one—a typical, well-finished lot that should have stood higher in the awards had they had justice. R. & T. Duck were also competitors in this class for the first time. The Suffolk and Essex breeds being rather small compared with some of the larger breeds, we presume the qualities that recommend them are similar to the Southdown sheep among the larger breeds—easy feeders, quick maturers, a solid meat and of the first quality.

#### POULTRY.

The Toronto show of poultry was, as usual, first-class, all the different breeds being well represented. At this season of the year the birds are not supposed to be in the best of plumage, but notwithstanding the fact that the moulting season is about this time, the plumage of the bulk of the fowls was excellent. The chickens of 1895 were, as a rule, a little later and of course not so large as in former years, but, upon the whole, they were a grand lot. On entering the building we observed some magnificent specimens of Pekin ducks; Messrs. Webber & Robertson, of Guelph, getting the red ticket for the finest specimen of a Pekin duck we have ever seen. It was sold for a high price, to go to the United States. Allan Bogue, of London, carried off the honors with a magnificent drake of the same breed. In Toulouse geese, Mr. Bogue was also in the front rank. The veteran breeder, James Main, Milton, carried off first-prize with his Embden geese, also first in Rouen ducks and Bronze turkeys. W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove, showed some fine white turkeys; also W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. The show of turkeys, geese and ducks was first-class.

The largest number of entries seemed to be in Plymouth Rocks and Leghorns. There is no doubt the Leghorn is the best layer we have, but they are more tender than the Rock and require warmer winter quarters. The Wyandottes are a fowl that seem to be gaining in popularity, and deservedly so, as they are an excellent bird both for the production of eggs and as a table bird, and are also hardy. There were some very fine Light Brahmas, which keep up their reputation as a first-class general purpose fowl, and withal a very handsome bird. The Minorcas are also fine layers of fine large eggs, but are rather tender; their large combs being apt to get frozen in our severe winters. Some magnificent specimens of Buff Cochins were shown by George McCormick, of London. They are good, hardy fowl. We think for the farmer's fowl the above named breeds are the most profitable. Some of them do well crossed. The Indian Game crossed with either the Brahmas, Cochins or Langshans makes a fine table bird, with full, round breast, and fine flavor. The Dorking is also a fine table bird, so plump and well-flavored. Some fine specimens were shown by Messrs. Main, Bogue, Knight & Osborn, Corcoran, and others. Wm. McNeill, London, showed some very fine Polands, Hamburgs, etc.

There were any number of Bantams, ornamental fowls, etc. Richard Oke, London, showed some fine Golden, Silver and English pheasants. Rabbits with ears nearly a foot long; Belgian hares, which resemble the English hare very much; Guinea pigs; fancy rats and mice; canaries, goldfinches, bullfinches, mocking-birds, and English thrushes, were all present. The latter first-prize specimen was a very handsome bird, and delighted the hearts of many Englishmen who were seen admiring it. The show of pigeons was immense and of fine quality.

Three incubators were at work shelling out the chickens at 5 cents each. The exhibitors of these were John McKenzie, Acton; Louis Ritch, Toronto; and T. A. Willits, Toronto.

The leading exhibitors were Messrs. McNeill, Bogue, McCormick, Millard, and McLeod, London; Coll & Cockburn, Hamilton; W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains; L. G. Pequegnat, New Hamburg; Webb & Robertson, Guelph; Knight & Osborn, Bowmanville; O'Brien & Caldwell, Paris; Kent & Oldfield, Kingston; etc.

The exhibit on the whole was as good as ever held in Toronto, and in some classes superior, and the number of visitors continually coming and going from the building showed the amount of interest taken in one of the leading industries of the Dominion. The judges were Messrs. Jarvis, Butterfield, and Smelt.

#### DAIRY DISPLAY.

The Industrial has again proven itself to be the leading dairy show of the Dominion. There were on exhibition this year over 500 boxes of cheese—100 more than last year's exhibit contained. There were cheese from Manitoba, Quebec, and Eastern and Western Ontario. The Quebec dairymen showed considerable enterprise in the number and character of their exhibits.

The quality was, on the whole, not equal to that of last year. Nearly all the cheese were lacking in flavor. In fact, in only one or two instances were any of the exhibits near perfection in flavor. In respect to other points of quality the exhibit was up to the average. The inferiority in regard to flavor, which is common to the make of this season, is largely due to the unfavorable season for cheese-making. The general appearance of this year's exhibit was much better than last. In last year's report we noted the fact that the cheese were uneven in size. This defect was not so noticeable this season; with one or two exceptions the cheese were nearly of one height. A little more attention might have been given by some exhibitors to finish, as several lots scored low in this particular.

All the prizes were given to Ontario cheese, and the lion's share came to Western Ontario. The Quebec cheese showed good workmanship, and scored high in texture, quality, and finish, but were very much lacking in flavor. They seemed to have a flavor peculiar to themselves, which could be noticed by smelling, but was more noticeable by tasting, invariably leaving a rank, bitter taste in the mouth. The cheese from Manitoba were smaller in size than the others, and thus appeared to a disadvantage. They were lacking in some of the points required for a good export cheese. The texture was weak, and lacked that firmness and closeness necessary for a good shipper. The flavor would have been better had not so much moisture been left in the curd in the process of making. On the whole, the exhibit was a good indicator of what could be done by the Prairie Province if more attention were given to some of the points noted above.

Last year Mr. Robert McAdam, of Rome, N. Y., was sole judge on cheese. In the ADVOCATE's report for 1894, we criticised somewhat severely, though justly, his judgment and method of scoring, and more especially the fact that as Mr. McAdam was accustomed to judge cheese from an American standpoint, the standard set up at the Industrial would not be characteristic of our typical Canadian shipping cheese. The reason given for bringing someone outside of Canada was to give a strictly impartial judgment. It was pointed out that it was not necessary to secure someone outside of Canada in order to do this, as all names and marks could be easily removed from the cheese so that the judge could not tell from what section any of the cheese came.

A new judge was selected this year in the person of Mr. A. F. MacLaren, who was sole judge of cheese at the World's Fair, and who is recognized as one of the best judges in Canada. He was assisted by J. W. Wheaton, Secretary of the Western Dairymen's Association, who kept track of the score and the number of points made by each exhibit.

The score-card used was arranged as follows:—

	Perfection.
Flavor.....	35
Quality.....	25
Texture.....	15
Color.....	15
Finish.....	10
Total.....	100

All marks of distinction were removed and each cheese given a specific number, so that a strictly impartial judgment was given. The wisdom of the change in the judge and in the method of judging is borne out by the statement of the Superintendent of the Dairy Department, that the cheese at the Industrial was never more carefully or satisfactorily judged than it was this year.

The butter display was about the same in regard to quality as last year, and was neatly and tastily arranged in the large refrigerator used for the purpose. The quality of the butter, like the cheese, showed some of the effects of the unfavorable season. The flavor was not up to the mark. In other respects the exhibit was on a par with that of other years.

One of the attractions in the butter department was an exhibit of dairy butter made by Lady Aberdeen. It was tastily arranged, but unfortunately was sent to the exhibition in a box made of spruce wood, which gave its peculiar taint to the butter and caused it to score very low in point of flavor.

Mr. F. W. Fearman, of Hamilton, was sole judge on butter. The judging was done by means of score-cards, the various points of quality being arranged as follows:—Flavor, 40; grain, 30; color, 10; salting, 15; finish, 5; total, 100.

Mark Sprague, Inspector for the Ontario Creameries Association, was present during the exhibition to look after and arrange the butter exhibit. The manner in which this was done shows his practical knowledge of the business.