

besides. O. T. Garbutt, Claremont, secured the second honors in the young sow class, while R. G. Martin, Marysville, had an aged boar and some nice young things by Baron Lee 4th, out of a dam by Enterprise—a line of breeding that could not fail to produce something good.

YORKSHIRES.

The exhibit of Yorkshires was the best seen for some years. J. E. Brethour, Burford, showed sixteen head, including the well-known sow, Oak Lodge Primrose, who repeated her last year's victory in the aged class. His exhibit was not in as good show trim as last year, but was very uniform, his pigs having good length and great smoothness. He had a very nice yearling boar, two boars under a year which weighed over 400 lbs. apiece, and which took first and second, while the red ribbon for sow and four of her produce went to Oak Lodge Primrose and her offspring. Jos. Featherstone, Streetsville, was very strong this year, having twenty-five entries in this class. The first prize aged boar, Paddy, is a good, lengthy pig, with a nice hind end, and looks like a good sire; while the second prize one, Puritan, has a neat head and body and good hair. In the section for boars under six months all prizes went to Mr. Featherstone for a capital trio. The yearling sow and younger sows were of good type, and the prize for boar and four of his get properly fell to this herd. R. G. Martin, Marysville, is a new exhibitor at the Industrial, but, unlike most newcomers, he got a good share of the prizes with his six entries. He had a particularly lengthy, deep yearling boar and a fine aged sow, which won first in their sections; while a beautiful young sow of his, under six months, which should be heard from again if rightly treated, carried the same honor in her section. The herd prize and two second prizes for sows also fell to him. J. N. Greenshields, Danville, had several entries of good pigs, but they were not well fitted up. Among his lot were a fine aged sow of great length, Kinicroft Mite, which was unnoticed; an aged boar, Maxim, which won third; and a sow under six months, of good quality, which carried second in that section. The winning sow under one year was owned by H. J. Davis, Woodstock. She is very even and deep, has good hams, and is good over the shoulder. This exhibitor had a number of young things showing fine quality and a lengthy aged boar in his string.

TAMWORTHS.

We missed the familiar faces of some of the old-time exhibitors of these bacon pigs this year, but in spite of this there was a good representative turnout of the breed. H. George & Son, Crampton, had a strong exhibit. Their aged boar won second, while their fine yearling boar won its way to first place and also headed their first-prize herd. Their aged sow, which won first, was particularly good, and they had several nice younger things. W. T. Elliott, Hamilton, whose aged boar has never yet been beaten, again won with him, and this exhibit or also had the yellow ticket in the same class with the pig that won first in the yearling class last year. His yearling sow, which carried first, is not large, but is even. A large, well-grown entry under the year carried second and a younger sow first in the following section. J. C. Nichol, Hubrey, had a very smooth lot of young pigs forward. A lengthy, even boar, eighteen months old, secured the blue ticket in the yearling class, and a boar under the year, with good bone, the same honor in the young section. His second prize aged sow and sows under the year were all worthy of mention, and some thought that the second prize young sow should have stood higher. First prize for sow and four of her produce went to Mr. Nichol.

POLAND-CHINAS.

Only two exhibitors of Poland-Chinas had made entries—W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, and W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. Notwithstanding this, the exhibit made was an exceedingly good one, although somewhat limited in point of numbers. Messrs. Jones had no competition in the aged boar class. There their unbeaten champion boar, Darkness Quality, was an easy first. He was bred by Willis E. Gresham, Kansas; headed the first-prize herd, and with his get was to the fore in that section. He is now three and a half years old and keeps his shape well. Second honors went to a boar from the same herd, with a good body, but somewhat plain in the head. Two lengthy boars of Messrs. Jones' carried second and third in the yearling section. They had a nice lot of young boars under six months, three of which took all the prizes offered. Among their females the most noticeable were their first prize aged sow, first prize yearling sow which won the sweepstakes at Guelph last December, their third prize yearling sow, and their young sows, especially the very young one that won the red ticket in the section for sows under six months. W. M. & J. C. Smith were not far behind in the prize list. They had a smooth, even yearling boar which stood well on his feet and which stood at the head of his class. Their boar under twelve months also won the premier honors. In the section for yearling sows and sows under twelve months they won second and first respectively with two very level, smooth entries. The herd and both prizes in the sections for boar and four of his get and sow and four of her produce went to Messrs. Jones.

CHESTER WHITES.

There were four exhibitors of Chester Whites—H. George & Son, Crampton; Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre; D. DeCoursey, Bornholm; and W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains; the latter having only one entry. Messrs. George had, among other entries, a good aged boar, which won second; a deep boar under twelve months, with good shoulders and hams, which carried premier honors; a fine yearling sow, very thick, with a grand back and plenty of depth, which went to the fore; and two good aged sows, which were placed first and third, positions which many thought should have been reversed. Messrs. Butler's capital aged boar, Prince Alexander (imported from N. G. Alexander, Delavan, Ill.), which was first last year, again took the same place. He has evenness and smoothness in plenty. Another boar imported from Mr. Whinnery, Ill., a level, lengthy animal with a prime back, carried the same honors in the yearling section. Their younger boars were a very even lot, showing lots of quality. Among their aged sows, one of which was placed second, was a beautiful imported one, bred by Mr. Whinnery. Their yearling sow, which was first last year in the younger section, came in third. This firm won first for sow and four of her produce and first for boar and four of his get. D. DeCoursey had twenty head present. He scored third on aged boars, his entry not being specially fitted, as he had unfortunately lost the one he had been fitting for the show. His yearling boar was good enough to win second, and also headed the herd that won second for boar and four of his get. His second prize young boar under six months was a very even one, while his pair of sows under twelve months, one of which won first, were of a good, level type.

ESSEX AND SUFFOLKS.

These two breeds showed together this year, the Suffolks carrying off nearly all the prizes. J. Featherstone, Streetsville, had seventeen Suffolks and fifteen Essex present and won a number of the prizes, including first for boar and four of his get and sow and four of her produce. R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe, entered seventeen Suffolks and won several firsts and other prizes. A. Frank & Son, The Grange, won third on aged boars. A. B. Cooper, Islington, and R. F. Duck, Port Credit, had a few Essex forward.

DUROC-JERSEYS.

The competition here lay principally between Tape Bros., Ridgetown, and Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre; H. George & Son, Crampton, having only a few entries, which won a second and a third prize. Tape Bros.' grand aged boar which won first in 1894 again took a similar place here. Their younger boars were very promising. Their aged sows carried off first and second honors, the first named being an especially good one, while her companion was not in such high condition. First for sows under twelve months went to a splendid young thing of their raising. Wm. Butler & Son were very unlucky with the pigs which they had fitted for the show, having lost an aged boar, a yearling boar, a boar under a year, and an aged sow, the latter from milk fever after reaching the grounds. Considering everything, they did very well, winning first and third for yearling boars, first for boars under twelve months, second for aged boars, second for yearling sows, and several third prizes, besides second for herd.

POULTRY.

If the exhibit of poultry at the Toronto Show keeps on improving in the future as it has done in the past, it will not only be the biggest show on the continent of America, but the biggest show on earth, at no great distant date. The various additions made to the building since last exhibition is a great improvement, and most of the exhibits can now be seen to greater advantage than formerly. The number of entries were largely in excess of last year. There were 1,617 fowls, 132 ducks, 370 canaries, 58 rabbits, 410 pigeons, and 28 guinea pigs.

The prize list commences with the Brahmas, and this old favorite breed seems to hold its own well, especially the light, being splendid winter layers and grand mothers. There were nine entries in this class: Messrs. Oldrieve & Wilkinson, Kingston; Glendenning, London; Symington, Hamilton; and John Cole, Hamilton, being the principal prize-takers in this class.

In Cochins we have Messrs. Hare, Whitby, and Bell, Toronto, in Buffs, and Foster, Brampton, and Bell, Toronto, in Partridge; while Messrs. McNeil, London; R. B. Millard, London, and Emrick, Bridgeburg, carried off the honors in Whites. The Cochin is also a valuable fowl for good winter layers.

In Dark Brahmas, Messrs. Thorpe & Scott, London, and Roffey, Doncaster, carried off the ribbons.

Langshans came next with twelve entries. Messrs. Cole, Hamilton; Knight, Guelph, and McCormick, Newmarket, have the best White; and Karn, Guelph; McCormick, Newmarket; Foster, Brampton, and Pearson, Weston, take it in Black.

In Dorkings, that fine old table variety, Messrs.

Bogue, London, and Laurie, Malvern, take first in colored. In Silver-gray, A. Noden, Toronto, is first.

In Wyandottes we have some thirty entries. This breed is growing in public favor very fast, and is a very valuable addition to our breed of fowls. In Silver-laced, Bogue, Strathroy, and Arthur, London, also Meyer, Kossuth; in Golden-laced, Oldrieve & Wilkinson, Kingston; in White, Massie, Port Hope, and Millard, London, were among the prize-takers; in Black, Bogue, Strathroy, and Grimsley, Toronto, secured the honors.

In Plymouth Rocks thirty-seven entries. This as a general purpose fowl holds its own, being a good layer, good table bird, and good mother. In Barred, Messrs. Oldrieve & Wilkinson; Duff & Co., Toronto; E. Dickinson, Jr., North Glanford. In Buff, R. H. Essex, Toronto, and R. Oke, London, took the honors; and in White, R. B. Millard, London, and Oldrieve & Wilkinson, Kingston.

Game fowls are now becoming popular, "not for fighting purposes," but for a good all-round fowl. A finer table bird does not exist than the Indian Game when well cooked. The flavor of its flesh is equal to an English pheasant, and those who have tasted that savory morsel know how toothsome it is. Messrs. Main & Barber are the prize-takers in the Black Breasted, and Richardson, Hamilton, Oldrieve & Wilkinson in Indian Game; while in Duckwing and Pyle, Messrs. Barber, Toronto, and Oldrieve & Wilkinson were winners.

In Hamburgs, Messrs. McNeil, Bogue, and Oke, of London, have the bulk of the prizes. This bird is a great favorite with some, laying a great many, not very large, eggs; is hardy, healthy, and easily kept.

In Red Caps and Javas, Messrs. Webber, Guelph; Oke, London; and J. R. Devins & Co., for Javas; and Devins & Co., Emery, for Red Caps.

We now come to the Leghorns, which, judging from the number of entries, must be one of our most popular varieties. There is no doubt it is one of the most prolific egg-producers we have, and if kept in a warm place will lay on continually. It is a non-sitter, and a very healthy, vigorous bird. We have now the Brown, White, Buff, and Rose Comb varieties. In White and Buff alone we have fifty-two entries, and the principal prize-takers are: For White—Laird, Brampton, and Rice, Whitby. In the others—Glendenning, London, and A. G. H. Luxton, Grimsby.

The Black Spanish is next on the list, and is one of our best layers of fine, large white eggs, but is very tender in winter, and, with its large comb, is liable to get frozen unless kept in a very warm place. The prize-takers here are: F. C. Hare, Whitby, and W. H. Read, Kingston.

The Black Minorcas are very similar to the B. Spanish, and must have been bred originally from them. They are a very handsome bird, and lay fine, large white eggs. We have them now both White and Black. The number of entries in this class is: Black, 31; White, 14. The prize-takers here were: In Black—T. A. Duff, Toronto; R. Minto, Galt. And in White—Duff & Fletcher, Toronto.

In Polands, Messrs. McNeil and Bogue, of London, had it nearly all to themselves, and they also carried off the bulk of the prizes. The Poland is more of a fancy fowl than a useful one. At any rate, it will never make a profitable fowl for the farmer. There were entries for breeding pens in almost all the classes, and a fine show in each.

In Turkeys we have nineteen entries in Bronze. The old veteran, Main, has as usual some grand ones, and the prizes are divided between him and Bell, Angus, and Beattie, Wilton Grove. In White, Messrs. Beattie and Smith, Fairfield Plains, share the prizes.

The show of Geese and Ducks was simply immense. One pair of Toulouse geese shown by Bogue, of London, must have weighed forty pounds or over. He and Haycraft, Agincourt, in Toulouse, and Bogue and Main, in Bremen, share the prizes. In Chinese geese, Messrs. Colwell, Paris Station, and Luxton, Hamilton, take the prizes. For ducks—Rouen, Main is to the front again; in Aylesbury, Bogue and C. E. Smith. The finest show of Pekin ducks ever seen in Toronto—twenty-nine entries, and all grand specimens. As some of the on-lookers remarked, they were like geese. Messrs. Bogue and Webber, of Guelph, and Colwell, of Paris Station, were the leading prize-takers. In Cayuga ducks, Messrs. Howitt and Bogue, Strathroy, and Hodson, Brooklin, were the prize-takers.

The show of Bantams was excellent, and for this season of the year the greater part of the birds were in excellent plumage. The judges were Messrs. Butterfield, Jarvis, and Smelt, and they did their duty faithfully and well. The genial Superintendent, Mr. C. J. Daniels, of Toronto, had everything in ship-shape order, and gave all the information wanted with a good grace. In recognition of the pre-eminently satisfactory way in which he discharged his duties, the exhibitors presented him with a beautiful silver service (dinner and tea sets), accompanied by an appropriately worded expression of their appreciation. It was certainly the most successful exhibit of poultry they have ever held in Toronto, and the canaries, pheasants, and ornamental fowls were grand. The pigeons also, to the fancier, were something worth going miles to see. Even the rats came in for a share of admiration. Mr. J. E. Meyer, of Kossuth, took first prize for best incubator and brooder, of which there were seven on exhibition.