

most attractive departments of the show was the display of live stock; there was a first-class showing of horses, but we have been unable to obtain a correct copy of the prize list up to time of going to press, and we therefore cannot give names of exhibitors. But the excellence of the cattle in both Shorthorn and Grade classes was remarked by all present; J. G. Baron's Shorthorns were very much admired, and they certainly do credit not only to Mr. Baron as an importer and breeder, but to the Carberry district. His imported yearling bull, *Topsman*—17847—, bred by J. & W. Russell, Richmond Hill, Ont., and a son of *Stanley*—7949—, the bull who has immortalized himself as the sire of the young herd which won first honors at World's Fair as the best young herd against all beef breeds. His dam is by *Vice-Consul*. This young bull has improved much since coming into Mr. Baron's hands, and we expect great things of him. The females of this herd were a very uniform, even, thick-fleshed lot of Bates cattle; many were by his well-known sire *Barrington Waterloo*. Among the best were *Waterloo Sunshine*, an aged cow of much character and substance; *Red Rose of Woodburn*, a nice 3-year-old, the 2-year-old, *Red Baroness 2nd*, *May Queen 2nd*, and *Laurietta 3rd*; but our space is too limited to mention all the good things of this herd. The same exhibitor brought out some capital Grades, and we would say right here that this was a splendid class, with many very extra cows and heifers in the ring. Mr. T. D. Stickle captured first on aged cow, and first on yearling heifer; Mr. Geo. Hope's exhibit in Grade cattle was also well worthy of mention, as were also his sheep and lambs. Only a fair exhibit of swine was made.

Some Tariff Reform Criticisms.

Editor of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

I observed in the issue of 20th September that the FARMER'S ADVOCATE has taken up politics—the founder of the F. A. would never have done so. But since you have taken it up, permit me to answer the rev. gentleman who exhorted the farmers' meeting at Brandon lately. Nobody denies that a tariff reform is necessary, and we will have it, according to promises made by Sir John Thompson; but what I object to in the rev. gentleman's speech is his comparison of prices between Dakota and Manitoba. I do not know any law which compels a Manitoba settler to purchase his implements from the States if he can get them as good in Canada and as cheap as the farmers in Dakota.

1. *Breaking Ploughs*.—Seven years ago I began buying from Harris, Sons & Co., Brantford, a long handled breaker for \$18.00, instead of \$35.00 for a Deering; my breaker has done good service.

2. *Wagons*.—I have seen a new wagon bought during last spring by a Mennonite (I did interpret for him) from a firm on market square, Winnipeg, for \$65.00, and lately inquiring the price of implements when visiting Duck Lake, N. W. T., the price of a wagon, complete, was \$75.00, and not \$90.00.

3. Price of a Brantford Mower at Duck Lake was \$55.00, and not \$70.00.

4. Price of rake at Duck Lake, \$25.00, same as in Dakota.

5. Price of the Brantford Binder, no better can be had. Last year a friend of mine paid cash for two binders at the rate of \$120.00 each, and not \$180.00.

6. In the lumber and coal oil combines I go with the rev. gentleman,—it is simply an outrage. The implements from 1 to 5, I only wanted to show that the prices put on by the rev. gentleman are misleading.

He also says it acts against our immigration, yet immigrants from Dakota are coming every week to the Northwest, in spite of their implements, and they will help us to compete, not only with Dakota, but with the world.

Now, about Mr. D. F. Wilson, who wishes and urges strongly to have partyism abolished and all farmers unite, since they are 80 per cent. of the population. Does not Mr. Wilson belong to one of the existing parties? There is a country—Russia—with one party only. Thanks! sooner have Canada with its two parties fighting one the other.

Mr. Wilson also regrets that so few farmers are members in the House of Commons. I join hands on this point with Mr. Wilson, but neither of us is able to change it. Now, the reason. The majority of our farmers are not educated enough, they work more with their physical power than with their mental power, they use more their hands than their brains. As soon as agriculture becomes a science and the farmer has to use his brains, then will come the time that the great portion of the members will be farmers.

The little province of Ontario struck the right thing when introducing "The Principles of Agriculture," by Mills and Shaw, to be used in the Ontario schools. It will take time, much time, but it will come. Not only the scholars of this generation but also the teachers in the country schools, have to be trained to it. It is a success in France and Germany, why not here?

Ending, I can only recommend highly this little book above mentioned, which I see you have advertised in your Agricultural Library; its cost is only 10 cents. Respectfully,

WILLIAM WAGNER, OSSOWO, MAN.

Sheep at the World's Columbian Exhibition.

Like the nationalities of mankind, the breeds of sheep were numerous at the great Chicago Show. All the well-known breeds were out in numbers, and with one or two exceptions made most creditable displays. Never before in America, and probably nowhere in the world, have met in competition so many experienced breeders and well-fitted and well-bred flocks. In numbers the exhibits were as follows:—Ootswolds, 72; Leicesters, 31; Lincolns, 53; Southdowns, 148; Shropshires, 141; Oxfords, 84; Hampshires, 42; Dorset Horns, 67; Cheviots, 84; making a total of 722 sheep of British origin. Merinos of various description numbered 343. The Persian fat tailed sheep numbered 7. Total, 1,072.

COTSWOLDS.
The Ootswolds were a good class, especially those imported from England, but the home-bred animals, both Canadian and American, were not what they should have been. Anything good enough to win at Toronto this year would have won at Chicago. At London, Ont., better home-bred animals were shown than in Chicago.

J. G. Snell & Brother, Edmonton, Ont., won 1st on pen of five ewes, two years old and over, bred by exhibitor; 1st and 2nd on pen of two rams and three ewes under two years old, bred by exhibitor; 3rd on ram three years old; 5th on ram and three ewes over two years old.

Mr. R. Miller, Brougham, Ont., showed a well-fitted flock of good quality. These sheep were fitted by Wm. Thompson, Uxbridge, and were in his charge at Toronto Industrial; part of them were the sheep shown so successfully by him at Toronto and other fairs in 1892. Eight were imported this year, five last; they were selected in England by Mr. Miller. At Chicago this flock won 2nd on three-year-old ram; 1st on two-year-old ram; 2nd on yearling ram; 2nd on ram lamb; 3rd and 4th on three-year-old ewes; 1st and 2nd on two-year-old ewes; 3rd and 4th on yearling ewes; 2nd and 4th on ewe lambs; 2nd on ram and three ewes two years old and over; sweepstakes for best ewe any age. This flock was splendidly fitted and reflects great credit on Mr. Thompson as a feeder and fitter.

J. H. Woodford, Paris, Ky., was out with a very nice flock of 14, and won 3rd on two-year-old ram, bred by Mr. Bagnall, of England; 4th on ram and three ewes over two years old, bred by the exhibitor; 4th on ram lamb, bred by the exhibitor; 4th on pen of two rams and three ewes under two years old, bred by exhibitor. All the animals shown by this gentleman were bred by himself, from stock purchased from Messrs. G. Harding & Sons. The lambs were an exceedingly good lot, the yearlings were small but vigorous.

G. F. Davis & Co., Dyer, Ind., were out with a flock of 14; and won 4th on two-year-old ram.

Wm. Newton, of Pontiac, Mich., was also an exhibitor and brought out some things of good quality, all of which were imported, and won several prizes. Altogether the quality of the animals was good, but they were brought out in bad shape.

Messrs. Geo. Harding and Son, Waukesha, Wis., were out with a flock of thirty-nine. They were a good lot throughout, winning 1st on three-year-old ram, an imported sheep selected by Jas. Main, and fed by John Thompson, of Uxbridge; 2nd on two-year-old ram, fitted by J. G. Snell & Bro., and imported by John Thompson, of Uxbridge; 1st and 3rd on yearling ram, imported by Robt. Miller in 1893; 1st and 3rd on ram lambs, also imported by Mr. Miller, for Messrs. Harding; 1st and 2nd on three years old ewes. The 1st prize ewe was imported and fed by William Thompson, and sold to Messrs. Harding in 1893; the 2nd prize ewe was fed by Messrs. J. G. Snell & Bro. 3rd and 4th on two-year-old ewes, imported and fed by J. G. Snell & Bro., bought by Messrs. Harding in 1893; 1st and 2nd on yearling ewes, imported by Robt. Miller, for Messrs. Harding, in 1893; 1st and 3rd on ewe lambs, also imported by Mr. Miller, for Messrs. Harding, in 1893; 1st on ram and three ewes over two years old, imported and fed by J. G. Snell & Bro., and 2nd on pen of five two-year-old ewes, bred in America; 3rd on two rams and three ewes under two years, bred in America. Sweepstakes on ram, imported by Robt. Miller.

Messrs. Geo. Harding & Son had for a long time been preparing their flock for this show, and have bought good and well-bred animals wherever they could be found, either in Canada or England. They have spent their money freely in both countries, and have succeeded in getting together a large and good flock, and well deserve the patronage of American breeders. Judging by their extensive purchases in Canada during the past ten or twelve years, they should be able to supply their numerous customers with breeding animals good enough to suit the most critical.

We found this class the hardest on the grounds to report. It was next to impossible to find out who owned the animals, or by whom they were bred or fed. At the present time we believe Messrs. Harding & Son own the entire exhibit, having bought the flocks owned by other exhibitors.

THE LINCOLNS.
Were a fine class, and brought out in splendid form. What they lacked in numbers they made up in quality. Messrs. Gibson & Walker, Denfield, Ont., and Ilderton, Ont., were the most successful prize winners, capturing the following trophies:—

1st on ram three years old and over; 1st and 2nd on rams two years old; 1st, 2nd and 3rd on yearling rams; 1st, 2nd and 3rd on ram lambs; 1st and 2nd on ewe three years old and over; 1st and 2nd on ewe two years old; 1st and 2nd on yearling ewe; 1st and 3rd on ewe lambs; 1st on pen of one ram and three ewes; 1st, 2nd and 3rd on pens of two rams and three ewes, bred by the exhibitor. Sweepstakes for best ram, any age. Sweepstakes, best ewe, any age; also champion cup, given by Cooper and Nephews, proprietors of Cooper's Sheep Dip, as sweepstakes for best ram, any age. This was a truly fine exhibit in each section; the sheep were large and of superior quality. The ram which won the sweepstakes was two years old, and weighed 413 lbs. He was even and thick fleshed, and bore a first-rate fleece. The champion ewe was also two years old, and weighed 308 lbs. She was a typical Lincoln, a deep, thick, short-legged sheep, carrying a heavy fleece of good quality.

D. A. Campbell, Mayfair, Ont., was an exhibitor in this class. He captured 2nd on ewe lamb, 3rd on ram and three ewes. The aged ewes in this lot were good in quality and well fitted. The same may be said of the lambs, especially the ewe which took second place. Mr. Campbell deserves much credit for his achievements in Chicago.

Wm. Oliver, Avonbank, Ont., that veteran breeder of Lincolns, was out with seventeen head—right good ones they were, large, heavy, and of good quality both in body and fleece. This flock made a hard fight for the coveted ribbons in each section, and won a share of the booty.

Geo. Davis, Dyer, Ind., showed four head of good sheep, but not well fitted.

THE LEICESTERS,
like the Lincolns, were not numerous, but the quality was superb—a better class than any that ever before graced American pens.

James Snell, Clinton, Ont., showed nineteen, and won 1st and 2nd on ewe three years old and over; 1st and 3rd on two years old; 2nd and 3rd on ewe lamb; 2nd on ram two years old; 2nd and 3rd on yearling ram; 2nd and 4th on ram lamb; 1st on ram and three ewes two years old and over; 1st on five ewes bred by the exhibitor; 2nd and 4th on pen consisting of two rams and three ewes two years old; sweepstakes for ewe any age. This flock were heavier woolled and of a somewhat different type than their competitors; this made the work of judging somewhat difficult. Several of this flock were English Leicesters, a sheep very unlike the Border Leicester; the lambs were large, strong, well woolled, but not fat. The yearling and aged sheep, both male and female, were of the same type as the lambs, carrying very heavy fleeces of fine wool on thick, compact bodies, which were supported by short, strong legs. They were each and all brought out in the pink of condition.

John Kelly, Shakespear, Ont., so long known as the champion Leicester breeder of America, was here with a grand flock, all Border Leicesters, as alike as peas in a pod. All were bred by Mr. Kelly but one, a yearling ram, the winner of first at the Royal and first at Toronto Industrial in 1893. The remainder of the flock, 23 in number, possessed the same general excellence. As a class the Leicesters were as good as any, and better than most. Canadians felt a singular pride in this fact, as nine-tenths of the sheep shown in this division, and quite—that many of the prize winners, were bred in Canada by Canadian farmers.

THE CHEVIOTS
shown were doubtless well-bred. In type many of them were all right, but, with few exceptions, they were badly brought out—untrimmed, and thin in condition. Their wool presented an ugly appearance, and to the touch they were bad to very bad. This condition of things is to be regretted, as Cheviots are hardy, vigorous sheep very suitable to rough and hilly sections.

The exhibitors were: Geo. Lough, Hartwick, N. Y.; H. Keim, Ladoga, Ind.; D. F. Wilber, Oneonta, N. Y.; T. N. Currie, Hartwick, N. Y.; Wm. Currie & Sons, Hartwick, N. Y.; Van Dresser Bros., Cubleskill, N. Y. No Canadian sheep were exhibited in this class.

SHROPSHIRE
were a wonderfully good class. W. Beattie, Wilton Grove, Ont., showed eight, five of which were lambs; all were bred by himself. These were a very nice exhibit of good quality, with plenty of character and well woolled. We had hoped to see this flock more largely represented at the World's Fair, and it would have been but for circumstances over which Mr. Beattie had no control. As it was, the animals shown were a credit to the exhibitor and to Canada. The winnings were as follows:—Third on ram lamb, third on two rams and three ewes. In this instance Mr. Beattie's lambs were compelled to compete with yearlings. Second on ram lamb, bred in America; fifth on ewe lamb. His aged sheep was good, also his yearling ram. This gentleman's home flock numbers 107, 44 of which are breeding ewes, all of which were selected by the exhibitor from the best English flocks.

Just across the aisle from Mr. Beattie's exhibit was that of A. O. Fox, Oregon, Wis., a gentleman who for many years has each season bought largely in Canada. He was known to Canadians upwards of twenty years ago as a buyer of Cotswolds, but for the last ten or twelve years has bought Shropshires only. Though buying largely in Canada, he has not confined his purchases to this country, but has commissioned such men as Robt. Miller, of Brough-