

There were at least two strong cards in the yearling heifer ring, one of which was J. & W. Russell's roan Centennial Isabella, by Stanley, which was the first prize heifer calf here last year in an uncommonly good lot, and which has well held her own and even made considerable improvement, being deep and broad and well furnished in all points, but showing a slight tendency to patchiness in her hindquarters, which may militate against her as she grows older. She was again placed first, but by a close call, for the white heifer shown by Mr. Coburn, bred by Arthur Johnston, sired by Indian Chief, and, if we mistake not, from the same dam as the sweepstakes bull of last year, is one of the best things on the carpet this year. She is exceedingly smooth, level and well proportioned, with a sweet countenance, smoothly turned shoulders, full neck veins and a completeness of finish which augurs well for her future history, and we shall not wonder if she gets to the top next year, a position which many good judges would have given her this time. The white ones, like cream, have a tendency to get to the top, as an analysis of the prize list attests, and here again the next best was found in a white heifer named Franchise, shown by H. & W. D. Smith, of Hay, a worthy representative of a herd which has sent a number of very meritorious things to the shows in the last two or three years.

The heifer calves were a good lot, but there were none that were equal to the best of last year. The first place was given to a rich roan bred and shown by Messrs. Smith, of Hay, named Vanity, by Village Hero, own brother to the first prize cow. The sweepstakes prize for best female of any age was awarded to the first prize yearling heifer shown by J. & W. Russell, an extraordinary heifer for age, and generally admitted to be worthy of the high honor placed upon her. The first prize for herd went to the same firm, and the second to Wm. Coburn, who made his first show at Toronto this year, and who has good reason to be proud of his success, which was founded on merit, and will no doubt serve to encourage him to go on to higher honors in the future.

The butter test for Shorthorn cows, competing for a prize offered by the American Shorthorn Association for the cow making the most butter in a two days' test on the fair grounds, brought out only two entries, those of Mr. Thomas Russell and Mr. Redmond. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Russell, his cow making a record of 5.01½ per cent. of butter fat, which, with an average yield of 21 lbs. of milk at a milking, was computed by Prof. Dean, who made the test, as being equal to two pounds of butter per day, a result which speaks well for the possibilities in the Shorthorns to make creditable dairy cows, and should encourage their friends to enter into such trials in larger numbers.

HEREFORDS.

The white faces were out in goodly numbers, and made a very strong show. The exhibitors were F. A. Fleming, Weston; H. D. Smith, Compton, Que.; Dawes & Co., Lachine, Que., and F. W. Stone, Guelph. Mr. Smith was awarded first prize and silver medal on his aged bull, Tushingham 2nd, as best bull any age. He is a magnificent animal of large proportions and almost faultless conformation, a model of the breed, standing a little higher on legs than we like, but having such immense substance as to fill the eye to much satisfaction. His strongest competitor was Mr. Fleming's Commodore, by Cassio, a worthy son of an illustrious sire, and bearing much of the quality and character of the old hero which stood for many years at the top of the list of good ones. Mr. Fleming also won first honors with his yearling bull, Baron Broady, a promising youngster by Wilton Hillhurst, and out of the prize cow of other years, Miss Broady.

The first prize and silver medal for best cow and best female any age went to Mr. Fleming's Lilly 6th, a charming cow, with wonderful back, smoothly turned shoulders and fine quality. The second prize cow was found in the same herd in Lilly Wilton, by Conqueror, a very useful looking cow. Mr. Fleming also won first for three-year-old cow, first for two-year-old heifer, first for yearling heifer and first for heifer

calf, a record which gave him a clear title to the herd prize, which was awarded him, as well as the second prize for herd. Dawes & Co. showed a good herd, and secured first prize on two-year-old bull, second on yearling bull, second on three-year-old cow and 3rd on herd.

POLLED-ANGUS.

There were four exhibitors in this class, Hon. M. H. Cochrane, of Hillhurst, Que., Dr. Craik, Lachine, Que., Dawes & Co., Lachine, and Wm. Stewart & Son, of Lucasville, Ont. The class was good throughout, and embraced a number of exceptionally good animals. Notable amongst these was Dr. Craik's aged bull Emlyn, a model of a beef bull, standing on short legs, with a carcass of wonderful symmetry, with well sprung ribs, and thickly fleshed loins, smooth contour and fine style. He was awarded first prize and silver medal for best bull in the class.

Mr. Stewart's first prize two-year-old bull is an exceedingly good representative of the breed, being long, low and level, and could be fitted to make a very strong show in first-class company anywhere.

The first prize bull calf, Queen's Advocate, of the Hillhurst herd, was a grandly good one, large for his age, yet very smooth and well turned. Hillhurst farm had also the first prize cow in British Bird, a very level, deep-bodied cow, showing all the best characteristics of the breed. She was also the winner of the silver medal for best female in the class.

Dr. Craik got first honors in the section for three-year-old cow with Black Jade, and also first for two-year-old heifer. Hillhurst farm won first in yearling heifers and first on heifer calf, and the first herd prize, Dr. Craik taking second for herd, and Mr. Stewart third.

GALLOWAYS.

There were only two exhibitors in this class, Mr. D. McCrae, Guelph, and Mr. Alex. Alexander, of Carryowen, who had but one entry and secured first prize with his two-year-old bull Guy of Claverhouse, bred by Mr. Keough, a right good young bull, having a long, level outline, and showing fine quality.

Mr. McCrae's herd was in good condition, and the twenty-five head on exhibition were a uniformly good lot, showing great similarity of character and quality, with strong constitution and good feeding qualities. His first prize and silver medal bull, Count Palatine, is an uncommonly good one. His younger bulls are fit to head first-class herds, and the first prize cow, Good Girl, is a typical Galloway in every respect. The young heifers and heifer calves were all of fine quality.

DEVONS.

Only one exhibitor, Mr. Rudd, of Eden Mills, holds the standard of this herd aloft at the Toronto fair this year, but it is a good herd, in fine condition, and includes many high class animals, which would be hard to beat in good company anywhere.

THE DAIRY BREEDS.

Competition was strong in all the dairy breeds, both in respect of numbers and quality, and this is a sure indication of the increasing interest taken in many sections of the province, both east and west, in the business of butter and cheese making to meet the demand of the market for these products of the farm.

AYRSHIRES.

The show of Ayrshires was the largest in number of any breed on the ground, there being fully 130 entries, and the average excellence was of a very high order. The principal exhibitors were D. Morton & Sons, Hamilton, who showed 22 head; W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains, 13 head; T. Guy, Oshawa, 13 head; J. Yuill, Carlton Place, 15 head; J. McCormack, Rockton, 15 head; W. Stewart, Menie, 16 head; M. Ballantyne, St. Marys, 9 head; J. Cunningham, Norval, 3 head.

A word about the appointment of judges for the dairy classes may not be out of place. It is generally conceded that dairy cattle are the most difficult to judge of all the breeds, requiring men of experience and skill to select the most approved types of the herds, and to mark the indications of dairy qualities. That the ut-

most care should be used in the selection of judges goes without saying, but how often do we find that serious mistakes are made in the appointments, and what dissatisfaction and heartburnings are frequently caused by the work of the men who are entrusted with the important duty—deciding on the merits of valuable exhibits. There was much complaint in the Ayrshire class this year, and it was so general as to fix the impression that something was wrong somewhere. The Breeders' Association and the Directors of the Fair should co-operate in the effort to secure efficient judges.

Amongst the notable animals in this class we must refer to Mr. Morton's first prize and sweepstakes bull, Royal Chief, a typical Ayrshire bull, with all the indications of a successful sire of workers, his produce giving practical evidence of his worth. Mr. Guy's Baron of Parkhill made a good second and possesses great merit. Mr. McCormack's two-year-old bull, first prize in his class and a close candidate for the championship here, and which he won at London, though not against the winner here, is a model bull of the breed, and we predict has a brilliant future before him. Mr. Guy's first prize yearling bull is also a very promising youngster.

The centre of interest in this class is the ring for matured cows, and the display on this occasion was an exceptionally fine one, including a round dozen without an inferior one. The judges, after much consideration, sent Mr. Morton's fresh imported cow, Maggie Brown of Barmoorhill, to the front, a decision which it was difficult to avoid, when the immense proportions of her udder were taken into account, measuring, as we were assured it did, 7 feet 3½ inches in circumference and extending fore and aft in evenly balanced proportions, leaving nothing in that regard to be desired. There was, however, a cow in the same herd which, in our humble judgment, might well have been placed before her, taking into account in all the attributes of a typical Ayrshire. We refer to the young cow imp. Beauty of Ayrshire, a model cow of the breed and a favorite with many of the best judges on the ground, but by some unaccountable means left out of the list of prize-winners. Her family descendants, as shown at this fair, also speak volumes for her usefulness, showing a uniformity of character and type that was certainly unique.

The first prize cow in the three-year-old ring, owned by Mr. Stewart, Menie, and which was also winner of the silver medal for best female in the class, is an extraordinary young cow, with well balanced udder and promising for a large yield of milk. Mr. Morton's second prize cow in this ring was Imp. Flora, another model cow with fine indications of usefulness. The third prize went to a very pretty cow, Daisy Deane, owned by John Cunningham, of Norval. She showed under the disadvantage of being dry and due to calve next month, but presents all the points of a first-class dairy cow.

The herds shown for prizes made a grand sight as they were ranged around the ring, and the 1st prize went to D. Morton & Sons; 2nd to J. McCormack; 3rd to Wm. Stewart.

THE JERSEYS.

As usual the Jerseys were an interesting class, and they were brought out in considerable force on this occasion, the entries numbering an even one hundred. Amongst the exhibitors were Mrs. Jones, of Brockville; Capt. Rolph, Markham; Geo. Smith, Grimsby; Geo. Osbourne, Kingston; Dawes & Co., Lachine; John Leys, Toronto; J. H. Smith, Highfield; and Robert Thompson, Hamilton.

An expert judge, Mr. F. S. Peer, Mt. Morris, N. Y., made the awards in this class, and did his work on the score card principle, marking for merit by a scale of points, a system which has been tried for several years by our friends on the other side of the line with varying degrees of success, but which we do not remember to have seen adopted here before. We take it for granted that Mr. Peer is a good judge of Jerseys, either with or without the score card, from the fact that there was less grumbling and more general satisfaction amongst exhibitors than we have known for several years. A peculiarity of the system of judging was that it led to a dead-lock in the section for three-year-old cow, the score