

18 of pound prints, and 9 of fancy prints. They were judged by Mr. Arch. Smith, Beachville, and Miss Laura Rose, O. A. C. Dairy School. At the close of the judging, Mr. Smith addressed the exhibitors at considerable length, pointing out and illustrating both excellencies and defects, and showing why the winners won and the losers lost in the contest.

MILK TEST.

The cows competing were milked out clean in the presence of the judge, Mr. Morrison, at six o'clock in the evening of Sept. 19th, the judging being done on the 20th inst. The morning and evening's milkings were weighed and tested. The awards were given by the following scale: Ten points for constitution and conformation, 20 points for each pound of fat, 4 points for each pound of solids not fat, and 1 point for each 10 days in milk after the first 30 days up to 300 days.

Name of Cow.	Owner.	Lbs. Milk in 24 Hours.		Lbs. Fat in 24 Hours.		Lbs. Solids Not Fat in 24 Hours.		Total Points.	Date Calving.	Breed.
		70°	61	31	53	1.981	1.464			
1. Highland Cornelia	Rettie Bros., Norwich	704	61	31	53	1.981	1.464	74.94	Aug. 22, '99	Holstein
2. Daisy Banks	Rettie Bros., Norwich	61	61	31	53	1.464	0.982	59.42	Aug. 17, '99	"
3. Jane	Jas. Britton, Brautford	31	31	53	53	0.982	1.481	58.70	Jan. 26, '99	Holstein Grade.
4. Nellie Gray	N. Dymont, Clappison's	53	53	53	53	1.481	1.481	56.02	Aug. 17, '99	Ayrshire.

The Minnesota State Fair.

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
The annual exhibition of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society closed on September the 9th, and was one of the most successful fairs in the history of the organization. The weather during the entire week was ideal; the attendance was large every day, and was more general from the farms of the State than we have ever seen. The show in all the points going to make up a fair that might properly be called agricultural was good. The agricultural hall was well filled. The horticultural building was full of valuable lessons. The exhibits in the dairy department were well worth the study of the crowd of visitors that filled the building. The grand stand was crowded every afternoon and evening, to witness the very interesting races and other attractions provided for the entertainment of visitors. The live stock show was very good, and in some departments better than we have ever seen it.

CATTLE.

Not for years has there been such a fine showing of cattle at the Minnesota State Fair, and an encouraging feature in this department was the wide-spread interest manifested by the large number of breeders and farmers in attendance, the barns being thronged from morning till night.

SHORTHORNS.

Of this breed there were brought together the best lot of cattle that have appeared in the ring for many years. The judge was C. B. Dustin, Summerhill, Ill. The exhibitors were T. J. Wornall, Missouri; H. T. Brown, Minneapolis, Minn.; N. P. Clark, St. Cloud, Minn.; T. R. Westrope & Son, Iowa; J. G. Robbins & Son, Indiana; E. B. Mitchell & Son, Illinois; George Harding & Son, Wisconsin. The call for aged bulls brought out Wornall's Viscount Anoka, Westrope's Young Abbotsburn 2nd, and Brown's Nominee, the champion of last year, a Canadian and well known in Canadian showings, having been a sweepstakes winner at Toronto. After looking them carefully over, Mr. Dustin finally placed Wornall's entry first, probably owing to his freshness, he being a much younger bull, and Nominee second. Two-year-old bulls brought out three entries: Robbins' Strathallan Chief, Clarke's Jubilee Knight, and an entry from Wisconsin. They were placed in the order named. Jubilee Knight, the second prize bull, is a right good one. He is a Manitoban, having been bred by J. G. Washington, of Nings, and purchased over a year ago by Manager Leslie Smith, for service in the Meadow Lawn herd of N. P. Clark. The entry from Wisconsin, Cavalier, of the Vacuna family, is another Canadian. Yearling bulls were a very good class. Mitchell got first with the White Prince Armour, Brown second on Earl of Browndale, and Robbins third. The bull calves were also a very good class of seven, Clark's Justice being an outstanding winner, and one of the best calves we have seen out for some time; he was afterwards made sweepstakes in the calf class over all beef breeds. Westrope was second, and Harding third with a Canadian-bred calf, by Lord Hamilton. In the female classes the honors were pretty much divided. The Missouri herd won first in class for graded herds, with Brown of Minneapolis 2nd, and Westrope of Iowa 3rd. Mitchell, of Illinois, won on young herd; with Robbins second. For get of sire, F. W. Brown won with get of Golden Rule. Brown's Snicy of Browndale, twice first prize cow in previous years, and on that account debarred from competition, except in herd and sweepstake competition, was made female champion.

THE HEREFORD EXHIBIT

was made up by T. F. B. Sotham, of Missouri; C. G. Comstock, also of Missouri; A. J. Götter, of Iowa; and H. N. Thompson, of Illinois. The Missouri herds took most of the ribbons, with Sotham well to the fore. In Polled Angus, Wallace Estill, of Missouri, was the principal exhibitor, carrying off the bulk of the honors.

The lion's share of the sweepstakes for all beef breeds fell to the Shorthorns, with Messrs. Dustin, Curtiss and Gosling forming the committee on awards. Aged bulls—Sotham's Hereford, Thickset, 1st; Wornall's Shorthorn, Viscount Anoka, 2nd. Two-year-olds—Robbins' Shorthorn, 1st; Sotham's Hereford, 2nd. Yearlings—Mitchell's white Shorthorn, 1st; Comstock's Hereford, 2nd. Calves—Clark's Shorthorn, Justice, 1st; Sotham's Hereford, 2nd. Aged cows—Brown's Shorthorn, 1st; Sotham's Hereford, 2nd. Two-year-olds—Shorthorn, 1st; Hereford, 2nd. Yearlings and calves—Shorthorn, 1st and 2nd; while the young herd was won by Mitchell's Shorthorns; with Estill's Angus herd, 2nd; Brown's Shorthorns, 3rd; and Sotham's Herefords, 4th. For the breeders' stakes, requiring a \$100 entry fee, with \$100 added by the Society, stakes to be divided 50%, 25%, 15%, and 10%, three herds were entered, and placed—Sotham's Herefords, 1st; Brown's Shorthorns, 2nd. The dairy breeds were well represented—J. G. Robbins, of Indiana, had a fine herd of Jerseys, and J. J. Hill, the railway magnate, St. Paul, Minn., a very fine herd of Ayrshires.

SHEEP.

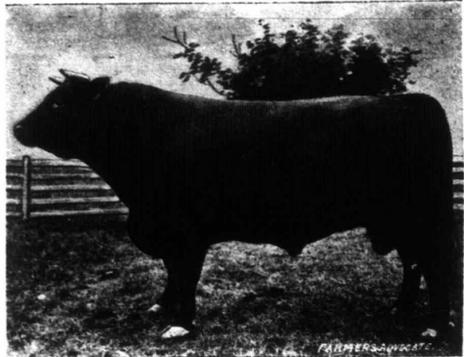
The sheep department was well filled, a good many newly-imported rams being on deck. The principal exhibitors were Geo. Harding & Son, Wisconsin; W. J. Boynton, Minnesota; Wm. Dixon, Wisconsin; J. C. Wing and A. G. Bates, from Ohio. Harding, Dixon, Boynton and Wing got the bulk of the ribbons. Leslie Smith, St. Cloud, Minn., was judge.

SWINE.

There were fourteen exhibitors in the swine department. Prof. Shaw, Minnesota School of Agriculture, acted as judge.

HORSES.

Horses were exhibited by N. P. Clarke, St. Cloud; Willard & Fuller, Mapleton; Delany & Son, Northfield (all of Minnesota), and a few others. Mr. Clarke made his usual splendid exhibit of Clydesdales, showing twenty-four head in the aged stallion class. He won 1st with his Mascher, a four-year-old, with lots of quality and action; 2nd, with Murchiston, a son of Macgregor; 3rd, on Montrave Matchless, a son of the well-known Moss Rose and Prince of Apion. In 3-year-olds, Manson, a son of the great breeding horse, Baron's Pride, won; while two home-bred sons of Prince Patrick were 2nd and 3rd. In the 2-year-old class was found the sweepstakes stallion, Gangymeade, a son of Baron's Pride. This is a grand, big, active colt; 2nd went to his stable companion and half-brother, Persimmon; 3rd to Prince Macgregor, a son of Lillie Macgregor and Prince Patrick. Yearling stallions brought out three nice colts, the 1st going to a son of the splendid breeding horse, Stanley Prince; 2nd and 3rd to two sons of Prince Patrick. In the aged mare class, Lady Darnly, the champion mare of last year, again won 1st and the female championship; Marjory Macgregor, 2nd. Three-year-old mares—Princess Zenda, the champion mare at Omaha last fall, won 1st; Carmen Sylvia, her stable companion, 2nd. Two-year-old and yearling fillies were a superior lot.



SHORTHORN BULL, LORD WILLISON No. 24315. Three years old. Second prize at Toronto and London, 1899. PROPERTY OF J. FRED & SONS, ROSEVILLE, ONT.

Ottawa Exhibition.

With increased entries in all departments, especially among live stock, and with every indication of its being a successful show, it was unfortunate that the weather was so disagreeable during the greater part of the two weeks, which was the duration of the Ottawa Exhibition. When it did not rain, the temperature was generally so cold as to discourage any but the hardiest from sitting out the performances in front of the grand stand. However, there was a big attendance on Thursday evening, September 21st, which cheered up the directors' spirits, and we hope that the financial statement will show a balance on the right side. It is extremely doubtful whether a two weeks' show will pay at Ottawa. Nine days, using two for preparation, as has been done at London, will probably give better results. While there is so much to commend in the way things are carried on and the kindly spirit of the officials, there are a few points which might be greatly improved. One is a better system of calling out the horses for judging. An enormous amount of valuable time was lost this year by tiresome delays between the classes. For this, exhibitors are largely, but not altogether, responsible. The method of entering the various entries on the judges' books is quite out of date. In the system now employed each exhibitor carries a number which covers all his animals, and consequently, it is impossible to find out, even in the entry books at the office, which of two or more animals shown by an exhibitor has won in its section. Then there has to be a lot of hunting up of numbers at the office afterwards in order to make out a prize list for the newspapers. The idea is to prevent the judges knowing the exhibitors' names, but, if a judge wishes to be dishonest, he can soon get round this supposed safeguard, and, in any case, after one section is judged, he can easily tell the numbers carried by each exhibitor.

A new rule put in force stopped all judging after 12.30 p. m. each day. While this might possibly work all right in fine weather, in the tricky weather experienced this season it threw judging, which might have been done in fair comfort on the Tuesday, into the disagreeable weather which occurred the day following. On Thursday, the rule had to be suspended, or the judging would not have been finished in the horse classes till the end of the show. As it was, there were still some ponies unjudged on Friday morning. Exhibitors like to have their stock all judged early in the week, and not be kept on tenterhooks unnecessarily long.

HORSES.

There has never been a better show of horses in the Capital City. All the stables were filled with a grand lot of animals, and but few could be classified as below the standard.

THOROUGHBRED.

Thoroughbred horses have not been largely in evidence at this show for some time, and this year was no exception to the rule. The competition in the aged stallion class lay between the handsome chestnut, Sleight of Hand, the well-known June Day, and Fred B, all three owned by the Russell District Improvement Co., and Gold Fox, shown by Dr. O'Neil, London. After considerable examination, 1st was sent to Gold Fox, who has more substance, but not more quality, than Sleight of Hand, who was placed 2nd, while 3rd went to June Day. Sleight of Hand was the choice of many for 1st place, but the umpire called in to decide between the two judges who had split gave the prize to Gold Fox. The prize for stallion and progeny was captured by Sleight of Hand, as he did last year, his progeny being of a fine, uniform type, well turned and clean. Gold Fox won the sweepstakes for stallions. There were no mares shown. S. B. Fuller, Woodstock, and R. Pringle, Toronto, tied the ribbon in this and all the light horse classes except Hackneys.

CARRIAGE HORSES.

There was a capital turnout of carriage horses and a fair show of carriage stallions. Alex. Blyth, Ottawa, showed Selby Chief in the aged stallion section, and won with him, J. McCandlish being 2nd with King Chief. Selby Chief won 1st for progeny and sweepstakes for stallions as well. W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, carried off a couple of 1sts, for a brood mare and a yearling filly. W. Cunningham, Ottawa, had the sweepstakes mare, and also won for a pair 15½ hands and over. Hon. M. H. Cochrane's entry won for single carriage horse of the same height. E. S. Skead, Ottawa; T. C. Bate, Ottawa; N. D. McCosham, Bainsville; and Melville Bleeks, Munster, were among those who got into the prize list.

COACH HORSES.

There was one section for stallions 3 years old and over, which was confined to Cleveland Bays, French and German Coach horses over 16 hands. The 3 prizes went to J. Forth, Glen Buell, for a German Coacher, to W. Hunt, Fitzroy, for a French Coacher, and to A. McGibbon, Merrickville, for a Cleveland Bay.

STANDARD-BREDS.

There were not many Standard-bred horses present; but what were out were good. Hawley Chimes and Larrabee the Great contested in the aged stallion class. They are owned respectively by A. Mackie, Pembroke, and the Maclaren Stock Farm, Buckingham, Que. There was only one 3-year-old shown, by W. Shakespeare, Ottawa East. Hawley Chimes won the diploma for stallions. Two 2-year-old fillies of good type, entered by Dr. Church, Carp, and the Maclaren Stock Farm, were 1st and 2nd. The last named exhibitors had all the three winning brood mares, 1st being the well-known Lucy Carr, a handsome mare, whose foal took 2nd for foals. Lucy Carr also captured the sweepstakes. Larrabee the Great and his progeny won in the section for produce. Hawley Chimes secured the gold medal offered as a special for stallions.

ROADSTERS.

The Maclaren Stock Farm was a prominent exhibitor in this class, winning 1st on aged stallion, the sweepstakes for stallions, and 1st in some of the filly sections, for brood mare, the sweepstakes for mares, and also the red ribbon for single roadster and for pairs. Hon. Clifford Sifton captured 1st for a pair of mares or geldings, 3 years or over, 15 hands and upwards. W. C. Edwards & Co. were to the front in the foal section, the foal belonging to the brood mare which won 3rd place. These exhibitors also showed the 2nd prize brood mare. A Pettipiece, Ottawa E., had the only 2-year-old stallion forward. Jos. Kerr, Templeton, had the best yearling filly. There were ten single roadsters and two pairs shown.

HACKNEYS

were present in fair numbers, and the quality was good. R. Beith, M. P., Bowmanville; Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst, Que.; D. & O. Sorby, Guelph; and the Russell District Stock Improvement Co., were the four exhibitors. This class, as well as the high-steppers, tandems, and four-in-hands, was judged by W. E. West, superintendent of Dr. Seward Webb's stud, Shelburne Farms, Vt. R. Beith's well-known Squire Rickell had no competition in the 4-year-old class. Two good 3-year-olds responded to the call. They were Sorby's Woodlands Performer and the Russell District Co.'s Lorenzo, the former by Barthorpe Performer, out of Miss