

Hickory Hill 2nd, and Prince of Hickory Hill, a grandson of Ness' champion Barcheskie King's Own. The Menie stables had all but a clean sweep in yearlings with their trio, headed by the Hunter-bred Cashier of Spring Hill, seconded by Harry Lauder. Among the mature cows, first was Stewart's Princess of Menie, by Dainty Lad of Elmshade; second, Dymont's Queenie, by Dairyman of Glenora; and third, Stewart's Annie Laurie. Three-year-old cows were led off by Stewart's Scotia Belle, supported in second by Dymont's Snowdrop of Hickory Hill. Dymont's first-prize yearling is Queen of Hickory Hill. Princess of Menie championed the female sex. Awards, as made by Judge Geo. McCormack, of Rockton, follow in order:

Bull, 3 years old and upwards—1, Stewart & Son. Bull, 2 years and under 3—1, Dymont. Bull, 1 year old—1 and 2, Dymont; 3, Luther Pinnegar, Dorchester. Bull calf—1, 2 and 3, Stewart & Son; 4, Dymont. Cow, 4 years and upwards—1 and 3, Stewart & Son; 2, Dymont. Cow, 3 years—1, Stewart & Son; 2, Dymont. Heifer, 2 years—1 and 2, Stewart & Son; 3, Dymont; 4, Geo. Jackson, Pond Mills. Yearling heifer—1, Dymont; 2, Stewart & Son; 3, Pinnegar; 4, Dymont. Heifer calf—1, 2 and 3—Stewart & Son; 4, Dymont. Bull, any age—Stewart & Son. Female, any age—Stewart & Son. Graded herd—1, Stewart & Son; 2, Dymont. Four calves—1 and 2, Stewart & Son; 3, Dymont.

HOLSTEIN-FRIESIANS.—That two of the best breeders in Western Ontario competed, says enough for the character of the "Dutch milk-makers" exhibit. Jas. Rettie, of Norwich, and G. W. Clemons, St. George, brought their stock out in good fit, and divided the prizes, with no one else to make even a bid for recognition. Space does not permit, nor circumstances warrant, a detailed review of the candidates, practically all of which were worked over at the Queen City exhibition. Suffice to note the changes. In aged bulls, Rettie's Count Mercena Posch was preferred by the judge, A. C. Hallman, of Breslau, to Clemons' Sir Mercedes Teake, placed ahead of him at the former show. Clemons' two cows were changed, Kaatie de Boer having since freshened, swinging an enormous though shapely udder. In three-year-olds, Rettie's Toronto first-prize heifer, Bessie Posch Niessop, was placed third, and Mr. Moyer's second choice, first, Clemons' Mary Anderson 3rd stepping up one notch into second. In a well-balanced competition of herds of calves, Mr. Hallman evened things up by awarding honors to St. George. Awards:

Bull, 3 years and upwards—1, Rettie; 2, Clemons. Bull, 2 years old—1, Rettie. Bull, yearling—1 and 2, Rettie. Bull calf—1 and 4, Clemons; 2 and 3, Rettie. Cow, 4 years and upwards—1, Rettie; 2, 3 and 4, Clemons. Cow, 3 years—1, 3 and 4, Rettie; 2, Clemons. Heifer, 2 years old—1, 2 and 3, Rettie; 4, Clemons. Heifer, 1 year old, in milk—1, Rettie. Heifer, 1 year old, dry—1 and 3, Rettie; 2 and 4, Clemons. Heifer calf—1, Rettie; 2, 3 and 4, Clemons. Bull, any age—Rettie. Female, any age—Rettie. Graded herd—1 and 3, Rettie; 2, Clemons. Four calves—1, Clemons; 2, Rettie.

JERSEYS.—They walked them out, and had them placed, and walked them back again, is about the size of the matter with regard to B. H. Bull & Son's Jerseys, their competitors' share consisting of a first in senior bull calves to Thos. O'Brien, with a third to Mrs. Lawrence, both of London; a third to Mrs. Lawrence in yearling heifers, and a second in senior heifer calves to Jas. A. Patton, of London. Ratings were made by J. W. Humpidge, who, we believe, accomplished his task to the satisfaction of the main exhibitor, which is saying considerable, as a breeder is at least supposed to know pretty thoroughly the relative merit of the individuals in his own herd.

SHEEP.

Save in two or three breeds, the exhibition of sheep was much better than the competition. That is to say, while some choice, well-fitted flocks were entered, there were not enough to make issues interesting, one or two exhibitors having it all their own way in each of several breeds. Exception to this were the Lincolns, where the Toronto competition was increased by representatives of two additional flocks. At the last minute, Geo. E. Lee, of Highgate, decided to bring on from Toronto the flock of John Lee & Sons, for which reason, Herbert Lee, who was slated to judge, stepped out, John Gardhouse, who worked over the Toronto classes, being called in to take his place. The other Toronto exhibitor was R. S. Robson, of Ilderton, while the fresh competition was recruited from Lethbridge & Campbell, of Alliance, and Stevens, Mitchell & McLean, of Lambeth. Even with the contest thus stiffened, Lee held his own well, his typical, strong-backed, well-fleshed, good-wooled sheep winning out on their merit, with little fitting or extra feeding, many of them coming right off the grazing. This was notably true of the first-prize aged ram, a big, strong, prime-stapled sheep, carrying a wealth of natural flesh sustained by grass, having received not a bite of grain since spring. Robson's Toronto second-prize ram had to yield second to

a very compact and capital sheep shown by Lethbridge & Campbell. Robson's imported shearing ram held his way in the next class, but the Toronto second and third-prize candidates were unplaced. The first-prize ewe lamb at Toronto had to yield pride of place to one shown by Campbell & Lethbridge. An award list follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1, Geo. E. Lee, Highgate; 2, Lethbridge & Campbell, Alliance; 3, R. S. Robson & Son, Ilderton. Ram, shearing—1, Robson & Son; 2, Lethbridge & Campbell; 3, Stevens, Mitchell & McLean, Lambeth. Ram lamb—1 and 3, Lee; 2, Lethbridge & Campbell. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1, Robson & Son; 2, Lee; 3, Lethbridge & Campbell. Ewe, shearing—1, Robson & Son; 2, Lee; 3, Lethbridge & Campbell. Ewe lamb—1 and 3, Lethbridge & Campbell; 2, Lee. Pen of shearlings—1, Lethbridge & Campbell. Pen, ram lamb and three ewe lambs—1, Lethbridge & Campbell; 2, Lee. Pen, ram any age, 2 ewes, and 2 ewe lambs—1, Robson & Son; 2, Lee. Ram, any age—1, Robson & Son. Ewe, any age—Robson & Son.

Leicesters, as at Toronto, furnished a three-cornered contest, with fortune favoring the corner occupied by Jas. Snell, of Clinton, who won every first, as well as quite a few seconds and some thirds. Hastings Bros., Crosshill, got second on aged rams, third on shearlings, ram lambs, aged ewes and ewe lambs, and second on pen of four lambs and graded flocks. F. Kelly, of Aylmer, secured second and third on shearing ewes, second on ewe lambs. Wm. A. Douglas, Tuscarora, judged the class.

Shropshires.—A trio of exhibitors responded with Shropshires: J. & D. J. Campbell, of Woodville; J. Lloyd-Jones, of Burford; and J. D. Ferguson & Son, of Mapleton. Lloyd-Jones showed some excellent imported sheep, but Campbell's breeding is as good as the best, and scored well. Judge, Alf. Shields, Caistorville.

Ram, 2 shears and over—1, Lloyd-Jones, Burford; 2 and 3, J. & D. J. Campbell, Woodville. Ram, shearing—1, Lloyd-Jones; 2 and 3, J. & D. J. Campbell. Ram lamb—1, 2 and 3, J. & D. J. Campbell. Ewe, two shears and over—1 and 2, Lloyd-Jones; 3, J. D. Ferguson & Sons, Mapleton. Ewe, shearing—1 and 2, J. & D. J. Campbell; 3, Lloyd-Jones. Ewe lamb—1, J. & D. J. Campbell; 2, Lloyd-Jones; 3, J. D. Ferguson. Pen of shearlings—1, J. & D. J. Campbell. Pen, ram lamb and three ewe lambs—1, J. & D. J. Campbell. Pen, ram any age, 2 ewes, 2 ewe lambs—1, Lloyd-Jones; 2, J. & D. J. Campbell. Ram, any age—1, Lloyd-Jones.

Hampshires. judged by W. H. Beattie, were exhibited by J. Kelly, of Shakespeare, and G. L. Telfer, of Paris, who divided things as follows: Ram, 2 shears and over—1, J. Kelly, Shakespeare. Ram, shearing—1 and 2, Kelly. Ram lamb—1 and 2, Kelly; 3, G. L. Telfer, Paris. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1, Kelly; 2, Telfer. Ewe, shearing—1, 2 and 3, Kelly. Ewe lamb—1, Telfer; 2 and 3, Kelly. Pen of five shearlings—1, Kelly. Pen, ram lamb and three ewe lambs—1, Kelly. Pen, ram any age, two ewes, two ewe lambs—1 and 2, Kelly. Ram, any age—Kelly. Ewe, any age, Kelly.

The Cotswold contest narrowed down to practically two exhibitors, T. Hardy Shore, of Glanworth, and J. H. Campbell & Son, of Jura, with a few entries by Chas. J. Shore, of Glanworth, and Geo. Allan, of Burford. The veteran exhibitor and breeder, T. Hardy Shore, won every first except in shearing ewes, which went to Chas. J. Shore. Campbell & Son came in for a number of seconds and thirds. Their winnings comprised second on aged rams, third on ram lambs and aged ewes, third on shearing ewes, and second on pens of lambs, get of one sire. Allan got third on shearing rams and second on ewe lambs. Along with his sweep of firsts, Mr. Shore also secured a number of blue ribbons and one or two thirds. John Kelly, of Shakespeare, passed upon the exhibits.

Oxford Downs.—Judge, J. E. Cousins, Harris-ton.—All prizes awarded won by P. Arkell & Son, Teeswater, except third to W. & D. Johnston, Athens, on shearing rams, ram lambs, aged ewes, and second to the same exhibitor on pen of lambs.

Southdown money was contested by the newly-imported flock of Lloyd-Jones, of Burford, and the Canadian-bred stock of Lt.-Col. Robert McEwen, of Byron. Canadian breeding carried the day, although Lloyd-Jones came to the front in ram lambs, shearing ewes and ewe championship. Reversals of decision from Toronto were made in the flock prizes, when it was McEwen's turn to win, as also in aged ewes. McEwen won the championship on a home-bred ram; in fact, all his entries were home-bred but the first shearing ram. W. H. Beattie, of Wilton Grove, discharged the judicial function.

Dorset Horned. judged by J. M. Gardhouse, of Weston, were shown principally by R. H. Harding, of Thorndale, and H. Bartlett, of Kimbo, who divided between them all the firsts and all the seconds, except one, in aged ewes, which went to W. F. Wright, of Glanworth, who was also placed third in shearlings. Harding secured eight firsts out of eleven, including that for graded flock, and both ram and ewe weepstales.

SWINE.

Two exhibitors in Yorkshires, two in Chester Whites, one in Tamworths, practically one in Berkshires, one in Essex, and a couple in Hampshires, sizes up the swine exhibit, so far as competition is concerned. Inadequacy of premiums offered is blamed, we believe, by some exhibitors for the paucity of numbers, one of them being overheard to remark, in scathing tones, that since nearly as much was offered for a collection of insects as for a hog, they had better pick the vermin off their stock and show these instead.

D. C. Flatt & Son, of Millgrove, were on deck as usual with their splendid smooth bacon type of large white hogs, some of them almost as heavy as Jersey cattle. The excellent arch of rib, full loins and strong backs of these pigs, with width evenly carried from shoulder to tail, are familiar to all acquainted with Oak Lodge breeding. J. Featherstone & Son, of Streetsville, supplied a certain amount of competition, obtaining second in aged boars, third in boar pigs under six months, first and second in sow pigs over six months, second in sow pigs under six months, and second on four pigs get of one boar; also on four pigs offspring of one sow. Flatt & Son won all the firsts but one, and a large proportion of seconds as well. A. C. Hallman judged the class.

In Chester Whites the judge, D. C. Flatt, split it up between D. DeCourcy, of Bornholm, and W. E. Wright, of Glanworth.

In Berkshires, D. Douglas & Son, of Mitchell, won all prizes awarded; these being placed at the direction of Mr. Hallman.

Berkshires, judged by Peter McEwen, of Kertch, resulted in a clear victory for T. A. Cox, of Brantford, except in aged boars, where D. Douglas & Son showed one for second.

Hampshires, or Thin Rinds, were shown by Artemas O'Neil & Son, of Birr; Hastings Bros., Cross Hill, and Porter Bros., of Appleby; but though exciting the interest of the novitiate by their novelty, they certainly failed to impress the skilled breeder or feeder with any advantages not possessed in greater degree by other stock. Many of them were inclined to roll on the ribs and back. An exception to this was a good, smooth, nicely-developed boar, shown by Porter Bros., of Appleby. O'Neil also had a pretty good young boar pig. F. Shore, of White Oak, and D. C. Flatt placed the awards.

J. Featherstone & Son exhibited a few Essex.

POULTRY.

The Western Fair has once more maintained its reputation of having one of the best poultry exhibits in the Province. The buildings were very nicely decorated, and the coops filled with choice birds of all the leading varieties.

Wyandottes, Rocks, Buff and Black Orpingtons and Rhode Island Reds, in the general-purpose breeds, and Brown Leghorns and Minorcas in the Mediterranean, were well represented.

Of the utility breeds, Wyandottes, particularly White, were most in evidence, Norman McLeod, Joseph Russell and J. F. Erskine being the chief winners.

Hughes & Taylor had some good Rhode Island Reds, both Rose and Single-comb varieties. This breed is fast winning popularity, not only as a breeder's fowl, but also as a general-purpose. There were some choice Barred Rocks from the flocks of Hoekin and McCormick & Wetbury, but there was not the competition in this breed that one would expect for so popular a one. Throughout the country the Rock has a good reputation as a farmer's hen. Turkeys and waterfowl were not very numerously shown. There was a good showing of pet stock, including bantams, pigeons, pheasants, rabbits and ferrets. Details of awards may be left for the published prize-list.

HORTICULTURE.

The interior of the Horticultural and Agricultural Hall is always a place where the senses are delighted. Each year, samples of the choicest gifts of Mother Earth adorn the tables and wide shelves, and the visitor has the impression that Ontario is not a bad place to live in much strengthened by what he sees. Flowers of the brightest hues attract the eye, and their perfume loads the air with incense, while the tables of grapes, peaches, plums and pears, scarcely inferior in either color or odor, appeal almost irresistibly to the palate, as well. It is to be suspected that the appeal to the sense of taste would in some cases be altogether irresistible if it were not for the uniformed attendants who keep polite but careful watch over the fruit display. One hears the hackneyed phrase, "They look good enough to eat," repeated again and again, and assented to with emphasis, as if it was quite an original remark. The more homely vegetables, roots and grain make up in honest utility what they lack in other respects, and deepen the feeling aroused by the other exhibits, that nature is indeed bountiful.

The display of grapes was very fine indeed. The first prize bunches of Campbell's Early and of Niagaras were simply extraordinary. Very little sign of immaturity was to be observed in