

Sheep and Swine at Toronto

The sheep exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition was composed of the cream of many British and Canadian flocks. While the sheep pen were not crowded, they were comfortably filled with sheep of unusually merable. A large portion were of Canadian breeding. The number of inferior sheep shown this year could be counted on the fingers of one hand. There is too little encouragement given at our larger exhibitions to home bred stock. Imported stock, to be of benefit to the country, should be in Canada six months to one year before it should be allowed to be shown.

LONGWOOLS

Cotswolds did not make the show that they did last year. They were, nevertheless, a splendid lot, fairly even in type and well fitted. The winners in order were: T. H. Shore & Son, Glanworth; George Allen, Burford; and Norman Park, Norwich.

Leicesters made perhaps the most sensational exhibit in the lot. They were the most creditable lot that has been brought out for years, in the hands of such noted old timers as A. W. Smith, Maple Ridge; Jas. Snell & Sons, Clinton, and A. & W. White, Guelph. H. & N. Allen, Newcastle and R. L. McDonald, Cranbrook, each had sheep of outstanding excellence. They were judged by C. E. Wood, Freeman, Ont.

Lincolns were shown by John Lee & Sons, Highgate, and J. S. Gosnell & Son, Ridgetown. Most of the money went to the former, upon sheep in prime form. T. Gibson, Denfield, judge.

MIDDLEWOOLS

The Shropshires were in the hands of less exhibitors than usual, but did not lack in quality. The exhibit throughout was even in type, and well fitted. The ribbons were well scattered among the exhibitors, with the Woodville, all Canadian flock, leading. Hammer & Hodgson, Brantford, and J. Lloyd Jones, Burford, were the only other exhibitors. H. Noel Gibson, Millbrook, N. Y., placed the awards. Oxfords made a very strong showing, Peter Arkell & Sons, Teeswater, winning the lion's share of the prizes. J. W. Lee & Sons, Simcoe, standing second. The following new exhibitors were in the race, each having good, useful stuff: Werr Bros., Malvern; D. and A. Salmon, Sinclairville; Egh. Barber, Erin; and T. E. Nelson, Fulton.

Southdowns, as usual, made a very creditable exhibit in the hands of such veteran breeders as J. Lloyd Jones, Burford; Robert McEwan, Byron, Telfer Bros., Paris; George Baker, Simcoe; and Wm. Simenton, Burford, each of whom had stock worthy of prizes in any show. Frank Kleinhertz, Wisconsin University, was judge.

The Dorset exhibit was somewhat smaller than usual. Only three exhibitors put in an appearance. R. H. Harding, Thordale, winning the plums—11 firsts out of 12. Herbert Theal, Fulton, Ont., a new exhibitor, had a good bunch, and won several ribbons. A. G. H. Luxton also showed some. John Campbell, Woodville, placed the awards.

Hampshires were well represented with a lot of prime sheep in the hands of John Kelly, Shakespear; Telfer Bros., Paris; and Henry Arkell & Son, Arkell, who divided the honors fairly evenly. Prof. G. E. Day, of Guelph, was judge.

THE SWINE EXHIBIT

Notwithstanding the keen demand there has been during the past year for breeding stock, the classes at the Canadian National were fairly well filled with stock of excellent quality. Upon inquiring as to surplus stock on hand for sale, the general answer is that very few are left. We are not yet

near the over-stocking point in hog raising.

The Berkshires were a lighter exhibit than has been in evidence for several years. Several good things, however, were on exhibition. S. Dolson, Norval Station, Ont., getting the best of the prizes. W. A. Shields, Milton, was next in order. P. W. Boynton & Son, Dollar; Thomas Teasdale, Concord, and P. A. Dolson, Alton, were close followers. J. J. Wilson, Milton and H. G. Clark, Georgetown, were the judges.

The Yorkshire exhibit was in the hands of three veteran show men, D. C. Flatt & Son, Millgrove; Jos. Featherstone, Streetsville; and James Wilson & Son, Fergus. As usual, the Millgrove herd fully maintained their former reputation by winning the majority of the first prizes upon lengthy deep st. ff., nicely brought out. The other two herds were also fine form and made up of good individuals. They were judged by J. E. Brethour, Burford, and R. J. Garbutt, Belleville.

Tamworths were no trifle stronger in the hands of the same exhibitors as last year, D. Douglas & Sons, Mitchell; R. O. Morrow, Hilton; H. German, Erin; George, and Thomas Readman, Erin, Ont. The Mitchell herd was too strong for their competitors. R. O. Morrow, Hilton, had among other good things, an especially nice aged sow that onlookers expected would win first, but which had to be satisfied with third. The St. George herd won well on under six months st. ff. J. C. Nichol, Humber, Ont., judge.

Chester Whites were well brought out in the hands of the old standbys, D. DeCoursey, Bornholm; W. E. Wright, Glanworth; and R. O. Morrow, Hilton; who won in the order named. This breed is making steady progress along bacon lines and are in keen demand for crossing purposes. George Bennett, Charing Cross, was judge.

Classes for other distinct breeds were largely filled by the Hampshires and the Essex. The first named is comparatively new breed in Canada) won most of the prizes. This breed is classed among the thicker breeds of hogs, being quite similar to the Berkshires in build. Hastings Bros., Crosshill and Neil & Son, Birr, were close competitors, dividing honors evenly. Jos. Featherstone & Son was the other exhibitor. Awards were placed by J. C. Nichol, Humber, Ont.

The prizes for bacon hogs were all won by Yorkshires, D. C. Flatt & Son winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and Joseph Featherstone & Son, Streetsville, 4th.—R. H. H.

A Scene in the Niagara District

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