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Death of a Lincoln Sheep Breeder.

Mr. James Anderson, farmer and breeder of Lincoln sheep in the Township of Westminster, Middlesex County, Ont., passed away on October 2nd, in his 70th year, after some months' illness. He was a native of Ross-shire, Scotland, where he was born on November 22nd, 1829, being the son of William Anderson, a Dumfriesshire man. In his infancy the family moved to the Isle of Skye, where his father assumed the management of a large sheep farm, the flocks of which numbered some 8,000 head, for one Dr. Donald McAskil, on the famous estate of McLeod, of Dunvegan Castle. It was there that the son James acquired his fondness for sheep husbandry, in which to the last he maintained the keenest interest, being known as a breeder of Lincolns, though not on a large scale, which, for some years, he exhibited at the large exhibitions, also acting as a judge at local exhibitions, and superintendent of the sheep department at the Western Fair. The foundation of his flock of Lincolns was laid some thirteen years or more ago by purchases of stock from Mr. John Geary, including imported animals from some of the best flocks in England, subsequent additions from time to time being made from the flock and importations of William Oliver. The rearing of Lincolns will be continued by his son and successor, William Anderson. Deceased was one of the oldest readers of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, being a warm personal friend of its founder, the late William Weld. A friend of education, he was a member of the local school board for some twenty-five years. Frank and outspoken, his kindness and fraternal disposition were proverbial, and his integrity was unimpeachable. He was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Masonic fraternity, and the high esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the immense concourse of people who attended his funeral on October 5th, at the Pond Mills Cemetery.



THE LATE JAMES ANDERSON.

STOCK.

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

The exhibition held at Halifax, Sept. 23 to 30, may fairly be said to have been a success. The weather on Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week was unfavorable, which no doubt considerably lessened the gate receipts, but the two following days being bright, brought large crowds of visitors, and the directors were fairly well satisfied with the results on the whole. The exhibition of live stock in all departments except that of horses was admirable, and remarkable improvement has been made in the last few years in the cattle shown, both in beef and dairy breeds. The breeders of the Maritime Provinces have displayed commendable enterprise and good judgment in the selection of sires to head their herds, and a goodly number of high-class animals have been imported during the last year, which added very much to the interest of the exhibition.

CATTLE.

The display of cattle was a large one, the dairy classes especially being well filled with numerous entries. Mr. J. C. Snell, London, Ont., judged the beef breeds, and Mr. F. S. Peer, Mt. Morris, N. Y., the dairy breeds.

SHORTHORNS

were represented by four herds, those of C. A. Archibald, Truro; C. W. Holmes, Amherst; E. & O. Chase, Cornwallis; and F. G. Bovyer, Georgetown, P. E. I. The first herd prize in the regular list was awarded to Mr. Archibald, his herd being headed by his 1st prize yearling bull, a son of imp. Clan Campbell, second prize going to Mr. Holmes. The 1st prize for young herd fell to Mr. Bovyer, and was headed by his 1st prize bull calf, Gloucester's Chieftain, by Silver Chief. The latter won sweepstakes for best bull any age, with his white Silver Chief, and Archibald the sweepstakes for best female, with his 1st prize cow, Blush. Archibald also won the special prize of \$30, offered by the Dominion Shorthorn Association for the best bull and four females, open to all, his herd in this case being headed by the roan four-year-old bull, Robert the Bruce; Bovyer's herd, headed by Silver Chief, being placed second. Others who won prizes in the well-filled class were: Geo. W. West, Aylesford, who had the 1st prize bull calf under 6 months, a right good one; E. & O. Chase, Cornwallis; Wm. O'Brien, Windsor; Geo. W. DeWolfe, Windsor; C. C. H. Eaton; and Albert Boswell, Pownal, P. E. I.

HEREFORDS

were well shown by W. W. Black, Amherst, whose high-class herd won the bulk of the prizes, including the sweepstakes for best bull, with Sir Horace, and both the herd prizes. Other exhibitors, who won scattering prizes, were A. S. Fillmore, Southampton, and W. E. Harding, Amherst.

POLLED ANGUS.

Messrs. H. Stairs, Canning, and H. K. Hogan, Upper Stewiacke, showed fine specimens, Mr. Stairs' sweepstakes aged bull being one of the very best in the Dominion.

GALLOWAYS

were shown by Senator Ferguson, of Charlottetown, whose excellent herd was much admired, and

DEVONS

by C. A. Archibald, Truro.

BEEF GRADES

shown were excellent, and numerous prizes were won by E. & O. Chase, W. W. Black, C. W. Holmes, Wm. O'Brien, and C. C. H. Eaton, who was awarded the 1st prize for herd of grades. They were of exceedingly fine quality.

The dairy breeds were remarkably well represented, every class being well filled, and the cattle brought out in excellent condition.

AYRSHIRES

made the strongest show of any class, there being over 120 head on exhibition, and the type and quality was, as a rule, of a very high order, the younger animals being quite equal to those shown at Toronto. Easton Bros., Charlottetown, P. E. I., had a clear 1st in the section for aged bulls in Dainty Lad, bred by D. Drummond, an inbred son of Silver King, who came out in splendid form, his smooth shoulders, fine withers, deep ribs and soft skin and hair being much admired. One is not surprised, after seeing Dainty Lad, at the excellence of his offspring, which attracted so much attention at Toronto Exhibition, in the herd of Mr. Stewart, of Menie, where he was used before going to the seagirt isle. Two-year-old bulls were headed by the meritorious Matchless 2nd, the champion of last year, owned by F. S. Black, Amherst, and he was the strongest rival for the sweepstakes on this occasion of the imported yearling bull, Howie's Stamp of Hillhouse, exhibited by C. A. Archibald, Truro, which won 1st prize in his class and headed the 1st prize herd. This is an exceptionally fine young bull, being of typical Ayrshire character and dairy conformation, and as full of quality as an egg is of meat. Mr. Black scored 1st in bull calves under a year, and M. F. Bergman had the 1st prize calf under 6 months.

In the section for cows over 4 years, Mr. Archibald's Myrnie, which being dry at St. John, and there placed second, came out at Halifax within a day of calving and swinging a large and shapely udder. She was here an outstanding 1st, and is one of the handsomest and most useful cows of the breed

in the Dominion. She won the female championship hands down. Black had the 2nd prize cow in Oxford Queen, a very worthy one, and Archibald the 3rd. In three-year-old cows, Black's Ethel won 1st honors; M. H. Parlee, Sussex, N. B., 2nd with imp. Bessie of Auchenbrain; and Black 3rd. Two-year-old heifers were a strong class, and Parlee got to the front with his imported Pandora of Monkland, a very handsome type, full of quality, and Black had a close 2nd in imp. Emma of Nethercraig, a heifer of fine form and quality. In a capital class of yearling heifers, Archibald was fortunate in getting 1st and 2nd places for Gurta of Truro and his imported heifer. Parlee won 3rd prize in this section. The sweepstakes for best bull and for best female any age went to Archibald, as well as the 1st prize for herd, 2nd being awarded to Black, and 3rd to Parlee. For young herd of one bull and four females under 2 years, 1st went to Black, 2nd to Parlee, 3rd to Archibald.

JERSEYS

were shown principally by E. B. Elderkin, Amherst, and J. Rufus Starr, Port Williams. The latter won 1st prize for bull over 3 years, with imp. Golden Trooper, a bull of fine quality and character, with richly colored skin and strong indications of usefulness. W. J. Maxwell had the 1st prize two-year-old bull, a well-formed, deep-ribbed animal. The champion bull was found in Mr. Elderkin's imp. yearling, Bonnie View's Golden Lad. He is true to the highest type of the breed in quality, style and conformation, and is second to none in the Dominion. Elderkin scored 1st in cows over 4 years, with Rosabel by Millford Stoke Pogis, a cow of good form and quality, with strong constitution and a shapely udder. She was also awarded the sweepstakes as best female any age. Starr's Gipsy of Spruce Grove, formerly of Mrs. E. M. Jones' herd, shown eight months from calving, and in moderate condition, made a good 2nd, and shows excellent dairy qualities and fine breeding. The same exhibitor had the 3rd prize cow in Beauty of Delta, of Mrs. Jones' breeding, a pretty cow of much merit. Mr. Starr won 1st place for aged herd, and Mr. Elderkin 1st for young herd.

GUERNSEYS

made a grand showing here, there being over fifty head exhibited, representing a large percentage of excellent animals. The principal exhibitors were: E. R. Brow and MacMillan & Dawson, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Mr. Brow was successful in winning many of the best prizes, including 1st on aged bull, and 1st and sweepstakes with his fine imported cow, Adelta, a model of the breed, large, deep-ribbed, and rich in quality. McMillan & Dawson scored 1st with their peerless imported two-year-old bull, Royal Sovereign, by Masher, who was also rightly honored with the male championship of the breed. He is an exceptionally fine representative of the breed, showing ideal dairy form, rich color, and true breed type, and is probably the best of the breed in Canada at the present time.

HOLSTEINS

were well represented by selections from the herds of D. W. McKenzie, S. R. Dickie, Logan Bros., and others. The awards at St. John on these cattle were in several cases reversed, as they are very frequently at all the leading exhibitions, showing that there is need of a conference of judges or some means of fixing a standard of excellence to go by, so that there may be more general agreement in the rating of individual animals, and that the educative influence may, if possible, be more reliable. On this occasion the herd of Mr. Dickie scored highest in the prize list, having 1st prize and sweepstakes bull and cow, and the 1st herd prize. McKenzie's herd is of uniformly good quality, and his cows are evidently good producers, while the herd of Logan Bros. is of fine type and style, and is headed by the sweepstakes bull at the St. John Exhibition, one of the very best of the breed seen at any of the shows this season.

DAIRY GRADES

were shown in large numbers, and of fine type and quality. Mr. John Ferguson, Charlottetown, showed a very uniform herd of grade Ayrshires of excellent character, showing clearly the advantage of persistently using pure-bred sires of the best stamp. These were awarded the 1st herd prize. Mr. John McDonald, of the same place, showed a strong herd of mixed Jersey and Ayrshire grades, and S. R. Dickie a good herd of Holstein grades.

SHEEP.

The classification of sheep at this exhibition is a most remarkable one, and is so liberal and extended that it includes almost everything in the shape of a sheep. In addition to the regular classification of recognized breeds of registered sheep, there are classes for pure-bred white-face and pure-bred black-face unregistered sheep, for half-bred sheep from white-faced sires, and for half-bred sheep from dark-faced sires, a class for grade long-wools, and another for grade short-wools, and one for fat sheep. We are not sure that this is the end of it, but we know it makes a motley mixture, and is liable to lead to confusion and to abuse, a point which it was sought to guard this year by the appointment of a special officer to mark the sheep as they passed through the hands of the judge to prevent their return under a new name in some other class. There were some excellent sheep in the registered classes and also some in the unregistered and grade classes, but the show as a whole was not quite equal to that of last year.