

Angus and Galloways have held their own nobly at English and American shows of kindred purpose. And there is no good reason why they should not do it here, if they were brought out right.

Not a single steer in these classes was entered, and the same, we repeat, must be said of the grade classes, where they surely ought to show some good specimens; but we had in this show a new feature in three splendid Galloway cow shown by Mr. Kough, of Brookholm, whose four-year-old Countess of Glencairn, which won first prize in her class, is a perfect model of a butcher's beast,—long, low and level, with deep, well-sprung ribs, a thickly-fleshed back, full crops, smooth shoulders, level quarters, broad buttocks and firm flesh, the whole covered with a mossy coat of jet black hair. She was the object of envy of the butchers, and surely must "die well," if one can judge with any certainty from outward appearances. Mary 6th, a year older, shown by the same exhibitor, fills very nearly the same description as her stable companion, and marks a standard of uniformity which speaks well for the breed and the breeder. A couple of very good Hereford cows were shown by Mr. Rawlings, of Ravenswood, and Mr. Stone, of Guelph, and their broad, thickly-fleshed backs and quarters are characteristic of the breed. Mr. Bowman, of Guelph, showed two useful Polled Angus cows, and Mr. Rudd, of Eden Mills, a capital Devon cow in Fanny, a smooth, evenly-fleshed animal. Mr. Rudd also showed an excellent Devon steer, under a year old, which won first prize in his class.

GRADES AND CROSSES.

This is always an interesting class, and always brings out some good things. The only feature about it that calls for regret is that the breeders of Herefords, Polled Angus and Galloways do not see to it that some of their best grades are brought out. This would increase the interest of the show, and be a good advertisement for the breeds. As it was, only Shorthorn grades were shown, but they included a number of animals of very fine character. First among these was Mr. Oke's grand steer, Jupiter, in the class over two and under three years. He is good enough for first-class company anywhere: a model beef animal, with a thickly-fleshed back, level quarters, broad, full twist, and full of quality from start to finish. We wondered that with so many butchers for judges, they could go past such a steer, and in the sweepstakes contest tie to a cow of doubtful character, as some of them did.

Wm. Sharp & Sons, of Everton, showed a grand steer in this class, got by a son of old Barmpton Hero.

In steers over one and under two years, Mr. Bolton got first on a straight, smooth, promising steer; Mr. Oke second on a very useful sort, and Mr. Rennie, of Wick, third, with a neat, well-proportioned and evenly-balanced steer.

Grade steers under one year were a very promising lot. Mr. D. D. Wilson, Seaforth, won first prize with a blocky, low-set, thick-fleshed calf, which should go on well. Israel Groff had a real good second in a calf of even proportions and good feeding qualities, and in the hands of Mr. Rutherford, who purchased him here, we may expect to see him again in good shape. Mr. Rennie's third-prize calf is also a good one, and will come again, we doubt not.

The sections for grade cows and heifers were uncommonly strong. Among those three years old and over was Mr. Rennie's Queen, a grand young cow, full of quality and showing fine breeding and feeding. Mr. Barber showed a red cow that was sold to J. A. Leaman, of Halifax, N. S., a firmly-fleshed cow in a high state of finish, but wanting in the symmetry of form and levelness of contour which catches the eye of the breeder and feeder. She was, however, the favorite with the butchers judging, and took first place. Mr. Rennie's cow being second, and Mr. Rutherford's entry, a very good one, third.

The class for grade heifers over two and under three years included one of the plums of the show. Mr. Rennie's Daisy was, by most of the breeders present, looked upon as the closest competitor of the white steer for the championship, and but for something like prejudice which seems to prevail against a heifer, it is difficult to see how this animal could be got over. She is as near perfection in outline as one can reasonably expect to find in one animal. An oblong figure, filled up to the line on every side of it, is just about what this Daisy would be with her head and legs cut off. She had been judiciously fed, was ripe for the butcher, and full of good flesh in every part.

Mr. Oke had a good one in the same class, which won second place, and Mr. Murney, of Goderich, got third prize with a real good heifer.

In yearling heifers, Mr. Reddock, of Everton Mills, won first prize with a very smooth, level heifer, Mr. Oke winning second and third with two good ones.

The competition for the championship, a silver medal, for the best fat animal of any breed or sex, brought out the first prize animals in all the classes, and made one of the finest displays we have ever seen in this country in this line. After a careful examination by the four judges who had passed upon the classes, the competition was narrowed by selection to a short list of five, comprising the white steer Village Hero, Mr. Oke's first prize two-year-old grade steer, Mr. Rennie's heifer Daisy, Mr. Crerar's white Shorthorn cow, and Mr. Barber's first prize grade cow. The jury failed to agree on a

verdict, and adjourned for supper. At 9 o'clock p. m., under electric light, after two referees had been added to the committee, and a good deal of excitement had grown up, the coveted prize was finally awarded to Messrs. Smith, for the Shorthorn steer Village Hero, and he was crowned victor over all at the show of 1894. The most notable feature about this last contest, it occurred to us, was not so much the cattle as the action of the judges. They were about equally divided, breeders and butchers, and it was considered remarkable that the contest narrowed down at the last to two animals, one of which was not considered "in it" by the great majority of breeders and feeders around the ring, but was apparently the favorite with the butchers, and it looked at one time as if a great mistake was to be made by giving the championship to a cow that was far from being the style or quality of beef animals which the export trade demands, and which modern taste and breeding calls for. We have no hesitation in saying it would have been exceedingly unfortunate if such an animal had been uplifted as the standard for our young breeders to work by. As it is, there is cause for congratulation that a worthy animal has won, though we are free to say that if it had gone to any one of three of the best, there would have been little room for complaint.

From our observation at this show, we are confirmed in the opinion that at the Fat Stock Show there should always be on the committee of judges at least as many breeders and feeders as of butchers. The latter are, no doubt, just as honest and fair, but while they may be right in their judgment from a butcher's standpoint, it is, after all, of more importance that the proper type of animals should be selected to stand as object lessons for our young farmers, and for unexperienced men to copy and follow.

The judges were as follows: Pure-breds—Messrs. Thos. Crawford, Toronto, and Richard Gibson, Delaware, Reserve, C. M. Simmons, Ivan. Grades—Jas. Allison, Galt, and Henry Thurlow, Ferguson-Jvale. Reserve, James Miller, Guelph.

SHEEP.

The sheep exhibit at Guelph seems to be a thrifty doer from year to year. Since the Sheep Breeders' Association has taken an active part in its conduct, in no department has there been a more marked increase. The number of exhibits this year (over 280) were more than 100 in advance of 1893, when they were thought to have almost reached the limit for an Ontario Fat Stock Show. The quality, too, may be said to have raised several degrees. Surely we, as a country, have a right to congratulate ourselves on the high standing of our live stock industry as represented by our flocks of sheep.

LONG-WOOLS.

The first section called was for Long-wooled yearling ewes, Cotswold, Lincoln and Leicester. Eleven good sheep answered the call, four of which soon demanded all the attention of the judges, being one each of Cotswold and Leicester, and two Lincolns. Just here was shown the necessity for a greater division of breeds, as the task to decide as to the superior merits of the representatives of so many sorts was so arduous as to require the judgment of a third man to decide the awards, which were given: 1st to Gibson & Walker's Lincoln, 2nd to J. G. Snell & Bro.'s Cotswold, and 3rd to John Kelly's Leicester. In the ewe lamb section, the attempt to judge the fifteen entries brought out would cause many a sheep man to draw a sigh before commencing. In Cotswolds were three of the finest specimens ever brought before judges in this country. They were shown by J. G. Snell & Bro., of Edmonton. As they were imported, they were debared from competing with home-grown stock, according to the rules of the Association. The remaining entries were Lincoln and Leicester. The awards were given: First, Gibson & Walker, Denfield, for Lincoln; second, John Kelly, Shakespeare, Leicester; third, Wm. Oliver, Avonbank, Lincoln. Long-wooled wethers, one year and under two, just had five animals answer to the call, consisting of three Leicesters shown by John Kelly, and two of the same breed exhibited by John Rutherford, Roseville. The first prize was awarded to a well-grown sheep of Mr. Kelly's, with a splendidly ripened body for that age, which so often handles raw and bare. The second and third awards went to Mr. Rutherford's first and second Chicago winners a few weeks ago. In the section for Long-wooled wethers under one year, Mr. Kelly and Messrs. Gibson & Walker came forward with five well-grown lambs exhibiting lots of quality. The decision of the judges was a long time in coming, but ultimately placed the first and third awards upon Lincolns, the second going to a Leicester. In Long-wooled, three ewes under one year, Kelly, Oliver, and Gibson & Walker brought out the competitors and won in the order named. The three wether section, under one year, had only two competitors, namely, Gibson & Walker's and Kelly's. It seemed to make no difference how small the number of entries, the task of judging seemed equally irksome, as the specimens brought out were very even in quality and condition. The coveted ribbon was placed upon the Lincolns by a very small majority, due, perhaps, to the slightly larger growth of Gibson & Walker's lambs. Mr. Kelly's was just a little lower set, a desideratum not to be despised. In "five Long-wools, bred by exhibitor," the competitors were from the same flocks as those of last section, Mr. Kelly having out four yearling ewes and one yearling wether. Gibson & Walker's were all yearling ewes, and succeeded in winning the \$25 prize, after a lot of comparing.

MEDIUM AND SHORT-WOOLS.

What might be termed medium and short-wools included pure-bred Oxfords, Hampshires and Shrops, in one class; Southdowns and Dorsets in another, and grades in another. To give a comprehensive report of these classes, we will consider each of the principal flocks, giving these with each man's winnings. The strong contest was between Shropshires and Oxfords. There were, however, a small number of very fine Hampshires present, owned by John Kelly, Shakespeare, but, owing to their lack of compactness in form, they were not among the winners.

The flock of John Campbell, Woodville, was one of the most successful at the show. It consisted of ten pure-bred Shrops, and seven grades, each of which secured a prize in one or other of the sections, and three individuals won first prize in each of three sections; thirteen of the whole won firsts in pens and sections; among them were the three yearling ewes that won the lamb prize for three last year, over which judgment was severely criticised at that time. This year they won first in their section, and also in pen of five, one of which hung a long time for grand sweepstakes prize for best pure-bred ewe under two years, any breed, bred by exhibitor, but ultimately lost the award, which was given to a Lincoln ewe shown by Gibson & Walker. So difficult was this award to decide, a third man had to be called in. The whole flock was in grand fix, and were splendid specimens of the breed. This flock won in pure-breds: first on ewe one year and under two, first on ewe under one year, second on wether under one year, first on three ewes under one year, third on three wethers under one year, first on five sheep under two years, bred by exhibitor. In grades, third on ewe two years and over, first on three ewes under one year, first on three wethers under one year, first and third on wether under one year, second on ewe under one year, and grand sweepstakes premium on Shropshire ewe lamb as best sheep on the ground.

John Rutherford & Son, Roseville, had out a grand lot of wethers, including five Leicesters, three Shropshires, two Southdowns and twelve grades and crosses. It will be remembered that this flock cleared almost everything before it at the recent Chicago Fat Stock Show. A casual glance at Messrs. Rutherford's pens would give the impression that they contained a mixed lot of minor importance, as there were all shades of faces, quality and length of wool, size and age of sheep, but a more minute scrutiny could not fail to convince any sheep man that every individual was a mutton animal. Besides the awards in Long-wools, already mentioned, this flock received second on wether one year and under two, third on Southdown wether one year and under two; first, second and third on grade wether two years old and over, first on grade wether one year and under two, second on three grade wethers under one year, second on single grade wether under one year, first on grade wether any age.

Mr. Thomas Wood, Nassagaweya, showed three excellent grade Leicesters, on which he received first prize out of twenty-seven entries of ewe lambs. It is needless to say that she is a dandy, her weight being 169 lbs. He also received second ribbon on ewe two years and over.

D. G. Hamner & Son, Mt. Vernon, made a nice exhibit with eleven pure-bred Shropshires and six high Shrop. grades. They were a pretty lot, even, and showed considerable quality, but to compete successfully in a fat stock ring they should have carried a little more mutton. This flock's awards were second on Shrop. ewe under one year, third on grade ewe under one year.

H. Hamner, Mt. Vernon, was out with six nice grades, upon which second and third prizes were received in a strong ring of grade wethers one year and under two, third on grade ewe under one year.

W. B. Cockburn's pen contained four high class Oxford females, three of which were under one year. They were among the finest, as they weighed 200 lbs. each. Because of being imported they were not allowed to compete, therefore no awards were received. The fourth was a yearling, also imported.

W. E. Wright, Glanworth, exhibited Shropshires and Shrop. grades, and they were well up among the finest, as the awards show, which were as follows: In pure-breds, third on wether one year and under two, first on wether under one year, first on three wethers under one year.

The favorably known Oxford flock of Peter Arkell, Teeswater, had out nine pure-breds and one grade. They consisted of five very fine shearling ewes, two of which won second and third premiums in splendid company. There were also three very fine ewe lambs which promise well for the future. One monster two-shear ewe completed the number. It is worthy of mention that three shearling ewes and two ewe lambs of this flock made up the pen of five sheep bred by exhibitor, that were held by the judges, along with Campbell's Shropshires, for the single prize of \$25.

W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove, had out his flock that recently made a nice record in the Chicago Fat Stock Show ring. The exhibit consisted of one pure-bred Shropshire and three Southdown yearling wethers, three pure Shrop. ewe lambs and three pure Shrop. wether lambs, three grade wether lambs and three grade ewe lambs. These sheep are of the proper sorts, but a little longer feeding should have been given to make them perfectly ripe. The awards were: first on Shrop. wether, one year and under two; third on Shrop. wether, under