

These both were non-breeders, as was also the Galloway Countess of Arran, shown by D. McCrae, Guelph, much smaller than the winners, and looking all the smaller because of shortness of leg, but a compact animal, and the firmest handler in the show, with a long black coat almost as rough as a buffalo. F. A. Fleming, Weston, showed Miss Brodie, a good specimen of the Herefords, and W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills, showed the Devon Esmeralda, five years old, bred at the Guelph Agricultural College, and carrying a deal of good meat. This exhibit was one of the best of the show, as the animals were typical specimens of the different breeds, and while some might have been better pleased to have had the honors divided, the class was a creditable one to all the exhibitors. In the class for

## AGED STEERS

Weir & Weir were first and second, and Oke & Sons were third. The first prize animal was a very heavy, big steer, weighing about 2,200 pounds, and a good handler. His length of leg made him seem an immense size. The second prize was a red and white, hardly so big and not so smooth, but very fat. The third prize animal was a three-year-old roan, smooth, level and ripe, very good in front, but slacker behind. The next class,

## STEERS TWO AND UNDER

three years old, brought out the champions of the show, and the winner of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE prize. This was the dark roan steer, 30 months old, and a very superior animal; well finished all through. He will be remembered by many of our readers as the winning steer at the fall shows of this year, and was sold at Ottawa show for nine cents per pound live weight, delivered after this show. Jas. Oke & Sons had in him a clear first, and an animal that would be hard to beat in any ring in the world. A level carcass, smooth and nice, with the beef well placed, carried him to the front when in competition with the winners in the other classes. Quality was preferred to quantity, and the judges looked to the market value of the meat more than to the size of the animal or the amount of fat carried. An excellent rule was laid down for the guidance of the judges, but the necessary facilities were not provided for weighing and measuring the animals on the ground, and thereby carrying out the rule with mathematical exactness. The rule reads: "The judges are instructed to award premiums to such animals as present the greatest weight in the smallest superficies, taking into consideration age, the quality of flesh and its distribution in the most valuable portions of the carcass. This rule to be applied to special prizes also, unless other conditions are given." In this class T. Ballantyne & Son were second, with a nice roan 26 months old, weighing 1,600 pounds. He sold for 6½c. live weight. In

## YEARLINGS,

S. Lovee, Rockwood, was first, with a steer 22 months old, which was also sold for 6½c. Second place was taken by L. O. Barber, with a red steer 20 months old, and third place was awarded D. Robertson, Ospringe, for a red and white. This class was not equal in quality to the preceding one. In the class for

COWS OR HEIFERS, THREE YEARS AND OVER, first prize went to W. C. Short, Salem, for a very well-fed and well-fleshed roan cow, five

years old. Second went to Wm. Rae, Askeil, for a red and white, rather rougher about the hip bones, but a good animal. In

## TWO-YEAR-OLDS,

James Oke & Sons had a nice red and white heifer, of their own breeding, weighing about 1,800 pounds; T. Ballantyne & Son had second place, with a light roan, 30 months old, 1,565 pounds — both very good animals; P. Stewart was third, with a red heifer smaller than the others.

## YEARLINGS

were not so good a class. First went to D. Robertson, Ospringe, for a well-fatted but rather rough heifer, a Shorthorn grade, and second to the grass-fed Galloway grade heifer shown by D. McCrae, Guelph, of better quality, but lacking the feeding. There were a number of calves shown

## UNDER A YEAR.

A. A. Armstrong was easily first and second, and W. Spencer, Guelph, was third. The first prize animal, 11 months old, and weighing 1,010 pounds, was an extra specimen of baby beef. In the

## SWEEPSTAKE

prize for best female any age or breed, there was a gold medal given by Mr. John McAteer of the Western Hotel, Guelph. This was very keenly competed for, but the contest at last came to lie between the Shorthorn cow Butterfly, shown by Weir & Weir, and the two-year-old grade heifer, shown by Jas. Oke & Sons. The cow was much the larger animal, was fatter, with a grand, level back, and a wealth of well-placed fat. She looked short in the quarter and fell away at the twist; but when measured she was found extra long, and her breadth deceived the eye. The heifer was smaller and smoother, and the almost unanimous decision of the butchers was that she would make the most valuable carcass, and the gold medal went to her owners.

## THE SHEEP

were an excellent lot, and the show was very much helped by the exhibit of breeding animals made by the Agricultural College. These were mostly Downs — Southdowns, Shropshires, Hampshires, and Oxford-downs, and Suffolks, a high standing, large sheep, with bare, very black faces, medium wool, fully equal to the Shrop, and well-formed bodies. They are new to this part of the country, and are said to be bred from an old Norfolk breed, crossed with the Southdown. They promise to be a valuable breed on heavy pastures. The only longwools in the lot were Leicesters. Altogether these sheep were of excellent quality, and very creditable to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, who personally made most of the selections. In the

## FAT SHEEP

class the veteran exhibitor, John Rutherford, Roseville, had ten head on exhibition. Nine of these were winners at Chicago, and were the youngest and best of the lot. For two year-old wether he was first with a Cotswold and third with a Leicester, Robert Irving & Sons, Nassagaweya, being second with a Cotswold. In yearling wethers he was first with a Lincoln, Robert Irving & Sons second with a Cotswold, and J. Kelly, jr., third with a Leicester. In wether lambs John Kirby, Armstrong's Mills, was first with a Cotswold, and the same exhibitor had the honor of carrying off the grand sweepstakes prize for the best pen of lambs, any breed, ewes or wethers, — no small honor for the Cotswolds

and for Mr. Kirby among such strong competition. In the ewe classes J. Kelly, jr., of Shakespeare, came out very well. He showed nine sheep and got seven prizes, and all with Leicesters but one third prize for a Down grade wether. He got all the prizes in the ewe lamb class, and first in the aged ewe, and first in the yearling ewe classes. W. Oliver, Avonbank, got second and third in these latter classes. Other exhibitors were J. Pringle, Mosborough, who got third prize for wether lamb; Robert Douglass, Aberfoyle, who got first and second for cross-bred wether lambs — cross between an Oxford-down and Cotswold; and H. Wright, Guelph, who got the prizes for cross-bred ewe lambs.

The judges for sheep were J. Brown, Galt, Geo. Waller, Toronto, and W. Walker, Ilderton.

There were but few hogs, the honors for sows over one year being taken by J. & R. Miller, Guelph. For those under one year, Thomas Bolton, Mosborough, took two firsts; G. S. Armstrong, Speedside, two thirds; and D. Barborrie, Corwhin, and Geo. Fyfe, Gornock, got the seconds. The latter also got first for best pen of four fat hogs. The judges were James Main, Milton; Geo. Clayton, Morden; and J. McHardy, Guelph.

The exhibit of dressed poultry was large and good. Geo. Fyfe, Gornock, got first for best display, and J. Tomalin, Brampton, second. Robert Buchanan, Guelph, was also a large exhibitor, winning five prizes. James Anderson, Guelph, got two prizes, and A. Hales two firsts for ducks and drakes.

At the conclusion of the awards

## MR. SIMMONS,

from a chair in the centre of the ring, made the presentation to Mr. James Oke, Alvinston, of the gold medal for best female, and the service of plate for the best steer, presented by the "FARMER'S ADVOCATE." He said it gave him great pleasure to present such a beautiful and costly prize; that the efforts of the late Mr. William Weld (for many years proprietor of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE) to encourage the best stock breeding, and the many valuable prizes he had given, both for beef and milk contests, had been productive of much good. The same work was being continued by his successors, and he hoped that these efforts would be appreciated by the farmers of Canada, who should show their appreciation of such liberality. He complimented Mr. Oke on his winning so valuable a prize. An adjournment was then made to the large hall of the Western Hotel. Mr. Simmons acted as chairman. The President of the Agriculture and Arts Association, R. Vance, of Ida, gave his annual address. Speeches were also made by Hon. John Dryden, N. Awrey, M. P. P., Major Goldie, J. C. Snell, Esq., of Brampton; President Mills, O. A. C.; Mr. John Hobson, Mosborough; Mr. Jas. Laidlaw, Guelph; Sheriff McKim and others. The meeting broke up at a late hour.

## THE FAT STOCK FAIR

was held the following day. Prices were low, and 4½ cents per pound was common for good stuff. Most of the prize animals sold for 5 cents and over, 6 to 6½ cents being rare and only paid for a few animals. Altogether the prices were discouraging to feeders, except in the case of prize-winners, and some of the feeders longed for the long ago, when the rule was that the best animal at the Guelph show was sold for 12½ cents live weight.