

H. Beattie's shearling wether; Hampshire and Suffolk, John Kelly's ewe lamb; while the best sheep in the show was John Jackson & Son's Southdown shearling wether, that met a very strong rival in J. M. Gardhouse's Leicester shearling ewe.

The Prince of Wales prize for five pure-bred lambs, ewes or wethers, brought out a very strong class. John Campbell finally won with one wether and four ewes of beautiful type. The second went to John Rawling's Cotswolds with which he did so well in the sections of the Cotswold class.

DRESSED POULTRY.

Though not large, this department was fairly filled. Bronze turkeys were strong. Among the chickens, a very fine pair of Barred Plymouth Rocks deserve mention. A great many of the birds on exhibition would have shown to much better advantage had they been properly dressed. One interesting feature of this department was a coop of Barred Plymouth Rock chickens (grades), in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Yuill, of Carleton Place, that were fed every day by the cramming process, and killed on the last day of the show, and dressed in the manner required for the export trade. All these proceedings were watched with great interest. Another was a case of birds from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, which showed a couple of chickens bought on the Guelph market in the condition that the average farmer markets his poultry, and birds fattened for different periods and on different foods at the College, making a good object lesson. Lot 1 represented ordinary chickens such as sold on Guelph market, and were purchased at 45 cents per pair. Lot 2 were chickens fattened for eleven days. Lot 3 fattened for five weeks on 75 per cent. ground oats and 25 per cent. ground buckwheat. Lot 1 weighed 2 pounds 12 ounces undrawn; lot 2, 4 pounds 1 ounce; and lot 3, 5 pounds undrawn. Lot 1 weighed, drawn, 1 pound 14 ounces; lot 2, 3 pounds 6 ounces; and lot 3, 4 pounds 2 ounces, which shows the relative advantage to buyers of getting well-finished poultry. The relative value to consumer was placed at 22.5 cents for lot 1, 42.2 cents for lot 2, and 49.5 cents for lot 3. This conclusion is deduced from the relative relation of the lots to each other in proportion of edible meat, without taking into consideration the superior quality of the meat on the finished birds. Lectures were delivered at different times by Prof. Gilbert, Mrs. Gilbert, W. R. Graham (poultry lecturer at Guelph), and J. E. Meyer, Kossuth, on subjects connected with poultry.

SWINE.

The swine exhibit grows better and better every year. Every class was nicely filled, and the quality has never been beaten. Taking the classes in the order of the catalogue, there were 28 entries of Berkshires in the breeding classes, the same number of Yorkshires, 46 Chester Whites, 21 Poland-Chinas, 18 Essex, 24 Tamworths, 18 Duroc-Jerseys, and 9 grades. Chester Whites thus hold the pride of place as regards numbers. Besides this, there were 35 pigs entered in the bacon classes for various breeds, and 32 for the block test, not counting any of the many animals entered for the numerous sweepstakes prizes.

BERKSHIRES.

George Green, Fairview, and T. A. Cox, Brantford, were the two largest exhibitors of Berkshires. Besides their entries there were only three others. George Hill, Delaware, had a sow good enough to win in the class for sows not exceeding nine months; she had plenty of substance and conformation, while her quality was of the best. W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills, showed two pigs, but did not win on them in the breeding sections. George Green took second place for barrows under nine months, the first prize going to T. A. Cox's entry, the latter being of more substance than Green's, which was a pig of good quality. The Fairview herd had a couple of level, smooth barrows under six months, on which it won the first and second awards, Cox being third. The section for sows under fifteen months was a very strong one. Cox won here with a fine sow, while Green's pair, which were not far behind it, came in second and third; Cox won second and third also on younger sows in the next section. Sows under six months deserve special mention. There Green led, while Cox secured second and third, and Green was fourth. Green's two winners were also shown as bacon hogs and in the block test, where they won first in both instances for the breed, and were also second for the grand sweepstakes. In close competition Green won over Cox the red ribbon for three pigs, the offspring of one sow.

In the bacon class for Berkshires Green won 1st as stated above, and also second, W. J. Rudd being third. Cox secured the sweepstakes for best single Berkshire.

YORKSHIRES.

Yorkshires were a good representative class, each section being well filled with entries. For barrows under nine months old, J. E. Brethour, of Burford, carried off the red ribbon with a typical bacon pig, and was also third with one of smaller type. Jos. Featherston & Son, Streetsville, came in second with a pig of good quality. H. J. Davis, Woodstock, was fourth. Messrs. Featherston had a very superior animal in the section for barrows under six months, whose smoothness and finish put him at the head. J. E. Brethour took the blue and the white ribbons with two full brothers, both smooth and even, but the third prize one seemed to us rather the better pig of the two. Length, depth,

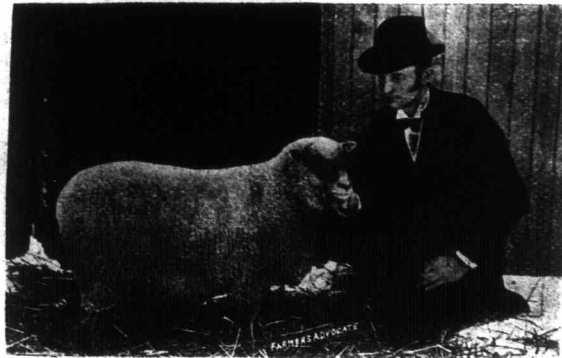
and smoothness were the characteristics of Brethour's sow between nine and fifteen months old, which beat Featherston's entry for first honors for sows of that age. In the next section for sows under nine months Brethour's three entries were carrying too much flesh, and so first went to a capital smooth sow of Featherston's, second to a lengthy one of Harry Davis' string, and third and highly commended to Brethour, while T. A. Cox's entry was commended.

Brethour evened up matters in section five, which was for sows under six months, by winning first on a pig of great length and evenness, with a good front and hind end. A full sister of this pig won third. Featherston's entry, which was also smooth and of nice type, was second. Brethour won first and third for three pigs out of one sow, while Featherston was second. Brethour had the honor of winning the sweepstakes for the breed with Oak Lodge Buttercup 15th, Featherston being second with Whiston Maid. The first-prize winners in the several sections competed.

Five pairs of pigs had been entered for the export bacon class for this breed. The competition for first place was very close, and the judges could not agree, one favoring Brethour's pair and the other preferring Featherston's. Eventually they gave the first to Featherston and the second and third to Brethour, but agreed to allow Brethour to show for the sweepstakes and to call in an umpire to decide between them.

CHESTER WHITES.

In this class Bennett & Pardo, Charing Cross, were strong, having a good lot of typical pigs that were very nicely fitted. They won for barrows under six months, for sows of the same age, and for three pigs out of one sow. D. DeCoursey had a very good type of a barrow in Conqueror, shown in the section for barrows over six and under nine months. He showed great evenness, quality and depth, and won first in his class. Another lengthy pig shown by this exhibitor came in second for barrows under six months. Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, secured first on sows under fifteen months, and also the sweepstakes for the breed with her. Jos. Cairns, Camlachie, had a capital young sow not exceeding



SOUTHDOWN SHEARLING WETHER.

Winner of first in his section, sweepstakes in his class, and grand sweepstakes over all breeds at the Ontario Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show, 1899.

HE WAS Sired BY IMP. STREETLEY, AND BRED AND EXHIBITED BY JOHN JACKSON & SONS, ABINGDON, ONT.

nine months old, that received the red ribbon, with Butler's entry second. W. E. Wright, Glanworth, and H. George & Sons, Crampton, won some of the prize money.

D. DeCoursey had no difficulty in winning in the bacon class for Chesters; Butler and George coming next, in the order named.

POLAND-CHINAS.

There were two exhibitors of Poland-Chinas, W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, and W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains. The former won all the first prizes in the breeding sections and the sweepstakes for the breed, but in the bacon class for Poland-Chinas, Smith came in ahead.

SUFFOLKS AND ESSEX.

Although this was a joint class for both breeds, no Suffolks were entered, and so Essex had it all to themselves. Jos. Featherston & Son won all the firsts, except for sow under nine months and for three pigs, the offspring of one sow. They also won the sweepstakes for the class. T. A. McClure, Meadowvale, won, among other awards, first for sow and trio of pigs. Featherston's pigs were at the head in the bacon class.

TAMWORTHS.

This breed made a very creditable display. Andrew Elliott & Son, Galt, won first and second on barrows under nine months, both being of good bacon type, but the first especially so. These exhibitors, also, were at the head of the barrow class under six months, with a deep pig; W. R. McDonald, Ridgetown, being second and third with pigs of good type. W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, had the winner in sows under fifteen months, beating an extra good pig shown by Elliott & Son, and one by H. George & Sons. J. R. Newell & Son headed the next section for sows under nine months, with W. R. McDonald second, third, and highly commended. All these sows were long, deep pigs. A large, good sow shown by George beat two of Elliott's Guelph winners in the section for sows under six months, McDonald being highly commended. Elliott won for three pigs with his fifteen-months-old sow and his two

nine-months-old barrows, McDonald being second with three nine-months-old sows. W. M. Smith secured the sweepstakes of the class on his sow. The order in the bacon class was: H. George & Son; James Smith, Harrietsville, whose sow, under 6 months, was unnoticed in the breeding class; A. Elliott & Son, and W. R. McDonald.

DUROC-JERSEYS.

Tape Bros. Ridgetown, had practically very little opposition here, winning everything in both the breeding and bacon classes, except two fourth prizes in the former and third in the latter. W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, was their only competitor.

GRADES AND CROSSES.

T. A. Cox won first and second for barrows under nine months with a pair of Berkshire-Tamworth cross-bred hogs of good type. Andrew Elliott & Son were to the fore for young barrows, winning first and second, and Butler third. Elliott's pigs were a cross of Tamworth and Berkshire, and Butler's a Chester and Duroc cross. Cox won again for sows under nine months with pigs of Tamworth and Berkshire blood. Elliott's similar cross headed the younger sow section, Butler being second.

SWEEPSTAKES FOR BACON HOGS.

Not being able to decide on the sweepstakes for bacon hogs, the judges called in Prof. Day, who sent first to J. E. Brethour's pair to which second had been given in their class, second to Featherston's pair which had previously beaten them, third to a pair of Tamworths, and fourth to Geo. Green's Berkshires.

SWINE IN THE BLOCK TEST.

The killing, dressing, and judging of the dressed swine furnished instructive information to the large numbers of those who were interested spectators of this part of the show. Each breed had a class to itself, and there was a sweepstakes which included all breeds. Two carcasses were shown by each exhibitor. As this department was most important, we secured an expert to report on the carcasses, who writes as follows: In Berkshires Geo. Green won first and third prize, and W. J. Rudd second. The first-prize pair were very fairly up to the standard, with, perhaps, a little deficiency in the loins. The meat was good, and the fat about right thickness, except on the shoulder, where it was slightly too thick, but not much. In the second-prize pair, one had the fat pretty evenly distributed, but the other carried too much fat on the fore part of the back and shoulder. Their loins were well filled. The fat of the third-prize pair was rather uneven and thick in parts. The carcasses, too, were hardly long enough.

The first-prize Yorkshire carcasses, which belonged to J. E. Brethour, were of a good type of bacon hog. The fat was not quite of even depth all along, but was quite good enough to justify the carcasses taking first honors, especially as the lean meat was good and juicy, and well distributed. One of the second-prize lot, shown by J. Featherston & Son, was good, but the other was not quite so perfect as regards thickness of fat on the back and shoulder. G. B. Hood owned the third-prize pair. They were too highly fed, were thick in the flank, and not quite long enough.

Andrew Elliott, Galt; A. C. Hallman, New Dundee, and W. R. McDonald, Ridgetown, was the order of the prizewinners in the Tamworth class. Elliott's pigs dressed out a meat of nice quality, with good loins and bellies, and the fat was well apportioned. Hallman's pigs were well finished, the fat was evenly put on, and the texture of the lean meat was good. They had not the length of the first-prize winners, however. McDonald's pigs did not mate quite so well. One of them was of good type and medium length, the other was too fat.

R. H. Harding had the first-prize winners in Chester Whites. They were of a fairly good style, a little short for the requirements of the bacon trade, and somewhat inclined to fatness. This pair won fourth alive. Both the second and third prize winners, owned by W. Butler & Sons and H. George & Sons, respectively, were short and fat.

W. M. Smith's entry of Poland-Chinas secured first over W. & H. Jones' two pairs. The first-prize ones were rather short, but not too fat. The fat of one of the second-prize pair was nearly right, the other was not quite so good on that point. They were both short, however. The third-prize pair were too fat and short.

Tape Bros. owned the first-prize Duroc-Jersey carcasses. They were of fair length, but too fat, and the lean was not juicy enough. W. M. Smith's two entries, which came in second and third, were short and fat, and would be classified as "stouts" in a packing-house.

The Essex carcasses were all short, and most of them were too fat, although the first-prize pair were not so bad in that particular. J. Featherston & Son owned the first and second prize pairs, and T. A. McClure the third.

Grades went in the reverse order that they did alive. H. George & Sons won on a pair of Tamworth grades of good length, with the fat and lean well distributed and of good quality. Elliott & Son's Tamworth-Berkshire cross were rather smaller, but the fat was even and not too deep, except a trifle on the shoulder.

The sweepstakes for two best dressed hogs went to Brethour's pair of Yorkshires, Green's Berk-