

**CLASS III.—PENS OF FIVE SHEARLING EWES:** The first prize is awarded to Mr. G. Walmesley, of Rudstone, Yorkshire, for a lot with uncommonly good flesh, compact forms, and very fine bone. The second prize to Mr. Abraham, for a good pen of well-made ewes, though scarcely deep enough through the chest.

**SHORT WOOLS.**

In this class there is very considerable merit, notwithstanding the absence of Mr. Jonas Webb's splendid animals from the show; but we must condemn the practice of some exhibitors, in trimming their sheep to such an extent, as often to hide very serious defects in form, particularly high loins.

**CLASS I.—SHEARLING RAMS:** The prize Ram of Mr. H. Luzar, of Hengrave, Suffolk, is a finely formed animal, neck good, back level, wool fine. The second prize Ram, of the Duke of Richmond's, is also of great merit, having a level broad back, and full shoulders and chine.

**CLASS II.—RAMS OF ANY OTHER AGE.**

Mr. Sainsbury takes the first prize, for a 29 months' old ram, of great length and yet well formed, and with good back. The second goes to Mr. Rigden, for a 28 months' old ram, with level back, good rump, good chine, heavy thighs, but perhaps a little failing in the chest. Mr. Luzar's highly commended ram has a level back, great girth, but rather narrow twist. Mr. Rigden receives another commendation in this class.

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Mr. German's prize ewes are remarkable fine and well-made; and the Duke of Richmond's second prize ewes are certainly beautiful animals, though somewhat small, and with less wool.

**LONG WOOLS.**

As we might expect, in Lincolnshire, the show of long wools is unprecedented as regards the number of specimens; and we find from the catalogue that one-fifth of the exhibitors in this class are men of this county, notwithstanding that a special class has been prepared for them.

**CLASS I.—SHEARLING RAMS.**

Mr. G. Fletcher, of Shipton, near Andoversford, takes the first prize. His ram is of amazing length and size, finely-proportioned and grand-looking, though with a head somewhat too short for some tastes. Mr. G. Hewer, of Laygore, near Northleach, shows his very superior breed of animals, celebrated not only for their great size and spacious form, but equally so for their very fine mutton and pleasing countenances. Number 62 has the second prize.

**CLASS II.—RAMS OF ANY OTHER AGE.**

The first prize ram of Mr. W. Lane, 28 months old, is an animal possessing many good points, combined with unusual size; and the second prize ram, 40 months old, belonging to the same breeder, is quite as extraordinary.

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Mr. W. Garne's beautiful ewes take the first prize; Mr. Lane's take the second; and we must say that these are really surprising animals,

their size being that of some rams, and their breadth of chine and loin, and fore-quarter and rumps, is as great as their heads and bone are fine.

**IMPROVED LINCOLNS.**

This class has been appointed, according to the custom of the Society, to test or develop the breeding capabilities of the district in which the meeting is held; and we may say, that on no former occasion has the local class of sheep been so numerously filled with good animals, or so well characterized by good mutton and fine qualities. The Improved Lincoln occupies a very extensive district of the country, and, from the fact of producing a longer and heavier fleece than any other sheep, forms a very important breed. We cannot say that all the sheep exhibited in this class were of peculiar merit; indeed, from what we know of the various Lincoln flocks, we anticipated a still better show: but we can safely affirm that many of the animals possess great beauty, extraordinary substance and symmetry, good looks, fine quality of flesh, and a long thick-set staple of very good wool. Without the amazing proportions of the Cotswold or New Oxfordshire breeds, they have hitherto failed to succeed in competition with them in the same class; but as animals profitable to both breeder and grazier in meat and wool, they are abundantly able to enter the field against the broader framed but lighter skinned Cotswolds.

**CLASS I.—SHEARLING RAMS.**

The first prize is awarded to Mr. John Clarke, of Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, for a good well-made sheep, with good mutton and plenty of wool. The second prize to Mr. Thomas Greetham, of Wragley, Lincolnshire, for a useful farmers' sheep, fairly proportioned, and of considerable merit.

**CLASS II.—RAMS OF ANY OTHER AGE.**

Both first and second prizes are taken by Mr. John Clarke. Both animals of great size, breadth, and depth; good rumps, loins, and legs; firm, beautiful meat, and very heavy wool. The first prize sheep is exceeded in girth, we believe, by only one sheep in the yard—viz., one of Mr. Lane's Cotswolds, and he clipped in three years no less than 51½ lbs. of wool.

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Mr. John Kirkham obtains the prize for a lot of very good ewes, having plenty of wool.

**THE EXHIBITION OF PIGS.**

The only classification adopted by the society is that of "Large Breed" and "Small Breed"; and considerable difficulty always arises in distinguishing between the two, so as to pronounce with certainty in which class some of the animals ought to be shown. For it is less the actual dimensions than the peculiarities of form that mark these groups of "large" and "small" breeds, the latter being found, in some instances, to exceed some of the former in size and weight. And although the judges are always directed to withhold prizes from any animal, however meri-