

To an entry by Thomas Russell, Exeter, was awarded third for another four-year-old maiden heifer, Bracelet, out of imported Bracelet, and got by imported Mariner. This was a wonderfully thick-fleshed beast that some who ought to know declared would kill out better than anything in the building.

W. B. Cockburn also showed imported Daisy Flower, a grand eight-year-old matron, the only one in the ring that had ever produced a calf; she was given a highly commended ribbon. This award was strongly objected to by many visitors who loudly declared in her favor, and doubtless, from a breeder's standpoint, the strongest arguments were in her favor. She had more substance by all odds than anything in the building, but of course was not as good from the block standpoint, as she was extremely fat.

Two Herefords faced the judge, one a rather meagrely-fed two-year steer shown by Henry McGurk, while in the cow class a smoothly-fleshed matron of ten summers was all that represented the female Herefords. This was a useful cow shown by F. A. Fleming, of Weston.

James Bowman, Guelph, elected to champion the Polled-Angus alone with a cow only in ordinary breeding condition, while D. McCrae, Guelph, did the same for Galloways with two cows that required a little more feeding to class as Christmas beef.

W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills, brought out a Devon steer and heifer which were awarded first in their respective sections.

It was a right good ring of nicely-bred cattle that were brought out to contest for sweepstakes, in which a number of winners from the different classes took a hand. Here both judges officiated, and in quick order a short list of five was drawn, comprising Jas. Rennie's grand three-year-old heifer, W. B. Cockburn's two-year-old Shorthorn steer, J. R. Caldwell's four-year-old Shorthorn heifer, James Oke's grade yearling steer, and the two-year-old grade heifer from the same herd. After a sharp contest the coveted ribbon was placed on the Rennie heifer, although one of the judges stood out stoutly for the two-year-old Shorthorn steer from the Cockburn stables.

SWINE.

The display of hogs at the Provincial Show at Guelph was a decided improvement on that of former years, both as to number and quality. The energy of the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association must be credited with being a prime factor in bringing about this result. The liberal list of prizes offered in the last two years has led more of our farmers to enter the field of competition, and we have to congratulate the Association upon the success of its well-directed efforts. The Association should not, however, rest satisfied with present attainments, but should seek to draw out more competition by still further increasing the amount of the prizes, which are not yet sufficiently liberal or tempting to bring out the best results. The prime object of a fat stock show is not to be reached by allowing breeding stock to enter for competition, and the sooner we get down to a show of real butchers' stock the sooner we shall be found in our proper sphere. To this end we submit that the highest prizes and the greater number of prizes should be offered for steers, wethers and barrows. This will encourage a more general castration of male animals not up to the standard for breeding purposes, and will give us a better fatstock show in the lines which ought to be encouraged.

To exhibitors we would say that if it is worth while to make a display at these shows, it is worth while to do it well. We are led to this remark by the fact that many excellent animals were shown in a half-fat condition, which would have taken higher rank if they had been in higher flesh. They were evidently taken up too late to give them time for preparation for the show. The proper time to begin to prepare for next year's show is now, by selecting good ones and keeping them going on regularly, so as to bring out their best possibilities at the next show. Breeders should regard it as in their interest to show the public what their favorite breeds can do when properly brought out.

A brief review may serve to bring out the most noticeable features of the show in these classes:—

BERKSHIRES

were shown by the Messrs. Snell, of Edmonton; George Green, of Fairview; D. Farham, Corwin; W. E. Wright, Glanworth; Thos. Watson, Springvale; P. McGar, Guelph; R. D. Addison, Otterville; and W. & F. Row, Avon.

In the section for barrow over 9 and under 18 months, Messrs. Snell had an easy victory with their popular Sam, a son of imported Enterprise 1378 and imported Saverlake's Daughter.

This was a hog of medium size, but so full of quality that he was admired by every one who saw him. His outline was nearly perfect, his flesh smooth and evenly distributed, his back well covered, his sides deep and his lower line straight. He had all the indications of a strong constitution, stood well upon his feet, and was well brought out.

Mr. Green had a good second in his Royal, a lengthy, symmetrical hog with many strong points, but not fat enough to show to best advantage.

Barrows, nine months and under, were a good lot, Mr. W. E. Wright's Black Joe being an especially good one, large for his age, smooth in his flesh, and well brought out. He was easily placed first, and Mr. Green got second and third prizes with good straight pigs, which were not as fat as they ought to have been.

In sows over nine and under eighteen months, there was keen competition, and Mr. Green was awarded first prize for his Clip, a sow of great length and with grand hams. Mr. Watson's Haldimand's Queen was placed second, but a good many onlookers thought she might have headed the list, judging by a fat stock standard at least. She was evidently younger, and had a fresh appearance, with a well-covered back and smooth, even flesh, standing well on her feet. She was a typical Berkshire and much admired. Mr. McGar stood third with a very good sow, well prepared.

Sows, nine months and under, made a very strong section. There were ten entries, and their ages varied so much that they were not an easy lot to place. Mr. Addison was awarded first prize on a young sow of fine quality, and smooth, even flesh, on short legs and of an easy feeding sort.

Messrs. Snell got second place with a lengthy, strait, smooth, upstanding sow, more like the pork packer's type. The third prize went to the same owners for a sister of the second prize sow and of similar type.

For the best three pigs, offspring of one sow and bred by exhibitor, first place was given to the Messrs. Snell's exhibit, which included the first prize barrow in the section over nine months and two younger pigs of good quality.

Mr. Green got second place with a good even lot, and Messrs. Snell third prize.

POLAND CHINAS

were shown by W. M. and J. C. Smith, of Fairfield Plains; W. & F. Row, Avon.

The only entry in barrow over nine months was that of Messrs. Smith, and he was certainly a good one, very large and broad, with immense hams and smooth flesh, somewhat wanting in firmness, and a slight slackness behind his shoulders. He was, however, one to admire, and a good representative of the breed.

Messrs. Row made a strong show in the section for barrows nine months and under, with two hogs of the same litter and of the same type, with strong, well-covered backs, smooth flesh and such as would show light off when slaughtered. These were awarded first and second prizes. Messrs. Smith got third prize with a strong hog of the older type of Polands.

For three pigs, produce of one sow, Messrs. Row had a clear first in a smooth, even lot. Messrs. Smith showed a strong lot with the large hog Dandie in it, but wanting in uniformity.

YORKSHIRES

were shown by J. Featherstone, M. P., Streetsville; J. E. Brethour, Burford; and Robert Chadwick, Burnhamthorpe. The number shown was less than usual, partly owing to the fact that the two first-named exhibitors had their best things in quarantine, returning from the World's Fair, where they had been very successful.

In the section for barrows over nine months, Mr. Featherstone had the field to himself, and showed two very good ones, Holywell Y. and Prescott Prince, which were typical of the breed and fairly well prepared.

For sow over nine months, Mr. Chadwick had the only entry and was awarded first prize for Nora, a sow of fine character and superior quality.

Mr. Brethour had the field for sows under nine months, and got the three prizes on a very fine trio of smooth, lengthy, straight sows of good Yorkshire type. The same exhibitor also won first place for best three, produce of one sow.

CHESTER WHITES

were shown by R. H. Harding, Thorndale; H. George & Sons, Crampton, and W. E. Wright, Glanworth. The class was well represented by strong, useful animals, true to type and well up to the standard.

Mr. Harding got first place in the section for barrow over nine months with his Sir John, a lengthy, straight, well-fleshed hog, standing well on his feet, and showing strong breeding character.

Messrs. George won second prize with Jumbo, a big, useful hog, well brought out.

The same exhibitors won first in section for barrow under nine months, Mr. Harding following next with a close second.

Sows over nine months were an exceptionally good lot, and Mr. Harding scored first with a very fine specimen, well named Elegant, Messrs. George taking second and third prizes with really good ones.

For sows under nine months Mr. Harding was again first in a strong class with Bessie, a very straight, smooth, well-formed sow of fine quality. The other two prizes went to Messrs. George for good, even young sows not so highly fitted.

Pens of three offspring of one sow were a really good lot, and made close competition—Mr. Harding getting first place with a strong lot, and his competitors taking the other two prizes.

TAMWORTHS AND JERSEY REDS

were classed together. The latter were represented by only a few specimens, but they were very good ones.

The Tamworths were out in considerable numbers, both as pure-bred and in the class for grades and crosses. The exhibitors were John Bell, Amber (Tamworths); Ellery & Stevens, Salford (Jerseys); Isaac Holland, Avon (Tamworths); and Thos. George, Mount Elgin (Tamworths).

Mr. Bell had the only entry for barrow over nine months, and showed a typical specimen.

In barrow under nine months Mr. Holland scored first with a straight, smooth, well-fleshed hog. The same exhibitor got second prize, and Mr. Holland third prize with a well-prepared hog of fine quality.

The Jerseys came to the front in the section for sows over nine months, Ellery & Stevens taking first and second prizes with good specimens of the breed—long, deep and well-portioned animals; Mr. Bell taking third place.

Ellery & Stevens came in first again for sow under nine months with a young sow of pure quality Mr. Bell taking second with a straight sow, rather light below, and Mr. George third prize on a good sort of sow.

For three pigs, produce of one sow, Mr. Holland won first prize with an uncommonly good trio of Tams, with shorter heads than the breed usually shows, and long, smooth, well-proportioned bodies; Ellery & Stevens second, and John Bell third.

SUFFOLKS.

This class was well represented by specimens from the herds of Messrs. Featherstone, Dorsey and Frank.

Mr. Dorsey took first and second prizes in the section for barrow over nine months with two good hogs of true Suffolk type, that were brought out in good condition.

Mr. Featherstone was first for sows under nine months with a good one, and Mr. Dorsey won second and third prizes. Mr. Frank was highly commended, and has a good one.

For three pigs from one sow, Mr. Dorsey had a very uniform lot, and was placed first. Mr. Frank's entry had second for a good, even lot, and third for another pen that were well up to the standard.

SWEEPSTAKES.

The championship prize for best barrow, any age or breed, brought out the prize-winners in all the classes, and it made a very interesting contest. The judges in all classes united to make this award, and after careful consideration and comparison placed the badge of honor upon the fine Berkshire hog Sam, owned by the Messrs. Snell.

GRADES AND CROSSES.

This was one of the most interesting features of the show, and brought out the largest entry of any class, while the character of the exhibits was of a high order of merit.

Barrows over nine months were represented by only two entries. Mr. Green showed a grade Berkshire of fine form and with good quality, but not in high enough flesh to show to best advantage.

Mr. Bell showed a grade Tamworth and Berkshire, black and tan, with a white blaze—a big, strong, well-fleshed hog on top, but rather light in hams and lower lines. They were placed reverse of the order named.

Barrows under nine months brought out sixteen entries. All did not enter the ring, but a good lot faced the judges, and first prize went to a Yorkshire and Poland-China cross, shown by Mr. Barber, of Guelph; second to a Yorkshire and Berkshire, owned by James Goodger, Walmer.

Sows over nine months were a good lot, and first prize went to Chas. Austin, Mossboro; second to D. G. Hammer; third to H. George.

Sows under nine months were also a good, even lot. Mr. Goodger got first on a very smooth Yorkshire-Berkshire cross; second and third to Albert Barber.

SWEEPSTAKES, SILVER MEDAL

for best grade hog any age, was awarded to Mr. Chas. Austin, Mossboro, for a Berkshire grade of fine form and flesh—a true type of a farmer's hog.

GRANT PRIZE.

The special prize offered by J. I. Grant & Co., pork packers, Ingersol, for best pair of pigs under nine months, suitable for the export trade, brought out a good display. They were judged by the rules laid down by the donors, and the prize went to Mr. John Bell, Amber, for a pair of Tamworth grades—long, smooth, fleshy pigs.

A report of the sheep shown will appear in next issue.

An Australian farmer has adopted a very peculiar method of making silage. Having eight acres of corn, which yielded a heavy crop, he laid the entire stalks, uncut, in three stacks, taking care to lay them all one way, without crossing. Then he weighed the stacks down with logs and stones. When it had settled he covered the whole with earth two feet deep, raised to a crown on top, which he thatched with cornstalks. The silage came out in good condition, and was greedily eaten by the cattle.