

sweeping victory which they won over the flocks of the other two exhibitors. The only lams they did not get were those for pens of five shearlings and of five lambs, the former of which went to Harding and the latter to Empey.

HAMPSHIRE.

There was a section for flock of one ram and four ewes, of this or the Suffolk breed, in which two prizes were offered. No Suffolks were out, but Dr. Fasken, Paris, and Jno. Kelly, Shakespear, both showed Hampshires, the former the capital imported flock he exhibited at Toronto Fair. He got 1st and Kelly 2nd.

FAT SHEEP.

There were enough fat sheep to win all the prize money offered. In the wether class, Beattie, Jackson, and Gibson won in that order. Campbell, Hamner, and Allan won for ewes; while in the section for six shipping sheep, not entered in another section, the prizes went to Hamner, Telfer, and Wright.

SWINE.

A number of extra pens had to be erected for the accommodation of the many pigs for which no room could be found in the regular building. It was one of the best shows of swine ever seen here. There should be erected a second permanent building for pigs before another year elapses, as temporary pens are unsatisfactory places in which to show swine, and in the event of wet weather the exhibitors who have to put up with such accommodation are very liable to lose chances of sales.

BERKSHIRES.

Geo. Green, Fairview, had his Toronto exhibit here and was very successful, although he was somewhat under a disadvantage in the section for boars under a year, as his best boar was sick. He won 1st in all the other boar sections, 1st for yearling sow, and the diplomas for boar and four of his get and for sow and three of her progeny. No herd prizes are offered in any of the swine classes at the Western. T. A. Cox, Brantford, was stronger here than in Toronto, and won a very satisfactory share of the prize money. All the first prizes for females, except that for yearling sows, went to him, and also 1st for boar under 12 months. H. Davis, Woodstock, had a few entries, and won 3rd for a yearling boar. Jas. McEwan, Kertch, secured 3rd with a boar under 12 months old. Geo. Hill, Delaware, had a small contingent forward, but did not get into the prize list.

YORKSHIRES.

J. E. Brethour, Burford, was particularly strong in this class, having all his Toronto exhibit forward. The opposition he met here was slight compared with what he had encountered the week before, and consequently he won the biggest bulk of the prize money, including that for boar and produce and sow and progeny. J. Featherston & Sons, Streetsville, had divided their herd after Toronto, sending a part to Quebec on here. They won 1st on a boar under 6 months, 2nd on a yearling boar, and 3rd on a boar under one year old. H. Davis, Woodstock, had four pigs entered, and won with three of them—2nd for a yearling sow, 2nd for a boar under 6 months, and 3rd for a sow under 12 months old. T. A. Cox, Brantford, had the 3rd prize sow under 6 months in Toronto, and got into 1st place with her.

TAMWORTHS.

This breed, although not quite so much in evidence as in Toronto, where they had the record over all other breeds as regards entries, was still out in larger numbers than usual, five of the largest exhibitors there being present with their stock. J. C. Nichol, Hubrey, came out best, winning on aged boars, aged and yearling sows, and sows under 6 months, and the diplomas for boar and four of his get and sow and three of her progeny, besides other minor awards. N. M. Blain, St. George, came in 2nd for aged boars, 1st for boar under 6 months, 1st for sow under a year, besides two other 2nds and a 3rd prize. A. Elliott & Son, Galt, had the yearling boar and boar under the year that they showed in Toronto, and won 2nd on the yearling and 1st on the other. J. Hord & Son, Parkhill, had the best yearling boar, and were 3rd for a sow within the year. J. R. Newell & Sons, Crampton, won a 2nd for a sow under 6 months, and three 3rds besides. A yearling sow belonging to Reid & Co., Hintonburg, came in 3rd in her section.

POLAND-CHINAS.

W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, had quite a strong competition in this class, being opposed by Meredith & Dunlop, Dresden, who had forward a number of imported pigs which were nicely fitted. Six of the eight 1st prizes and the two diplomas went to Messrs. Jones; while Meredith & Dunlop won on aged sows and on boars under 12 months old, with five other lesser prizes.

CHESTER WHITES.

Wm. Butler & Sons, Dereham Centre, had it nearly all to themselves in this class, and won everything they showed for, except 2nd for sows under 6 months and 3rd for boar under a year, which fell to a couple of pigs brought out by W. E. Wright, Glanworth.

DUROC-JERSEYS.

As at the Toronto Industrial, Tape Bros., Ridgetown, and Wm. Butler & Sons, Dereham Centre, were the exhibitors who furnished the representatives of this breed. The bulk of the prizes, including all the 1sts and the two diplomas, went to Messrs. Tape. Four 2nds and three 3rd prizes fell to Messrs. Butler.

OTHER DISTINCT BREEDS.

In this mixed class were shown Victorias, Suffolks, and Essex. Chris. Fahner, Crediton, exhibited Victorias, and got a fair share of the winnings, among which was the diploma for sow and three of her progeny. J. Featherston & Sons, Streetsville, had both Suffolks and Essex, and won with both. The diploma for boar and four of his get fell to Essex, shown by this firm, and most of their winners were Essex. In all they had six 1st honors to their credit. J. Hord & Sons, Parkhill, won with Suffolks—four 2nds and one 3rd prize.

POULTRY.

The capacious and well-arranged poultry building was taxed to its utmost with the various classes of poultry and pet stock. In no section was the entry particularly large, but a fair average was maintained throughout. In Brahmas and Cochins the winning birds were chiefly of high quality, and the entries ran from three in each sex in old birds, and the same number in chicks for Partridge Cochins, to seven of each sex in each of the Light Brahma sections. In Dorkings there was a small entry throughout, four cocks and four hens in silver-grays being the largest entry. Plymouth Rocks were most numerous and shown, and of these the barred variety made the greatest and finest display. Of these latter there were ten cocks, ten hens, fifteen cockerels, and eleven pullets, and there were no inferior birds among them. In whites and buffs the entry was small, and of only medium quality. Wyandottes were particularly good in the various colors and ages, and ran up to seven entries of either sex in old birds of the golden variety, and ten entries in each sex of the young white sort.

Of the lighter breeds, Leghorns made the most conspicuous display, and the quality of the entries was of a high order. In white, eight cocks, eight hens, eleven cockerels, and eleven pullets competed. In blacks, just two pairs of either age were shown, while in brown there was a big field of good ones from which to select the various winners. There was a fairly good showing of buffs, there being eight pairs of old birds, and five of the produce of 1899. Minorcas presented six pairs of old birds, and a similar entry of young ones, whereas Andalusians had a small representation. In the Spanish, Polish, Hamburg, Game and Bantam classes, the entries were first-class, being the winners at Toronto the previous week.

There was rather a small entry of water fowl, but the quality was of a high order. In geese there were Toulouse, Embden, and Bremen sorts represented in twos and threes in the various sections. There were seven pairs of Pekin ducks shown, and quite a good entry of Aylesburys, and half a dozen of Rouens, all first-class birds. Bronze turkeys were strongly represented in numbers, but the young birds appeared to have been late hatched; but the old stock was particularly fine in size, form, and plumage. A fairly good showing of White Hollands were also forward. Pheasants of various beautiful varieties, pigeons, rabbits, and other pet stock were numerous shown and particularly entertaining to all visitors to the building, but chiefly the younger representatives.

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GROUP OF SWINE EXHIBITORS AND ATTENDANTS AT TORONTO INDUSTRIAL.

Brantford Southern Fair.

Fine weather came one day too late to insure for the Brantford Fair Board the financial success the show was worthy of. It was not until Thursday, the closing day, that the sun came out to encourage visitors to spend their annual holiday at this popular exhibition. The gate receipts, however, were well in advance of what might have been expected, which, together with the entry fees, etc., left more than enough to meet the expenses and prizes.

LIVE STOCK.

Brantford being the center of a first-class agricultural district, where high-class stock is a chief dependence, it was expected that a good showing in the various breeds and classes would be presented, and while this was the case to a marked degree, we believe more local breeders, with comparatively small herds and flocks, would be glad to come out were they given any encouragement to believe they could win even a few 2nd prizes; but even this seems out of reach of many a beginner, while the rules allow the larger exhibitors to enter for all the prizes offered in the various sections. This is perhaps a difficult matter for local fair boards to regulate, but it seems evident that if the smaller shows are to do the best good to the localities in which they are held, some provision should be made to encourage more local exhibits of live stock.

HORSES.

The new horse barn erected this year was completely filled with good material. There was an excellent display and keen competition in many sections of the various classes, those of the light-legged sorts being strongest. The Clydesdale class was outside of teams, very weak in numbers. The only stallions shown were McCombie, by Macgregor, owned by Geo. Rodgerston, Paris, and Sandy Yet, by Brougham, owned by Jno. McClure, Carluke. The former is a worthy son of his great and lately-lamented sire. Sandy Yet is an upstanding, promising 2-year-old that should do considerable good in future. Geo. Moore, Waterloo, had his Toronto and London-winning team here and repeated his victory over a very good pair owned by Alex. Duncan, Carluke, that won 2nd, and a plainer, but useful, team owned by Frank Thompson, Onondago, that stood 3rd. The class for agricultural horses was exceptionally good, containing a number of high-grade Clydesdales shown in good form. The teams were well brought out. W. Robson & Son, Ayr, won 1st here on a blocky chestnut and brown of good Clyde type, the 2nd falling to a more rangy entry owned by J.

Malcolm, Sheffield, and the 3rd to J. Anderson, Jr., Paris, on a lighter, good sort of farm team.

The carriage class was headed by the good horse, Shelby Wilkes, by Dillard Wilkes, and owned by W. J. Ireland, Cope-town. He defeated Dr. Tom, owned by C. D. Smith, Fairfield Plains, and Young Clear Grit, owned by Robt. Wilson, Brantford. The display of teams was good, the victory falling to an up-to-date pair of high-steppers sired by Prince George, and owned by Mr. Yeager, Simcoe. A beautiful pair of matched, upstanding blacks, owned by J. W. Pattison, Brantford, stood 2nd in the competition. Some good things were shown in the younger sections. Redwood, by Diplomat, a racy Standard-bred stallion, owned by B. Cornwall, Langford, had no opposition; nor did the Thoroughbred, Verastile, that won in Toronto and London for Wm. Hendrie, Hamilton. There was a good turnout of single roadsters and young things on the line, and the saddle and jumping contests were keen between entries made by J. E. Brethour, T. Lloyd-Jones, and D. G. Hamner. The draft classes were judged by W. H. Graham, St. Mary's, and lighter classes by W. R. Lowes, Brantford.

CATTLE.

Shorthorns were well represented by well-fitted entries, made by Messrs. J. & P. Crearer, T. Lovett, C. Summerhays, A. Duncan, and F. A. Smith. Mr. Lovett won 1st for aged bull, and Mr. Duncan for bull calf, while Messrs. Crearer won 1st and 2nd on mature cows, heifers two years old, one year old, and calves, besides 1st on yearling bull and on herd. Mr. Walter Hall, Washington, had out his full herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle that he had shown at Toronto and London the previous weeks. His ideal 2-year-old bullock was the admiration of a great many visitors.

Galloways were represented by the full herd of A. M. & R. Shaw, Brantford, which were shown at Toronto and London, and a few very good entries from the herd of Mr. T. Lloyd-Jones, Burford.

Jerseys had a strong representation in the full herd of Messrs. B. H. Bull & Son, Brantford. Five entries shown by D. G. Hamner & Sons, Mount Vernon; and a few others owned by O. Vansickle. Messrs. Bull won all the 1st and 2nd prizes, except the 1st for heifer calf and 2nd for yearling heifer, which were won by Messrs. Hamner, and 2nd on bull two years old, won by Mr. Vansickle. Messrs. Bull had out a nice selection of bull calves.

Four Ayrshire herds brought out a keen competition, the exhibitors being Mr. N. Dymont, Clappison's; T. Brooks & Son, Brantford; W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains; and J. R. Alexander, Brantford. Mr. Dymont won 1st on herd, 2-year-old bull, and aged cow, as well as a number of 2nds. Messrs. Brooks won 1st on yearling bull, 2-year-old, and yearling heifers, and 2nd on herd. Messrs. Smith won, among other prizes, 1st on bull calf and 2nd on 2-year-old heifer. And Mr. Alexander secured 1st on yearling heifer and 2nds on 3-year-old and aged cows.

Rettie Bros., Norwich, with 15 head, and A. Kennedy, Ayr, with 10 head, made a good showing in Holstein-Friesians. The former herd had learned well how to win in the strong "Industrial" and "Western" contests, which they continued to do here in spite of the fact that several very good individuals appeared in Mr. Kennedy's herd. Rettie Bros. won all the 1sts taken, and all the 2nds but for yearling bull. The best breeds were judged by Mr. Watt, Selkirk, Ont., and the dairy breeds by Mr. Alf. Kains, Byron, Ont.

SHEEP.

While there was a very high-class representation of all the breeds shown, the competition was not as keen as we would like to have seen. In Southdowns, John Jackson & Son, Abingdon, swept the list with his well-fitted, good flock, which they showed at Toronto and London. Shropshires had a first-class representation in Messrs. Hamner's flock, as well as a few useful entries from the flocks of Mr. Adam Armstrong, Cathcart, and T. Lloyd-Jones, Burford. Messrs. Hamner won all the 1st prizes; while Armstrong's aged ewes won 2nd, as did also Jones' aged ram. Leicester were well shown by Jno. Wright; Messrs. Orr & Lillioo, Galt; and Dunnet Bros., Clambrassil. The last named firm won 1st on pen, aged ram, aged ewes, and shearing ewes. For a great many years this good flock has been headed by rams from the flock of A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont. Messrs. Orr & Lillioo won 1st on shearing ram, ram lambs, ewes lambs, and 2nds on pens, aged ram, shearing ewes, and some others; while John Wright won 2nd on ram lambs, aged ewes, and some other awards. John Parks & Son, Burgessville, and Geo. Allen, Oriel, wound up their fall campaign with their Cotswold flocks at this show. The former, with 18 head, won 1st on flock, 1st and 2nd on aged ewes, and a number of other prizes. Mr. Allen won 1st on aged ram, shearing ram, ram lamb, and shearing ewes, besides some 2nds and a 3rd. Mr. J. H. Jull, Mt. Vernon, had no opposition against his fitted flock of good Oxfordshire that he had shown at Toronto and London exhibitions. The long-wooled breeds were judged by Thos. Teasdale, Concord, and the short-wools by W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove, Ont.

The exhibit of swine was considerably less this year than last, but good specimens represented the different breeds shown. Berkshires were shown by T. A. Cox, Brantford; Tamworths by Norman M. Blain, St. George; and Yorkshires by J. E. Brethour, Burford; all of whom had full herds of high-class animals. Chester Whites furnished a keen competition between the exhibits of Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, and John Silverthorn, Scotland, who divided honors. There were just three entries in pens of six selected lean singers. The 1st award went to a lot of long, deep-sided, smooth pigs, weighing about 150 pounds each. They were chiefly white in color, with Tamworth heads and red markings over the body. They were shown by A. Cutliff, Mohawk, Ont. The 2nd prize pen were smaller, shorter pigs, of fair bacon type, and the remaining entry was thrown out for being too thick and fat for their class. Thos. Teasdale judged the Berkshires and Chesters, and Major G. B. Hood, Guelph, the remaining classes.

POULTRY.

The poultry building could have easily accommodated more birds than appeared this year, but most of the worthy breeds were fairly well represented. The different varieties of Leghorns, Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks, Light Brahmas, and Cochins presented a keen competition, which was also true of Pekin and Aylesbury ducks, Toulouse geese, and the various classes of Bantams, while Dorkings, Javas, Andalusians, Spanish, Hamburgs, Red Caps, Houdans, Minorcas, Games, and turkeys had a comparatively small entry.

DAIRY.

The display of dairy produce appeared small at first view, but when we learned that only farm dairy butter was competing, and the entry fee was \$1, it may be considered a creditable display. In all there were 15 entries of crocks, 13 of rolls,