

stock being shown. The lambs were not so good as usual, perhaps owing to the bad spring. A. & R. Whitelaw, Guelph, carried off sweepstakes in the ram class, while Hastings Bros., Crosshill, carried it off in the ewe class in the Canadian-bred pen and in the aged ewes. J. L. Pollacott, Kennewick, and Charles F. Maw, Omagh, also won in the various classes on some good sheep.

LINCOLNS—The Lincoln sheep were stronger than usual this year, the honors being pretty equally divided between J. T. Gibson, Denfield, and J. H. Patrick, of Ilderton. Mr. Patrick's flock shows care in selection and breeding, as seen in his sweepstake shearing ram, and shearing ewe. The pen of Canadian-bred was also won by Mr. Patrick, while Mr. Gibson, whose flock was out in good trim as usual, landed two firsts in the younger class.

The judges in the various sheep sections were as follows: Cotesolds, Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; Dorset Horn, John Campbell, Woodville; Oxford, L. Parkinson, Eramosa; Shropshires and Southdowns, J. C. Duncan, Lewiston, N.Y.; Hampshires, Prof. H. S. Arkell, Guelph; Leicester and Lincolns, J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, Ont.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS

Walter Burns' great collie "Bobs" was again on top in the sheep dog trials before the grand stand, defeating Wesley Dunn's imported Highland Scotch sheep dog, "Chief," and James Lannigan's "Nell," the winner in the bitch class. Though not so active as he once was, "Bobs" put his sheep through the gap, double angle, and penned them in 11 minutes, while the other two failed to make the journey in the allotted time of 15 minutes.

SHEEP SHEARING

The sheep shearing contest was of the usual exciting character, and attracted many others besides those interested in the business. Sheep were brought from the stock yards, and did not take to being shorn of their fleeces very peaceably. In the machine shearing contest George Allen, of Paris, completed the task in seven and a half minutes, and F. W. Silverides, of Bedford Park, in twelve and a half minutes. The time for the hand-shearing event were: William Butler, Shifnal, England, 13½ minutes; F. W. Silverides, Bedford Park, 12½ minutes; Walter Cole, Milton, 16½ minutes; F. R. Bennett, Proton Station, 17½ minutes; F. C. Fawkes, Beaconsfield, Quebec, 21 minutes; Thomas Bray, 25 minutes.

SWINE

The hog exhibit at Toronto was this year stronger than it has been for some years past. This was especially true in the Yorkshire and Berkshire classes. Many hogs of splendid quality were to be seen in nearly every section, while the herds were a credit to their owners, showing a uniformity of type which is hardly comparable and proving that good judgment has been used in the breeding and management of the hogs. In a few cases there was little or no competition, but generally the sections were well filled and rivalry for the honors was keen.

BERKSHIRES

The exhibit in this class was the best in recent years, and competition was keen in many sections. Mr. W.

H. Durham, Toronto, won a majority of the prizes, including sweepstakes. Each for boar and sow. The former was the yearling, British Sovereign (imp.), bred by the Duchess of Devonshire; the latter was Isabel (ten months old), a capital specimen of a good bacon type. The strongest sections were boars under 6 months and sows of same age. Here a marked improvement over previous years was apparent. Many of the pigs were long, strong, thrifty, and in every way desirable. Mr. Sam. Dolson, Alliston, Ont., was forward with four splendid sows, such as would fill the eye of the packer and meet the needs of the breeder. Mr. Douglas Thompson, Woodstock, showed a good pen and Mr. Durham an imported sow of much promise, better on her feet than any of the others, but not as long as some. Thos. Teasdale, Concord, Ont., one of Canada's oldest and most respected Berkshire breeders, was out with a very smooth lot. He was first in the boar class over twelve and under eighteen months, with an extra good pig, and in the sow section over six and under twelve months he won second and third, with a pair of nice sows.

YORKSHIRES

This was the best filled class at the show, and was very strong in all sections excepting the junior yearling boars. The sows were exceptionally good. The honors were pretty evenly divided. Mr. D. C. Platt & Son, of Millgrove, won the sweepstakes, both for boar and sow, the former with Summerhill Duke of York II. (imp.), an animal of splendid quality and of large size. The winning sow was Lady Frost. She is a sweet sow with plenty of length and of excellent quality, and was one of the best sows ever shown at Toronto. In the over eighteen months and under 2 years section for sows, Platt also won with Summerhill Walton Nell (imp.), a winner at the Royal in England. She was shown here with her litter of nine beautiful, smooth pigs, which were ample proof of her breeding qualities. Two of the youngsters were sold for \$90 each. She herself was of good size for her age and of excellent quality. J. Featherston & Son, Streetsville, Ont., made an excellent exhibit, the hogs being not only fit for show and breeding purposes, but also for the production of high class bacon. His stock was in good condition and showed well. This was particularly true of his young stock. In very strong and numerous company he won first with a boar under six months, and also with his sow of the same age. His very good Miss Abella 3rd won second in the aged sow section. R. F. Duck & Son, Fort Credit, Ont., also made a splendid showing. Their boar Oak Lodge Matchley won second place in the section for two years and over. They won first on boar over twelve and under eighteen months with an animal that was a good example of the bacon type.

James Wilson & Sons, Fergus, had some very fine specimens of bacon type out. Their boars made the best showing, although their sows were good.

TAMWORTHS

Although this class was not as large as the Yorkshires or Berkshires, yet many of the exhibits were of excellent quality, both from the packers' and breeders' standpoints. The excellence of this class was somewhat injured by the presence in the pens of some poorly fitted and undesirable specimens. On several occasions in previous years, this condition has been

noticeable. Tamworth breeders should guard against this, if they wish their breed to be as popular among Canadian farmers as they deserve to be.

The exhibitors in this class were D. Douglas & Sons, Mitchell; Herbert Graham, St. George; and Colwell Bros., Newcastle, with the chief awards distributed pretty much in the order named.

OTHER DISTINCT BREEDS

ESSEX—In this class the herd of J. H. Featherston & Sons, Streetsville, made a splendid showing, the animals being of good quality and well fitted. It will be noticed that the Essex are becoming a more desirable hog; they are lengthening out and are not as thick as was fashionable a few years ago.

In Chester Whites some smooth hogs were shown, although the class was small, yet the quality of the exhibit was good. Both of these breeds are said to cross well with hogs of the bacon type—as pure specimens they lend themselves to the fresh pork trade of the city and larger towns and even of some country districts very well; perhaps, better than any of the purely bacon breeds. For men living near a town or city this is an important trade, but is of no value to the general farmer.

EXPORT BACON HOGS—SWEEPSTAKES

The bacon hogs were very strong this year, and were all of the Yorkshire breed. D. C. Platt & Son showed two beautiful pens of sows, the individuals weighing 190 or 200 lbs. each. J. Featherston & Son, R. F. Duck & Son, Port Credit, also exhibited some splendid uniform pens of the desired type and weight. When the awards were made, Platt had 1st and 2nd, Featherston 3rd, and Duck 4th.

DAIRY

The dairy building has again proven one of the strongest drawing cards of the fair. From the opening to the closing day, the spacious corridors were thronged with interested visitors. Dairymen have reason to be proud of the accommodation provided for them at Toronto Fair. It is by far the best equipped building of its kind on the continent. It is planned so as to display the exhibits, including cheese, butter and dairy machinery to the very best advantage. Mr. J. N. Paget, Toronto, Ont., was in charge again this year.

CHEESE

The cheese display, though the number of entries was as large as last year, was not so large, and a few makers did not send in their cheese. However, there was an excellent show of cheese in the new cool air chambers provided for them. These chambers were specially designed by Mr. Paget, who has acted as superintendent for a couple of years past, and are a credit to him. They serve the purpose admirably, being neat, compact, and thoroughly efficient in good form. A temperature as low as 40 degrees can be maintained during the hottest weather. Coming to the cheese exhibit, which was judged by J. B. Muir, of Ingersoll, and F. W. Brenton of Belleville, its chief fault was in the flavor, the bulk of all the exhibits showing to a greater or less extent a bitter "yeast" flavor, as it is called by experts. While this flavor is present in some seasons, at all seasons of the year, it has been very generally present during the recent hot weather. There is some work to be done by the bacteriologist in find-