

when these all hatch there will be a big comb space for honey and an abundance of bees to fill it. When these become filled other supers are put on and no extracting is done till after the summer honey flow. Many other points of interest and value were given out by Mr. McArthur to his hearers.

The honey exhibit in the Agricultural Hall was by all odds the finest it has been in years, covering about twice the space ever before occupied. Exhibits were made by the following gentlemen: John Newton, Thamesford; Wm. Coleman, Birr; J. B. Aches & Son, Poplar Hill; J. F. Millar, London; Chas. E. Rogers, Dorchester; and the Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., Brantford. The last named firm, as well as one or two others, had displays of apiary appliances. This department has been well worked up, and will, no doubt, benefit the industry of beekeeping in Western Ontario.

Brantford Southern Fair.

The managing board of the Brantford Southern Fair, whose secretary is Geo. Hatley, has shown itself to be possessed of the spirit of the age in extending its possibilities of a better exhibition and attendance than they have had heretofore. The days of the fair were extended from four in '97 to five this year, and a full programme of very good special attractions was provided for each afternoon and evening. In '97 a very fine range of cattle sheds were erected, and an effort was made to put up a corresponding horse barn, but this had to be postponed. As a result some of the horses had to go under canvas, and a few others that could not be accommodated in the horse range were housed in city barns.

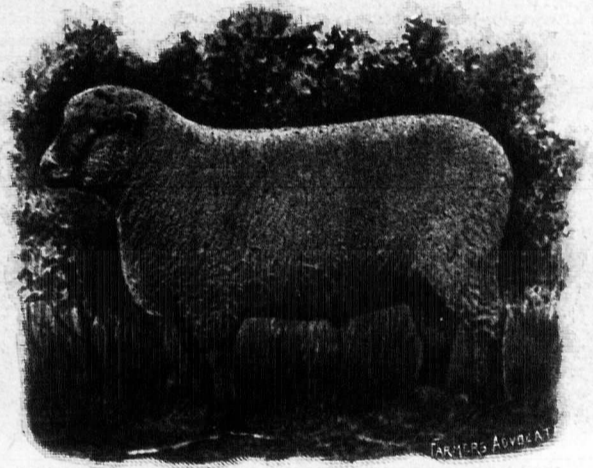
Horses.—The horse entries were about 190, and included a good representation of the various classes. It was the good fortune of the fair that Messrs D. & O. Sorby's Clydesdale stud was well represented with a good string headed by Grandeur. Their strongest competitor was Mr. Cam. Scott, Galt, who had nine head of good animals forward in nice show fix. Sorbys won all the 1sts, except for brood mare and 3-year-old filly. Mr. Paxton, Drumbo, had out a couple of quite good fillies and won 3rd on the 3-year-old, and Geo. Rodgeron, Paris, won 2nd on the stallion Mc-Combie.

Thoroughbred stallions had three entries, Hendrie's Othmar and Strathclyde, and W. G. Thompson's King Bob, who was placed between the others, Othman being first. Other breeds of light stallions were all shown together and were a mixed lot of two hackneys, two carriage, and two roadsters. The 1st award went to A. Yeager's 3-year-old Hillhurst Sunshine, that won 1st at Toronto; the trotting-bred carriage horse Shelby Wilkes won 2nd; D. G. Hanmer & Sons' hackney Danish Prince 3rd. The carriage mares, fillies, and geldings were a good lot and well shown. It may be noted that the gets of the Thoroughbreds Wiley Buckles and King Bob won a number of awards. Roadsters also filled good sections, some of the winners being sired by the Standard-bred Shadeland Duval, and others by King Bob and Wyndham. Carriage teams had good numbers forward and were headed by P. Farrell's Toronto and London winners. Double roadsters had the best class we have seen this year. They numbered ten, any pair of which were of nice type and fairly well matched. An upstanding pair of showy, nice-going chestnuts, full sisters, four and five years old, by Shadeland Duval, and owned by Thos. Herron, Wyndham Centre, won 1st, beating Dietrich's London winners that took 2nd in Toronto. A pair of rapid-going pacers of useful type refused an offered 3rd award. Single roadsters were also a good lot of ten. Dietrich won here on a rapid but a bit narrow type, some useful ones not so fast being defeated, one worthy of especial mention being a breedy and well-fitted brown mare shown by W. J. Johnston, Fairfield Plains. She is by Corncracker, and can show a very desirable road gait.

Cattle could hardly be said to have had strong competition, except perhaps in Ayrshires, which were shown by Messrs. W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains; N. Dymont, Clappison's Corners; Wm. Thorn, Lyndoch; Thos. Brooks & Son, Brantford, and J. R. Alexander, Brantford, each of which had from eight to ten head forward. Messrs. Smith scored the greatest number of victories, his 1sts being for yearling bull, bull calf, and two-year-old heifer. Dymont won 1st on the bull that was 2nd in Toronto, also 1st on cow. Thorn showed the Toronto and London winner, Napoleon of Auchenbrain, then owned by R. Reford, St. Ann's, who only got to 3rd place on this occasion, due, it is claimed, to his being strange to his exhibitor, which caused him to show badly. Brooks & Son won 2nd on aged bull of Ballantyne's first importation. He also won 1st on yearling heifer. Alexander won a number of 3rd awards. Jerseys were shown by W. J. Elliott, Cainsville, and J. Hanmer, Mt. Vernon, the latter showing a yearling heifer and aged bull, each of which won 1st. Elliott had 12 head of useful cattle forward, which made a creditable showing. Holsteins were very well represented by some 14 head of good things from the herd of Rettie Bros., Norwich. Galloways from the herds of A. M. & R. Shaw, Brantford, and T. Loyd-Jones, Burford, crossed swords and compared favorably, the former firm with 12 head and the latter with 4.

The latter won 1st on yearling bull and yearling heifer and 2nd on two-year-old heifer, Messrs. Shaw winning five 1sts, four 2nds, and three 3rds. Shorthorns appeared in good form from the herds of R. & S. Nicholson, Sylvan, with their fitted herd of nine head: Capt. D. Milloy, of Paris, with six head; J. O. Field, Vanessa, with some half dozen, and D. G. Hanmer and J. B. Barker, Mt. Vernon, with a few entries. The first named were too much for their rivals, winning six 1sts and four 2nds. Milloy scored four prizes, however, one a 1st on a worthy yearling heifer. Field won 2nd on aged bull and a number of 3rds, besides 1st on fat heifer.

Sheep.—Every class had well-fitted, good stock, as will be recognized by the flocks represented. Southdowns had the same flocks as at London, viz.: Telfer's, of Paris, and Jackson's, of Abingdon. Shropshires were shown by Messrs. D. G. Hanmer & Sons, Mt. Vernon; C. Armstrong, Oathcart, and Capt. D. Milloy, Paris. Hanmer's were the same as at Toronto and London. They won all the 1sts. Armstrong's ten head are a nicely-covered lot of useful size. They won five prizes, two of which were 2nds. Milloy's ten were also of fine quality and nicely covered. The 2nd prize ewe lambs were found among them. In Cotswolds the two show flocks of Geo. Allen, Oriol, and John Parks, Burgessville, competed, the former with 12 head, the latter with 18. The pens were practically the same as shown in London, and the prizes were awarded much the same. Leicesters were represented from the flocks of Orr & Lillico, Galt, and John Wright, Mohawk, the former with twelve, the latter with sixteen sheep. The former won 1st on shearing ewes, ewe lambs, ram lambs, pen, and pen of fat wethers, and the latter on aged ram, shearing ram, and aged ewes, and 2nd on pen. The remaining 2nds were fairly evenly divided. Both lots were good sheep well brought out. Oxfords were quite as well represented as the other breeds, although only by one exhibitor—Mr. J. H. Jull, Mt. Vernon, with 24 head of nicely-fitted, good specimens, some of which had made splendid records at the Toronto and London exhibitions.



IMPORTED SOUTHDOWN SHEARLING RAM, BRED BY J. J. COLMAN; FIRST PRIZE AT TORONTO AND LONDON EXHIBITIONS, 1898; THE PROPERTY OF JOHN JACKSON & SONS, ABINGDON, ONT.

Swine made a strong entry in all breeds for which there were classes. J. E. Brethour, Burford, needed no help to make a fine display of Yorkshires, which he did. T. A. Cox, Brantford, was almost alone with his notable Berkshire herd, Brethour coming in for 1st with a newly imported sow, the only one he showed. G. L. Jarvis, Paris, and T. Brooks & Sons, Brantford, competed in Chester Whites and divided the prizes well between them, Jarvis securing the most 1sts. Tamworths put up the biggest show except in the special class for lean singers. Norman M. Blain, St. George; R. J. & A. Laurie, Wolverton, and T. Brooks & Sons each had out good lots of redskins, each securing a portion of the awards. Special prizes of \$25, \$10, \$7.50, \$5, and \$2.50 were offered for pens of six selected lean singers—the prizes being donated by the Ingersoll Packing Co., \$25; J. E. Brethour, a \$10 boor; and \$15 by Yapp & Hanley—for which 13 entries were made, and judged by Manager Wilson, of the Ingersoll Packing Co., and Wisner, of Princeton. The entries were a motley lot and showed a variety of breed characteristics. The 1st prize was awarded to an even, lengthy bunch showing Yorkshire and Berkshire characteristics. They were ten months old and would average about 190 pounds. They were a hungry-looking lot, said to have been caught down in the Indian Reserve bush, and would put up a good race with a dog. We were not surprised that the judges recommended that they be fed a couple of weeks before marketing. The 2nd and 3rd prize lots were Tam. and Berk. crosses—quite nice pigs—with a bit less length than the 1st prize lot.

Poultry.—The show of poultry was the best in years, particularly the more useful breeds. Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, and Leghorns in the various colors were by long odds the strongest classes. Brahmas and Cochins were also strong, and many of what are known as fancy sorts were represented by few entries. Turkeys and geese had excellent specimens, but not a big entry. Ducks were more numerous and of high character.

Dairy Test.—The twenty-four hours' milk test was entered by seven cows, one of which was withdrawn after the first milking, leaving three in each section as below: Section 1 was open to cows any age, pure-bred or grade, that have supplied milk to a cheese factory for at least two months in 1898. Section 2 was open to cows, pure-bred or grade, except winners of prizes in section 1. The test was conducted by Prof. H. H. Dean, assisted by R. W. Stratton, of the Guelph Dairy School.

Rank and Name of Cow.	OWNER.	SECTION ONE.			Total Score	Constitution and Conformity of Points.
		Lbs. Milk.	Lbs. Fat.	Lbs. S. N. Fat.		
1. Daisy Banks (Holstein)	James Pettie, Norwich.	56.25	1.431	4.786	123.81	18
2. Daisy of Cludeby (Jersey)	W. J. Elliott, New Durham.	29.50	1.283	2.672	91.65	15
3. Dunoan (Ayrshire)	J. R. Alexander, Brantford.	32.25	.999	2.889	86.96	18
		SECTION TWO.				
1. Brierybanks Cora (Ayrshire)	N. Dymont, Clappison's Corners.	45.75	1.711	4.187	115.92	18
2. Nellie Gray (Ayrshire)	N. Dymont, Clappison's Corners.	36.25	1.369	3.098	104.62	18
3. Maud	Wm. Brittain, Brantford.	33.50	1.091	2.872	83.90	15*

The Sherbrooke Show.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The Eastern Townships Agricultural Association have every reason to be proud of the success achieved at their fourteenth annual exhibition, held at Sherbrooke, Sept. 5th to 10th. Signs of Canada's wave of prosperity were visible in the various departments, both in the increased space required and in the general excellence of the exhibits. The poultry building had been enlarged to double its former capacity, but it was still found that many intending exhibitors could not be accommodated. A new and thoroughly up-to-date machinery hall has been erected and proved a very valuable addition. A new feature of the fair was the evening programme, which doubtless aided very materially in swelling the gate receipts. The attendance was good during the fair, 18,000 to 20,000 being present on the principal days.

The Horses were somewhat lacking in numbers in a few of the classes, but in individual merit those entered were deserving of the highest commendation. In the standard and registered, Dussault & French obtained first and diploma on aged stallion, first and third on mares, together with diploma for best female. Ross & Gatcomb won first on three-year-old stallion, and A. T. Winter took first with a two-year-old. J. H. Lord, T. A. King, and J. H. Lane won firsts on females.

Hackneys were brought out in good form, but there was little competition. Excepting a second awarded to J. A. Latour on an aged stallion, and first on two-year-old mare won by Albert Sanders, all the prizes went to Hillhurst Farm Hackneys.

In the Clydesdale and Shire class, R. Ness, Sr., Howick, carried off most of the awards, except a first on two-year-old stallions, which went to John Mills. Watt Bros. were present with some well-fitted draft horses, which captured merited red tickets.

Cattle.—The fine showing of both pure-bred and grade cattle was one of the features of the fair. In many parts of the Eastern Townships there is a scarcity of well-bred cattle for shipping purposes, but the number and the stamp of cattle sent to Sherbrooke this year certainly denotes a movement in the right direction. All the sheds were filled to their utmost capacity, and in some classes the number brought into competition was without parallel at this exhibition.

Shorthorns were brought out by Hillhurst Stock Farm, which secured first and diploma on aged bull, two firsts, two seconds, and a third on females, as well as diplomas for best female and best herd. J. T. Routledge, of Georgeville, showed a very nice herd, winning firsts on two-year-old bull and four-year-old cow, and three thirds on his younger stock. H. T. Elliott, Danville, carried off two firsts, two seconds, and a third; while W. P. McClary, Compton, got four seconds and a third. The few remaining prizes went to F. A. Burton, Robt. McClary, and Hector Ross.

In Herefords, D. M. Wilson was awarded most of the prizes for males. H. D. Smith, "Ingleside Farm," Compton, captured the lion's share for females, together with the herd prize. The only other exhibitor, Mr. Guy Carr, won a third on a yearling heifer.

Aberdeen-Angus cattle were brought out in fine form and had many admirers. As at last