

Mr. Dryden's Shropshires.

During last year the officers of the English Shropshire Association acquainted the directors of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition of their intention to give, through them, a silver cup valued at £10, as a prize for the best Shropshire ram, and seven of his get—five ewe lambs and two rams. This splendid prize was keenly competed for by the more prominent breeders of the country, but was easily won by Mr. Dryden's two-shear ram, Prince of Wales 6,590, (3,825).

We present in this issue a spirited cut of the ram surrounded by the winning group. It is

in 1877 at Bath and West of England show, as well as at other minor exhibitions.

From this record of his ancestors, it is no wonder his progeny manifest a tendency to take a winning place. Some critics would think him a little under size, but he has great length of body, is very symmetrical, with exceptionally well-developed front and hind quarters, and stands on very short legs. His remarkable vitality and constitutional vigor were severely tested at Kingston Exhibition, where, through exposure and heat, he was seized with acute indigestion, leading to other complications. Everybody gave him up for dead, but through

The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association.

Ever since the meeting of this Association we have been desirous to publish as many of the papers in one issue as space would allow, but only recently have we been in a position to do this. In this number will be found a synopsis of six of them. They were an excellent lot of essays, and well discussed. All of them will be printed in full in the annual report. Though one of the youngest of the Canadian associations, it has a strong membership, and promises to be a useful body. For many years some of our sheep breeders have been desirous of forming an asso-



A GROUP OF SHROPSHIRE, THE PROPERTY OF MR. JOHN DRYDEN, M.P.P., BROOKLIN, ONT.

needless to say, that both ram and lambs were winners in their classes as well.

Prince of Wales is full of royal show blood, his sire being P. R. C. (2,249), having for sire the Patriot Lord (1,199), winner of the first prize at the Royal show held at York, and sold for \$525; for grandsire Royal Reserve (159), winner of second prize at Royal show held at Derby, and first at Manchester, Oswestry, Shropshire and Leicester shows. For g. g. sire, Claudius (103), twice winner of first place at the great Royal show, and let in 1873 for \$600.

The dam of Prince of Wales was sired by J. C. B. (693), got by that renowned ram Marquis of Bath, bred by Mr. Mansell, hired in 1877 for one year for \$400, and sold the following year by Mr. Minton for the same sum; and winner

the efforts of Mr. Jackson, who, for some time, had no hopes of his recovery, he rallied, and two days after was led in the ring, and although very weak, took second place in a large entry.

Mr. Dryden informs us that his lambs last year were scattered over Canada; and several States of the Union, and the invariable statement from purchasers was the same: "Perfectly satisfied." "He is a perfect beauty, and well worth the money." "Arrived all right, much pleased with him."

We are glad to learn that a younger lot, equally good, will be ready for dispersion after August next. We understand that an additional importation from England will be added about that time. (See advertisement).

The horse will lick salt every day if it has a chance, and this tends to promote digestion.

ciation. Early in the last decade a number of gentlemen met in Toronto for the purpose of founding an association. Among those present were:—J. C. Snell, Edmonton; James Russell, Richmond Hill; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; John Miller, Brougham; Wm. M. Miller, Claremont; John R. Craig; F. W. Hodson; and several others. An association was then formed, but, through an unfortunate circumstance, never again convened. Most of the movers in the matter uniting with American Associations. In September last a meeting of sheep breeders was called by the authorities of the Ontario Agricultural College, to discuss the advisability of founding Canadian sheep records. This was opposed by some of the leading breeders. Several gentlemen were appointed a committee to