

Brown & Sons fifth. A class of this kind usually presents difficulties in the lack of uniformity, making it a very difficult one to judge. The class as a whole, however, was a very fine one, of 18 choice animals. In the class for best export steer Jas. Leask got first with a very typical exporter, medium size, well fitted, compact and with little waste.

## SHEEP

In the sheep pens was an exhibit of a character to stir the blood of the shepherd. Strong classes, most of them well filled with animals that had met in competition the best on the whole continent. Chicago the week before, were led up to face the judges in almost every case. In the Cots-wolds E. Brien & Sons, of Ridgewood, Rawlings & Bailey, of Forest, and Snell & Lyons, of Norval, were the contenders, and prizes were pretty evenly divided, first and championship for best wether going to E. Brien & Sons.

The Lincolns had for their representatives Mr. J. T. Gibson, of Denfield, and L. P. Adams, of Eramosa, Mr. Gibson, with the flock which has for years made such a success at leading shows on the American continent, getting a majority of the firsts, but with no mean competition, Mr. Parkinson landing the championship in wethers.

In the Leicesters the veteran, John Kelly, of Shakespere, had a good strong aggregation, with Hastings Bros., of Crosshill, Ont., to the front for a full share. Frank Kelly, of Shakespere, and Oliver Turnbull, of Walton, Ont., had also out good strong material to put up a fight with, and were well in evidence all through. G. & W. Parkinson, of Eramosa, and A. & W. Whitelaw, of Guelph, also had out a few in a number of the classes.

Oxford Downs possibly lost something in the absence of the Arkell aggregation from the fold, but the classes were good and strong, and the honors were contentedly for by J. & W. Lee, of Simcoe, A. Stevenson, of Atwood, W. Brien & Sons, of Ridgewood, and W. E. Wright, of Glamworth, Ont. In judging these classes Prof. Arkell, O.A.C., possibly overlooked the teaching of his uncle Henry a trifle in losing sight of size in one or two classes.

Shropshires were as usual among the strongest out and the classes brought forward would be a credit to any country or exhibition on earth. Among the pens of John Campbell, of Woodville, and Lloyd-Jones, of Burford, Ruddell, Luxton and others were to be found the individuals that had beaten the best at the Chicago International, and the show was one of the best ever seen.

In the Southdowns Sir G. Drummond's veteran manager had magnificent goods, the Chicago champions, and the best of their kind. Mr. J. Jackson, of Abingdon, Ont., Telfer Bros., of Paris, gave him as hard opposition as he has met elsewhere.

In Dorset Horns R. H. Harding, Thorndale, landed most of the firsts with John Hunter, of Wyoming, and A. G. H. Luxton, of Milton, dividing secondary honors. There were good strong exhibits in Hampshires brought out by such veterans in the business as Telfer Bros., of Paris, and John Kelly, of Shakespere.

In the classes for grade or cross-bred wethers the competition was very strong. In the long wools J. T. Gibson captured most of the firsts, and in the shortwools John Campbell, of Woodville, was the heaviest winner. The Bell Piano Silver Cup was

landed by the short wool wether shown by Sir Geo. Drummond.

## SWINE

In the hog pens the show was larger and better than ever before, particularly in the Yorkshire and bacon hog departments the entries were very large and of grand character. This is one department at least where competition is always very sharp and keen. There is little danger of the hog business or the bacon industry languishing through want of effort to produce the right kind of goods so long as such deep interest is to be observed, as is in evidence at the Ontario Winter Fair.

In the bacon classes competition was particularly strong. In pen of two pure-breds first and second honors were carried off by R. F. Duck & Son, of Port Credit, with second and third and fourth to J. E. Brethour, of Berford. Fifth place went to Jas. Wilson & Sons, of Fergus, Ont., who had a fine lot of pure-bred Yorkshires and bacon hogs out. Sixth

place in this class went to Herman Koellin and seventh to J. Featherston & Son, of Streetsville, Ont. Eighth place was won by Douglass Bros., of Mitchell, on their Tamworths, ninth again by J. E. Brethour, tenth by Jas. Wilson & Sons, and eleventh by Herman Stuart.

In grades or crosses a fine lot were out and first place was for Chas. Currie, of Morriston, second to J. Featherston & Son, third to R. F. Duck & Son, fourth to Douglass & Son, fifth to E. Brien & Son, of Ridgewood, sixth to Herman Koellin, of Glen Allen, and seventh to Alfred E. Houlet, of Norwich. Championship for two best export bacon hogs was won by the choice exhibit of Yorkshires of R. F. Duck & Son.

Berkshires were out in stronger numbers than usual and grand in quality. A few new exhibitors were to the front, and their exhibits showed up good and plenty in the money-winners. Among these were John Kelly, of Shakespere, long known as a successful Leicester breeder; John S. Cowan, of Donegal, who landed first in barrow under six months and also in sows same age. W. W. Brownridge, of Ashgrove, Ont., E. Brien & Sons, Ridgewood, and Robert Hyslop, of Brantford, were leading exhibitors. As usual the Yorkshires were strong in numbers of exhibitors, exhibits and quality. First and second in six months' barrow was won by R. F. Duck & Son, with Jos. Featherston & Son, of Streetsville, Ont., third in good strong competition. In barrow under six months a grand type of animal shown by R. F. Duck was displaced as showing rather too mature, first place being given to J. E. Brethour, of Burford, Ont., second to R. F. Duck, who had lots of the right kind of goods out. In sow under nine months the winner was the grand exhibit of Jas. Wilson & Sons, of Fergus, Ont., with second to H. McDiarmid, of Fingal, and all the rest of it to Jos. Featherston & Son, of Streetsville. For sow under nine months McDiarmid landed first, with Featherston, Duck and Wilson in order, in a splendid class of the right kind. In class under six months three splendid sows exhibited by J. E. Brethour, were applauded by the judges as being rather too heavy for the age. This is a scarcely fair discrimination, as sows of such a type, thick, smooth, well backed and thick of flesh, are all the more to the credit of the breed, as early maturity is not the least of the many things which the breeder seeks after.

In Tamworths, D. Douglas & Sons, Mitchell, Chas. Currie, Morriston, and Wm. Elliott, Galt, showed some good specimens, the Mitchell firm heading the list in all the classes.

In Chester Whites, Geo. Bennett, Charing Cross, Daniel DeCoursey, Burnholm, W. E. Wright, Glamworth, were out with some good ones and divided the prize money fairly evenly, the two first named getting rather the best of it.

## CARCASS CLASSES

The show in the carcass room this year was well up to the average, especially in sheep and hogs. The Guelph show always keeps up a good show of mutton, and in bacon hogs exceeds anything on the continent of its kind. In the beef carcasses some fairly good specimens were shown. A Devon headed the list in the pure-breds, with a Shorthorn second and a Galloway fourth. In grades an Angus cross was at the top. For complete list of winners see the awards.

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