

in Canada. They were brought out this time in splendid condition, and did honor to the breed with their well-fleshed backs and beautiful fleeces of lustrous wool, and their strong, robust, healthy appearance. The exhibitors were Gibson & Walker, Denfield, and J. H. & E. Patrick, Ilderton, a new firm of exhibitors, who were out with a grand flock of imported and Canadian-bred sheep, doing themselves great credit. The judges were A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, and Jno. Mitchell, Glencoe. Gibson & Walker scored 1st for shearling ram and 2nd and 3rd on shearling ewes, 1st for Canadian-bred flock, 2nd for 2-shear ram, ram lamb, aged ewes, and flock, open to all. Messrs. Patrick won 1st for ram 2 shears or over, with a magnificent sheep, carrying a fleece of rare quality and evenness; 1st with a capital imported ram lamb from the flock of S. E. Dean & Sons, a first-prize Royal winner; 1st with 2-shear ewes, 2nd with shearling ewes, 1st and 2nd with ewe lambs, and 1st for pen of 1 ram, 4 ewes and 2 ewe lambs, open to all.

#### DORSET HORNS.

There was keen competition in this class between the four exhibitors—R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Jno. A. McGillivray, Uxbridge; M. N. Empey, Napanee; and James Bowman, Guelph (who showed only three rams). Every section in the class was well filled, and the sheep were in fine condition and well fitted, though not overdone in any case. The acting judges were John Jackson, Abingdon, and John Campbell, Woodville. McGillivray scored 1st in rams over 2 years; Harding 1st in shearling rams and 2nd in shearling ewes; Bowman 1st in ram lambs, and Empey 1st in ewes over 2 years, shearling ewes, and ewe lambs, and 1st for flock, open to all, and for Canadian-bred flock. McGillivray had 2nd prize ram lamb, aged ewes, ewe lambs, and flocks. Harding's entry made a strong pull for the flock prizes and showed much uniformity and fine quality, but were not in as high condition as the others. The Napanee flock was in fine condition, and the lambs very large and well developed, while the Uxbridge flock was also well brought out and made an excellent showing.

#### MERINOS

were shown by W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains; R. Shaw & Son, Glanford Station, and Geo. Harding & Son, Waukesha, Wis. (who exhibited a few recently-imported Ramboulets which attracted much attention, being much larger than the ordinary Merinos and free from the excess of wrinkles in the skin which characterizes the latter). Harding won 1st in aged ram, shearling ram, ram lamb, and ewe lambs, and 1st for flock. Smith secured 1st for shearling ewes, 2nd for ram lamb, and 3rd for shearling ram, aged ewes, and ewe lambs. Shaw had the 1st prize aged ewes, 2nd prize aged ram, shearling ram, aged ewes, ewe lambs, and flock.

#### FAT SHEEP.

There were no entries of long-wooled wethers. There were five of wethers of short-wooled breeds, and the prizes were awarded: 1st to Follyfarm, 2nd to John Campbell, 3rd to John Jackson.

#### SHROPSHIRE.

The greatest interest seemed to center in this class, owing to the fact that a larger number of first-class sheep of this breed than usual had been imported, and that it had been announced that a prominent United States flock recently strengthened by importations would be represented in the competition, while it was known that at least one Canadian flock which has long held a leading place in showyard contests on this continent was being prepared with more than usual care, and also supplemented by an importation of high-class animals. The result was a grand collection of sheep of the best quality and brought out in the best condition seen in many years.

The awards were made by Messrs. W. G. Pettit, Freeman, and G. P. Everett, Mt. Vernon, who had a very difficult task to perform in adjudicating between so many good ones, but who did their work carefully and, we believe, satisfactorily, as no complaints were made by the exhibitors, who seemed to realize that they were contending with foemen worthy of their steel. The prizes were well distributed between the four principal competitors, namely, Follyfarm, Abingdon, Pa., represented by a splendid importation selected in England by Mr. Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont.; Dr. G. Howard Davison, Millbrook, N. Y.; John Campbell, Woodville; and D. G. Hammer & Sons, Mt. Vernon; all of whom had made importations this year. The Fairview flock of Mr. John Campbell scored the highest number of first prizes, and succeeded again in capturing the flock prize for the best pen of home-bred sheep, 1 ram, 4 ewes and 2 ewe lambs, a premium which this flock has not failed to win in 17 years' continuous showing, with perhaps one exception; and also the special prize offered by the American Shropshire Association for the best pen, 1 ram and 3 ewes one year old or over, American-bred. Mr. Campbell considers the record of his flock in the strong competition of this year the greatest it has made, as never before were so many English winners seen together here, and in three instances his home-bred sheep defeated Royal winners; and a remarkable fact is that 10 of the individual winners were the get of his World's Fair champion, Newton Lord. The losing at quarantine of one of the best yearling rams out at English shows this year, bred by Mr. H. Williams, and said by him to be a second "Newton Lord," probably lessened Mr. Campbell's winnings, but in his first

prize ram lamb, bred by Mr. Foster-Harter, he has an exceedingly promising young ram, strong in all the best characteristics of the best of the breed. Dr. Davidson scored first in rams over 2 years with a magnificent sheep, standing four square to all the winds that blow; and Hammer & Sons had a grand winner of first honors in their Tanner-bred shearling, sired by Diamond, and a splendid ram lamb bred by Thomas, which won second, and is one of the best brought out in recent years. The same firm had the first prize ewe lambs and the second prize shearling ewes, which were very fine and full of quality. Follyfarm had the first prize shearling ewes and the second prize aged ram, shearling ram and ewe lambs, and scored 1st for the open flock prize for the best ram, 4 ewes and 2 ewe lambs, with a grand lot of sheep. Messrs. T. Lloyd-Jones & Sons, Burford, had on exhibition a capital lot of home-bred Shropshires, in nice condition, and showing good breeding and character.

#### SWINE.

There was an immense show of swine, eight distinct breeds being represented by numerous entries, besides those for export bacon hogs, which were made up of both pure-bred and cross-bred animals, the total number of entries catalogued being 611, and the accommodation in the new buildings provided for this department proved entirely inadequate. Temporary pens were required to be improvised for the overflow after the stock arrived on the ground, which led to much confusion and inconvenience, and heavily handicapped exhibitors who had fulfilled their part in having their stock on the ground at the required time, but found no place of shelter for them. There surely ought to be some system whereby the management could determine from the entries what accommodation is required, and have it provided before the stock arrives. More ground, as well as more pens, must be provided for this department if the stock is to have a fair show, for it is impossible to judge them satisfactorily in the cramped quarters available at present.

#### BERKSHIRES

were out in goodly numbers, and made an excellent display, quite up to that of the average of years here. The exhibitors winning prizes were: George Green, Fairview; Thos. Teasdale, Concord; Snell & Lyons, Snelgrove; T. A. Cox, Brantford; P. W. Boynton & Son, Dollar; and Hood Farm, Lowell, Mass. The latter made a very fine display of animals, all of which were bred on the farm, and representing some of the best known and most popular families of the breed. These were under the management of Mr. Wm. Wilson, formerly of Snelgrove, Ont., who has shown much skill in their preparation, though they were carrying too much fat for the requirements of the bacon trade as we have it in Canada. The judges named for this class were Messrs. J. Featherston, M. P., Streetsville, and J. J. Ferguson, Smith's Falls, either one of whom acting singly would, we fancy, have done the work more satisfactorily to himself and the exhibitors. Mr. Green scored 1st in the section for aged boars with his King Highclere, a hog of great size, length and depth, that has been a 1st prize winner here and at other leading shows many times. The 2nd prize boar in this section, Tom Lee, shown by Boynton & Son was bred by Mr. Green, and sired by Victor Lee, and is an exceedingly good one. The 3rd prize went to Long-fellow of Hood Farm, a big, good hog, and bred from a good sort. Hood Farm had a popular 1st in the yearling boar section in Lord Curzon 16th, a model of the breed, lengthy, level and smooth from end to end—one of the best seen here in recent years. Second prize went to the same farm for another good one, and Green's Victor Highclere, a lengthy, useful hog, was placed 3rd. In the section for boars over 6 and under 12 months Snell & Lyons scored with Col. Brant, a smooth, lengthy, straight hog, standing well on good timber; Hood Farm 2nd, and Green's Golden King 3rd. Boars under 6 months were a good lot, most of them having good length and conforming to the bacon type. First and 2nd went to Mr. Teasdale, and 3rd to Snell & Lyons, a decision that was open to criticism, the 3rd prize pig having sufficient length, coupled with superior quality and smoothness, and standing on better legs. In the section for sows over 2 years 1st went to Snell & Lyons' Morning Mist, a sow of fine type, quality and form; 2nd to Hood Farm's Countess 9th, a grand sow, carrying a lot of smooth flesh; 3rd to Green's Model Lady. In yearling sows Green's Highclere took the lead, a very large and heavy sow, having great depth and good flesh. Snell & Lyons were 2nd with Evaline Highclere, a smooth, good sort; and Cox had the 3rd prize sow. In sows over 6 and under 12 months Cox was 1st with a very nice type of sow, carrying her smoothness from end to end; Hood Farm was 2nd, and Cox 3rd. In sows under 6 months Teasdale was 1st and 3rd, and Snell & Lyons 2nd. For the herd prizes for best boar and two sows the 1st went to Hood Farm, 2nd to Green. For the best boar and four of his get, under 6 months, bred by exhibitor, the contest was between the entries of Green and Teasdale, the former showing King Highclere, and the latter his imported boar, sire of the 1st prize pigs. He is a lengthy, smooth hog, with fine shoulders and excellent hams, and his progeny spoke well for his potency as a sire, and should have counted a good deal in such a contest, but the judges either differed or declined to take the responsibility of ruling, and left it to a third,

who gave a decision in favor of Mr. Green's entry. For the best sow and four of her produce, bred and owned by the exhibitor, Snell & Lyons were awarded 1st prize for their sow, Morning Mist, and her offspring; 2nd going to Teasdale's excellent sow, the dam of prizewinning pigs.

#### YORKSHIRES.

This class was uncommonly well filled, the entries totalling 110 head, and the quality of the stock shown was the finest that has ever been brought out at this show. Besides the large and famous herds of Messrs. J. E. Brethour, Burford; D. C. Flatt, Millgrove; and J. Featherston, Streetsville, there were a number of others represented by larger or smaller numbers, many of which were choice pigs and worthy of high commendation. Among the other exhibitors were E. Dool, Hartington, who showed a number of really good young stock, well up to the standard in type and quality and such as the country needs. R. F. Duck & Son, Port Credit; L. Rogers, Cooksville; J. Hord & Son, Parkhill; A. Wright, Binbrook; and Colvill Bros., Newcastle, were also among those making entries. The judges in this class were Major G. B. Hood, Guelph, and Wm. Jones, Zenda.

In the section for boars over 2 years there were three high-class boars, namely, Mr. Flatt's Haskett J. R., and Look-me-Over, the 1st prize yearling boar here last year, and Mr. Brethour's Oak Lodge Conqueror. There is, no doubt, room for difference of opinion in the placing of these hogs, and it is largely a matter of choice and preference which should head the list. Haskett is large, lengthy, and deep-sided, and well represents the breed type. Look-me-Over has great style and vigor and a grand set of legs and feet. Conqueror has, perhaps, less of the breed type than either, but is long and smooth, and wonderfully well proportioned. The judges placed the last named first, though not without dissent from some good judges who would have preferred Haskett for the place, and many others who would pin their faith to Look-me-Over on account of his vigor and indications of constitution. In the ring for yearling boars, Brethour's Oak Lodge Challenge was a decidedly popular winner, being very stylish, yet having great substance and abounding in quality. Mr. Rogers' Pride of York was a good second, and Mr. Featherston's entry, a real good sort, came in third. For boar over 6 and under 12 months Flatt was to the fore with two right good ones, which captured first and second prizes. They are typical Yorkshires, with long and deep sides, well-packed loins, and good feet and legs. For boar under 6 months Mr. Featherston won first and second prizes with a good sort, long and smooth and breezy-looking, and Mr. Dool came in for third money with one of similar style, of which he had several almost equally excellent. The call for 2-year-old sows brought out a strong list, among which were Brethour's Lady Mollington and Oak Lodge Mite 6th, and Flatt's Daisy, the latter a very large and deep-sided sow, combining quality and size without coarseness, and standing well on good timber. The former two sows were smooth and of good quality, and so nearly of one type the judges found difficulty in deciding to part them, and considered it would be a case of putting the large sow either first or third, consequently the Oak Lodge entries were accorded first and second. In yearling sows, Brethour won first with Cinderella 30th, an excellent entry of fine type, and Flatt's Josephine 5th, with a litter at foot, a capital sow, full of quality and of fine form, was given second place, Brethour's Oak Lodge Buttercup 10th taking third position. Mr. Rogers, of Cooksville, showed some very good things in this ring, which were much admired. In sows over 6 and under 12 months Flatt scored first with Summer Hill Belle, a clever sow, standing well on good legs, and showing much quality and good type; Brethour had excellent entries which captured second and third prizes. In sows under 6 months Flatt again came to the front, with a superb imported sow bred by Philo L. Mills, and squaring well up to the bacon type. Dool came in for second money with a good sort, and Duck for third, with one of similar style. The awards in the sections for mature hogs practically put Mr. Flatt out of the fight for the herd prize for best boar and two sows, so that first and second prizes went to Mr. Brethour. In the competition for the prize for best boar and four of his get, Brethour captured first with Conqueror and his offspring, Featherston second. For the best sow and 4 of her produce, Featherston won first and Brethour second.

#### TAMWORTHS.

There was the largest entry in this class of any in the show, the total catalogued being 180. The judges were the same as in the last class, and the exhibitors: Norman M. Blain, St. George; Jno. C. Nichol, Hubrey; H. George & Sons, Crampton; W. S. Hawkshaw & Son, Glanworth; R. F. Duck & Son and J. C. Skeen, Port Credit; R. J. & A. Laurie, Wolverton; J. R. Newell, Crampton; John Bell, Amber; Jno. Hord & Son, Parkhill; C. Nurse, Humber Bay; A. Elliot & Son, Galt; A. C. Hallman, New Dundee; A. Wright, Binbrook; J. B. Twiss, Binbrook; Colvill Bros. and N. F. Selby, Newcastle. The quality of the class averaged high, and is constantly improving, a great majority of the entries being high-class bacon hogs, with quiet dispositions and looking like kindly feeders. In the class for boars over 2 years Nichol scored 1st, Blain 2nd, and George & Sons 3rd. Yearling boars—Hallman 1st, Hord & Son 2nd, Hawkshaw & Son 3rd. Boar under 12 months—George 1st,