

owned by Mr. Keough, of Owen Sound, made a very creditable display, and captured a good share of the prizes, including second on his grand three-year-old bull, Ottawa; first and championship silver medal for his six-year-old cow, Countess of Glencairn 3rd, which, in Mr. Keough's hands, won the sweepstakes as best female in the class at the World's Fair at Chicago, a perfect model of the breed, full of quality, and beef to the hocks, with evenly-fleshed back, well-sprung ribs and straight lines, together with a grand coat of hair. She fills the bill to perfection. Messrs. Shaw had the third prize three-year-old bull, the second prize two-year-old bull, second and third prize yearling bulls, second prize two-year-old heifer, third prize yearling heifer and heifer calf and second prize herd.

## DEVONS

were shown by W. J. Rudd and Ralph R. Rudd, Eden Mills, and numbered seventeen entries. More competition would make things more interesting in this class, and rumor says that another year may see an additional aspirant for honors, who will come with blood in his eye. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed," and Brother Rudd may yet give thanks for a friendly hint. The cattle in this class are always creditable to the breed, and the exhibit this year was quite up to the standard in quality and finish.

## AYRSHIRES.

The dairy breeds were largely represented at the Fair this year. This is a natural consequence of the great growth of the dairy industry in the Dominion the last few years, and the improvement, we are pleased to note, is not confined to the numbers brought out, but the quality has improved in nearly equal ratio. There were 157 entries in the Ayrshire class, by thirteen exhibitors, and the judges must have had a perplexing task in some of the rings where from twenty to thirty entries had to be dealt with. We think it safe to say that, taken as a whole, the exhibit in this class this year was the best that has ever been seen at Toronto, and that is saying a great deal. Those exhibiting the largest lots were R. G. Stacey, Brockville; D. McLachlan, Petite Cote, Que.; Wm. Stewart & Son, Menie; Jas. McCormack & Son, Rockton; Kain Bros., Byron; Alex. Hume & Co., Burnbrae; Robert Reford, St. Anne de Bellevue, Que.; Jas. Newman, Lachine, Que.; Thos. Guy, Oshawa; and W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains.

The call for aged bulls brought out eight good ones, prominent among which was Mr. McLachlan's well and favorably known Silver King, in his five-year-old form, said to have won thirteen first prizes out of fourteen contests and championships. He is a bull of fine dairy conformation, smooth in his shoulders, deep in his ribs and flanks, and an excellent handler. It is enough to say it must be a good class in which he must take a second place. Mr. Reford's Glencairn 3rd is a typical Ayrshire bull, showing great constitution and vigor, and many strong dairy points, and it was thought by good judges that he would be well up in the list. Mr. Stewart's White Prince 2nd has always been reckoned among the best, and has often stood high in the prize list, but was not shown in his best condition this year. Mr. McCormack's Sir Lachlan, a sweepstakes winner in the past, is always supposed to be "in it" when a fight is on. And last, but not least, in the estimation of the judges, comes Mr. Stacey's imported Carlyle of Lessnessock, a prize-winner on his native heath, and bred in the purple. He was placed second at Toronto last year, under protest, but retrieved his character this year by being ordered to the front, a position which some good judges would not concede him without argument, but when type and style and character are closely canvassed, few, we think, will dispute his claims to the rank he holds as champion of the year, in perhaps the strongest show ever made here in the history of the battles of the breed.

In the two-year-old ring, which was a strong one, the judges found a worthy first in Mr. McCormack's Jack Morton, bred by D. Morton & Sons, Hamilton, a bull of fine Ayrshire and dairy type, and promising well for the future, as well as the living present. Mr. Guy had a good second in his Lord Derby, richly bred and well up to the standard. And Mr. Stewart's D. of London, bred by Messrs. Morton, a bull showing strong breed character and good dairy form, was placed third. Mr. Hume got to the front in yearling bulls and bull calves against strong opposition. The yearling, Prince of Barcheskie (imp. in dam), bred by Mr. Mitchell, is right up to the standard in breeding and conformation, and will make his presence felt in future contests, as he did on this occasion in good company. Mr. Newman capturing second prize with Dandy Dan, and Mr. Stacey falling into third place with Lord Douglas. Mr. Stacey's Carlyle of Lessnessock won the silver medal for best bull any age, and bore his honors modestly.

For a show of milch cows commend us to the Ayrshire ring, "when the kye come home" with their milk vessels full. Twenty-two entries faced the judges in the section for cows over four years, and probably never have so many good ones been shown here before. A look down the line of them was calculated to remind one of the "milky way." That certainly was the way they were in. Our sympathy went out to the judges, for we felt sure that no matter what they might do there would be fault found by some one or more. Among so many good ones, and so nearly equal in points of excellence, it was not easy for a judge to satisfy himself, much less to satisfy all the exhibitors. However,

they went bravely to work, and succeeded in placing four grand cows in the prize list, whether they were the best four or not. Mr. Reford's White Floss was chosen for first place, and she is certainly a typical Ayrshire and dairy cow, with almost faultless conformation, and a model shaped milk vessel supplied by tortuous and wide-spreading veins. Mr. Stacey was fortunate in winning second and third on two imported cows of very similar type to the first prize cow, Lady Diana and White Rose of Alticane, which would grace any herd or show ring.

In three-year-old cows Mr. Stacey was first with imp. Blinkbonny, another of the same uniform type; Mr. Guy coming in for second, and Mr. Newman for third.

The heifer classes were all well-filled with rich and promising animals, and the prizes were well distributed. Mr. Stewart winning first in two-year-olds and yearlings, Mr. McCormack first for heifer calf over six months, and Mr. Hume for under six months.

The prize for best bull and four of his progeny went to Mr. Stewart for his White Prince 2nd and his offspring. The prize for best four calves under a year was won by Mr. Reford; and Mr. Stacey got first prize for herd, headed by Carlyle, and followed by a beautiful quartette of cows. Mr. McCormack had the second prize herd, Mr. McLachlan third, and Mr. Stewart fourth. The sweepstakes silver medal for best female went to Mr. Reford's first prize cow, White Floss.

## JERSEYS.

The butter breed came out in greater force this year than for several years past, there being 121 entries and 15 exhibitors. It was a much better display than we had last year, excepting the heifer sections, and a good many high class animals were brought out, but we know that the Jersey breed of Ontario can make a great deal better exhibit next year if they try. There are many first-class herds in the Province, and it is the interest of the friends of the breed to see that they are well represented at this show.

The bulls exhibited were a very superior collection in every section, and the cows were, as a whole, a good lot, but the heifer classes, with few exceptions, were no credit to the breed or the breeders, and many of them should never have entered for prizes in a contest where the judges are authorized to withhold the prizes when the animals are not worthy. We can understand how reluctant a judge is to use such power, and breeders should be careful not to place him in such a position. Mr. Geo. E. Peer, Rochester, N.Y., and Mr. J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Ont., were associated as judges in this class, and performed the duty with carefulness, and, we believe, gave pretty general satisfaction. The following were among the exhibitors making the largest number of entries:—Mrs. E. M. Jones, Brockville; Capt. Rolph, Markham; Geo. Smith & Son, Grimsby; J. H. Smith & Son, Highfield; B. H. Bull, Brampton; A. McLean Howard, Toronto; Wm. Bacon, Orillia; and Neil Smith, Brampton. Single animals were shown by several others and the prizes were pretty well scattered.

The section for bulls three years old and over was an uncommonly strong one, including Mrs. Jones' famous old champion of former years, Canada's Sir George by Canada's John Bull, dam Allie of St. Lambert; the four-year-old Lilimur Rioter, from the same herd; Mighty Dollar, the sweepstakes bull of last year and two former years, owned by J. L. Clark, Brampton; Prince of Elmbank, the first prize two-year-old of last year's show, shown by Mrs. McClure, Brampton; Hugo Alpha of Oaklawn, a former champion, owned by Messrs. Smith, of Highfield; Kaiser Fritz, exhibited by Wm. Bacon, Orillia. These are all first-class and worthy of high commendation. The judges agreed that they must give the grand old bull, Sir George, first prize or nothing, and decided to superannuate him on account of his age, though he still looks hale and hearty, and his owner counts him a king among his kind. The place of honor was, however, given to his lieutenant in the same herd, Mrs. Jones' Lilimur Rioter, a bull of grand appearance, fine quality and rich breeding. Mighty Dollar was given second place. Mrs. McClure's Prince of Elmbank third, and Mr. Smith's Hugo Alpha fourth. Kaiser Fritz was a favorite with many, who would have placed him in the list, and there would have been little room for complaint if he had been so placed. Two-year-old bulls were an equally good lot. King of Highfield, shown by J. H. Smith & Son, the first prize yearling last year, and a son of the first prize bull and sweepstakes cow of 1894, was a clear first, and is a young bull of exceptional merit, with fine head and horns, smooth shoulders, deep ribs and flanks and long, level quarters, showing large and well-set rudimentaries. The contest for second prize lay between a straight, stylish and well-formed bull, bearing a bit heaviness in shoulders, shown by Messrs. Smith, of Grimsby, and Mr. Bull's Sir Ollie, a young two-year-old of strong character, fine touch and much richness of skin, but a little drooping in hind quarters. It was a close match, but was decided in favor of Mr. Smith's entry. Sir Ollie being reluctantly turned down to third place. The yearling ring was well furnished. The Grimsby herd got away with first prize on a young bull (not named in the catalogue) of breezy appearance and good conformation, followed by Mr. Bacon's Exile of Manorfield, a son of the famous Exile of St. Lambert, low-set and deep ribbed, fine handling

quality and richly bred. The same exhibitor had a good third in Kaiser Fritz, Jr., which many would have placed higher in the list; rich in color and of fine dairy form, he promises well.

Bull calves were a fairly good lot, and the first prize went to A. McLean Howard, Toronto, for a neat and well formed bull; second to Wm. McKay, Elmbank, for a deep ribbed and well furnished calf. The fight for sweepstakes for best bull any age seemed, by common consent, to lie between Mrs. Jones' Lilimur Rioter and Messrs. Smith's two-year-old King of Highfield, and after close comparison the contest honor was awarded to Mrs. Jones' bull.

The show of cows was the best we have seen here for several years, though not equal to what we used to see here in the eighties, when Mrs. Jones and Mr. Fuller used to fight it out on these grounds. There were a number of grand cows out this year, but unfortunately very few that were fresh in milk, and hence they did not show to best advantage. A new claimant for honors was here for the first time in Belvoir Pet, a beautiful six-year-old cow, formerly owned by Mr. Gibson, of Delaware, and twice a sweepstakes winner at the Western Fair. She is now owned by Capt. Rolph, of Markham, and had calved the week before the show. She did not show at her best, as she had not been on full feed, but she made a grand show all the same as she swung into the ring the largest and best-balanced udder that has been seen on this Fair ground for many years. She is a medium sized cow of fine dairy conformation, deep bodied, short legged, with large and well distributed milk veins, and a milky look all over. She could not, in her present shape, be denied first place, but if the Highfield cow, Messrs. Smith's Signal's Rosa May, had been as fresh as she was at last year's fair, she would have made it more interesting, for those who saw her win the sweepstakes last year know that she can put up about as good a show of udder as the best of the breed, and she has constitution, quality and richness in a high degree. She was placed second, though nearly dry. Mrs. Jones had the third prize cow in Gipsy of Spruce Grove, formerly owned by Mr. J. C. Snell, as was also the second prize cow. Gipsy had been milking several months and was not in her best form, but is a cow of fine dairy type, rich skin, and carrying a well-balanced udder and well-set teats. She is said to have given 50 lbs. milk daily when fresh, and she looks it. Geo. Smith & Son had the first prize three-year-old cow, a very attractive number, fresh in milk, with a well-shaped udder, especially in front, but hardly so good behind. Messrs. Smith, of Highfield, were second, with Eva of Oak Grove, a milky-looking young cow with well-balanced udder. Mrs. Jones came in for first prize in two-year-old heifers with Hugo Beauty 2nd, daughter of a former sweepstakes cow, and by Sir George, a finely formed heifer, promising to make a good cow. The same exhibitor had the first prize yearling heifer of the same type and worthy of her place. Ex-Mayor Fleming, of Toronto, showed a beautiful pair of twin heifers in this section, which many spectators expected to see in the prize list, but the judges passed them over as being too beefy for a dairy class, the result of too much kindness. Heifer calves were a very good lot, and Mr. Bull scored a success in winning first prize in the section over six months and also in that for under six months with two beautiful young things got by Sir Ollie. Mr. Bull also came in for first prize for four calves under a year, bred by exhibitor. The sweepstakes for best female went to Mr. Rolph's first prize cow, Belvoir Pet. Mrs. Jones was awarded first prize for herd of one bull and four females; Messrs. Smith, Grimsby, second; Messrs. Smith, Highfield, third; and Mr. Rolph fourth.

## GUERNSEYS

were shown in large numbers this year, and the quality was also in advance of former years. There were thirty-eight entries and six exhibitors.

Mr. Isaac Holland, Colloden, had the first prize and sweepstakes bull in his May's Roseberry, a first-class representative of the breed, straight in his lines, deep in flank, and having a rich yellow skin; he ought to breed cream-makers. The same exhibitor had the first prize two-year-old bull, Dandy of Oxford, of much the same description. Wm. Butler & Son won first prize in the section for yearling bulls, with King of Oxford. W. H. & C. H. McNish, Lyn, had the first prize bull calf, and the first prize cow, Balinda of Eastview, a rich-looking cow of good dairy form and good milk veins. J. N. Greenshields, Danville, Que., won second prize for cow, May Queen 6th, and third prize for three-year-old cow, Isaleigh Queen, and second prize for herd; Messrs. McNish taking first place. Robert Moody & Son, Guelph, won first prize in the heifer class section, and Mr. Greenshields second.

## HOLSTEINS

made a very large display, the entries numbering one hundred and nineteen, being exceeded only by the Ayrshires and Jerseys. There were only seven exhibitors, however, making an average of seventeen head to each exhibitor, which is a large representation of a few herds. The Holstein breeders are wise in their generation, in that they work together for the good of the breed they are all interested in, and they made a good showing this year as usual. They had for judge Mr. C. R. Payne, Hamilton, N. Y., who served here for the first time. He had no easy task, and perhaps did as well as could be expected of any one man, but failed to