

John Miller of Brougham showed six rams of different ages, besides fourteen ewes, and Mr. George Miller's name appears again as an importer of twelve new specimens. Simon Beatti, of Woburn, who though but a young man and a young breeder, made an excellent display this year, was also a prominent exhibitor in this class. A number of prizes were taken also by Mr. C. Walker of London, whose sheep were very much admired. Mr. John Long of London was another importer. But, in the opinion of many, the purest and best Leicesters on the ground were a couple of rams shown by Mr. Stone, out of a magnificent lot of thirty-one which had arrived only a week before direct from one of the first English breeders. These sheep, which we have since had an opportunity of seeing, are well worthy the attention of all who wish to get a really pure Leicester, free from any intermixture of Cotswold, Lincoln, or any other long-woolled variety.

CHEVIOTS.—The show of Cheviots was enriched this year by the addition of a new lot of very fine ones just imported by Mr. George Miller. The other exhibitors were Messrs. Dickson of Orono, D. Elliott, of Strabane, and T. Guy, of Oshawa.

OTHER LONG WOOLLED SHEEP.—In this class, which contains an *omnium gatherum* of all sorts of long-woolled varieties, there were a number of entries, including several Lincolnshire, Teeswater, and crosses of various kinds. Some of the animals in it were very fine, and the class is a valuable one, as enabling exhibitors to put forward a number of specimens which they could not legitimately enter in any other way except as extras, which is a very unsatisfactory mode of entering. Mr. Snell was the principal exhibitor in this class, but Mr. John Miller rivalled him successfully in several instances.

SOUTHDOWNS.—No breed has made greater advances in a short time than the Southdown, of which the show this year was exceedingly good, and larger than any we have ever had before. The principal feature this year was the exhibition of two shearling rams from the flock of the celebrated Jonas Webb, bought at the closing sale of that great breeder by our enterprising friend Mr. Stone. Both of these animals were a good deal out of condition, but a little examination showed them to be very superior. Some nice ewes were shown by J. Maxwell, of Paris, and J. Peers,

of Woodstock, and some fine lambs by Mr. Dickie, of Dumfries. Mr. J. Spencer, of Brooklin, however, was, as usual, the largest and most successful exhibitor, but we do not think that his sheep have been improved lately, a fact which is owing probably to a slight intermixture of Hampshire Down blood. Mr. Milne, of Markham, was another of the principal exhibitors in this class.

MERINOS AND SAXONS.—Both the French and the Spanish Merinos were well represented, the former by Mr. Rymal and Mr. Young of Wentworth, and the latter by Mr. Arkland of Oshawa, and Mr. Miller of Grantham. In the opinion of the judges, however, the Spanish Merinos shown by Mr. Arkland, many of them, we believe, lately imported from Vermont, carried off the palm. They were in fact declared by the judges to be of very superior quality.

OTHER SHORT WOOLLED BREEDS.—In this class which answers to the corresponding class in the Long woolled breeds, were shown a number of excellent sheep, chiefly Hampshire Downs, and crosses between Hampshire and Southdown. Among these, as among the Southdowns proper, there was pretty strong competition. The chief exhibitor of Hampshire Downs was Mr. Spencer, who carried off most of the prizes. Mr. Tye of Wilmore had several sheep of a similar kind, though not so good. To show well, the Hampshire Down requires to be in very good condition. Besides these there were two lots of a new description, the Shropshire Down, recently imported, one by Col. Brearley of Woodstock and the other by Mr. George Miller. Between these two there was a great deal of difference, the latter being superior in size and in the quality of the wool. Mr. Miller's sheep are a little larger than the Southdowns with longer wool but not so fine, though more lustrous. As these sheep are quite new to us we cannot say much as to their merits, but judging from those chosen by Mr. Miller, we should not consider them so valuable a breed as the South or Sussex Down, or perhaps even the Hampshire Down.

PIGS.

The show of pigs was certainly one of the redeeming features of the exhibition, and was unquestionably the best that we have had for many years, nor was the improvement confined to any particular class, large, small and middle breeds equally partook of it. The