

Lloyd-Jones Bros., and third to Richard Gibson. In wether lambs, Richard Gibson scored first with a lamb of splendid proportions, beating the World's Fair winners, shown by Mr. Campbell, which won second and third here. For pen of five wether lambs, Campbell, Gibson and Lloyd-Jones Bros. won all.

SOUTHDOWNS were well represented, although not as strong in numbers as we have seen. Some choice specimens were brought forward, several of them being imported. In the breeding class Geo. McKerrrow & Son, Wisconsin, and Sir Geo. Drummond, Pointe Claire, Que., divided the honors about even throughout, McKerrrow winning champion on ram, while champion on ewe went to Sir Geo. Drummond's lamb. In the Southdown wether class, Drummond, Telfer Bros. and University of Wisconsin nearly swept the ring, Drummond's yearling wether being placed champion over Telfer Bros.' St. Louis grand champion, winner over all breeds. These two were so close it was only a matter of choice, the champion here being, perhaps, a trifle firmer.

IN LINCOLNS the veteran importer and breeder, J. T. Gibson, of Denfield, Ont., demonstrated that the stately Lincoln can be bred and fitted in Canada quite as good as in their native home, for while he had imported the best that money could buy, his own breeding proved worthy of higher honors both here and at St. Louis, the home-bred ones being covered with much firmer flesh. Mr. Gibson secured all the first and most of the second prizes in the regular classes; also championship on the St. Louis champion yearling ram, and championship on the ewe lamb that won first at St. Louis.

J. H. Patrick and E. W. Patrick, Ilderton, Ont., also had a good quality bunch out, not specially fitted for show, and won several important prizes, including first for ewe lamb, American bred. In the wether classes the winnings were about the same as at St. Louis, J. T. Gibson winning all the firsts and seconds, except in pen of five, J. H. Patrick winning second and third; Patrick also winning several thirds in other sections.

THE DORSET exhibit, although disappointing in numbers, were mostly of good quality. W. H. Newton, Pontiac, Mich., and R. H. Harding, Thorndale, Ont., were the only exhibitors. The latter, with his St. Louis winners, made a clean sweep of the first prizes and champions, while Mr. Newton secured a few seconds. Harding's champion ewe and champion wether, that were also champions at St. Louis, were very much admired. The breeders of this valuable fall and winter lamb-producing breed require to wake up. Few, if any, of the breeds have improved more than the Dorsets in the last few years, and it is in the breeders' interests to bring them out, to let the public see them, even though all cannot win championships.

LEICESTERS were out strong as usual. While there were four exhibitors, the principal fight was between A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, Ont., and Hastings Bros., Crosshill, Ont. In aged rams, Smith won first and second; Hastings Bros. winning third. In yearlings, Smith won first and third; Hastings Bros. second. Ram lambs, Hastings Bros. were first and second; A. W. Smith third. In yearling ewes first and second prizes went to the Maple Lodge contingent, to a very fine pair of well-covered ewes, of great scale; third going to new exhibitors, Dunnett Bros., Clanbrasil, Ont. In ewe lambs, Hastings Bros. led, Dunnett Bros. and Smith following, in the order named. In flocks, Smith was placed first, also first for special flock, while for get of one ram the first went to Hastings Bros. Smith won the both championships, with an aged ram and his shearing ewe, that was also champion at the World's Fair. The wether prizes were about evenly divided.

IN THE COTSWOLD CLASS, J. C. Ross, Jarvis, Ont., had some very fine specimens of the breed, and won several important prizes, although not as high up in some places as we expected when we handled the sheep. In yearling ewes it seemed clear he was entitled to first and third, but the judge saw differently, and placed Lewis Bros., of Ill., first. Mr. Ross won first on his ewe lamb that won championship at St. Louis, a lamb of wonderful presence and promise, that it was expected would win championship here, but the judge placed Lewis Bros.' yearling ewe instead. F. W. Harding, Waukesha, Wis., won several prizes, including first and champion on aged ram.

In wethers the same exhibitors divided the spoils, Harding & Ross winning most of the prizes. In this class again it was generally agreed that Ross' wether lamb should have been placed ahead of Harding's.

IN OXFORDS the show was in the hands of the two veteran show men, viz., Geo. McKerrrow & Son, of Wisconsin, and R. J. Stone, of Illinois. They put up a strong exhibit, and divided the winnings fairly evenly.

CHEVIOTS were well brought out by G. W. Parnell, Wingate, Ind., and M. P. & S. E. Lantz, Carlock, Ill., the latter winning the lion's share, mostly on imported sheep.

THE HAMPSHIRE exhibit, which was the best that this breed has ever had at the International, was championed by Chilmark Farm, Ossining, N. Y.; Jas. West, Montpelier, Ind., and Telfer Bros., Paris, Ont., the latter showing only in the wether classes, winning the best that was offered. In the breeding classes the other two exhibitors divided the honors pretty evenly.

GRADES AND CROSS-BRED wethers put up one of the best and strongest fat classes in the show. In the medium-wool breeds the Shropshire grades won nearly everything. Richard Gibson won three firsts out of the four; University of Wisconsin coming next in order, with lambs-sired by a Campbell ram. This lot won for pen of five, also winning champion over all breeds.

R. Gibson's lamb and yearling were each champion over all breeds by ages. In the yearling class nine faced the judge, and a better lot seldom if ever faced a judge in America. All the more honor is due to H. N. Gibson, son of Mr. R. Gibson, for winning over such a bunch. In long-wool grades the tussel was between J. T. Gibson, A. W. Smith, Hastings Bros., and, in fact, nearly all the long-wool breeders, but the three named won nearly everything, J. T. Gibson winning champion on a Lincoln grade.

In the classes where Canadians competed, viz., Shropshires, Southdowns, Lincolns, Leicesters, Dorsets, Cotswolds, and grades, out of twenty champion and three grand champion prizes offered, Canadians carried away no fewer than sixteen champions and two grand champions. We quote the Chicago Evening Post:

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Among the prominent sheep men of Canada who took high honors in the fat sheep exhibits were: R. and H. N. Gibson, Denfield, Ontario; Hastings Bros., Crosshill, Ont.; J. H. Patrick, Crosshill, Ont.; Lloyd-Jones Bros., Burford, Ont.; John Campbell, Woodville, Ont.; Telfer Bros., Paris, Ont.; Sir George Drummond, Beaconsfield, Quebec; R. H. Harding, J. T. Gibson, F. C. Ross.

BEST LOT EVER SHOWN.

Taken collectively, the judges declared there was exhibited in the sheep division of the Exposition this year, the best lot of sheep and lambs ever shown. Breeds have been improved to such an extent that sheep that took first prize at last year's show got no better than third award this year.

SWINE.

Owing to the breeding classes being struck off the prize-list, no classes being left but barrows, the exhibit was very much smaller than usual, the Berkshire, Duroc-Jersey and Chester White breeds having the largest exhibit. The Hampshire, classed as the thin-rind breed, made quite a good showing for a new breed in America.

There were no Canadian hogs on exhibition.

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A Dry Season in N. S.

Threshing is about finished in this locality, and it was generally a short job. The season of 1904 has been the driest growing season for many years; 1903 was dry up to the 25th of June, but after that we had plenty of showers, so that grain did well, though hay was light, but in 1904 it was dry, dry, dry, not a good rain from the first of May until August, so that all crops are light. Wheat is less than half an average crop; oats are not much better; barley, a little better; turnips and potatoes are the best crops we have this year; in fact, potatoes, owing to the absence of blight, kept right on growing until frost came, and are above an average yield. Fruit is generally a fair crop, of only fair quality.

The scarcity of fodder makes all kinds of live stock low at this season of the year, and we felt that it was about the poorest Thanksgiving we have had for some time, but it has been a nice fine autumn, and cattle foraged well on in November, and farmers have a fine lot plowing done ready for another year. C. H. B. Cumb. Co., N. S., Nov. 23.

Coming Events.

Dec. 12th—Fat Stock Show at Union Stock-yards, Toronto Junction.

Dec. 12th to 15th—Maritime Winter Fair, at Amherst, N. S.

Dec. 21st and 22nd—Prince Edward Island annual convention of Farmers and Fruit-growers, at Charlottetown.

Jan. 17th, 1905, 11 a.m.—Annual meeting of Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association, at Toronto.

March 6th to 10th, 1905—Eastern Ontario Live-stock and Poultry Show, at Ottawa.

Forthcoming Stock Sales.

The following auction sales of pure-bred stock are advertised in this paper:

Dec. 9th—John I. Balsdon, Markham, Ont., Clydesdales, Cotswolds, Berkshires, Yorkshires.

Dec. 14th—John Hill, Wellesley, Ont., Shorthorns, Clydesdales and Yorkshires.

Dec. 21st—Hodskinson & Tisdale, Beaverton, Ont., Shorthorns.

Dec. 21st—C. R. Gies, Heidelberg, Ont., Holsteins and Yorkshires.

Jan. 18th—Estate of John Miller, Brougham, Ont., Shorthorns.

Jan. 19th—W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, Ont., Shorthorns.

My father is a subscriber to your paper, and says the "Farmer's Advocate" stands pre-eminent in the list of farm papers for the Canadian farmer. HOWARD MCKENZIE. Cape Breton, N. S., Nov. 20th, 1904.