

DORSET HORNS

were out in goodly numbers and in fine condition, looking the picture of health and thrift. The class makes steady progress, improving from year to year, and growing in favor, especially for the production of early lambs, and the demand is said to be more than equal to the supply. Three strong flocks were represented, those of John A. McGillivray, Uxbridge; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; and James Bowman, Guelph. The Uxbridge flock came out in even better bloom than last year, which is saying a good deal, and the efficient shepherd, Fred Silverside, deserves commendation for the fresh and uniform condition of the flock. Among the prizes won by this consignment were 1st on shearing ram, an imported sheep of great merit; 1st, 2nd and 3rd for ram lambs, an exceptionally strong lot in size, form, and quality; 1st, 2nd and 3rd on aged ewes, a very uniform lot, full of quality; 1st, 2nd and 3rd on shearing ewes, 2nd and 3rd on ewe lambs, 1st and 2nd on open flock, and 1st on breeder's flock. Mr. Harding's exhibit, though not so highly fitted, were in excellent condition, giving evidence of splendid health and true type and quality. He won 2nd prize on aged ram and 2nd and 3rd on shearing rams, the 2nd prize sheep being imported this year, and he is an extra good one, with strong, straight legs, well-sprung ribs, level back, strong neck, and fine, even fleece. The ewes shown by Mr. Harding were an even, good lot, have been breeding regularly, and show good breeding and quality. Mr. Bowman had the 1st prize aged ram, a strong, useful sheep, with a rather light and open fleece.

MERINOS

were shown by R. Shaw & Son, Brantford, and W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plain, between whom the prizes were distributed. Messrs. Shaw winning 1st and 3rd on aged ram, 3rd on shearing ram, 1st and 2nd on ram lambs, 1st and 3rd on aged ewes, 1st on shearing ewes, 1st and 3rd on ewe lambs, and 1st on flock. Messrs. Smith had 2nd prize on aged ram, 1st and 2nd on shearing rams, 3rd on ram lambs, 2nd on aged ewes, 2nd and 3rd on shearing ewes, 2nd on ewe lambs, and 2nd on flock.

Fat sheep were entered by Gibson & Walker, W. H. Beattie, John Campbell, W. & G. Telfer, and W. E. Wright.

SWINE.

Taking one year with another, the show of pigs was above the average, and it would be hard to find a better lot of representatives of the different breeds than were on view in the swine sheds. The total number of entries were about 600, to which total Tamworths contributed more than one-third. We regret to learn that a dozen or so of prospective winners died in consequence of the intense heat experienced soon after their arrival on the grounds, their loss materially weakening some of the herds. The losses seemed to be general, and not confined to any particular breed. As usual at this exhibition, a good deal of business was done, several of the prominent prize-winners changing hands, besides a good number of stock entered for sale purposes. It will be well for the breeders to press on the management of the show the absolute necessity of at once removing the remaining old hog pens, which are a disgrace to a show with such a reputation as the Toronto Industrial has, and of replacing them with similar buildings to the ones which were built last year, which are a great credit to the show.

BERKSHIRES.

The pens devoted to this breed were filled with a capital lot of pigs. The bacon-curer's magic wand has been waved over the breeders of this as well as of other breeds, and, in consequence, we see plenty of length and depth where some years ago we could only find quality combined with short, thick bodies. We noticed, too, that the pigs shown stood better on their feet, and, in short, there is universal improvement, to the great benefit of the breeders; and although our American cousins rather scoff at the present drift of the tide, yet it is only a question of time before they will have to follow suit. Geo. Green's fine aged boar, King Highclere and Crown Prince, came out 1st and 2nd in the aged class. The former was the 1st prize winner here last year. The Snell estate's Hiawatha, who has the honor of being a full brother to the great breeding boar, Baron Lee 4th, made a good 3rd. Geo. Green again headed the list in the section for yearling boars, with Lord Liverpool, followed by the Snell estate's Starlight, whose smoothness, length and depth captivated everybody, especially Mr. N. H. Gentry, who purchased him at a high figure for an Indiana stock farm. T. A. Cox had the 3rd prize pig, who has won his way at previous shows. The Brantford herd were very successful with boars under one year old, capturing both 1st and 2nd prizes with pigs of good style. Geo. Green came 3rd. For boars under six months, a smooth pig of nice quality, and a long-bodied companion, carried 1st and 2nd for Mr. Cox, Geo. Green again coming in 3rd. The Snell estate had a sure winner in the aged sow, Snell's Highclere 9th, who could not be denied the same honors as she captured at the last show here. She has great quality, although large, and carries herself well. She was purchased for an American breeder by Mr. Gentry. A good representative from the Brantford herd was 2nd in order, followed by one shown by W.

McAllister, a sow of suitable type. Yearling sows were a strong class. Model Lady, Geo. Green's entry, came out a clear 1st. She has a well-merited record at all the exhibitions last year, including the Fat Stock Show at Brantford. Snell's Charming 2nd, whose sire is Baron Lee 4th, made a capital 2nd, with T. A. Cox's entry 3rd. The Snell estate headed the list of sows under the year with a very nice daughter of Victor 12th, followed by two from the Fairview herd, of typical conformation. This herd won both the red and blue ribbons for sows under six months, T. A. Cox standing 3rd. The herd prizes went to the Snell estate and Geo. Green; the prizes for boar and four of his get to Geo. Green and W. McAllister, and that for sow and four of her product to Geo. Green. The judging was done by W. Jones, Mt. Elgin, and James McArthur, Lobo.

YORKSHIRES.

This breed was represented by J. E. Brethour, Burford; Jos. Featherstone, Streetsville; R. G. Martin, Marysville; John Hord & Sons, Parkhill; R. E. Duck, Port Credit, and C. Nurse, Humber Bay, and was judged by G. B. Hood, Guelph, and J. M. Hurley, Belleville. Out of a lot of fine aged boars 1st was sent to R. G. Martin's entry, a pig of great depth and substance; 2nd to Featherstone's Haskett, and 3rd to Brethour's Oak Lodge Conqueror, the first named and the last being sons of Haskett. R. G. Martin's yearling boar easily won 1st, with Featherstone next in order, and Duck 3rd. The contest for boars under a year old was sharp and quick, and resulted in the Oak Lodge herd securing the three prizes offered. Featherstone had the best boar not over six months old, with two of Brethour's 2nd and 3rd. The Oak Lodge herd had a sure thing in aged and yearling sows, winning 1st and 2nd prizes in both sections with pigs of splendid type. R. G. Martin was 3rd for aged sows, with a pig showing good quality. In aged sows, with a pig showing good quality. In the very strong competition, Brethour stood at the head of the section for sows under the year, with

Mt. Elgin herd will be apparent when we mention that they won every red ribbon except one. Their pigs were very well brought out and are exceptionally good representatives of the breed as raised in Canada with an eye to the bacon trade. Messrs. Smith's prizewinners included 1st for boars under six months and several 2nds and 3rds. They were a well-bred lot.

CHESTER WHITES.

In this class, as well as in the previous one, the principal firm which exhibited had it all their own way, only a little more so in this case, as Messrs. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, had such a strong herd out that they secured everything in sight, except two third prizes, which went to T. F. Holland and W. E. Wright for boars under six months and under the year respectively. Butler's stock was in capital shape, and had plenty of quality and good length.

DUROC-JERSEYS.

This year there were four exhibitors of this breed, which seems to be improving considerably every year, the exhibits approximating more closely to the type of pigs now so much in demand. With the exception of a couple of minor prizes, which were won by W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plain, the bulk of the honors was pretty equally divided between Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, and Tape Bros., Ridgetown. The former won red tickets for their yearling boar, which was first as a youngster last year; 1st for aged sows, 1st for sows under a year, and 1st for herd and for sow and four of her produce. Tape Bros. won 1st for aged boars, 1st for boars under twelve months, 1st for yearling sows and for sows under six months, and 1st for boar and four of his get. Park & Sons had the misfortune to lose a handsome boar entered for competition, which threw them out of the section under a year. Wm. Jones, Mt. Elgin, and Jas. McArthur, Lobo, handed out the ribbons in this class.

ESSEX AND SUFFOLKS.

There were three breeders who had entries in this mixed class. Of these, John Hord & Son showed Suffolks; T. A. McClure, Essex; and Joseph Featherstone both Suffolks and Essex. Suffolks were strongest all through. All the 1st prizes, including those for herd and boar and four of his get, and sow and four of her produce, went to the Streetsville herd.

POULTRY.

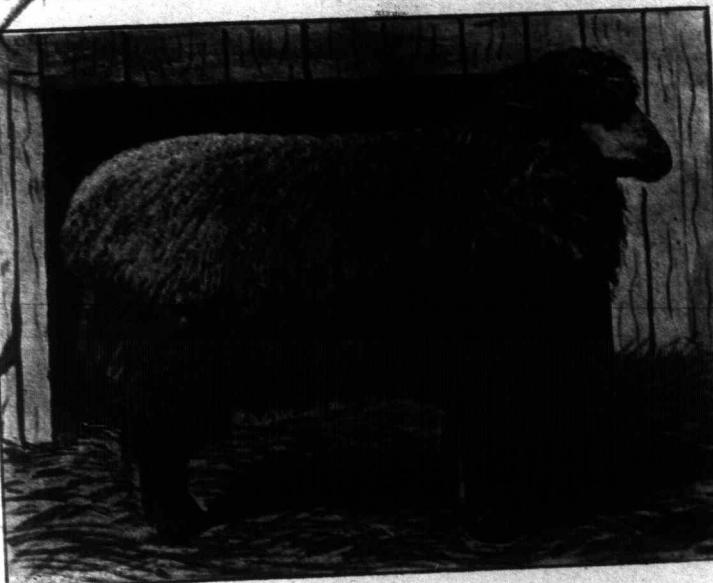
The exhibition of poultry at the Industrial quite exceeded itself of any former year, the entries having increased from 2,500 in '97 to 3,000 on this occasion. This wonderful increase made the accommodations very inadequate. In many instances breeding pens were scattered all over, and therefore, difficult for the judges to make decisions. The greatest increase and improvement was found in Plymouth Rocks, especially the barred variety, but other sorts were numerous and of very high merit. The next strongest variety shown was Leghorns, all kinds of which were well represented. The buff in this breed are coming well to the front, the best of which were quite up to the Leghorn standard. The black sort were also very fine, considered by Mr. L. G. Jarvis, of the Ontario Agricultural College, to be away ahead of any ever shown before. Wyandottes stood next in order in quality and entries. A grand display was made, especially of whites and buffs. Brahma, both light and dark, also Cochins, made strong and full competition. The display of Minorcas was hardly up to the best of last year, but the winners were quite up to the best of other years. Games were away up, the winners being chiefly directly imported birds. The Hamburg sections were fully up, the silver variety being particularly fine. The same may be said of other fancy sorts. Turkeys were not up to former years, both Bronze and Whites falling behind in number of entries. Geese were away ahead of any former year, the Toulouse and Embden sorts being particularly strong. One pair of seven-months Toulouse were claimed by the judge to be the largest he had ever seen at that age. Ducks were good, especially Pekins and Rouens, but Aylenburgs were very light, only a few pairs shown. The judges were: L. G. Jarvis, on P. Rocks, Leghorns, Poland, Dorkings, Minorcas, Turkey, and water fowl; Sharp Butterfield, London, on Brahmas, Cochins, Games, and Bantams; and T. Smith, Woodstock, on Wyandottes, Spanish, Andalusians, Hamburgs, and La Fleche; all of whom remarked upon the splendid condition of the birds, even through the hot weather of the first week. A great lack at this exhibition is the want of an office or a room for the judges when not on duty. This year there was not even a chair or a table at their disposal. This, as well as a greater extension of space, should be provided before another show comes round.

Ontario Agricultural College Exhibit.—A noteworthy display of various breeds of fowls bred at the Guelph College was on exhibition during the Industrial show. It consisted of 140 birds, 130 of which were of this year's stock, and comprised specimens of Langhans, Brahmas, Wyandottes, Leghorns, Minorcas, Andalusians, and Spanish fowls in all varieties, besides lots of Rouens and Pekin ducks. The exhibit was in charge of Mr. L. G. Jarvis, who reared them to their present high form. On the whole they were, to say the least, an exceedingly creditable lot, but the Langhans, Silver Wyandottes, and Plymouth Rocks were of very high merit, quite up to anything at the show. The Pekin ducks too are worthy of special mention, as a pen of them at six weeks old averaged 5 pounds 9 ounces each. They had been reared for experimental purposes on cooked corn meal and wheat middlings, with a liberal admixture of bran as a bowel corrective. Mr. Jarvis considers the best gains can only be secured when cooked feed is used, and a liberal use of bran prevents any bowel trouble. During the exhibition many of the College-bred birds were purchased by expert fanciers to add to their breeding and exhibition flocks. This is a high tribute to the poultry department of the College and its manager.

COMMENTS OF A JUDGE.

Mr. Sharp Butterfield, one of the very foremost poultry judges in America, furnishes us the following comments on the poultry exhibit:

The poultry exhibit was the largest and best in the twenty years' existence of the Industrial, and I noticed chickens which had been sent from Brandon, Manitoba, a distance of 1,500 miles. The Light Brahmas were cut in good force, but the male birds in aged class were in bad feather, and only muddling good birds when in their best plumage. Hens numbered about ten; 1st and 2nd hens, both fine specimens, balance of class medium. Dark Brahmas, not a heavy class, but just enough birds to take the prizes, and all really good specimens. The Cochins classes were well filled



IMPORTED OOTSWOLD LAMB, FROM THE J. G. SNELL HERD, WINNER OF 1ST PRIZE AT THE TORONTO INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION OF 1898, AND SOLD TO MR. A. J. WATSON, CASTLEBERG, ONT.

Oak Lodge Buttercup 7th, a sow of great promise. Next to him came Martin's sow, a very level animal, followed by Featherstone's entry. In the section for sows under six months, Brethour won with a very perfect model, with Martin again 2nd and Duck 3rd. Brethour got the herd prize, with Martin 2nd. Brethour stood 1st for boar and four of his get, and 1st for sow and four of her produce. Featherstone's herd won 2nd in these two sections.

TAMWORTHES.

It was a great day for this prominent bacon breed. Eighteen exhibitors had made entries, and as the total entry was 200, it will be seen that the average for each exhibitor was not small. J. C. Nichol's big aged boar was awarded 1st, two capital ones shown by John Bell coming 2nd and 3rd. Norman M. Blain had a worthy representative in the yearling section, to whom the red ticket was sent. R. & J. A. Laurie's entry was good enough for 2nd place, while 3rd honors fell to A. Hallman's imported Royal winner, who had since his victory at Birmingham crossed the 12 months limit. T. F. Holland made a good start by winning with a boar under a year, beating Hallman's entry; with a boar coming up 3rd. J. B. Twiss, H. George & Son coming up 3rd. A fine lot of aged sows were out. Nichol, Twiss, and Hallman were the winning exhibitors here. A very smooth yearling sow of Hallman's, which showed good Tamworth type, headed her class, while Hord's and Wright's entries completed the list of winners. Sows under a year were very fair, as well as those under six months. Nichol was on top when the prizes for herd and boar and four of his get, and sow and four of her produce, were declared.

POLAND-CHINAS.

W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, were by far the biggest and strongest exhibitors of Poland-Chinas. They had as competitors W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plain, and Henry Park, Norwich, the latter of whom had only a few head present, all of them being imported. The sweeping victory won by the