

the cattle department, only one herd was shown by Messrs. Fair & Sons, of Kingston.

One herd of Herefords was all that came out in this class, and these were eight head shown by Mr. T. A. Bonisteel, Bay Side Stock Farm, Bay Side, Ont., and consisted of a two-year-old bull, yearling bull, bull calf, a four-year-old cow, a three-year-old cow, yearling heifer and heifer calf.

Mr. James A. Neilson, Lyn, showed a herd of Galloways numbering eight head, in which was an aged bull, yearling bull and bull calf, an aged and three-year-old cow, one each of two-year and one-year-old heifers and one heifer calf.

By far the best exhibition was in the Ayrshire class, four herds being represented by a large number of animals in each section.

Joseph Yuill, Carleton Place, Ont., had twenty head on exhibition, at the head of which was a particularly thick, smoothly formed aged bull, which carried first place. He also won first and second on bull calves, first on the two-year-old heifer, yearling heifer and heifer calves, and a prize on heifer calves.

Mr. Wm. Stewart, jr., Menie Stock Yards, Seymore, Ont., also made a good display, and won first on two-year-old bull, first on yearling bull, first and second on aged cow, first on three-year-old heifer.

Mr. Nichol, Cataraqui, was also quite a successful exhibitor, and won several prizes.

Mr. Alfred Brown, Bethel, also had a few head of choice Ayrshire cattle on the ground, and, although a young breeder, he bids fair to rapidly come to the front.

Only one herd of Jersey cattle were forward. These were a representative lot from the herd of Mr. George S. Osborne, Kingston. The two-year-old bull, which is at the head of this gentleman's herd, is a beautiful specimen of the breed, and should be a likely candidate for honors another year. Mr. Osborne had several remarkably smooth cows of capital breeding type on the ground, and heifers that are, if anything, still further in advance. This herd also won a prize on best four calves, which were a particularly good lot.

Mr. W. C. Rothwell, Collins Bay, showed a herd of Holsteins, the only ones on exhibition, and was comprised of one two-year-old bull, a three-year cow, a two and one-year heifer, and two heifer calves.

In sheep, specimens of each of the best known mutton breeds were on the grounds. Mr. C. W. and Mrs. M. E. Neville, Newburgh, competed for honors in Cotswold classes, and in each of the sections exhibited some meritorious animals. The former showed an aged ram of good type, shearing rams and ram lamb, and the latter also showed in the above sections, and the prizes were pretty evenly divided.

The ewes in all three sections, including aged ewes, shearing ewes and ewe lambs, were in better form, and some exceedingly useful specimens were brought out. The prizes were again divided between the beforementioned parties. About the same number was exhibited in the Leicester class, and the prizes were given to Mr. C. W. Neville and Mrs. M. E. Neville, as in the former breed.

Oxford-Downs were all in the hands of Mr. Jas. A. Neilson, who had some very good sheep on exhibition.

Several head of Shropshires and Southdowns were also on exhibit.

The poultry department was the only one in which a full entry had been made, and some really fine specimens were exhibited.

#### Ottawa Central Exhibition.

This exhibition was a grand success in every particular. The attendance was larger than that of other years, while a large number of temporary stalls had to be erected to accommodate the exhibitors of cattle. There was a fine display of fruit, grain, and vegetables. The Horticultural Hall was very tastefully arranged and decorated throughout.

#### HORSES.

This department was exceedingly well brought out. In Blood horses Robt. Davies' Mikado was again first, for the third time this season, this gentleman also winning largely in other sections. Among the local studs were those of A. C. Burgess, Carleton Place, and Irving & Brown, of Winchester. In the carriage horses Messrs. Irving & Brown, R. Ness, Howich, and C. D. Smith, Fairfield Plains, were among the prize-winners. In standard-bred horses A. C. Burgess, Dr. Preston and Robt. Davies carried a number of winnings. Graham Bros' Hackneys carried all before them, with the one exception of D. McPhail, Vernon. In the Heavy Draught R. Davies' Energy was again first in aged section, with Thomas Good winning first in three-year-olds and R. Ness second, and Graham Bros., Claremont, first in two-year olds. In mares and fillies R. Davies was again equally as successful as has been the case at former shows.

#### CATTLE.

The display of cattle at the Ottawa fair this year was decidedly the best that has been seen there since the show was inaugurated. It was larger and better in most of the classes than at Toronto exhibition, the bulk of the stock at Toronto having gone east to attend the shows at Montreal and Ottawa. These were supplemented by a number of first-class herds in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, and the combination constituted a surprise party for the Ottawa people. In Shorthorns the high-class herd of W. C. Edwards & Co., of Rockland, under the care of their able manager, Mr. Alex. Norrie, who has achieved fame by having fed and developed the renowned show bull Young Abbotsburn, which has swept the highest honors at many leading shows in the United States in the last three years, met the Toronto winners at Montreal and proved itself worthy of their steel, winning a good share of the class premiums, as well as the first prize for herd of one bull and four females. Mr. Arthur Johnston acted as judge at Montreal, and generally confirmed the Toronto decisions where the same animals were in competition. At Ottawa Mr. J. C. Snell made the awards, and in at least two important instances reversed the decisions given at the former meetings. One of these was the placing of Messrs. Russell's first prize white bull calf, Lord Stanley, first in the sweepstakes ring over Mr. Cockburn's roan two-year-old, Greenhouse Chief, which had won that honor both at Toronto and Montreal. On account of the acknowledged uncertainty as to the future outcome of a calf under a year old, it is generally considered risky to place even an exceptionally good one in the premier position in a sweepstakes contest, but it has sometimes been done, and if ever it is allowable it was probably justifiable in this case, for it is generally conceded that the white calf is the best that has been out at the fairs in Canada for many years, and is certainly better for his age, and better without taking age into consideration, than anything that has been in competition this year. The other case was in the ring for yearling heifers, where Messrs. Russell's roan Centennial Isabella, Mr. Cockburn's white Nonpareil's Prize and Mr. Edwards' red and white Rosewater came into competition. The roan heifer had won first in

her class and the sweepstakes for best female both at Toronto and Montreal, and the white was placed second at both places, the Rockland heifer taking third place at Montreal,—a rating which we believe was not generally endorsed by breeders outside the ring. At Ottawa Mr. Snell seemed to have no hesitation in reversing the positions of the three heifers, and promptly sent Rosewater to the front, followed by the white heifer for second, and the roan third. The latter had lost considerable of her bloom since the Toronto meeting and seemed to have reached her best, if she had not passed it. She is wonderfully developed, in some points abnormally so, but has not the smoothness and evenness of the other two. The white had many friends at Toronto, who would have placed her first there, and she was generally allowed to have more promise for the future than her rival. The Rockland heifer has a grander appearance than either, and we believe will bear analysing better. She has greater length and levelness of quarters, a head and neck well set on, has wonderful crops, well sprung ribs, soft hair, and all the indications of constitution and feeding qualities one could desire, together with abundant promise of future usefulness. There was a general agreement among prominent breeders and competent judges at Ottawa that she was not only the best female, but the best Shorthorn of either sex that has been out at the fairs this year.

The first prize for bulls over three years old was won here and at Montreal by Mr. Currie's War Eagle, Mr. Oke's Ironclad taking second place, and Mr. Edwards' imported Pioneer, bred by Mr. E. W. Cruickshank, third. The last named is not a show bull, but has proved a very successful sire of prize animals, having begotten, amongst others, the beautiful Rosewater and her herd companions, Bessie of Rockland and Barrington Blossom, which stood with him in the first prize herd both here and at Montreal.

Mr. Edwards had a young bull in training for the ring, bred by Mr. Davidson, which was intended to head the show herd, but which met with an accident which unfitted him for the fray. But for this the herd would probably have been shown at Toronto. The Rockland herd was credited with first prize for cow over three years, in the fine red five-year-old Belinda, bred by Mr. Dryden, by Vensgarth, and of the good old family descended from imported Lady Eden.

#### HEREFORDS.

There were two strong herds of Herefords, the same that won the principal prizes at Toronto—those of Mr. Fleming, Weston, and Mr. Smith, of Compton. Mr. Smith's fine bull, Tushingham, received first prize and sweepstakes award. Mr. Fleming had first for two-year-old bull, yearling bull and bull calf, as also first prize for herd, the second prize going to Mr. Smith.

#### POLLED-ANGUS

were shown by Dr. Craik, of Montreal,—an extra good lot, which we noticed in the report of Toronto last month.

#### GALLOWAYS

were exhibited by Mr. D. McCrae, of Guelph, who divided his herd at Toronto, sending one part to London and the balance to Montreal and Ottawa.

#### AYRSHIRES

were shown in larger numbers than usual, and larger than of any other breed. Among the exhibitors were Messrs. Morton, Drummond, Irving, Yuill, Edwards, and others, and the prizes were widely distributed—whether wisely or well we could not say, but we know that there was more than the usual dissatisfaction among exhibitors in this class, which is saying a good deal.

#### JERSEYS

were well represented, in the herds of Mrs. Jones and Mr. Burgess, the former taking the herd prize, and the latter the first prize and sweepstakes on bulls with Carlo of Glen Duart.

#### HOLSTEINS

were out in considerable numbers, and were of good quality. The cows shown were a useful lot, and the youngsters promising for future usefulness. Mr. McNiven's fine herd, first at Toronto, was again victorious, and the class very creditable on the whole.