

Although the English sheep were especially good, there was an extra good entry from the Shore contingent, with well-high perfect conformation and a good fleece. One judge declared her the winner, but the others ruled otherwise, faulting a slight disfigurement, and thus she was sent to second place, Park winning first and third. Ewe lambs just imported were exceedingly good, Park winning first and second, Ross third. Ram of any age was won by Park, and also premier ewe was from his flock. In pen of lambs, consisting of one ram and three ewes, bred by exhibitor, Shore was placed first and Park second.

In the open class, comprising graded flock of one ram, two ewes and two ewe lambs, Park was awarded first; while in the graded flock of one ram, two ewes and two ewe lambs, bred and owned by exhibitor, Shore was first and Park second.

LEICESTERS.—Four flocks, comprising those of A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; Hastings Bros., Crosshill; A. & W. Whitelaw, Guelph, and Chas. F. Maw, Omagh, were forward, and each showed careful selection and attention. In a ring of eight aged rams, A. W. Smith sent in a strong sheep, showing good fleece and mutton qualities, with two good specimens brought out by Hastings and Whitelaw, the honors being given in this order. In a section of thirteen shearing rams, displaying much uniformity and quality, Smith and Hastings carried the ribbons. A strong, neatly-fitted ring of eleven ram lambs had been forwarded. Here Hastings, Smith, Maw and Whitelaw held a winner each, in the order named. Hastings, Smith and Maw carried away the premiums among the ewes over two years. Among eleven beautifully-fitted shearing ewes, Smith, Hastings and Smith won in the order named, and in fourteen ewe lambs, Smith, Hastings, Smith and Maw were declared winners.

Sweepstakes ram and ewe were found in the Smith entry, the flock premium going there also.

LINCOLNS.—There was a fine display made by the two breeders in this class. The Denfield flock, owned by J. T. Gibson, carried all the first premiums and the majority of the winnings. This flock was exceedingly well fitted throughout all the sections, and were much admired by the many visitors that thronged the alleys of the sheep building. J. H. Patrick, Ilderton, was the other exhibitor, and though not having forward the numbers usual in former years, still had some most creditable specimens.

SHROPSHIRE.—Mr. J. C. Duncan, manager of one of the leading flocks in the State of New York, had a heavy task assigned him in placing the awards among the high-class beauties that eight of the most prominent flockmasters of this breed had forwarded. These were John Campbell, Woodville; W. S. Carpenter, Simcoe; Lloyd-Jones Bros., Burford; Rich. Gibson, Delaware; Robt. Miller, Stouffville; Hon. John Dryden & Sons, Brooklyn; J. G. Hammer, Brantford, and Telfer Bros., Paris. At the call for rams over two years, four grandly-fitted specimens came forward, and visitors at the ringside made strong allusions to the superb quality of those submitted for placing. Carpenter, Gibson, Campbell, Lloyd-Jones, were drawn in the short leet. The Gibson sheep was much admired, but was off in fleece, this being dry and dead, while the entry of Campbell was considered best in fleece and handling, closely followed by Carpenter and Lloyd-Jones.

Shearing rams up to twenty-two entries had been made, of which sixteen responded to the call, and, like as peas and as fine as silk, was the verdict by the on-lookers. It certainly was a strong ring. Gibson came first, on a superbly-fitted sheep, low, broad and level, and full of quality and character to boot. A capital sheep was the second-placed entry, from the Dryden flock, that certainly did credit to his feeder. Carpenter came in for third, and yet the ring was full of good ones unplaced. Ram lambs, though not so strong in numbers, were certainly select. Those imported had a combination of size, quality and character seldom approached. Carpenter, Lloyd-Jones, Telfer, Campbell, came in rotation. Among the entries of ewes over two years, Campbell carried first and second, and Carpenter third. Among a score of shearing ewes, fifteen were selected to face the judge, and again from these the judge drew out nine from which to make the final awards, and close was the contest, for never have we seen a more even lot. It seems all Shropshire breeders are after the same model. Campbell carried first and second, and Gibson third. Ewe lambs were equally good; the same uniformity, only a matter of comparison. Dryden, Carpenter and Campbell won, in the order above.

Both ram and ewe sweepstakes went to the Campbell contingent, as did the open flock prize.

SOUTHDOWNS.—Telfer Bros., Paris; Geo. Miller, Markham, and W. B. Martin, Binbrook, had forward a fine display in this breed. However, the fresh importations of the former proved too strong for the other flocks, although these were nicely brought out. Telfer Bros. had selected the best procurable, from such noted English flocks as those of Hammond, Henty, Adean and Berner, which, together with a few of their own breeding, formed an array that the others could not defeat, and doubtless kept many other old-time exhibitors of the breed from putting in an appearance.

OXFORDS.—This class was remarkably strong, as that most successful importer, Henry Arkell, of Arkell, had strengthened his flock with some models of the breed selected from among the best English breeders. His sheep were very much admired for their great size and uniformity of type and quality, only reached by one who has a knowledge of the breed. The Arkell flock

carried all the first premiums in the sections, the sweepstakes for ram and ewe, and the open flock premiums, while the other exhibitor in the class, J. W. Lee & Sons, Simcoe, carried the two Canadian-bred flock premiums and several prizes in the sections.

DORSET-HORN SHEEP.—Four flocks were represented of this sort; these being forwarded by John A. McGilhray, Uxbridge; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; G. M. Carnochan, Hudson, N.Y., and A. G. H. Luxton, Milton, and again the English entries were very successful. The Uxbridge flock was composed of those recently brought out.

HAMPSHIRE DOWNS.—Here Telfer Bros. won everything in sight, they having brought these over the sea with the other sorts, selected by one of the firm, they having a representative in each of the sections.

SWINE.

The swine exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition was more extensive than usual. Very many times each day the question was asked, "What is the weight of the heaviest hog at the exhibition?" The answer generally was about 1,000 pounds, and the individual referred to was D. C. Flatt & Son's aged Yorkshire sow. The pens were all comfortably filled, 415 entries being catalogued, the Tamworths heading the list in point of numbers.

THE BERKSHIRE entries numbered over 100; the quality was scarcely up to the average. In aged boars three were brought out, W. H. Durham and W. B. Cockburn being the competitors; first and second went to the former, the first-prize one also being selected for sweepstakes. Only three boars of fair quality came out in the yearling class. The under-twelve-months class was better filled, seven being shown. Durham was again successful in landing the first and second premium, but in our opinion Wilson's third-prize hog had more quality than the second-prize winner, although he was not so highly fitted. Boars under six months were a better lot, ten in number. In this class W. Wilson, Brampton, landed the first, on a very nice-quality pig; Thos. Teasdale securing second and third upon very nice pigs, that had a young appearance.

In sows over two years, Durham secured all the prizes, on very good individuals. In the yearling class there was a good bunch; Durham secured first and second, Cockburn third, on one that looked to some to be the best in the ring. Wilson also had a very nice sow. Under twelve months a good bunch again came forward, the winnings going to Durham and Wilson. In the class under six months, ten very good ones were brought out. This was the best lot in the Berkshire exhibit. Wilson carried off first, second and third in this class, and Teasdale fourth, upon very smooth, nice stuff. These same two exhibitors won in the order named the prizes for four pigs, the get of one boar, and four pigs produce of same sow, bred by exhibitor. For herds, the first, second and third prizes were awarded to Durham; sweepstakes for sow also went to him.

YORKSHIRES were perhaps the best exhibit in the swine department. In aged boars, D. C. Flatt & Son won all three prizes, upon a very good lot. Duke of York being an extra good hog, was an easy winner of first place. In the yearling class the prizes went to Flatt & Son, Duck & Son, and Featherston & Son, respectively, upon three good hogs; Duke of York 2nd, a neat, deep-sided fellow being first. It was from the class under twelve months that the sweepstakes boar was selected from the Flatt herd. This hog is a model Yorkshire, home bred. He is sold to go to St. Louis, and it will take a choice one to beat him. It is to be regretted that such a hog could not be retained in Canada, to still further improve the stock of the country. Flatt's entries were also equally strong in sows, especially in the older classes. Their aged sow would weigh upwards of 1,000 pounds, without any particular roughness.

Jos. Featherston & Son, well-known breeders and exhibitors, were also in the ring, with a bunch of good hogs that won several important prizes. This herd was scarcely in as high fit as some of their competitors; however, they are all the better for that as breeding stock. R. F. Duck & Son also had a good exhibit, and won a fair share of the prizes. Among the number was second on yearling boar and first on sow under twelve months, as well as several third and fourth prizes.

Jas. E. Keough, of Rockwood, had a small exhibit of very good stuff out, winning second, third and fourth in classes under six months. They should have stood a good chance of winning in the groups of the get of boar and produce of sow bred by exhibitor, had there not been some mismanagement, for which Mr. Keough was not responsible. Jas. Wilson & Sons, Fergus, and Richard Gibson, Delaware, also had out good bunches of sale stuff, not especially prepared for exhibition.

TAMWORTH.—The Tamworth exhibit was a large one. Several different types were brought out, and some of the exhibitors claim that the judges did not stick to any particular type in making their awards, sufficient to give an ideal to go by in preparing for future exhibitions. The exhibitors were Colwill Bros., Newcastle; A. Elliott & Son, Galt; B. Hoskins, The Gully; D. Douglas & Son, Mitchell, and H. German, St. George. In aged boar, Elliott & Son won first on a very good, smooth hog, with the old sweepstakes winner, Colwill's Choice, a close second. This latter boar has won champion at Toronto for several years. Third and fourth went to Douglas and Hoskins respectively. In the yearling class, Douglas won first, Hoskins second, German third, and Colwill Bros. fourth. Boars under

twelve months, Elliott won first, Hoskins second, and Colwill Bros. third; under six months, Colwill Bros. secured first, second and fourth, Douglas & Sons third. In sows over two years, the judges gave Douglas & Sons first and second, but they did not decide which one of them was entitled to the first. However, we think most Tamworth judges would have left the one out altogether, as she is very heavy in the shoulder, and carried too much flesh or fat to be an ideal bacon hog producer. In yearling sows, a very good lot came forward; Douglas & Sons won first on a good sow that has good weight, not so much inclined to fatness. Elliott & Son was second and third, with Colwill Bros. fourth. The under twelve months class was a very good one, Colwill Bros. won first and fourth, Douglas & Sons second and third, although Hoskins should have been within the money here, as he had a typical Tamworth of nice quality. The under six months class was a good class. Colwill Bros. winning first, second and fourth, Douglas & Sons third. Elliott & Son captured the herd prize for boar and two sows, any age, Colwill Bros. second, Douglas & Son third and fourth. For get of boar, four pigs, bred by exhibitor, Colwill Bros. won first and second; also first and second for four pigs produce of same sow, bred by exhibitor. B. Hoskins had out a very nice herd of useful animals.

CHESTER WHITES.—The Chester White class was represented by two exhibits, viz., D. DeCoursey, Bornholm, and W. E. Wright, Glanworth, who brought some very good things out, showing steady improvement along bacon-type lines. In aged boars, Wright won first, DeCoursey second and third; but to some minds, the second-prize hog is the best of the lot. Wright again scored first, and DeCoursey second in yearlings. In boars under twelve months, the Bornholm herd was first and the Glanworth herd second and third; under six months, DeCoursey was first and second, Wright third. In sows over two years, Wright was first, on a very good one, DeCoursey winning second and third. In yearlings, the awards were reversed, as they were also under twelve months. Under six months, DeCoursey won all three prizes. Wright won the herd prize, with DeCoursey second and third. DeCoursey won first and second, and Wright third in both the classes mentioned below, viz., four pigs under six months, the get of one boar, bred by exhibitor, and four pigs under six months, the produce of same sow, bred by exhibitor.

OTHER DISTINCT BREEDS.—In other distinct breeds the Duroc-Jerseys and Essex faced the judge. They were of very fair quality; the Essex being more fortunate than their competitors. The exhibitors were W. M. Smith, Scotland, and Jos. Featherston, Streetsville. In bacon hogs, twelve lots faced the judges. They were a high-class lot, but several of them would perhaps have been ruled out had they been put on the scales. The Yorkshires were given the tickets, Flatt & Son first and fourth, Featherston second, Duck & Son third and fifth. The Tamworths, Berkshires and Chesters were also represented in this class.

The judges in the different classes were as follows: Bacon hogs—Dr. Smale, Toronto; M. Cumming, Guelph; Thos. Teasdale, Concord. Yorkshires and Tamworths—R. J. Garbutt, Belleville; Thos. Teasdale, Concord. Berkshires—R. Vance, Ida; J. L. Clark, Norval. Chesters and other distinct breeds—Major G. B. Hood, Guelph.

JUDGING COMPETITION.

Interest was intensified in the judging competition this year, if numbers of competitors are any indication of interest. Altogether there were about forty competing. Two-year-old draft fillies, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep and bacon hogs were judged, there being four prizes in each class, donated by the Massey-Harris Co. Following is the list of successful contestants:

Heavy draft fillies—1, W. J. Gardhouse, Highfield; 2, John Miller, Balsam; 3, H. Mayberry, Ingersoll; 4, W. T. Baker, Solina.

Dairy cattle—1, R. H. Williams, Dundalk; 2, James Ferguson, Dalmeny; 3, Jas. Mackenzie, Queen's Hill; 4, Alfred G. Crawford, Oro Station.

Beef cattle—1, Jas. Watt, Salem; 2, John Miller; 3, D. H. Jones, Guelph; 4, A. S. Gardhouse, Highfield.

Sheep—1, R. H. Williams; 2, J. A. Telfer, Paris; 3, Jas. Mackenzie; 4, J. C. Ross, Jarvis.

Bacon hogs—1, R. H. Williams; 2, D. H. Jones, Guelph; 3, C. B. Speers, Salem; 4, W. J. Lennox, Newton-Robinson.

DAIRY NOTES FROM THE FAIR.

Before speaking of the dairy exhibits or butter competition, a few remarks about the dairy building and equipment may not be out of place.

The building looks like a substantial stone structure from the outside, but is, in reality, built of concrete-cement blocks. Each block being hollow, there is practically a dead-air space in the walls, which prevents heat from penetrating or dampness from accumulating upon the walls into curing or storage rooms. These cement walls are economical to purchase, and could be used to advantage throughout the country for factory or creamery building purposes. The floors are also of cement, and there is an excellent system of artificial cold storage installed. All together, the building and equipment of the dairy department is quite complete, and ought to be carefully inspected by all interested in dairy work.

There was a very good display of cheese, rather more white than colored. In fact, the white seemed to have first place, both in regard to number and quality, it being a white cheese that took first prize and the silver cup presented by the