

mare or gelding over 15½ hands, R. G. Watson, Winnipeg, was first on a good type; H. McGregor, Brandon, second; and H. S. Herron, Brandon, third.

PONIES.—There were a few beautiful ponies shown, and the contest for the coveted red ribbon was very keen in one or two classes.

The prize-list will be found in next issue.

CATTLE.

The cattle barns, although not so heavily crowded as at last year's fair, contained a fine lot of well-fitted animals of excellent quality. Herefords were the only class out in larger numbers than a year ago, and of this breed the herds of Geo. Leigh and B. & W. George, both of Aurora, Ill., added by their quality and numbers greatly to the competition. Nevertheless, the home herd, owned by J. A. Chapman, Beresford, stood the test well, reaching out strong after the best, and capturing a good share of the prizes in the various rings. Jas. Duthie, of Melgund, Man., judged all beef breeds in a manner generally approved of by the onlookers. Dairy breeds were judged by Duncan Anderson, of Rugby, Ont., and his task on this particular occasion was a light one.

SHORTHORNS.—As usual, this breed was out in stronger numbers than any of the others. Messrs. J. G. Barron and J. Graham, of Carberry; G. & W. Bennie, of Castleberry; T. Speers, Oak Lake, and A. Colquhoun, Douglas, being the contributors. Owing to Messrs. Barron, Graham and Bennie Bros.' Shorthorns competing at the Winnipeg Industrial and individual descriptions of them being given in connection with that fair, a report of which appears elsewhere in this issue, no attempt will be made to duplicate the details of their individual conformation.

Barron's Topsman's Duke, who figured so prominently at Winnipeg, was awarded first honors in bull four years and over section, and later was laureled with the sweepstakes diploma as male champion of the breed. Barron's Nobleman (imp.) came second, followed by Knight of Lancaster, Bennie Bros.' entry, and Clan McKay (imp.), a strong, thick, well-fleshed, level bull of good masculine type, owned by Thos. Speers, Oak Lake, got fourth. The four made a very strong ring. In three-year-olds, but two competed, and the judge assigned them the same placing as had been given at Winnipeg—Graham's Captain Jack first, Barron's Pilgrim second. Yearling bulls marched out three strong, first and third being awarded Bennie Bros.' Duke of Lancaster and Ivanhoe, Graham's Monarch coming in between, a position which some considered he scarcely deserved, notwithstanding that he was better fitted. With senior calves, Barron's Fairview Prince got first and his Nonpareil Prince second. They are a fine pair, very even, so much so that were the prizes reversed no particular mistake would have been made. A. Colquhoun got third with a smooth, dark red calf, and G. & W. Bennie fourth with Lord Barrington. Bennie Bros. won first and second with a fine pair of calendar-year bull calves by Knight of Lancaster. Eight cows of good size and fine quality made up the ring, and a strong one it was. Barron's Laura captivated the judge's eye, and Graham's Lady Nairn ably stepped into second place, followed by Nina Jubilee Queen from the Fairview Stock Farm herd. The placing of the latter two reversed the Winnipeg ruling, yet little fault, if any, could be found with the present decision. Speers' Fancy Ury, a thick, meaty cow of good useful type, got fourth, leaving four others of the good breedy kind unplaced. The three-year-olds made a very strong showing, although but four in number. Laura 2nd and Maggie 2nd, both sired by Nobleman and owned by J. G. Barron, were placed first and second, Graham's Moss Rose following extremely close. Fourth place was awarded Bennie Bros.' Petunia 3rd. Village Grace and Waterloo Sunshine 2nd, of the Barron herd, won in order named in the two-year-old heifer section, Bennie Bros.' Northern Belle following, with Speers' Belle of Lakeview fourth. The last named exhibitor had also the fourth-prize yearling heifer, Graham's entry getting third, and Barron's Louisa Cicely and Red Baroness, a splendid pair, first and second. With senior calves, Graham topped the list, Bennie's two fine red heifers by Knight of Lancaster taking second and third. In heifer calves of calendar year, the Barron herd was again conspicuous, winning first and second, third and fourth going to Speers' fine, level pair, Beatitude 2nd and Jubilee Queen 4th. First, second and fourth prizes for herds, bull and four females, went to Barron, third going to Graham, who also won second for bull and two of his get, the latter to be bred in Manitoba, or N.-W. T., Barron getting first and Bennie Bros. third. The next section called for cow and two of her progeny, Western-bred, Barron first, Speers second.

The following are special prizes donated by the C. P. R. Company for home-bred Shorthorns, all winners in previous classes to be barred. Herd prize and bull any age, G. & W. Bennie. Female any age, Barron. Two calves, bred and owned by exhibitor, first Bennie Bros., second Barron.

HEREFORDS.—Albert, the five-year-old owned by Geo. Leigh & Company, Aurora, Ill., won first prize in aged section, and diploma for best bull of the breed, any age. Lord Ingleside 6th, owned by J. A. Chapman, of Beresford, got second, followed by a large, rangy bull of good useful make, owned by Mr. Dunbar, Brandon Hills. Like the Shorthorns, these animals have been described in our Winnipeg report, so we will at this time defer elaboration of their respective merits, no matter how worthy. Pyon Dauphin, owned by B. & W. George, Aurora, Ill., got highest honors in three-year-old bull section. George and Leigh, with yearlings, followed in the order mentioned, while Leigh won first and Chapman second with both sections of bull calves. Leigh had it all his own way with his extra choice cows, and Chapman likewise with his splendid three-year-old heifer, Spot of Island Park. With two-year-olds, Leigh and Chapman were the winners, the latter also taking the two best prizes with a fine pair of yearling heifers. With herds, Leigh and Chapman won as mentioned, while with bull and two of his get, Manitoba-bred, Chapman had no opposition.

FAT CATTLE.—The number of entries was small in this class, but the quality very good. Messrs. J. Donaldson and J. Burchell, of Brandon, and Bennie Bros. were the only exhibitors. Mr. Donaldson contributed by far the largest number.

AYRSHIRES.—In Ayrshires, Mr. W. M. Smith, of Scotland, Ont., had a very fine small herd on exhibition, perhaps, in a few cases, a shade beefy in type. He secured prizes with all his animals. The only other Ayrshire on the ground was a bull calf belonging to Mr. Mutter, Brandon, which got first in his class.

In Jerseys there was only one entry, a two-year-old bull belonging to W. A. Russell, Brandon.

HOLSTEINS.—Mr. A. B. Potter, of Montgomery, Assa., had it all his own way with Holsteins. His herd has attended quite a number of the leading fairs this season, and have been very successful, even where competition was keen, so that he fairly deserved all the prizes he got at Brandon Fair. Besides pure-bred animals, he had one grade Holstein cow, a splendid animal, winner of first in Winnipeg.

SHEEP.

The show of sheep can only be described as a weak one. There was not a large number forward, and the quality, as a rule, was nothing to boast of.

LEICESTERS.—This class was represented by only the flock of Mr. A. D. Gamley, and were the same animals as he had shown at Winnipeg the previous week.

SHROPSHIRE.—Two shearlings were all that were shown in that class. They were good specimens, quite up to type and well covered. The wool, however, was a little coarse. They belonged to Mr. W. L. Trann, and he was awarded a red ticket.

OXFORD DOWNS.—There was a fair show in this class. Mr. Woods, Souris, and J. H. Jull, Burford, Ont., were the only exhibitors. Mr. Woods' flock were decidedly the best all over, and he succeeded in carrying away the greater number of the red tickets, including the diploma ribbon for ram any age, and the prize for pen of ram any age, two ewes any age and two ewe lambs.

SOUTHDOWNS.—All the animals in this class were shown by Mr. W. M. Smith, Scotland, Ontario. They were the best sheep Mr. Smith brought West on this occasion, and made a fair show. Six first and four second prizes were awarded to the flock, and a diploma ribbon for ram any age.

COTSWOLDS.—All the Cotswolds were owned by Mr. Elgin Parks, Burgessville, Ontario. They were good, strong, growthy sheep, but somewhat coarse. He received four first prizes and the diploma ribbon for ram any age, and one second prize.

FAT SHEEP.—The animals presented in this class were of a pretty high order, both in type and condition. For ewes two shears or over, W. M. Smith got first and A. D. Gamley second. Two ewes, shearlings, red ticket was taken by Smith, J. H. Jull coming in second. Jull also won with two wether lambs, and A. D. Gamley with two ewe lambs.

SWINE.

The show was not particularly strong in swine. Berkshires were a very weak class, both in numbers and quality. In Tamworths, Mr. W. L. Trann put up a very fine bunch of pigs. Potter and King had nice lots of Yorkshires, and Trann again showed well in Poland-Chinas. The animals, with a few exceptions, were the same as shown at Winnipeg, and in most cases the Winnipeg decisions were sustained, although now and then, in very close work, different placing was made, and in some classes, where fresh blood from the Brandon district came in, things got to be somewhat interesting. There was not so much of that, however, as one would like to have seen. The judging began with Berkshires, which was the weakest class in the show, and Mr. Duncan Anderson, who judged the swine, remarked that they

ought to have been the strongest. For aged boar, and boar under two years and over one, Mr. A. B. Potter took the two and only prizes; Messrs. Bolting & Hole, Brandon, being equally successful in the next two classes, of boars under a year, and boars under six months.

For sow any age, and also for boar any age, A. B. Potter took the diplomas. Bolting & Hole had the only exhibit in sows under six months.

Yorkshires.—New blood was brought in here by Messrs. King Brothers, Wawanesa, and in most cases very good blood it was. Their aged boar was a grand chap, of good parts and plenty of substance. Mr. Potter's boar won in his class, of over a year and under two; and in the other boar sections he had it all to himself in the prizes. A very close contest, and one on which Mr. Anderson spent much deliberation, was that of breeding sow of two years or over. King Brothers showed a magnificent animal, which had been first in her section at Buffalo. Her age, however, detracting from her relative value, she was placed second; one of Mr. Potter's sows coming first. In the next section, of one-year-old sows, Potter had it all his own way. He again got first for six-months-old sow; Mr. J. E. Brethour getting second, with a sow which in type was superior to the first-prize one. She was, however, a good deal out of condition, and had to take second place. Mr. Potter took first and second prizes for sows under six months, the first-prize sow being the one which was third in the corresponding section at Winnipeg. Potter's sow and litter took first ticket, and he also won the diploma for sow any age, again beating King Bros.' sow. King Bros. took the corresponding prize for boars any age.

Tamworths.—Trann, as already stated, put up a good exhibit in this class. His only opposition was Smith, Scotland, Ont. The animals were in both cases the same as shown at Winnipeg by these exhibitors, and as a detailed report of the judging there appears in this issue, it would be superfluous to do other than refer our readers to that report.

In the Poland-China class, the same competitors opposed each other, with the exception of the first section, where Mr. Ridgers, of Wawanesa, won the red ticket with his boar of two years and upwards.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

There was a fairly good exhibit in this department of the exhibition. Everything in the room was nicely and methodically arranged. The quality of the butter in every section was of the highest grade. Mr. C. C. Macdonald, of Winnipeg, acted as judge, and gave general satisfaction. The creamery sections were well contested. In firkins of not less than 30 lbs., Mr. L. A. Gibson, South Qu'Appelle, Assa., took first, the Brandon Creamery and Supply Co., Limited, Brandon, coming second. For the same weight of crock of farm dairy butter, Mrs. G. F. L. Allinson, Elkhorn, was first, and Mrs. M. A. Abey, Brandon, second, Mrs. R. Rodgers, Elkhorn, being third. There were a few competitors in the section for table prints, and the display really looked well. The baskets contained not less than five pounds in one-pound prints or made up into table pats. The first prize was taken by Mrs. R. Rodgers, Mrs. E. Gorrel, Carberry, was second, and Mrs. Wm. H. Taylor, Fleming, Assa., third. For butter made up for table use at farm dairy, 5-lb. assortments, Miss E. Gorrel, Carberry, took first prize, Mrs. R. Rodgers second, Miss I. M. Ralston, Rapid City, Man., third. Mrs. R. Rodgers, Mrs. H. Kirkwood, Macdonald, Man., and Miss E. Gorrel took the first, second and third prizes, respectively, for exhibits of granular butter in brine. For firkin not less than 20 lbs., made with separator in a farm dairy, Mrs. R. Rodgers was first, Mrs. John Gorrel second, and Mrs. J. M. Ralston third. Twenty-pound crock or tub of dairy butter—First, Mrs. J. M. Gorrel; second, Mrs. Robt. Murray, Lyleton, Man. Twenty-pound crock or tub dairy butter made by farmer using an Alexandra cream separator; prizes, churn and butter-worker—First, Mrs. Gorrel; second, Mrs. J. M. Ralston, Rapid City. Sweepstakes diploma, best dairy butter, Mrs. G. F. L. Allinson, Sweepstakes, best creamery butter, L. A. Gibson, South Qu'Appelle, Assa. Special, De Laval Cream Separator Co., twenty-pound crock or tub, Mrs. Thos. Groggin, Carberry.

The cheese was a successful feature in every respect. The quality was excellent in every case, and the number of entries forward was highly gratifying. The following are the sections and the names of the respective prizewinners: Factory colored—First, Ben Dutton, Birtle; second, Mrs. W. J. Elliot, Methuen; third, Mr. J. P. O. Allaire, St. Boniface, Man. Factory cheese, white—First, Mr. J. P. O. Allaire; second, Ben Dutton; third, Brandon C. & S. Co., Ltd. Homemade cheese—First, W. H. Aleock, Gladstone; second, Mrs. R. Murray; third, Mrs. A. C. MacPhaden, Virden.