

Messrs. Bull, while a new comer, Albert Easter, shown by J. G. Snell, and a grandson of Valancey Fuller's Faith of Oaklands, for some years a sweepstakes winner here, got 4th. This bull was a beautiful handler. Two-year-olds were the best ring of such shown for some time, and were eight in number. John Ellis had the 1st prize one, a bull of good style, but which we hardly expected to be first. S. Wicks and Son were 2nd with Violet's Leo, which won the sweepstakes when a yearling, at Montreal and Ottawa, last year. He has good teeth. Third went to R. Davies' Distinction's Golden, a pretty bull, which has an unbeaten record in Great Britain. D. Duncan's Costa Rica's son, which came 4th, has an excellent skin. D. G. Hammer and Sons had a big fellow of the dairy type in Stratford Stoke Pops, which won 1st as a yearling. Miller and Sibley's Ida's Rector of St. Lambert, which was placed 2nd, was, it seemed to us, rather too much of the Guernsey type and had a certain coarseness of head. David Duncan's entry possessed good character, while T. G. Rice's bull was smooth and level. Out of a big ring of bull calves Miller and Sibley's Towin of St. Lambert, a fine youngster, was chosen for first honors; a most promising son of Sir Ollie's shown by Mr. Bull, which took the sweepstakes at Montreal this year, being second. A young calf shown by ex-Mayor Fleming's son, which had a beautiful typical body, but was a little fine in the muzzle, came 3rd; and a great handler from the Elmbank string 4th. Twelve aged cows paraded for inspection, and a fine show they made. Miller and Sibley's Dubenna 2nd, a very business-looking animal, but off color, won the red ribbon, with the grand Highfield cow, Signal Rosa May, 2nd, and her daughter, Umana May, 3rd, 4th going to the Brampton herd for Rhoda. Three-year-old cows were a grand ring, the best, the judge declared, that he ever saw. Here ex-Mayor Fleming of Toronto, scored a great victory, winning 1st with Fancy Maid, a cow of splendid conformation, with beautiful quarters and udders. So highly did the judge think of her that he later on awarded her the sweepstakes as the best female in the class. R. B. Smith was 2nd for 3-year-olds with Emerald's Daisy, a great business cow, if we mistake not. Miller and Sibley had to be satisfied with 3rd; while a pretty thing shown by R. Davies was 4th. Seventeen 2-year-olds contested for the prizes offered. The winner was found in a sweet little heifer, one of R. Davies' late importations. The rest of the prize-winners were of good merit. The exhibitors from across the line won both the red and blue tickets for yearlings, the 1st having a well hung udder, the 2nd being not quite so good there, but deep in the body. The young things shown in the two calf sections were a most creditable lot, the order in which they were placed being found in the prize list appended. Messrs. Miller and Sibley were first for heifers, and also for four calves and four animals the get of one sire.

Awards.—Bull, 2 years old and upwards—1st, Miller and Sibley, Franklin, Pa.; 2nd, R. B. Smith, Arkona; 3rd, B. H. Bull and Son, Brampton; 4th, J. G. Snell, Snelgrove. Bull, 2 years old—1st, John Ellis, Stanley Mills; 2nd, S. Wicks and Son, Mount Dennis; 3rd, R. Davies, Toronto; 4th, D. Duncan, Don. Bull, 1-year-old—1st, D. G. Hammer and Sons, Mt. Vernon; 2nd, Miller and Sibley; 3rd, D. Duncan; 4th, T. G. Rice, St. Catharines. Bull calf, under 1 year—1st, Miller and Sibley; 2nd, B. H. Bull and Son; 3rd, E. N. Fleming, Toronto; 4th, J. M. McKay, Elm Bank. Bull, of any age, silver medal—Miller and Sibley, 200%. Cow, 4 years old and upwards—1st, Miller and Sibley; 2nd and 3rd, J. H. Smith and Son, Highfield; 4th, B. H. Bull and Son. Cow, 3 years old—1st, R. J. Fleming; 2nd, R. B. Smith; 3rd, Miller and Sibley; 4th, R. Davies. Heifer, 2 years old—1st, R. Davies; 2nd, Miller and Sibley; 3rd, W. E. H. Massey, Coleman; 4th, J. H. Smith and Son. Heifer, 1-year-old—1st and 2nd, Miller and Sibley; 3rd, J. H. Smith and Son; 4th, B. H. Bull and Son. Heifer calf, under 1-year-old—1st, Miller and Sibley; 2nd, B. H. Bull and Son; 3rd, J. H. Smith and Son. Four animals, the progeny of one bull, all bred and owned by the exhibitor—1st, Miller and Sibley; 2nd, I. H. Smith and Son; 3rd, B. H. Bull and Son; 4th, W. Rolph, Markham. Four calves, under 1-year-old, bred and owned by exhibitor—1st, Miller and Sibley; 2nd, I. H. Smith and Son; 3rd, B. H. Bull and Son; 4th, W. Rolph. Herd of 1 bull and 4 females, over 1-year-old, owned by exhibitor—1st, Miller

and Sibley; 2nd, J. H. Smith and Son; 3rd, R. Davies; 4th, B. H. Bull and Son. Female; of any age, silver medal—R. J. Fleming (Fancy Maid).

Judge.—G. W. Sisson, jr., Potsdam, N.Y.

GUERNSEYS.—In this class, as in the others of the dairy breeds, there was an increase in number of the animals shown, although the increase was not so large as in other classes. Four aged bulls were drawn up in line before Mr. Sisson, who had completed his awards in the Jersey class. We noticed that the judge carefully followed the scale of points laid down by the American Guernsey Association for their cattle (in which the somewhat large proportion of 30 points is allowed for color and skin) to the extent of rejecting animals of good conformation if they do not have the requisite color of ear, tail, etc. It seems to us that this scale of points needs revision, as it is absurd to throw out animals for what, if we are not mistaken, are rather "fancy points." There should also be some directions in their scale of points as to whether dark noses are a serious blemish or not. Mr. W. H. Caldwell, Peterboro', N.H., secretary of the American Guernsey Association, was on the grounds and carefully inspected the animals on exhibition, and it is probable that he will impress upon his directors the necessity of making considerable changes in the scale of points as now adopted. After considerable scrutiny the judge awarded 1st to Hon. Sydney Fisher's Nereus, a neat bull, showing good quality, but somewhat small; 2nd place went to Messrs. Butler's May's Rosebery, a long, smooth, bull, which won the sweepstakes here in 1894 and 1895. Dandy of Oxford came third. But one 2-year-old was present, Albert of Sunny Springs, shown by W. H. and C. H. McNish, a nice level bull, not quite fine enough in the withers. Messrs. Butler had the two best yearling bulls. The first prize one, King of Oxford, was thin, but had good conformation, and nice skin and color. He was good enough to win the sweepstakes. The 2nd prize bull was in good condition, but lacked behind the shoulder, and was rather off color. Hon. S. Fisher was 3rd. The Dereham herd again scored in bull calves, a youngster of good color and fair body being 1st, another entry of theirs 3rd, with the Knowlton one in between. Eight aged cows were out. W. H. and C. H. McNish's Adela of Eastview, a cow with a good udder, but herself rather of the Jersey type, captured 1st; Wm. Butler and Son's Irma, the big cow that won the sweepstakes last year, and of good Guernsey style, 2nd, and one of Hon. S. Fisher's string 3rd. Three-year-olds were a very fair lot, 5 in all. Messrs. Butler had a good useful cow in My Fancy of Sedgfield, which scored best. McNish's Lunny of Eastview, which carried a nice udder, coming 2nd. Hon. Sydney Fisher had a 2-year old, with great veins, in Starry Flower, which carried 1st honors. Messrs. Butler and McNish coming next in order. The 1st and 2nd prize yearling heifers, were capital ones, and to the 1st prize one, shown by Messrs. McNish, went the sweepstakes for females. The Knowlton herd had the two best calves in the two sections for heifer calves. Messrs. Butler showed their young herd, headed by their sweepstakes bull, and won 1st, the 2nd prize herd, that of Messrs. McNish, having their 2-year-old bull at the head.

Awards.—Bull, 3 years old and upwards—1st, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Knowlton, Que.; 2nd, William Butler and Son, Dereham Centre; 3rd, E. Corbett, Verschoyle. Bull, 2 years old—1st, W. H. and C. H. McNish, Lyn. Bull, 1 year old—1st and 2nd, Wm. Butler and Son; 3rd, Hon. Sydney Fisher. Bull calf under one year—1st and 3rd, Wm. Butler and Son; 2nd, Hon. S. Fisher. Bull of any age—1st, Wm. Butler and Son (King of Oxford). Cow, four years old and upwards—1st, W. H. and C. H. McNish; 2nd, W. Butler and Son; 3rd, Hon. Sydney Fisher. Cow, 3 years old—1st and 3rd, W. Butler and Son; 2nd, W. H. and C. H. McNish. Heifer, two years old—1st, Hon. Sydney Fisher; 2nd, W. Butler and Son; 3rd, W. H. and C. H. McNish. Heifer, 1 year old—1st, W. H. and C. H. McNish; 2nd, W. Butler and Son; 3rd, Hon. S. Fisher. Heifer calf, under 1 year—1st, Hon. S. Fisher; 2nd and 3rd, W. H. and C. H. McNish. Heifer calf, calved after February 1, 1897—1st, Hon. S. Fisher. Herd, consisting of one bull and four females, over one year old, owned by the exhibitor—1st, W. Butler and Son; 2nd, W. H. and C. H. McNish. Female of any age—1st, W. H. and C. H. McNish (Safiano 5th).

Judge.—G. W. Sisson, jr., Potsdam, N.Y.

Sheep.

There were 48 entries of sheep less this year

than last, but still the sheep pens were all comfortably filled with some of the finest animals to be procured in any country. There were more Cotswolds present, fewer Leicesters, Lincolns, Shropshires, Southdowns, Dorsets, and fat sheep, and more Oxfords.

LINCOLNS.—Although T. E. Robson, Hider-ton, had entered several head of Lincolns, he was unable, for want of room in his car, to bring them down, and so the competition once again was a straight one between Gibson and Walker and William Oliver. The former firm had considerably the better of it. In aged rams they won 2nd and 3rd. The 2nd prize one is a blocky sheep, standing well on his legs, and fairly beat his mate, the old ram, now past his prime. Their 1st prize shearing ram is another of the blocky kind, with a good skin, fleece, and quarter. A smaller entry won 3rd. First in ram lambs fell to their imported Dudding sheep, a good backed animal of great depth and with a nice fleece. In aged ewes these exhibitors won 1st and 2nd, the first pair being made up of an imported sheep with a grand back, but not in high flesh, and a nicely covered homebred ewe with a great front, which these exhibitors claim is the best sheep ever bred by them, and which won the \$100 cup for the best sheep on the grounds at the last Ontario Fat Stock show. Their 2nd prize pair of aged ewes comprised a sheep imported from Clarke, Scopwick, Lincoln, in 1893, and a home bred one now three years old, which has been a winner from a shearing. Their second prize shearing ewes were good, but did not mate very well. In ewe lambs they won 1st with a pair of twins of a good sort. Wm. Oliver had a nice lot of sheep. His aged ram, which was shown last year at Springfield, Ill., St. Louis, and other places, has an unbeaten record. He has a splendid back, is well up in the neck, and a frame that it would be hard to excel. The 2nd prize for shearing rams went to this exhibitor for a blocky sheep with a heavy fleece of fine quality. We understand that he shears 25 pounds of wool a season. A pair of shearing ewes, imported from John Pears, Lincoln, captured 1st in their class. They were shown at the Royal, and are of a right good sort. This flock also took 3rd on aged ewes, a nice pair, and 1st for Canadian bred pen.

Awards.—Ram, 2 shears and over—1st, Wm. Oliver, Avonbank; 2nd and 3rd, Gibson and Walker, Denfield. Shearing ram, 1st and 3rd, Gibson and Walker; 2nd, W. Oliver. Ram lamb—1st and 3rd, Gibson and Walker; 2nd and 4th, W. Oliver. 2 ewes, 2 shears and over—1st and 2nd, Gibson and Walker; 3rd, W. Oliver. Two shearing ewes—1st, W. Oliver; 2nd and 3rd, Gibson and Walker. Two ewe lambs—1st and 2nd, Gibson and Walker; 3rd and 4th, W. Oliver. Pen of Lincolns, one ram, four ewes and two ewe lambs—1st, Gibson and Walker; 2nd, W. Oliver. Pen of Lincolns, Canadian bred, not shown in other pens, one ram, four ewes and two ewe lambs, bred and owned by the exhibitor—1st, W. Oliver; 2nd, Gibson and Walker.

Judges.—James Snell, Clinton; John Lee, Highgate.

COTSWOLDS.—Cotswold sheep were present in large numbers, and a fine lot of sheep they were, with several Royal winners among them. There was, however, we found, a great deal of dissatisfaction among the exhibitors about the way in which the prizes had been awarded, and three out of the four requested that their sheep be not mentioned in the report. We therefore merely append the list of awards which shows where the prizes went.

Awards.—Ram, two shears and over—1st, John Thompson, Uxbridge; 2nd and 3rd, John Park & Sons, Burgessville. Shearing ram—1st, A. J. Watson, Castlederg; 2nd, John Thompson; 3rd, John Park & Sons. Ram lamb—1st and 2nd, A. J. Watson; 3rd, John Park & Sons; 4th, Heber Rawlings & Son, Ravenswood. Two ewes, two shears and over—1st, John Park & Sons; 2nd, Heber Rawlings & Son; 3rd, A. J. Watson. Two shearing ewes—1st, John Park & Sons; 2nd, A. J. Watson; 3rd, Heber Rawlings & Son. Two ewe lambs—1st and 3rd, A. J. Watson; 2nd, John Park & Sons; 4th, Heber Rawlings & Son. Pen of Cotswolds—one ram, four ewes and two ewe lambs—1st, John Park & Sons; 2nd, A. J. Watson. Pen of Cotswolds, Canadian bred, not shown in other pens, one ram, four ewes and two ewe lambs, bred and owned by the exhibitor—1st, Heber Rawlings & Son; 2nd, John Park & Sons. For the best flock of Cotswolds, consisting of one ram, any age; one ewe, two years old or over; one yearling ewe and one ewe lamb, all bred in Canada and owned by

the exhibitor—1st and 2nd, John Park & Sons. For the best pen of four lambs bred by the exhibitor, consisting of two rams and two ewes—1st, John Park & Sons; 2nd, Heber Rawlings & Son.

Judges.—V. Ficht, Oriol; J. D. Davidson, Belhaven.

LEICESTERS.—We missed that veteran exhibitor of Leicesters this year, John Kelly, and the catalogue seemed hardly complete without his name in it. The show of sheep, however, though not so large as last year's, contained individuals as good as ever. Whitelaw Bros., Guelph, who showed 17 head, had a good-bodied ram lamb which took 1st. If any fault could be found with him, it is that he is perhaps a little short. His companion, which won 3rd, has a heavy fleece and a good front end. Of their other prize winners the 2nd prize shearing ewes are especially worthy of mention, having nice fleeces and good backs. Jas. S. Smith, Maple Lodge, had, as usual, a lot of good ones. In aged rams he was 1st and 3rd. The first one is a symmetrical sheep with a good neck and collar, and stands well on his legs, but the other is probably the best sheep, only it was off its feed. It was first as a shearing last year. This exhibitor's 3rd prize shearing ram had nice quatters, and was of a square deep build. The aged ewes from this flock, which won 1st, were also of a blocky type; in fact the 5 aged ewes in one pen were a hard lot to beat. A home-bred pair of shearing ewes, with good backs, were placed 3rd, above an imported pair of 1st prize ones at the Royal, which were also shown by Mr. Smith. E. Gaunt & Sons, St. Helens, had a nice display of sheep. In aged ewes they won 2nd on a pair of good-bodied sheep, with capital fronts and heads. Their 1st prize shearing ewes were nice blocky sheep, with well-covered backs. Their 1st and 2nd prize shearing rams were of a low-down square type, with the beat of backs. They also had in the pens a number of choice young things. A good pair of ewe lambs were those shown by J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, as regards conformation, fleeces, and typical heads. His aged ram, which was 2nd in his class, is an exceptionally good one, standing well on his legs and carrying a good fleece, while his back is excellent. Orr & Lillico, Galt, had 14 head present, including an aged ram, a good straight ram lamb, not in high flesh, which won 2nd, and the 1st prize ewe lambs, one of which was superior to the other. Abram Easton, Appleby, had some 9 head present, but failed to get into the prize list.

Awards.—Ram, two shears and over—1st and 3rd, J. S. Smith, Maple Lodge; 2nd, J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield. Shearing ram—1st and 2nd, E. Gaunt & Sons, St. Helens; 3rd, J. S. Smith. Ram lamb—1st and 3rd, Whitelaw Bros., Guelph; 2nd, Orr & Lillico, Galt; 4th, J. M. Gardhouse. Two ewes, two shears and over—1st, J. S. Smith; 2nd, E. Gaunt & Sons; 3rd, Whitelaw Bros. Two shearing ewes—1st, E. Gaunt & Sons; 2nd, Whitelaw Bros.; 3rd, J. S. Smith. Two ewe lambs—1st, Orr & Lillico; 2nd, Whitelaw Bros.; 3rd, J. M. Gardhouse; 4th, E. Gaunt & Sons. Pen of Leicesters, one ram, four ewes and two ewe lambs—1st, J. S. Smith; 2nd, J. M. Gardhouse. Pen of Leicesters, Canadian bred, not shown in other pens, one ram, four ewes and two ewe lambs, bred and owned by the exhibitor—1st, E. Gaunt & Sons; 2nd, Whitelaw Bros.

Judges.—Jas. Snell, Clinton; John Lee, Highgate.

OXFORD DOWNS.—The contest in this class lay between Peter Arkell, Teeswater, Smith Evans, Gourock, and J. H. Jull, Mount Vernon. Peter Arkell won the majority of the red tickets. His aged ram has never been beaten. He was imported from R. W. Hobbs' flock and has a magnificent back, which is carried out well, and a great fleece. In shearing rams Mr. Arkell was 3rd with a low, blocky sheep of good quality. His 1st and 2nd prize ram lambs, an imported pair, were bred by W. Arkell, Kelmsford, Eng., and are good, straight sheep with nice close fleeces. The aged ewes which won 1st are of good Oxford type and have both won 1st before in their classes. His shearing ewes are as nice a pair as one could wish to see, while his ewe lambs showed lots of quality and good frames. Smith Evans won among other prizes 1st for Canadian-bred pen, and 1st for 4 lambs of either sex. His aged ram which won 2nd is home-bred and is a well-covered sheep. He had also the 1st prize shearing ram which he imported last year as a lamb from Adams' flock, a sheep of good type. Some thought that his ram lamb which stood 3rd might have been higher. He certainly is