

that she was making her 14 pounds of butter per week when she left the State. We see that no less than nine extra prizes were awarded to these cattle. The Jerseys are not favourites with farmers, and are hardly profitable except in the neighbourhood of large cities, but for the use of a private family in town or village they cannot be surpassed in value, for they are small, very gentle, require very little food, and are rich and generous milkers.

Altogether the arrangement of the animals exhibited was not as complete as it should have been in order that the public might have the best opportunity of observation and of gleaning information and instruction. The animals are not exhibited in classes, but are placed in herds according as they come in. Now, of course, this is very convenient for the exhibitors, as they have all their cattle near one another for attention and feeding, but the public is debarred from comparing animals in their own classes, and the printed catalogues sold upon the grounds are consequently of very little use. We believe that by placing the animals together, according to their class,—the bulls by themselves, the cows of each age by themselves, and so on,—the extra trouble to the exhibitors would be but very slight, and the advantage to the public, (that public for whose instruction these shows are especially designed,) to the judges, and we believe to the respective departmental superintendents, would be very great. The same complaint is made in the sheep department, and amongst the pigs we came upon an immense Suffolk boar in the class devoted to other small breeds. The pens were, however, good throughout the grounds, and the arrangement for the distribution of straw, food and water was highly spoken of by those in charge of the stock.

SHEEP.

The exhibition in this department of live stock was specially worthy of notice. In no other class has a greater spirit of enterprise been shown than is manifest by the extraordinary number of new importations among the entries in sheep. Never before at any Provincial exhibition was there an equal number of imported animals; and the number would have been still greater if all the animals entered had been on the ground. There were over 70 entries this year of imported sheep, chiefly Cotswolds and Leicesters. A large number of these were actually on the ground, and the show altogether was a remarkably good one. There was close and worthy competition in nearly all the classes, and the home-bred animals have in not a few instances carried off prizes over their imported rivals.

COTSWOLDS.—This class was very largely represented, and is evidently the favourite breed in Canada. There were over 170 entries. The competition lay chiefly between Messrs. Snell, J. Miller, F. W. Stone and Jas. Russell, of Markham, though W. Miller, junr., Pickering, G. Mitchell, Darlington, and others showed remarkably fine animals, and succeeded in carrying off some of the prizes. In the aged rams J. Snell took first prize with a fine imported animal, Jas. Russell the 2nd, with another new importation, and George Miller, of Markham, the 3rd.

The shearing rams presented a splendid show, and formed the most numerous section in this class. The judges had no easy task to come to a decision. In the line before them, when they were brought out for comparison, there were no fewer than thirteen imported animals, and a finer lot has not been brought together at any previous exhibition. John Snell succeeded in carrying off all the prizes. The entries of Mr. John Miller were more numerous than those of

any other exhibitor, and he deserves special credit for the spirit he has shown in importing so large a number of valuable animals, for the improvement of Canadian stock, during the present year. Mr. Stone's Cotswolds, in this section, were, it is needless to say, for the excellence of his stock is too well-known, remarkably fine specimens of breed.

The ram lambs were also a beautiful lot. The first prize went to Mr. Stone, the second to Mr. Snell, and the third to Mr. Russell.

The ewes in all the sections made a very fine display. It is not necessary to particularize the success of individual breeders, as the awards of the judges will be seen by the prize list. As in shearing rams, so also in shearing ewes, Mr. John Miller has been a most spirited importer, and entered no less than twelve of his new importations in this section alone.

The competition for the best pen, consisting of three ewes and two ewe lambs rested between Mr. Snell and Mr. W. Russell, and the palm was finally awarded to the former, though not without a well-merited commendation from the judges on the excellence of Mr. Russell's pen of ewes.

LIVESTOCK.—There were a large number of entries of this breed, and, in point of merit, they were on a par with the Cotswolds. There were over 170 entries, and of ram lambs alone not fewer than 44. Mr. Snell was the most successful exhibitor, though he shared the honours with others of very great merit,—W. H. Wallbridge, of Belleville, Adam Oliver, of Downie, and Jas. Russell, carrying off many of the prizes. Indeed, there were quite a number of competitors in this class, and several showed imported animals; and among the number are some who are only just entering on this enterprise. Besides those already mentioned, John Scott, of Lobo; Hugh Love, of Hay; Joseph Kirby, of Trafalgar; John Jackson, of Grahamsville; and Donald Fraser, of Odessa, all had imported animals among their entries.

Mr. Wallbridge's importations in this class attracted considerable attention, and were deservedly much admired.

The competition for the best pen, consisting, as in the class of Cotswolds, of three ewes and two ewe lambs, was between Mr. Wallbridge, Mr. Snell, and Mr. Oliver, and a splendid lot of sheep the three pens presented. The prize was awarded to the first named exhibitor.

SOUTH DOWNS.—The classes in medium woolled sheep, though well represented, were not so numerously filled as the long-woolled. Mr. Stone carried off a very large share of prizes, and his animals were certainly fine and in beautiful order. W. Forfar, F. Van de Bogart, and N. Bethel had also good specimens of the same breed. The shearing rams exhibited by Mr. Stone were new importations.

HAMPSHIRE DOWNS.—This breed was represented almost exclusively by the very beautiful flock of H. H. Spencer. Mr. F. Van de Bogart shewed some animals in the same class. They bear a general resemblance to the South Down, possess many of their good qualities, are hardy, and well adapted for this climate. Mr. Spencer's animals were of merit sufficient to have won distinction in a much larger competition.

ENTRA.—Mr. W. H. Wallbridge showed three splendid specimens of Lincoln sheep, all ewes, and imported this year from Great Britain, where they had previously won honours in the show yard, one of them having been a prize-taker at the Royal Society's exhibition at Oxford last year.

MERINOS.—There was a larger show than usual of these fine-woolled breeds. Many of the animals shown possess in a marked degree the excellencies of their class, in the closeness, length and fineness of their fleece, though their ungainly shape, and greasy and dirty appearance render them far from attractive objects to the general eye. The exhibitors in this class were F. Van de Bogart, Richmond, Lennox; R. D. Foley, Bowmanville; W. Smith, Barford; P. Hinman, Grafton; H. Macaugherty, Pittsburgh, and C. Foster, East Flamboro'.

PIGS.

The show of pigs was exceedingly good, and the provision for the accommodation of this class was carefully and perfectly attended to. Among the Yorkshires, the breeding sow of W. H. Wallbridge carried the palm for size.

SUFFOLKS.—Amongst the importations we notice a very handsome boar, one year over, exhibited by Mr. James Main, of Trafalgar. The Suffolk sow shown by Mr. James Main, of Trafalgar, reflected great credit upon the fattening propensities of the breed, but her condition rendered her practically useless for breeding purposes.

BERKSHIRES.—We notice a breeding sow, one year over, belonging to J. K. Macaulay, of Kingston, low set and well formed over shoulder and back, but showing slightly that fault so universal among our pure Berkshires, a falling away behind of the quarters.

"Lady Gloster" sow, 16 months, "British Queen," 7 months sow, and "Royal Briton," 14 months boar, the latter imported from the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, England, and the winner of the second prize in the (under one year) class at the Royal Show at Wolverhampton, are three very superior stock.

An improved Berkshire boar, 4 months, bred by H. Webb, is a picture of the improved Berkshire, and carries his clean cut and breadth of back completely over the loins and clear back to the root of the tail. Two boars and two sows, 5 months old, and all from the same litter, were well worthy of notice.

ESSEX.—An excellent show of Essex pigs, chiefly exhibited by Messrs. Craig, of Edmonton, and Geo. Roach, of Hamilton.

Among other breeds we notice an imported small breed sow and boar, 7 years old, from same litter. Also, Cheshire boar, 1 year and over, exhibited by J. Featherstone, Toronto township. A successful exhibition in several other sections.

POULTRY.

The show of poultry at Kingston in 1867, it may be remembered by those who visited the exhibition in that year, was a very poor one. It was very gratifying to find a marked contrast between that and the present exhibition in this class of stock. The stimulus given to this department of stock raising by the Poultry association, the interest still kept up by the *Poultry Chronicle*, with the valuable information it continues to disseminate, have evidently produced good fruit. The Exhibition this year will compare favourably with any of those held by the Provincial Association. The number of entries exceeds 300, which, considering that the greatest number of the birds have been sent from a distance, and that a section of the west which has usually contributed a very large proportion to poultry exhibitions was entirely unrepresented, is a very respectable number. Of the quality of the birds, it may be safely said that taken as a whole they have not been surpassed by any previous show. The chicken classes were particularly