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Swine at the World's Fair.

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CHESTER WHITES.

This breed is very popular in many of the States, and some very choice specimens were on exhibition. Nine different herds were in attendance, and the prizes were divided, although S. H. Todd & Sons, of Wakeman, Ohio, who showed 20 head, secured the lion's share of the premiums, and they had a very select herd, well fitted, and an even type throughout. Mr. Todd informed us that he was endeavoring to produce pigs with more length and depth, and it was quite evident, after inspecting his herd, that he was succeeding. The list of his prizes is as follows:—First on My Choice, an aged boar, very long and straight, with a fleshy back and low set on his legs; second on boar over 6 and under 12 months; first on a smooth, low set boar under 6 months; first and sweepstakes on Ollie, an aged sow; third on yearling sow; first on a sow that was 6 days over 6 months, and shown in section over 6 and under 12 months. The judge afterwards said that "had this sow been entered for sweepstakes she would have been an easy winner." Messrs. Todd also won first and third on sows under 6 months. In the two sections, boar and 3 sows owned by exhibitor, and boar and 3 sows bred by exhibitor, both prizes fell to these exhibitors. They also won third on another herd, and the two sections—boar and 3 sows under 1 year owned by exhibitor, and bred by exhibitor—were also secured by them. Four pigs, the produce of same sow under 6 months, bred by exhibitor, and four pigs, the get of the same boar, were each awarded to four splendid young pigs comprising this herd.

L. H. Martin, Alexandria, Ohio, showed 10 head and secured six prizes. His herd were in fair condition, but not highly fitted.

F. A. Branch, Medina, Ohio, had only 4 head but won three prizes, including sweepstakes on his yearling sow, which was in the pink of condition, and had a good head and ear, with a smooth, fleshy back and full loins, but a trifle short; the third prize on aged sow went to the same exhibitor.

Baker & Haskins, of Delaware, Ohio, had on exhibition 24 head, and secured three prizes, his pigs not having been fitted for exhibition.

M. E. Newburn, Hennepin, Ill., came forward with 19 head and won 12 prizes, including sweepstakes on boar bred by himself. This boar was long and smooth, a little high on the legs, but possessing good bone, and had the appearance of being a thrifty pig.

F. B. Ashbridge had the largest exhibit in the Chester White class, but his pigs were in thin condition and of fair quality; he secured two prizes.

F. A. Grover, of Bennett, Neb., showed 6 head, but was not fortunate enough to secure any of the money prizes.

Ten head were exhibited by R. J. Crumb, of Ouaquaga, N. Y.

TAMWORTHS.

Although the "sandy-haired" Tamworths have only recently been introduced into Canada, they are steadily gaining admirers, especially among the pork-packers and those who are interested in the growth of bacon-hogs. They are a very long, deep-sided pig, and possess a lot of merit. The appearance of their long faces was the butt of much merriment among our American cousins who had seen the breed for the first time, but we must admit that when one gets accustomed to seeing them the head does not seem out of proportion to their long bodies; and, although the head is long, it is not by any means heavy, and I will venture to say that many of the prize-winning Poland Chinas had more waste about their head than this breed which created so much amusement.

Thirteen head was the total number of Tamworths on exhibition, 5 of these being the property of Jas. Calvert, 2 belonging to John Bell, of Amber, Ont., and the balance were owned by Thos. Bennett, of Roseville, Ill. The majority of the prizes went to the latter exhibitor, whose herd had the appearance of having had a cross of some other blood.

Mr. Bell won first on aged boar and second on aged sow. Jas. Calvert received first on herd over 2 years, first on boar over one and under 2 years, also 3rd and 4th on aged sows.

SMALL YORKSHIRES.

This class was represented by five exhibitors, and, taken as a class, they were decidedly a mixed lot. As a breed they would be known in Canada as Suffolks, and the type chosen by the judges was after the pattern seen in that class in Canada. If the Suffolks which were shown at the Industrial at Toronto this year had been allowed to enter as small Yorkshires, I doubt if there would have been a single prize gone to the animals competing at the World's Fair.

In the section boar 2 years and over, there was a ring of five animals of fair quality, the first going to A. P. Chapman, Sugar Grove, Ill., whose pig was a good type of small Yorkshire, but a little off his legs, second going to Willis Whinery, Winona, Ohio., third to Chas. McClave, New London, Ohio, and the fourth to D. T. Bascom, California, Mich. D. T. Bascom got first on Romance in the section

boar 1 year and under 2, with A. P. Chapman second on a boar of good quality, Willis Whinery third, and Charles McClave fourth. Section boar 6 months and under 1 year, D. T. Bascom won first on a nice young boar of small Yorkshire type, and fourth with a boar of the middle Yorkshire type, while Willis Whinery got second on his boar, Flip, which was of the Improved Large Yorkshire type, and Chas. McClave came third with Richmond. The section boar under 6 months, the pigs were very small for their age, and it is a clear evidence that this breed is not the breed of pigs to secure good weight, fit for the market at six months. The first prize went to a boar owned by Willis Whinery, second and third to D. T. Bascom, while the fourth went to Chas. McClave.

Sows 2 years and over, D. T. Bascom secured first and second, and A. P. Chapman third, with Willis Whinery fourth. In the section sows one and under two years, D. T. Bascom won first on Treasure, a sow of good small Yorkshire type; he also won fourth on Rose L., Willis Whinery getting second place on a smooth, lengthy sow, the third going to Linwood Queen, owned by Chas. McClave. Section sow 6 months and under 12, a well-finished sow of D. T. Bascom's secured the blue ribbon, the red ribbon going to Willis Whinery, the third to D. T. Bascom's Lilly Ha Ha, while the fourth was awarded Chas. McClave upon Princess May, which was a trifle coarse in the hair. In sows under 6 months, Willis Whinery came first with a sow of extra nice quality, O. H. Williams, of Church's Corners, winning second and third, with D. T. Bascom fourth.

Section boar and 3 sows over 1 year brought out six herds, which were, with the exception of the first prize herd of D. T. Bascom, an uneven type, the second prize going to the same exhibitor, the third going to Willis Whinery, while the fourth went to Charles McClave. The awards in boar and 3 sows bred by exhibitor were the same as in the above section. For the boar and 3 sows, under 1 year D. T. Bascom was again awarded first, with C. H. Williams second, Willis Whinery third, and Chas. McClave fourth. The same order was maintained in the class boar and 3 sows under 1 year bred by exhibitor.

Four swine, the get of same boar, bred by exhibitor, D. T. Bascom secured first and second on two herds that showed a uniformity of type, the third going to Willis Whinery, and the fourth to Chas. McClave. C. H. Williams was the fortunate winner of first prize on four pigs under 6 months, produce of same sow, the second going to D. T. Bascom, the third to Chas. McClave, and fourth to Willis Whinery.

In the sweepstake boar of any age, the favorites for the coveted premium were Romance and Cæsar III., but Romance finally secured the honor, also winning for Mr. Bascom the sweepstakes for best boar any age bred by exhibitor. The same exhibitor was also successful in winning the two sweepstakes, on sow any age and sow any age bred by exhibitor, upon Mystic, a sow of true small Yorkshire type.

IMPROVED LARGE WHITE YORKSHIRES.

This breed, which has recently attracted so much attention and which has grown so popular in Canada, is not known to any extent in the United States. It certainly was a contrast to compare the Poland-Chinas (which seem to be the national pig), with their broad fat backs, heavy shoulders, full crests and thick jowls, with the Large Yorkshires, which are noted for their length, depth and lean flesh, qualities which are now bringing the highest price in the English market.

The Large Yorkshires were represented by three herds, viz.:—B. J. Hurlbut, Olymer, N. Y., J. E. Brethour, Burford, Ont., and Jos. Featherstone, Springfield-on-the-Credit. Owing to the judge not being familiar with the type required in this breed, many of the awards were given contrary to the qualities sought for in the Improved Large Yorkshire breed.

In aged boars, Jos. Featherstone won first on Plymouth Prince, the second going to J. E. Brethour's imported Gladiator, which had so recently won first at Toronto. Two boars in low condition were shown in the section boar 1 year and under 2; the first prize going to B. J. Hurlbut's Billy, and the second to Jos. Featherstone's Holywell Tom.

In section boar 6 months and under 1 year, Jos. Featherstone won first on Haskett, a lengthy pig, but a trifle off on his front legs. J. E. Brethour secured second and third, with Jos. Featherstone fourth. Only three pigs were shown in boar under 6 months; the same exhibitor won first and second, with J. B. Hurlbut third.

Sow, two years and over, brought out four imported sows, which were a good lot. Lady Duckering, owned by J. E. Brethour, won first; she is a sow of great substance and of smooth finish. Second went to Jessica, the property of Jos. Featherstone, a sow of immense size, and a winner at the Royal of England, in 1893. Maid 6th, which was a trifle short but of good quality, owned by J. E. Brethour, came in for third place, while Whiston Pride, which has been a winner in her time, secured fourth.

In the yearling class, J. E. Brethour's Dominion Belle, was an easy first, with Jos. Featherstone's Whiston Sally second, and Roseberry Belle, owned by J. E. Brethour, winning third, while the fourth went to Holywell Sally, which was a good sow, but not in show condition, shown by Jos. Featherstone.