



SOUTHDOWN SHEARLING RAM.

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all sections. Parlee had both male and female champions, the former on Isaleigh Earl 11701, and the latter on Snowdrift of Barcheskie (imp.) 10481. Black's two-year-old bull, Commander of St. Annes 13130, had numerous admirers about the ringside who supported him for championship honors. Parlee also captured the herd prize, with Black second, and Archibald third; while the breeder's young herd went to Archibald, Parlee, and Black, in the order named.

JERSEYS.—There was a good turn-out and many excellent representatives of this breed. Walter McMonagle, Sussex, N. B., and W. S. Pipes, Amherst, N. S., brought their herds over from St. John, but they met a new and formidable competitor in J. Rufus Starr, Lower Church St., N. S., and a large contingent with small but excellent entries from the neighborhood of Halifax. McMonagle's aged bull, Pedro 17th of Hood Farm, had to yield first place to Starr's Imp. Golden Trooper, who also secured the male championship. J. L. Hartlen, Halifax, had the champion female in Daisy's Wild Rose. The herd prize went to Starr, and second and third places to Pipes and McMonagle, respectively. The young herd prizes went to Starr and Pipes, in the order named.

GUERNSEYS.—Walter McMonagle, Sussex, N. B.; E. R. Brow, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; S. J. Moore, Shubenacadie, N. S., and McMillan & Dawson, Charlottetown, were the principal exhibitors, though there were some excellent entries outside of these.

McMonagle's aged bull, Imp. Gem of Norwood, who took first in class and male championship in St. John, had to yield both these honors to Moore's Victor of Guardian, who is a bull of exceptional merit. McMonagle had the champion female. The herd prizes went to McMonagle, Brow, and McMillan & Dawson, and the young herd to Brow and McMillan & Dawson, each in the order named.

HOLSTEINS.—Logan Bros., Amherst Point, N. S.; F. E. Came, St. Andrews, N. B.; Samuel Dickie, Central Onslow, and a few others, fought it out in this class. The quality, on the whole, was good, and the competition keen. Jas. McKenzie, Shubenacadie, N. S., had the male champion, and Logan Bros. the female champion. Logan Bros. and Dickie stood in the order named in both herd competitions.

QUEBEC JERSEYS were shown by J. E. Baker, Barronsfield, N. S., and Edward Baker, Amherst, but there was nothing of special merit in the class.

GRADES AND FAT CATTLE.—In the grade and fat classes a large number of competitors faced the judge. W. W. Black, Amherst; F. W. Thompson, Fort Lawrence; D. S. Collins, Port Williams, and C. C. H. Eaton, Canard, were the principal exhibitors.

The grade dairy cattle also made a strong exhibit, and made a very interesting contest, as did also the class for working oxen.

SHEEP.

The sheep exhibit was good, on the whole, the strongest competition being in Oxfords and Shropshires.

Leicesters.—Albert Boswell, Pownall, P. E. I., and M. H. Parlee, Sussex, N. B., divided most of the prize money between them, the former securing most of the firsts, together with the flock prize.

Cotswolds.—In this class the struggle was be-

tween H. W. Corning, Chegoggin, and H. B. Parlee, Sussex. Parlee has some good sheep, but they lacked fitting, while Corning has a capital flock, pretty well fitted. Corning got practically all the firsts, as well as the flock prize.

Dorsets.—Only one flock was shown, and that was not fitted. J. M. McDonald, Hopewell, was the owner.

Lincolns.—Albert Boswell, Pownall, and R. G. McLeod, Landsdowne Station, had the only representatives of this breed, Boswell taking most of the firsts.

Shropshires.—This breed made a very fine showing in the hands of Logan Bros., Amherst Point; Albert Boswell, Pownall, and J. M. McDonald, Hopewell, Rocklin; Wm. Sharp, Windsor; Jno. McDonald, Shubenacadie; Logan & Harris, Pictou; and a few others. Logan Bros. had the best of it throughout, their flock being uniform and true to type.

Oxfords.—There was hot competition here, too. Silas Lane, Southport, P. E. I.; J. E. Baker, Barronsfield; Fred S. Black, Amherst, and S. J. Moore, Shubenacadie, had out a really good lot of sheep, and made an interesting fight. Only the first three had full flocks, which rated in the order named. Moore had only a pair of ram lambs, on which he obtained first and second.

Southdowns.—Robert Furness, Vernon River Bridge, P. E. I., and D. R. McKay, Hopewell, showed flocks, and won in the order named. F. E. Came, St. Andrews, showed a few beautifully-fitted specimens, which were easy winners in their sections.

Hampshires.—Alex. Munroe, Marshdale, had the only exhibit in this breed. The quality was good, but they lacked fitting.

Cheviots.—David Ballentine, Woodbourne; Peter Adams, Plainfield, and Henry Leithead, Logan's Tannery, made a fair exhibit of this hardy little breed, but the sheep were in anything but show condition.

Two large classes of grades completed a very interesting sheep exhibit.

SWINE.

The swine exhibit was not large, though there were some good Yorkshires and Berkshires on hand, these being the only classes where the competition was really interesting.

Berkshires were shown by M. H. Parlee, Sussex; H. W. Corning, Chegoggin, and Logan Bros., Amherst Point, and the prizes were pretty evenly distributed.

Yorkshires were brought out by J. W. Callbeck, Augustine's Cove, P. E. I.; M. H. Parlee, Sussex; C. J. Keller, Dartmouth; F. E. Came, St. Andrews; Logan Bros., Amherst Point, and a few others. The first named secured the best of the prizes.

H. W. Corning, Chegoggin, showed Chester Whites; J. A. Gould, Aylesford, Poland-Chinas; Jno. McDonald, Shubenacadie, Tamworths; J. E. Baker, Barronsfield, and E. Baker, Amherst, Duroc-Jerseys; and there was a very good supply of grade swine. Compared with other years, the swine exhibit was somewhat weak, though the quality, with a few exceptions, was good.

"Bucket Shop Methods with Shorthorns?"

It is not so long ago that the colored lady, whether cook or nurse, would refuse to work for any but the "first famblies," and dubbed all others "white trash." To-day we see the methods of the Ethiopian repeated in the Shorthorn ranks, with the absolute certainty of such results following as followed the Duchess craze and boom. Dividing the reds, whites and roans into families renders the work of the speculator and dealer easier, more alluring and more profitable than if animals of this noted breed were judged on their merits for the block, the dairy or the breeding herd. All Scotch is the slogan of the boomster who seeks to make hay while the sun shines. This person probably has visited a herd and finds in it a family containing some good representatives, which for the nonce we will term "Widehooks." Unknown to fame and the breeders, this plebeian family is boomed by the finder, who by different methods makes of them aristocrats, without, however, offence to those of similar rank but far more ancient lineage, thus differing from their human confreres. The importer—usually, by the way, an expert, and only experts can play the game without getting singed—starts to work the market, and gets his reward, and the novice bows down and worships the Widehooks or jostles his neighbor to get a chance to bid on one. It is an interesting study, the booming of a Shorthorn family, and is a marvellous testimonial to the power of trusts—trust in the gullibility of the human race, and trust in a brother dealer or speculator. One avenue to the moneyed novice and the breeder is the public sale—a vendue is held amid great flourish of trumpets; auctioneers are distributed among the onlookers, and the play commences. A brother dealer is, for the time, transformed into a Napoleon of finance, and buys the 1000th Lady Barren at a big figure, on paper, and a beginner in the business of breeding Shorthorns, afraid that all the plums will be gone, gets excited, and, thinking that this will be the last call for "good roasts on foot," steps into the ring and has unloaded on to him Duke Sterile 20th, who does nothing more for his owner than consume a barrel of molasses and win a prize at a State fair. The sale is a success—the family is boomed—but the breed is injured, because of fictitious prices, unreliable deals, and the air of uncertainty that begins to pervade the ranks of the breeders. The big breeder, anxious to profit by the temporary boom, sells his culls for breeding purposes, instead of to the butcher; while the small breeder, frightened at the high prices, dares not lift his eyes to the offerings of good bulls, invests or rather throws away his money on an inferior, low-priced one, because he fancies he has not the wherewithal to possess a good one. Confidence is lost and prices go down to the level of the "submerged tenth," only illustrating again the swing of the pendulum. An ancient sage tells us that "all is not gold that glitters," and we might add that "all are not good ones that are imported." The booming of a breed beyond its value would not be possible if all were possessed of an accurate knowledge of what constitutes merit in live stock! Crises in live-stock breeding are the manifestations of live-stock ignorance, and call for prompt treatments, one of the most successful of which is a school of live-stock judging. The butcher's block or the consumer's palate recognizes not family, and the pair constitute judge and jury of the live-stock world.

INTER PRIMOS.



LORD ROBERTS 4TH.

Two-year-old Shropshire ram, sired by an imported Tanner-bred ram, dam an imported Minton ewe. Winner of first prize, Toronto Exhibition, 1902, and sweepstakes for best American-bred Shropshire ram, any age; also first at London.

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