

Never before in the history of American fat-stock shows has any exposition attained such uniform excellence as the International Live-stock Show of 1909. Visitors and stockmen generally agree in saying that the present is the greatest International that has ever assembled. In extent, the number of entries, 3,057, constitutes a record; while, in quality, the high standard of former years was fully maintained. The best of weather prevailed throughout the show, and helped to account for the masses of enthusiastic visitors which overtaxed the seating capacity of the stock-yards amphitheatre.

Canada was well represented, as usual, and succeeded in annexing a large share of the prizes, including the grand championship for fat wethers, while the champion Clydesdale stallion was owned in Ontario until a very recent date. Among the ribbon-winning females were several animals bred and raised in Ontario. In the students' stock-judging contest, the O. A. C. team secured second place in the aggregate, and one of the boys came within three points of making the highest individual score.

#### THE FAT CATTLE.

The judging of the fat bullocks, and, incidentally, the awarding of the grand championship, is a matter of intense interest at the International. The securing of this coveted trophy is the goal of every American stockman's ambition, and is regarded as the premier event of the show. This year, the task of allotting the ribbons was given to William Heap, of Manchester, England, who quickly singled out the winners in the various classes which came under his inspection. Mr. Heap is undoubtedly an excellent judge of a fat bullock, from a butcher's standpoint, but it would certainly be more satisfactory to exhibitors and breeders to have the fat classes judged with regard to the breeders' and feeders', as well as from the butchers' standpoint. In pure-bred Shorthorns, Barber, of Guelph, took fourth and fifth with his pair of white steers.

Among the grades and cross-breeds, the champion was found in Dr. Gwinn, a very thick, evenly-fleshed two-year-old grade Angus from Ohio, which was ultimately put out of the running for grand championship honors by King Ellsworth, a two-year-old pure-bred Angus, as champion two-year-old. The champion Shorthorn steer was the calf, Benefactor, a beautiful nugget of flesh of splendid quality, who was in turn defeated by Deserter, a white-faced Angus from the Missouri Agricultural College. Among the yearlings, the pure-bred Angus, Symboleer, from Kansas Agricultural College, was an easy winner. In the final lineup were the three Angus steers, King Ellsworth, Symboleer and Deserter, striving for supreme honors. It was a moment of breathless suspense, and the judge's movements were closely watched as he critically surveyed each animal. Finally, the purple badge, signifying the grand championship of International, is laid over King Ellsworth's shoulders, with Symboleer reserve. Truly, the Kansas Agricultural College has made a unique and enviable record in furnishing the grand champion, the reserve, and the champion Shorthorn bullock at the greatest of all fat-stock shows.

Although the "doddies" swept all before them in the single-steer classes, it was different in the carload lots. Shorthorn men are jubilant over their winnings in the yards, where they won both the fat and the feeder grand championships, a record for the breed, the former going to Keays & Oglesby, of Illinois, on a load of exquisitely-finished yearlings, and the latter to Al. Neale, of Colorado, on a load of calves. The contest in the fat class was extremely keen, the closest contender being Escher's load of Iowa Angus two-year-olds, who missed the coveted place by the closest of close margins. This is essentially a breed victory for the red, white and roans, and is taken to prove that the Shorthorn, even as a yearling, has no superior. To quote the verdict of James Brown, who judged them, "They are as fine a lot of yearlings as I have ever seen."

## Tenth International Live-stock Exposition.



Grand Champion Wether (Southdown).  
International Live-stock Exposition, Chicago, 1909.  
Owned and exhibited by Sir Geo. Drummond,  
Beaconsfield, Que.

#### THE BREEDING CLASSES.

Shorthorns.—Not for many years—perhaps never in America—has the eye of stockmen feasted on a grander display of Shorthorns than appeared for judgment. As a breed, the number of entries far exceeded that of any other, and some of the younger classes furnished the sensations of the show. After a circuit of State fairs, where competition was very sharp, it was expected that there would be something doing when the court of final adjudgment was reached—and there was. Outstanding merit characterized the ribbon-winners in each class, necessitating some closely-studied decisions, often resulting in a reversal of the placing made at the American Royal, at Kansas City, in October. The judging progressed slowly, but was followed with untiring interest by a critical and appreciative ringside talent. A dozen aged bulls entered the list, presenting a pleasing study in Shorthorn type and finish. The tremendous scale and high condition of Side Light, senior champion of Kansas City, could not withstand the straight-

son of Avondale. This is a phenomenally smooth bull, perfect in his lines and character, and carrying over all parts a wealth of flesh of superb handling quality. The junior yearlings presented the classiest bunch among the bulls, having 20 up for honors. Ringmaster, the grand champion at Kansas City, and ideal in many respects, carrying a very wide, straight back, with wonderful depth and fullness throughout, was an outstanding winner, with Dale's Viscount, Sultan Mine and Oakland Star, in order, leaving mighty little to choose among all three. Senior calves brought out 21, a bunch scarcely as even as the preceding class, but giving the judges hard work for over an hour. Finally, Thomas Johnson's Roan Sultan, a roan of great substance and smoothness, was placed first, with Renick second on Royal Seal, a hardly as good a type. Junior calves were a somewhat uneven lot, owing to the range of ages and sizes which competed, and the final rating was freely criticised by the spectators.

Not often does such a matron as Dorothea 2nd appear in the arena. She is a cow of rare conformation and substance, her typical head and sweetness throughout giving her great attractiveness, eventually crowning her female grand champion. Flora 90th, a daughter of Old Lancaster and bred by Geo. Amos, of Ontario, made a worthy second, although a trifle softer in flesh, and scarcely as smooth at the tail as Dorothea. The red Duchess of Lancaster, a cow of great scale and true character, was relegated to third place. Two-year-old heifers made a particularly strong class, the half-dozen at the top being a bunch of uniformly broad-backed, heavy-fleshed maidens. Thomas Johnson & Son made a record showing in this class, taking first, second and third, with Christmas Lassie, Pleasant Valley Jilt and Countess Selma, although the winner is now owned by Carpenter & Ross, having been bought the previous day in the Shorthorn sale-ring for \$1,500. Ringside opinion was highly in favor of having the Amos-bred Pleasant Valley Jilt placed first, but the judges thought she handled rather soft. In fourth place was found the white daughter of Old Lancaster, also bred by Amos. In senior yearlings, Dale's Gift, the junior champion, was an easy winner, but the next three were very difficult to decide. The juniors were headed by a wonderfully-low-set, straight heifer, Miss Marshall, very thick in crops and thighs. Out of a class of twenty-five senior calves might be picked a dozen top-notchers, while among the first seven of a class of eighteen junior calves appeared five pure whites, a demonstration that there is no judicial prejudice against the snowy color.

#### Important Awards.

Aged bulls—1, Carpenter & Ross, on Shenstone Albina; 2, F. W. Harding, on Side Light; 3, Carpenter & Ross, on Avondale; 4, W. H. Dunwoody, on Nonpareil Marquis; 5, C. E. Clark, on Superbus. Two-year-olds—1, Elmendorf Farm, on King Cumberland; 2, Dunwoody, on Clipper's Choice; 3, J. A. Kilgour, on Scotch Sultan. Senior yearlings—1, E. W. Bowen, on Selection; 2, Carpenter & Ross, on The Captain; 3, F. W. Harding, on Red Marshal. Junior yearlings—1, Clark, on Ringmaster; 2, D. R. Hanna, on Dale's Viscount; 3, Harding, on Sultan Mine. Senior calves—1, Johnson, on Roan Sultan; 2, Harding, on Golden Laird; 3, Fox & Gallagher, on Prime Knight. Junior calves—1 and 2, Harding, on Fond Memory and Sultan Champion; 3, C. A. Saunders, on True Cumberland. Aged cows



Grand Champion Steer at Chicago, 1909.

King Ellsworth, a pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus. Exhibited by the Kansas Agricultural College.

ness, symmetry and bloom of Carpenter & Ross' white Shenstone Albina, a bull of great length, and withal possessing the best Shorthorn character of head and horn seen in America in many years. The ever-popular Avondale, by the same owners, a bull of extreme depth, thickness, and general conformation, was a close third. This bull is the sire of many winners in the younger classes, including the grand champion made, King Cumberland, a shapely roan son of Cumberland's Last, was easily selected for first on 13 two-year-olds, who in the senior yearling class, 1, W.

—1, Clark, on Dorothea 2nd; 2, Hanna, on Flora 90th; 3, Thomas Johnson & Son, on Duchess of Lancaster; 4, Carpenter & Ross, on Sweet Duchess of Gloster. Two-year-olds—1, 2 and 3, Johnson, on Christmas Lassie, Pleasant Valley Jilt, and Countess Selma; 4, Carpenter & Ross, on Lancaster Bud. Senior yearlings—1, Carpenter & Ross, on Dale's Gift; 2, Johnson, on Fair Start; 3, Hanna, on Susan Cumberland; 2, D. Tietjen, on Miss Marshall; 3 and 4, Carpenter & Ross, on Dorothea and Maxwellton Gloster.