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HEREFORD AND ANGUS steers and heifers were classed together, and nothing specially meritorious was forward. The Hereford heifers won in most sections, and the F. W. Stone Stock Co. have in their two-year-old and yearling heifers, Sweetheart 34th and Sweet Bar, full sisters, by Imp. Baronet, excellent representatives of the breed, which will, of course, be retained as breeders. Jas. Bowman, Guelph, had a typical winner in the cow class in his Aberdeen-Angus Elm Park Kyma 10th. A curiosity in the class for Aberdeen-Angus steer or heifer competed for the special prizes donated by the American Aberdeen-Angus Association. This was a red polled animal, with flesh-colored nose; a freak not often seen in this country, but a good, smooth, well-fleshed steer, shown by Jas. Sharpe, Rockside.

GALLOWAYS AND DEVONS showed together, and most of the best prizes went to Galloway females from the herd of Col. D. McCrae, Guelph, which were brought out in good breeding condition, and well represented the breed from that viewpoint.

GRADES AND CROSSES.—This was the important and impressive class of the cattle division of the show, and illustrates in eloquent terms the benefit of the services of pure-bred sires in producing the kind of cattle that feed fast, mature early, and meet the requirements of the markets.

The great majority, as usual, were Shorthorn grades, as were the winners in every section except for yearling heifers, in which section the second prize went to a blue-gray polled heifer, sired by an Aberdeen-Angus bull, and she was a model for a butcher's beastie, standing on the shortest kind of legs and as full of meat as they are made.

In the section for steers two years and under three, sixteen entries were forward, constituting a grand display. The first place was given to the white steer Prince, sired by Prince Imperial =29175=, and shown by Jas. Wilson & Sons, Fergus. He was a very attractive steer, deep-ribbed, thick-fleshed, and of great substance, yet, withal, a little light in his thighs and flanks, and proportionately heavier in front than behind. He was possibly the favorite with the ring-side talent as well as with the judges, though many cattlemen contended that the second-prize steer, Scotty, a red, sired by Lord Stanley 5th =23376=, shown by And. Richardson, Peepabun, carried a more profitable carcass, his back being stronger, his flesh firmer, and he was likely to produce a larger proportion of high-priced meat, though he stood a little higher than the ideal. Jas. Leask, Greenbank, had a capital number for third place in Royal Silver, by Royal Banner, a very level, smooth steer, scarcely heavily enough fleshed on top. Mr. Leask had a popular first in the yearling steer section in the red and white Champion Knight, by Knight Errant =34308=. In an extraordinary class, the best in the show, a class that would grace any show in any country, Champion Knight was an acknowledged first, and if he goes on as he has done he promises to justify his name another year if a championship is provided. He is level on top, straight below, heavy in loin, quarters and thighs, smooth shouldered, and evenly covered with good flesh, without waste, and well proportioned. Brown & Son, Galt, had in Hillsburg Lad 2nd, by Hillsburg Lad, a capital second, a red, blocky, smooth and substantial. Leask got into third place with a rather upstanding steer, also by Knight Errant, with a good top, a butcher's steer, but not a breeder's sort. There were several other grand entries, some of which may make it more interesting in future.

In an excellent class of steer calves, under a year on Sept. 1st, D. A. Graham, Ivan, won out clearly with the skim-milk fed Freddie B., by Crown Jewel =34606=, a calf of great merit and promise, low-set, level, carrying a mossy coat and an even covering of natural flesh. If well done for, he should be hard to down next year. Second went to D. Stewart, Everton, for Edward, by Silver Star 2nd =40428=, a beautiful red calf, of fine form and flesh; third to Leask, for a roan son of Moneyfuffel Banner; and fourth to John Dickson, Eramosa, for a capital son of Silver Star. White Lily, an uncommonly good white heifer, shown by Mr. Leask, and sired by Royal Banner, led in the two-year-old heifer class. She was, perhaps, as strong a card from a butcher's point of view as any in the show; her strong back and well-arched ribs being thickly covered with firm flesh. This heifer, and Mr. Leask's first-prize yearling steer, Champion Knight, later won the special prize of a silver cup, valued at \$80, presented by the Ontario County Council for the best pair of fat cattle; this cup to become the property of the exhibitor who wins it twice with different animals. Mr. Leask having won the trophy last year, thus becomes the recipient for good. It is no new experience for Mr. Leask, as he has been doing that sort of thing frequently in former years, but it is a record a man may

well feel proud of, and one that speaks volumes for the judgment and skill of the winner.

EXPORT STEERS.—For three export steers, prizes were offered of \$40, \$30, \$20 and \$10. There were 13 trios, or 39 animals in the competition, most of which were very good, while some were rough and unsuitable for the purpose. Col. W. S. Ferguson, Prestonhill, Perth, Scotland, who was present and consented to make the awards in this class, quickly weeded out the undesirable lots and secured a short leet, from which he chose for winners: First, a trio of Hereford grades shown by John Brown, Galt; second, a



Hereford Steer.

Bred by Her late Majesty. Property of His Majesty the King. Age, 2 years 11 months. Weight, 1,864 lbs. Champion over all at Birmingham. Breed champion at Smithfield (London), December, 1903.

trio of blue-gray Aberdeen-Angus grades exhibited by James Wilson & Sons, Fergus; third, a group of Shorthorn grades, shown by John Brown; and, fourth, a bunch of Shorthorn grades entered by A. Hales, Guelph. Col. Ferguson, in giving reasons, stated that the first-prize lot were the best finished, showing the largest proportion of high-priced roasts; the second were smooth and even, but would have been better for another month's feeding, when they might have beaten the first, which would not bear more feeding without waste; the third showed too much bone, would cut up with too much waste, and had not enough meat on their backs.

The judges in all the cattle classes, except for export steers, were Messrs. John T. Gibson, Denfield, and A. W. Tyson, Guelph.

SHEEP.

Ontario can always put up a strong show of sheep, as the records of the Chicago International evidence, as well as the leading Canadian shows. Breeding sheep have been eliminated from the Winter Fair, prizes being only offered for yearling wethers, wether lambs and ewe lambs under one year, which, of course, brings the number of entries much lower than at the summer shows,



Rose IV.

Shorthorn heifer. Breed champion at the Smithfield (London, England) Show, December, 1903. Age, 2 years 11 months. Weight, 1,812 lbs.

where fuller class lists are provided. The number and desirable quality of fresh young sheep exhibited at Guelph in response to a liberal prize-list has, however, improved from year to year, and the exhibits this year were of a high order of merit, from the standpoint of the butcher and consumer, while in the pure-bred classes breed type of the best was abundantly in evidence.

COTSWOLDS were shown by Snell & Lyons, Snelgrove; N. Park, Norwich; John Rawlings, Ravenswood; E. Brien & Sons, Ridgetown; H. McNalley and Jas. Hume, Arkell. The first-named firm had out three ewe lambs and three wether lambs of exceptional character, winning

with the six head four first prizes and one second. Seldom, if ever before, at Guelph, has a better representation of the breed been made, the first-prize ewe lamb, Snelgrove Gem, being a gem indeed, of the first water, combining constitution, quality of flesh and fleece, and breed type of the highest order, while all of the bunch were of the same sort, speaking volumes for the source from which they came. Brien and Rawlings, in the order named, were the winners in yearling wethers, while Snell & Lyons carried off the first awards for wether lamb, for the best three wether lambs, and for the best three ewe lambs. In the carcass competition, Brien & Sons won in both the yearling wether and wether lamb sections.

LINCOLNS were well shown by John T. Gibson, Denfield, and E. Parkinson, Eramosa, the former winning the first awards in all sections of the class, save those for single ewe lamb and for three ewe lambs, which went to Mr. Parkinson. The class was a very strong one, and included most of Mr. Gibson's winners at the Chicago International the previous week.

LEICESTERS were out in good force, shown by John Kelly, Shakespeare; John Orr, Galt; Hastings Bros., Cross Hill, and D. H. Taylor, Corwhin. Kelly got away with five first prizes out of the seven sections, his first-prize yearling wether being a model of a profitable butcher's sheep, his firm, thick flesh being evenly laid along his back, and he would kill out with a minimum of waste. Hastings Bros., who were the breeders of the champion long-wooled yearling wether at Chicago, won here the first award in the carcass competition for both yearling wether and wether lamb, while Orr made a strong second in six out of the seven sections. Mr. T. Hardy Shore, Glanworth, was the judge in the foregoing classes.

OXFORD DOWNS were strongly shown by J. H. Jull & Sons, Burford; W. E. Wright, Glanworth; R. J. Hine, Dutton, and J. W. Lee, Simcoe, who won first in the ewe lamb class, Hine being second and third with strong entries, as also in wethers under a year. Jull was first and third for yearling wethers, and Wright second in this section, and first for single wether and for three wethers under a year. Jull & Son had the first yearling wether. In the carcass competition Wright was first and second in the lamb sections, and second in the yearling section, Jull being first for yearling wether dressed.

SHROPSHIRE, which always make a strong showing at the Winter Fair, were out in good force, and well up to the standard of the highest type in quality and finish. John Campbell, Woodville, fresh from his conquests at Chicago, and with most of the sheep he showed there, made a splendid exhibit, and a clean sweep of the red ribbons in the live sections, carrying off the five first prizes, his ewe lambs and yearling and wether lambs being marvels of mutton type, firmly fleshed and full in all desirable points. R. Gibson's yearling wether winning second award, was also a model of the breed, and of a finished mutton sheep in quality and character. W. E. Wright, Glanworth, had the second-prize pen of three wethers under a year, and the first prize in the carcass competition for yearling wether, and second for wether lamb, in which class A. Rudell, of Hespeler, was first. Robert Miller, Stouffville, was the judge in this and the following classes.

SOUTHDOWNS were well shown by John Jackson & Son, Abingdon, and Hon. G. A. Drummond, Beaconsfield, Que., with a few entries by Telfer Bros., Paris, and R. J. Douglas, Galt. In yearling wethers the Quebec flock won first and second with splendid specimens that had stood first at Chicago, and were model mutton sheep. For three wethers under a year this flock also stood first, while for single ewe under a year, for single wether under a year, and for three ewes under a year, Jackson & Son were first with typical entries of fine quality. Douglas won first in both sections in the carcass competition.

DORSETS made an excellent showing, the exhibitors being R. H. Harding, Thorndale; John Hunter, Wyoming; J. Walter Wood, Gananoque, and A. G. H. Luxton, Milton. Hunter won first and third for yearling wether; Harding second in this section and first and second for wether under a year; and Luxton was first in the carcass class for both yearlings and lambs.

HAMPSHIRE AND SUFFOLKS.—A right good showing in this class was made by Jas. Bowman, Guelph, who showed Suffolks, and John Kelly, Shakespeare, and Telfer Bros., Paris, who showed Hampshires. Bowman won first for wether under a year, both alive and dressed, while Kelly had the first-prize ewe lamb and yearling wether, and Telfer Bros. the first in yearling dressed carcass, Bowman being second in the latter section. The last two classes were judged by Henry Arkell, Arkell, and James Tolton, Walkerton.

GRADES AND CROSSES.—This is usually one of the most interesting classes in the sheep division, and this year was no exception, every section of the class being well filled with splendid specimens of the feeder's art. Yearling ewes being listed in this class, John Campbell captured the first award with a Shropshire grade, Brien