

### The Philadelphia Horse Show.

The fourth open air exhibition of the Philadelphia Horse Show Association was held at the new grounds at Wischickon Heights from May 28th, to June 1st. The attendance was very good in spite of the intense heat.

The Hackney classes were, as usual, the most important. Here the ribbons were tied by Messrs. R. P. Stericker and Alex. Galbraith. The only Canadian exhibitor was Mr. H. N. Crossley, Rosseau, who showed Rosseau Performer, Rosseau Fireball, Althorpe Duchess, and Althorpe Countess.

The veteran Cadet, Mr. Cassatt's well-known horse, headed the aged class for stallions 15.2 and over. Next to him was placed that popular winner, Ottawa, which was purchased from Messrs. Beith, Bowmanville, at the time of the Canadian spring show, by Mr. F. C. Stevens, Attica. He was put through his paces by his old-time trainer, John Wiley, whom Mr. Stevens has engaged in his stud. Third place went to Mr. Bloodgood's General II. Ottawa seemed to be the favorite for first place, as his action was much admired, but Cadet's substance and conformation carried the day with the judges. The next class, for aged stallions 15 and under 15.2 hands, contained the newly-imported 15-year-old roan Wildfire, the sire of Bonfire and other famous Hackneys, which secured second, Althorpe Performer being placed above him. In the class for stallions from 14 to 15 hands Mr. Cassatt's Little Wonder had to take second position, first going to Mr. Fairfax's Northern Light.

Yearling stallions were headed by two Lord Bardolph colts, Lord Rattler, and Lord Lynnewood, which took first and second respectively. Mr. Crossley's Rosseau Fireball was a favorite, but did not show off well after his long journey.

Hackney's mares with foals at foot were a good class. Mr. Twombly's Sweetbriar and Ivy here proved their superiority by winning first and second. Mr. Widener's Lady Preston came next, and Winnifred, Mr. Stevens' other purchase from Messrs. Beith, fourth. A brown foal from her by Jubilee Chief was also first in the foal class.

In the three-year-old filly class Mr. Crossley's Althorpe Duchess and Althorpe Countess were winners, first place, however, going to Mr. Cassatt's Lyric. Lady Lynnewood, a Lord Bardolph filly, won third for yearling fillies.

The prize for stallion and three of his get went to Wildfire, Cadet taking second. The get of the latter, however, were very young and compared disadvantageously. Little Wonder came third. Wildfire won the veteran cup for aged stallions, Cadet not being able to compete in that class.

### English Standard for Improved Large Yorkshires.

The standard of excellence for Improved Large Yorkshires, or Large Whites, as they are called in England, as given in volume eleven of the English herdbook, is as follows:

**Color.** White, free from black hairs, and, as far as possible, from blue spots on the skin.

**Head.** Moderately long, face slightly dishd, snout broad, not too much turned up, jaw not too heavy, wide between ears.

**Ears.** Long, thin, slightly inclined forward, and fringed with fine hair.

**Neck.** Long, and proportionately full to the shoulders.

**Chest.** Wide and deep.

**Shoulders.** Level across the top, not too wide, free from coarseness.

**Legs.** Straight and well set, level with the outside of the body, with flat bone.

**Patterns.** Short and springy.

**Feet.** Strong, even, and wide.

**Back.** Long, level, and wide from neck to rump.

**Loin.** Broad.

**Tail.** Set high, stout and long, but not coarse, with tassels of fine hair.

**Sides.** Deep.

**Ribs.** Well sprung.

**Belly.** Full, but not flabby, with straight under line.

**Flank.** Thick, and well let down.

**Quarters.** Long and wide.

**Hams.** Broad, full, and deep to hocks.

**Coat.** Long and moderately fine.

**Action.** Firm and free.

**Skin.** Not too thick, quite free from wrinkles.

**Note.** Large-bred pigs do not fully develop their points until some months old, the pig at five months often proving at a year or fifteen months a much better animal than could be anticipated at the earlier age, and *vice versa*; but size and quality are most important.

**Objections.** Black hairs, black spots, a curly coat, a coarse mane, short snout, inherent knees, hollowness at back of shoulders.

### Dominion Sheep and Swine Breeders' Meeting.

These associations held a joint meeting on May 23rd in London, a large number of members being present. Mr. J. I. Hobson, Mosboro, took the chair.

The secretary having called attention to some mistakes in the names of the expert judges of sheep and swine, it was moved and carried that Mr. C. Simmons be added as judge of Berkshires. Mr. Edmund Weld, solicitor for Messrs. George & Sons, Crampton, appeared before the meeting and asked that they be granted a part of the prize money that was withheld from them at the last Guelph Fat Stock Show. After a good deal of discussion, several of the members considering the matter as being out of order, Mr. Gisson moved that it be referred back to the joint committee, before whom the matter had been brought at the Fat Stock Show. This was carried.

The secretary reminded the meeting that there was a clause in the new Agriculture and Arts Act giving the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations the privilege of electing a member of the Ontario Agricultural College staff to each board. At his suggestion a clause was embodied in the by-laws to that effect, and Prof. Day was appointed as director from the college.

The question of the Fat Stock Show was then brought up, and it was resolved to amalgamate with the Agriculture and Arts Association and the Guelph Fat Stock Club for the purpose of holding the show at the latter place. The following judges were selected for the Fat Stock Show:

**Long-woolled sheep.**—W. Thompson, Uxbridge, and Alex. Smith, Maple Lodge; referee, R. W. Stevens, Lambeth.

**Short and medium-woolled sheep.**—J. Miller Markham, and H. Arkell, Teeswater. Referee for short-woolled sheep, R. Miller, Brougham.

**Poland Chinas, Chester Whites, Tamworths, and Duroc-Jerseys.**—Joseph Featherston, M.P., Streetsville, and J. E. Brethour, Burord; referee, James Anderson, Guelph.

**Other breeds.**—T. Teasdale, Concord, and James Main, Milton; referee, A. Elliott, Galt.

Committee to act with Agriculture and Arts Association and Guelph Fat Stock Club: J. Jackson, James Tolton, G. Hood, and R. H. Harding.

Programme Committee—J. Jackson, J. C. Snell, J. E. Brethour, and R. Gibson.

Prof. Day spoke on the proposed experiments in sheep and swine feeding at the Ontario Agricultural College, as suggested in the last annual report of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations. The college was willing to undertake these experiments if the breeders present so desired. A long discussion then took place, some present favoring the idea, but eventually the matter was laid over. A letter from the Wm. Davies Co. (Ltd.) was read, urging farmers to breed long, lean pigs.

The following were appointed a committee to meet Hon. John Dryden with reference to securing control of the records of the associations now held by the Agriculture and Arts Association: J. Featherston, M.P., J. C. Snell, J. E. Brethour, R. H. Harding, J. I. Hobson, and C. M. Simmons.

The report of the committees appointed to draft model rules and prize lists for different exhibitions was received and taken up clause by clause. As finally passed they are as follows:

#### SHEEP—RULES FOR LARGE EXHIBITIONS.

(1) All sheep competing in the purebred classes must be recorded in their respective flock books and bear the record label at the time of exhibition.

(2) In making entries, the owner's name and address in full and the age and record numbers of the animals must be given, and they shall be the *bona fide* property of the exhibitor for, at least, twenty days previous to the exhibition.

(3) Judges shall be provided with a standard of excellence for the respective breeds, and be guided thereby in making awards.

(4) The awarding committee shall consist of two judges for each breed, with power to call in a referee in case they cannot decide.

(5) No person shall be allowed to interfere with the judges while in the discharge of their duties; exhibitors so doing shall forfeit any premium or premiums to which they may otherwise be entitled, or which they have been awarded.

(6) That no person be allowed to judge a breed of sheep with which he is not thoroughly acquainted. An exhibitor shall be allowed to protest against one not so qualified before the judge enters upon the discharge of his duties.

#### PRIZE LIST.

- (1) Ram, two shears and over.
- (2) Shearling ram.
- (3) Ram lamb.
- (4) Pair of ewes, two shears and over.
- (5) Pair of shearling ewes.
- (6) Pair of ewe lambs.
- (7) Pen of sheep, to consist of one ram, one year or over; four ewes, one year or over; and two ewe lambs.
- (8) Ram, any age.
- (9) Ewe, any age.
- (10) Three ram lambs, bred by exhibitor.
- (11) Three shearling ewes, bred by exhibitor.
- (12) Three ewe lambs, bred by exhibitor.

#### RULES FOR COUNTY FAIRS.

(1) Every animal must be the *bona fide* property of the person in whose name it is entered at the time of exhibition.

(2) No prize shall be awarded unless the judges consider there is decided merit.

(3) Awarding committee to consist of two judges for each breed, with power to call in a referee in case they cannot decide.

(4) Great care shall be taken in selecting judges who thoroughly understand the respective breeds.

(5) No person shall be allowed to interfere with the judges while in the discharge of their duties. Any objection to a judge shall be made in writing before he commences the discharge of his duties.

(6) All sheep competing in the purebred classes must be recorded in their respective flock books and bear the record label at the time of exhibition.

#### PRIZE LIST FOR COUNTY FAIRS.

- (1) Ram, two shears and over.
- (2) Shearling ram.
- (3) Ram lamb.
- (4) Pair of ewes, two shears and over.
- (5) Pair of shearling ewes.
- (6) Pair of ewe lambs.
- (7) Pen of sheep, to consist of one ram, one year or over; four ewes, one year or over; and two ewe lambs.
- (8) Three ram lambs, bred by exhibitor.
- (9) Three ewe lambs, bred by exhibitor.

#### TOWNSHIP SHOWS, RULES.

(1) Every animal must be the property of the person in whose name it is entered.

(2) No prize to be awarded unless the judges consider there is decided merit.

(3) Awarding committee to consist of two judges.

(4) Care should be taken, in the selection of judges, that men be appointed who are thoroughly conversant with the merits of each of the different breeds.

(5) Ewes two years and over must have produced lambs during the current year.

#### TOWNSHIP SHOWS, PRIZE LIST.

- (1) Ram, two shears and over.
- (2) Shearling rams.
- (3) Ram lamb.
- (4) Ewe, two years or over.
- (5) Shearling ewe.
- (6) Ewe lamb.
- (7) Pen of sheep, to consist of one ram, two ewes one year or over, and two ewe lambs.

#### SWINE—RULES FOR LARGE EXHIBITIONS.

(1) The owner's name and address in full, with exact date of birth of animals, shall be given when making entries.

(2) The name and record number of each animal shall accompany the entries.

(3) If required, the exhibitors shall make a statutory declaration that their animals are of the ages stated by them, and are their *bona fide* property.

(4) No animal shall be allowed to compete in any section not corresponding with its age.

(5) The ages of pigs to be calculated from September 1st.

(6) No animal may compete in more than one section, except for pen prizes or specials.

(7) Directors are expected to enforce the foregoing rules.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF SWINE AT LARGE SHOWS.

- (1) Boar, two years and over.
- (2) Boar, over one and under two years.
- (3) Boar, over six months and under twelve.
- (4) Boar, under six months.
- (5) Sow, two years and over.
- (6) Sow, over one year and under two.
- (7) Sow, over six months and under twelve.