

sheep not only had great size, but his wonderfully even finish, great substance, and all-round quality proclaimed extraordinary merit. John Campbell followed with two sheep, well developed and in fine form.

Twelve uniformly grand Shropshire wether lambs had been forwarded. First went to Richard Gibson, Delaware, for a beautifully finished lamb, followed by W. H. Bruce, Wilton Grove, and W. E. Wright, who both had good ones, and another good enough to be highly commended was found among R. Gibson's lot. In the group of three ewes under the year the honors went to D. G. Hanmer, J. P. Phin, and John Campbell, while the best wether lambs were found in Richard Gibson's entry, with W. E. Wright and W. H. Beattie second and third. D. G. Hanmer & Son had the best pen of five sheep under two years old, John Campbell being second.

Southdowns, Dorsets and Merinos came next in classification, but none of the two latter showed up, leaving the spoils for the pretty grey faces, and nobly they responded to the invitation. A better exhibit than the Southdown men put up it would be hard to find.

Seven shearling ewes came before the same committee as in the previous class, the decisions in this section going to A. Simenton & Son, Blackheath; T. C. Douglas, Calt; and John Jackson & Son, Abingdon, in the order named.

A more uniform lot of Southdown lambs we have yet to see; such quality and character is the outcome of the most careful breeding. There were fourteen entries, all good. First came Simenton & Son with a well-developed lamb of great merit; 2nd went to T. C. Douglas, 3rd to A. Simenton, and 4th to A. Telfer & Son, Paris.

Eleven shearling wethers were such as would tempt the palate of an epicure: such legs of mutton, such saddles and roasts as these bespoke! John Jackson & Son were first for a wonderfully well brought out sheep; to T. C. Douglas and A. Telfer & Son were 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Twelve wether lambs formed another capital ring; 1st went to A. Simenton & Son, 2nd to John Jackson & Son, 3rd to T. C. Douglas. The prizes for groups of three ewe lambs fell to A. Simenton & Son, T. C. Douglas, and John Jackson & Son; while those for wether lambs were sent to T. C. Douglas, John Jackson & Son, and G. Baker & Sons, Simcoe. In the groups of five sheep under two years, T. C. Douglas and John Jackson & Son came in the order named.

The sweepstakes for the best purebred wether was a close and hot contest. There were entered Gibson & Walker's extraordinary Lincoln shearling before mentioned, W. E. Wright's equally good Shropshire, John Jackson's shearling Southdown, and Richard Gibson's Shropshire lamb. It was evident from the first that the fight

was between the two former, and so close was it that it might go either way: at least so thought the committee who had to settle it, and a long half hour was consumed before they decided. The Lincoln, as we have before said, carried a wealth of flesh and possessed a wonderfully meaty top, great girth and well-filled shoulders, while the Shropshire was, without exception, one of the most even handlers we have yet seen; not an ounce of superfluous flesh had he, yet was ripe as a peach. It was indeed a battle between the two breeds, which was at last decided in favor of the Lincoln. Sweepstakes for ewes brought out Gibson & Walker's Lincoln shearling and ewe lamb, D. G. Hanmer's shearling Shropshire, John Campbell's Shropshire lamb, and T. C. Douglas' Southdown shearling. After some deliberation the ribbon was given to the latter entry. To Gibson & Walker's phenomenal Lincoln wether was awarded the Cooper Sheep Dip sweepstakes for the best purebred sheep in the show.

The American Shropshire Association specials were awarded as follows: Shropshire wether, two years and over, 1st W. E. Wright, 2nd and 3rd J. Rutherford; wether, one year old, 1st W. E. Wright, 2nd and 3rd J. Campbell; wether lamb, 1st R. Gibson, 2nd W. H. Beattie, 3rd W. E. Wright; two year old wether, by Shropshire ram out of grade ewes, 1st and 2nd J. Rutherford; yearling wether, 1st and 2nd J. Campbell; wether lamb, 1st and 2nd J. Campbell.

The English Southdown Breeders' prize for sweepstakes ram went to J. Jackson & Sons, and that for sweepstakes ewe to A. Simenton & Sons. J. Jackson & Sons won the American Southdown Association's special for pen of four lambs.

Grades and crosses, which were a difficult class to judge, owing to their diversity in type, came under the inspection of the same committee as the longwools.

In ewes over two years, 1st went to James Leask for a Cotswold grade ewe, 2nd to Gibson & Walker's Lincoln cross, and 3rd to David Beattie. In grade wethers over two, 1st and 2nd went to John Rutherford, and 3rd to W. E. Wright. For grade ewes under two, John Campbell was first with a large handsome ewe with a Shropshire cross, 2nd fell to T. E. Robson for a Lincoln grade, and 3rd to Richard Gibson for a ewe with a Shropshire cross.

In grade wethers under two, John Campbell again took the red, and also the blue, with a pair of Shropshire grades, the 3rd being sent to W. E. Wright's Shropshire grade. First for group of three grade ewe lambs went to Douglas Lilico, 2nd to D. G. Hanmer, and 3rd to T. E. Robson. For pen of three shearling wethers John Campbell was 1st, John Rutherford 2nd, and Gibson & Walker 3rd.