

E. B. Eddy's Arbitrator has a body good enough to stand farther up than he did, but he might be better at the ground. Graham's imported son of McGregor had a walkover in two-year-olds, while Davidson's son of Tofty led in yearlings. Davidson's Boydston Lass, the 1st prize mare in Toronto, won the sweepstakes female trophy here. The well-known Grandeur led his three progeny to victory. Canadian drafts had little competition in numbers. Harold, of Tavistock, won the sweepstakes for stallion, and Graham Bros. for mare. The draft teams were the best we have seen for years in a contest. The McKay Milling Co., of Ottawa, had four noble pairs of high-class Clydes, while J. I. Davidson had also an excellent pair among them. The Milling Co. took the two best prizes, and Davidson 3rd.

The General Purpose class contained a number of very good light draft animals; in fact, it could hardly be termed general purpose. Judge Russell made his awards from a money-value standpoint when the animals did not exceed a good farm-horse size. The sweepstakes mare was, however, more of the sort the class called for, being rather clean-limbed and very smooth throughout.

Hackneys.—Hillhurst Farm stock was without competition, except in two sections. Graham Bros.' Royal Standard was alone in aged stallion and also won the sweepstakes award. A roan two-year-old filly from the same stud claimed the coveted trophy in her section. They were judged by Mr. Robert Beith, M. P.

Saddle Horses and Hunters were not at all striking, except in mature gelding or mare. There were some twenty-two entries in all the sections. Ponies were few, some five entries competing.

CATTLE.

Most of the cattle classes were keenly contested and very interesting, because of former meetings of many of them this year. In

Shorthorns, Russell, Davidson, Crerar, Nicholson, and Leask met for the third time this year, while Edwards and Yule joined them from London. These herds have already been commented upon. It will suffice to say that Leask's grand two-year-old proved his indisputable right to the sweepstakes award by securing it on each occasion. He is of Russell's breeding. Davidson's two-year-old heifer won the female sweepstakes, and Russell's herd again led. Yule's yearling proved himself a hard one to surpass by receiving the first award. He is a handsome, well-grown calf, being got by imported Sittyton Stamp, and out of a Duke of Gloucester cow. Little change was made in the awards from the Toronto placing. The prize list will show their standing.

Ayrshires are asserting their claim to eminence among breeds of cattle by coming out very strongly in all the large shows year after year. Six good herds were forward upon this occasion, several of which have not been before the public previously this year. The exhibitors were: R. Reid & Co., Hintonburg, Ont., with six entries, among which was found the sweepstakes female of the class. She is of robust, though refined, type, and carries a very square, handsome udder. Wm. Stewart, Jr., & Son went to London from Toronto and came here with their fourteen head. They secured ten prizes, including 1st on young herd and 2nd on old herd. J. Yuill & Son, of Carleton Place, were out with some sixteen head in their usual vigorous form. Their ten prizes included the sweepstakes on Leonard Meadowside, the calf that won 1st at the World's Columbian. J. G. Clark, Woodroffe Dairy Farm, Ottawa, had out eleven high-class animals. His calves under one year are particularly nice. Mr. D. Drummond, of Petite Cote, was the only Quebec exhibitor of Ayrshires. He obtained some seven prizes on his fourteen head of excellent animals. Mr. R. G. Steacy, Lyn, exhibited seventeen head. This herd presents every evidence of possessing the finest and most fashionable Scottish blood. The gold medal and diploma for best mature herd was among his several winnings. The Ayrshires were judged by Mr. Michael Ballantyne, St. Mary's, Ont.

Jerseys.—The competition lay between the herds of Reburn & Co., J. H. Smith & Son, Wm. Rolph (all of which competed at Montreal), and the model yearling bull shown by Mr. Wicks, New Toronto, which took position as best Jersey male on the grounds. Most of the leading prizes went to Smith's stock. They included sweepstakes on aged cow, also on herd, while Rolph and Reburn & Co. captured a fair share of the awards. This class, as well as the Guernseys, were judged by F. S. Peer, Mount Morris, N. Y.; Mr. Resor, Locust Hill; and James Bowden, St. Ann's.

The Holstein exhibit was identical with that of Montreal, with the addition of the herd of Jos. Fletcher, Oxford Mills, who came in with some good animals. They were judged by Mr. Cook, of Aultsville, and J. Yuill, Carleton Place. Gilroy's great cow, Carmen Sylvia, captured the sweepstakes female award. The male sweepstakes also came to this herd, as well as gold medal for best herd; Clemons 2nd.

The Guernsey exhibit was the same as at Montreal, lacking the Hon. Sydney Fisher's herd. McNish, with twenty head, and Butler & Son, with nine, made a creditable showing of the golden-skinned breed. The male sweepstakes fell to McNish's Presto of Elm Grove, while the female sweepstakes, as well as gold medal and diploma for herd, fell to Butler's exhibit.

Dairy Grades put up as fine a showing of use-

ful cattle as we have ever seen shown together. Messrs. Clark, of Ottawa, and Reid, of Hintonburg, were the principal exhibitors. The two herds consisted of Shorthorn and Ayrshire crosses, and they were very excellent farmers' cattle. The cows were of good size, and showed the dairy form and magnificent udders both in the three-year-old and older sections. Clark's exhibit came out a little on top, having secured sweepstakes on cow, as well as on five females.

Beef Grades were a good show between the herds of James Leask, Greenbank, and James Yule, Elder's Mills. Yule's cow that has taken the silver medal for four years in succession remained at the top. She is a regular breeder of good ones, her four-year-old daughter winning 3rd in a magnificent class. The herd prize for five best females was won by Leask.

In Fat Cattle Leask had little competition, winning all except 1st and 2nd on cow or heifer, which were won, respectively, by Yule, and Bowman, of Guelph.

Herefords, Galloways, and Devons were shown as in Montreal, with much the same result: while Polled Angus fell off to those of Bowman, Sibbald, and Wilson. The Bowman herd got rather the best of the contest, winning, besides others, male and female sweepstakes, as well as gold medal on herd. The placing was much the same as at Toronto.

The beef breeds were judged throughout by John Miller, Jr., Brougham, and John Ashworth, of Ottawa.

SHEEP.

The different breeds were represented by Western Ontario men only. The exhibit, although not numerically strong, was of the very highest order, and when such noted flocks as Kelly's, Gibson & Walker's, Garbutt's, Campbell's, Evans', Jackson's, Shaw's, and McGillivray's are congregated, and which represent the leading flocks of each respective breed, one need look for nothing but a first-class display and choice quality throughout.

The Cotswold class was represented by Mr. C. T. Garbutt, of Claremont, Ont., with a flock comprising some nineteen head—the sweepstakes flock of Montreal, and mostly winners at Toronto. The flock throughout are of a uniform, even type, and possess good quality.

Lincolns.—Messrs. Gibson & Walker were again forward with the sweepstakes flock of the year. The show-ring career of this firm has been so successful, and the general high character, extra quality and show-yard finish of the flock is so well known, that it is unnecessary to comment individually.

Leicesters.—Mr. Jno. Kelly has made a tour of the leading Canadian fairs, winding up here, with his usual success. The local breeders evidently were unwilling to cope with the above flocks, as there was no competition in these classes. In

Shropshires the noted breeder, Mr. Jno. Campbell, had it all to himself. His flock looked fresh and well after their four weeks' touring of fairs. To assert that his flock are of famous breeding and choice quality would only be emphasizing a fact which has frequently been proven. His imported shearing Mansell ram is a particularly handsome and breezy-looking sheep, and a 1st winner all 'round. A home-bred ram, a very handsome sheep, made a good 2nd. This sheep also stood 2nd at Toronto, which position was incorrectly credited in our report to Hamner & Sons. The black-faced

Hampshires were represented by several head owned by Jno. Kelly; all fine, large sheep of good quality, and well brought out.

Southdowns.—The same flocks were forward here as at Montreal, and the awards were distributed about the same; Jackson, of Abingdon, Ont., standing 1st on pens; while Shaw's exhibit claimed several good trophies.

Dorsets.—The well-known flock of Mr. Jno. McGillivray won the money in this class without opposition.

Merinos were represented by a selection from the flock of Messrs. Robt. Shaw & Son, Glanford, Ont.

Judges.—On Shropshires, Lincolns, Southdowns, Dorsets, and fat—Richard Gibson, Delaware, Ont. On Cotswolds, Leicesters, Hampshires, Oxford, and Merinos—J. C. Snell, Snelgrove, Ont.

SWINE.

As in the sheep classes, Western breeders were the only ones forward, with the exception of Mr. Clark, of Ottawa, who showed a few Yorkshires, winning 2nd on aged boars, also 2nd on sow any age and sow under six months. R. Reid & Co. showed good Berkshire and Tamworth sows, winning 2nd on the latter. Mr. Beaman, of Ottawa, was also out with fine Chesters.

Yorkshires.—Featherstone, of Streetsville, Ont., won in all the sections except those above mentioned, but in the

Chester Whites there was considerable shifting in awards from the Toronto and Montreal judgments. On aged boars, H. George & Sons were placed 3rd on a boar that stood 2nd at Montreal and Toronto; Wm. Butler & Son being 1st, and D. DeCoursey coming 2nd. In the aged sow class Georges' 1st prize sow at Montreal did not get a place here, while their 2nd winner at Montreal was placed 1st. Butler led on sow under two, Georges being placed 2nd on a sow which led in Montreal. On yearling sows the judgment was also reversed from Montreal, Butler being 1st and Georges 2nd. Georges, however, "as at Toronto and Montreal,"

secured the pen-prize. All other awards were distributed about the same as at the above fairs.

The Berkshire class was represented by Mr. Geo. Green, of Fairview, Ont., who made a clean sweep of it with his magnificent herd, whose quality and fine breeding place them in the front ranks wherever exhibited. Individually they are of the highest merit, but space forbids detail. The honors among the

Durocs were contested for by Messrs. Butler & Son and W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, Ont.; Jones scoring 1st and 2nd on aged sows, 3rd on aged boars, and 2nd on sow under six months; Butler & Son winning in all the other sections. Their herd, as stated in our other reports, is of the highest order and choicest quality.

Poland-Chinas.—W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, Ont., were the only exhibitors. This herd has taken the lead too long and is too favorably known to need comment. Suffice it to say that several individuals are as near perfection as we have ever seen.

Suffolks.—R. Dorsey and J. Featherstone were the only competitors. The former secured the major portion of the best prizes, and also captured the pen prizes again.

Sharpe Butterfield, of Windsor, Ont., acted as judge on all classes of swine.

P. E. Island Provincial Exhibition.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

This exhibition was held at an earlier date than usual this year so as not to interfere with the International at St. John, N. B. Though the show was good, it was not what it might have been if held at a later date. Fruits, roots, and vegetables had not reached maturity, and, consequently, did not show to the best advantage. The weather was just right and the attendance good, though not so large as last year. Farmers had not all got through with saving their grain, and, consequently, did not feel like taking a holiday just then.

The formal opening took place on Tuesday, the 15th, at 2 p. m., when His Honor Governor Howland delivered an instructive and intensely practical speech, referring principally to dairying and fruit-growing—two departments of our business which we are engaging in much more extensively of late years. The capabilities of this Province for growing fruit are being thoroughly tested, and we are pleased to say with very satisfactory results. The magnificent show on the fruit tables the last few years is the most convincing proof farmers could have of the adaptability of the Island for fruit-raising.

The dairy industry was well represented at the exhibition. Twenty-two factories showed about 100 samples of cheese, as good and uniform a lot as ever exhibited at any show in Canada; in fact, they were so much alike in size, shape, and general appearance, that the makers were not able to pick out their own cheese without the duplicate numbers. J. E. Hopkins, Dairy Superintendent at Nappan Experimental Station, did the judging, and a difficult task he had to perform to select the prize cheese from such a uniformly good lot. The first prize and gold medal was won by James Bristow, of Bright, Ont., who has charge this year of the Emerald factory. Very few homemade cheese were shown, as the co-operative factories have monopolized the business. The butter exhibit was good, three factories competing; Geo. Burgess, Crapond factory, taking first. In farm dairy makes there was an excellent show. Dairying has now become the principal business with many farmers. There are this year in operation thirty-one cheese factories and three creameries. Two-thirds of them are operated by the companies on their own account; the remainder are in charge of T. J. Dillon, Dairy Superintendent, and are run as Government institutions. When it is remembered that four years ago the first co-operative cheese factory was built, the great progress we are making in the business will be apparent.

The show of horses was good, though some classes were not so well filled as in former years. This was the case in the Shire and Clydesdale class; only one stallion over four years old was on exhibition. Some very good mares and foals and quite a few excellent young mares were to be seen. In the carriage classes the entries were more numerous and the competition keener. Many first-class animals were in the ring at different times. In one class of mares and foals nineteen faced the judge, and a fine lot they were. Dr. Reid, of Guelph, awarded the ribbons and gave good satisfaction, as, indeed, he has done in previous years as judge of horses. There were no English Thoroughbred blood horses on exhibition, though the Association continued their offer of \$100 as a special inducement to the importation of one. Of Hackeys, Cleveland Bays, and Yorkshire Coach horses there were none. The Clydesdale, Shire, and Standard-bred had it all to themselves. Horses are not bred to the extent they were eight or ten years ago. The great drop in prices has driven farmers to seek more profitable ways of living.

The show of cattle was good. Herbert Wright, of Guelph, Ont., who judged them, told the writer that they were improving from year to year. There were some splendid specimens of the Shorthorn breed, notably F. G. Bovyer's Silver Chief, bred by Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont. This is, perhaps, the best two-year-old ever shown on the Island. Mr. Bovyer shows a good herd of Shorthorns, which includes Minnie Mowbray (also bred by A. Johnston), a typical Shorthorn two-