

therefore to abrogate those laws is flying in the face of Providence, and if continued will sooner or later bring disaster in its train.

"Oh, is there not some patriot in whose power  
That best, that Godlike luxury is placed,  
Of blessing thousands, thousands still unborn  
Through late posterity—some large soul  
To cheer dejected industry—to give  
A double harvest to the pining swain  
And teach the laboring hand the sweets of toil."

In conclusion, permit me again to state with all emphasis that the soil and climate of the Lower Fraser Valley of British Columbia are far more eminently fitted for the production of the live-stock of the farm in the greatest perfection of excellence than any other portion of the Dominion of Canada. The combined populations of France and Germany are about 90,000,000, while the area on which they exist is identically the same as that possessed by British Columbia. Truly it is time to be up and doing, that the stigma cast upon Canada by Mr. Carnegie may be no longer true of British Columbia.

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### The Royal Show.

#### CATTLE, SHEEP AND PIGS.

(By our Special Correspondent.)

Eighteen breeds of cattle secured classification this year at the Royal Show, and they made an entry of 907. It will therefore be seen in the limited amount of space allotted to me, that but the barest recognition of the different breeds could be given. In fact, some of the minor breeds have had almost entirely to be omitted.

**SHORTHORNS**, the most cosmopolitan breed we have, took precedence in the catalogue, and amongst its 131 entries were found a very grand lot of animals. Pearl King, from Mr. John Handley; Baron Abbotsford, from Mr. William Bell; and C.I.V., from Mr. J. Deane Willis, secured the awards in the old bull class, after a keen competition between the two first named, Pearl King ultimately winning champion honors. The reserve for this came to Mr. Willis for Bapton Sceptre, a yearling bull of considerable merit. Amongst the female section the leading winners included His Majesty the King, who took champion honors for Sylph, a two-year-old daughter of Royal Duke, the champion bull at last year's Royal, Mr. Willis, with White Heather, being reserve number.

**HEREFORDS** secured an entry of 70, and a grand lot they were. Their fine form and beautiful flesh, with attractive appearance, gained for them a considerable company of admirers. His Majesty the King took leading honors in the bull section with the very fine two-year-old Fire King, who won the male championship. The female championship went to Mr. T. R. Thomson for Bonnie Mary, a very fine and typical two-year-old heifer; the Earl of Coventry being second and third; whilst in the yearling heifer class Mr. Richard Green was first and His Majesty the King second and third.

**THE ABERDEEN-ANGUS**, so well known in Canada, were here represented with 47 entries, and the champion prize for bulls went to the English breeder, Mr. T. H. Bainbridge. Another English breeder, Mr. R. W. Hudson, took similar honors for females. The Earl of Strathmore, the Earl of Rosebery and Mr. L. H. Macpherson, were also amongst the competitors.

**GALLOWAYS**, with a typical and not large entry, were well represented. Mr. John Cunningham, Sir Robert Jardine, the Duke of Buccleuch and Mr. H. C. Stevens were winners.

**THE AYRSHIRE BREED**, so far from its home, had an entry of 17, which though small was excellent. Messrs. James Howie, Lt.-Col. Buchan and A. Mitchell being the leading winners.

**THE JERSEYS**, with an entry of 186 head, made a marvellous show, and from what we can gather by study of the pedigrees of the winners, we find that they represent practically the whole of the leading strains of successful blood at the present time.

**THE GUERNSEYS**, with an entry of 69, formed one of those typical representations of the breed which renders the Royal Show of England so very valuable and instructive to the foreign and colonial buyer, for he there has an opportunity of comparing the best of each of the different breeds, and he also sees, if the entry is a small one, the leading specimens of the several breeds.

#### SHEEP.

There has not been so inclusive a schedule issued by the Royal Society since its Windsor meeting in 1889, as that which was issued in connection with this show, so far as regards the sheep section. The number of breeds represented being 21, with an entry of 571. The first breed in the catalogue was that of

**OXFORD DOWNS**, and here we may mention that Mr. J. T. Hobbs won first prize in each class, besides several honors with very representa-

tive and good sheep. R. W. Hudson was also successful winner in the class for yearling ewes, his well-known flock sending out some which were very much admired. Mr. W. J. P. Reading, W. Arkell and A. Brassey were also leading winners.

**THE SHROPSHIRE**s were not so numerously represented as is usually the case; in fact, it is some years since the breed was so short of entries, there being but 62 present. It is, however, with satisfaction that we may note that the smaller entry secured a better average of merit and quality, and all through the class they were most typical of their breed. Mr. R. P. Cooper, who won for the best five yearling rams, the ram lambs and the yearling ewes, had present a very nice and good lot of sheep; Sir P. A. Muntz, who was second for old rams, third for the yearling rams, second for five rams, and second for yearling ewes, had very hard luck in not being more forward. Mr. A. Tanner won for the older rams, and Mr. M. Williams for the yearling rams.

**THE SOUTHDOWN** entry was one of the largest made for some years, and it was also the largest in the whole section of sheep. The winning sheep were of very good quality, particularly those which won for the Pagham Harbor Company in the ram lamb and ewe lamb classes; whilst their second-prize old ram, which is going to America, will be found one that should lead wherever he goes. His Grace the Duke of Richmond took champion honors with a two-shear ram. Mr. C. Adeane, who won first for yearling rams, was also very successful in several of the other classes, which he deserved. The Earl Cadogan won champion honors for yearling ewes, with a very nice pen of high quality.

**THE HAMPSHIRE DOWN** breed, which all through this season has been particularly well represented at our shows, was equally so at this. Mr. T. Buxton led in the old ram class, closely pressed by Mr. H. C. Stevens. Mr. James Flower, who holds so high a reputation, was again confirmed in his pre-eminent place by securing first for yearling rams, first and champion for ram lambs, first and second for yearling ewes, and second for ewe lambs—a record of success thoroughly deserved. The Earl of Carnarvon, whose flock is now going to be dispersed, won first for ewe lambs with an unbeaten pen, and second for ram lambs with another pen of very high merit. Lord Rothschild, Mr. C. A. Scott Murray and Mr. Carey Coles were also very successful, and we may add that the last named breeder, whose flock is well known in Canada, hardly secured so good a position as anticipated.

**THE SUFFOLK** breed made one of the best entries we have seen at the Royal for some time, and though Mr. H. C. Smith won nearly all the leading prizes, it was satisfactory to find that the number and description of other awards was more general than has hitherto been the case, for amongst those who won were Messrs. S. R. Shirwell, D. Abbot, S. T. Fraylen and Lt.-Col. Baird.

**THE LINCOLN** breed made a very typical entry, small in number, but all good quality. Mr. Tom Caswell won champion prize with a two-shear ram, and Mr. Henry Dudding came in reserve number with his first-prize and champion yearling ram at Nottingham. The hard luck of Messrs. Wright in not securing premier honors with their noted two-shear ram Nocton Coronation, was probably one of the most serious mistakes in the awards. Mr. Henry Dudding secured first and third in the two lamb classes with some exceedingly fine sheep; Messrs. Dean & Sons, who won in the class for yearling ewes in full fleece, and also in the yearling ram class second and third, had a very fine lot of sheep present; and Messrs. Wright by securing the leading honors in the yearling ewe class had certainly some compensation for their great disappointment in not winning in the old ram class.

**COTSWOLDS**, which are so much admired in your country, made a very good entry. Mr. W. T. Garne has for many years previously secured all the leading honors, but we are pleased to note that Mr. W. Houlton and Mr. R. Swanwick were nearer to him than they have been in previous years.

Messrs. C. F. Jordan and G. Harrison won the leading honors in the Leicester class.

Mr. D. Hume and John Twentymen were principal winners in the Border Leicester class.

The executors of Mr. T. Willis and Lord Henry Bentinck occupied a similar position in respect of the Wensleydale class.

Mr. W. R. Flower, Mr. E. A. Heane and T. C. Cole were the leading winners in the Dorset Horn class, which we are pleased to mention were very much larger and better than in former years.

**THE KENT OR ROMNEY MARSH** sheep made the fourth largest entry of any number in the section, and the winning sheep from Messrs. C. F. Neame, A. Amos, George Farmer and W. Milne were of a very nice type of character, and as I have many times before suggested, it is very evident from the expression of opinion heard by men who know your country that there is room for this breed there, and the sooner they go the better it will be for those who take them.

**THE DEVON LONG-WOOL**, the Dartmoor and Exmoor, three breeds from Devon and Cornwall, made small but good entries. The Cheviot, the Black-face Mountain, the Lonks, and the Herds, also secured a good representative entry, and were very much admired by those who visited them. The small-boned, good-fleshed Welsh mountain sheep secured one of the largest entries for this breed we have seen for some time, and the last breed in the sheep section, the Ryelands, which for many years past has lingered as it was in obscurity, came out with so many fine specimens that one wonders why these breeders have not made more noise and brought their breed to the front, for though a breed unknown to Canadians, as it is to many at home, it is one of those which for quality of its flesh and description of wool has few that excel it.

#### PIGS.

**THE LARGE WHITE**, of the Yorkshire section, found its leading winners for aged pigs from the notable herd owned by Sir G. W. Greenall. In the other sections in this class the Earl of Ellesmere and Mr. D. R. Daybell were principal winners.

**BERKSHIRES**, which made a very large entry, and which are at the present time in great demand, both for home and export, were represented by some particularly fine and well-grown pigs. Mr. R. W. Hudson took first prize and champion for the well-known boar Manor Hercules, and H.R.H. Prince Christian was reserve for that honor with Stratton Polly 4th. Mr. James Lawrence, Sir A. Anderson and Messrs. H. T. de Trafford and J. A. Fricker were also winners.

**TAMWORTHIS**, the breed so well-known and appreciated amongst Canadian pigmen had a very nice, level and good entry. Messrs. Ibbotson, D. W. Phillips and H. C. Stevens were the leading winners. The large black pigs, hardly known yet amongst you, made a very strong entry of high quality and good merit. Mr. C. F. Mariner, Mr. J. Goddard and Mr. H. E. White took the leading honors.

#### Royal Counties Show.

At this year's show held at Southampton, England, there was a grand entry of high-class sheep.

**THE HAMPSHIRE DOWN** breed was ahead of all the others in number and in average of merit. Mr. J. Flower, in a class of twenty-one yearling rams, all of which were noticed in the award list, led with ease, with a most typical ram of the highest quality winning the first prize here, as he did at the Oxford County and the B. & W. of England shows; he was also made winner of the King's prize for best entry of its breed, and as the r. n. for this honor also went to Mr. Flower for his matchless pen of yearling ewes, first in their class, the success of this breeder was notable indeed. Mr. T. F. Buxton's masculine ram, let last season as a lamb to Mr. J. Flower for 100 guineas, came in for second honors; Mr. Carey Coles' neat, compact sheep securing the third award. Mr. T. F. Buxton was first and second for two-shear rams, with sheep of fine merit. Mr. H. L. Cripps led in the ram lamb class with a fine lamb; Mr. R. L. Ovey, Sir J. B. Maple (who should have been second), Mr. T. F. Buxton and Mr. J. Flower following in the order named. The last named breeder, however, was more than recompensed in the following class—that for pens of three ram lambs—winning with one of the grandest pens we have seen for many a day, for which during the opening day of the show he was asked if he would take \$500 each for them; a very useful pen won second for Mr. Carey Coles; and third honors were given to Lord Carnarvon, for a well-grown pen. In the ewe lambs, Lord Carnarvon won with a notably fine pen, one of the best we have seen for some time, a pen which will be keenly competed for at the dispersal sale already advertised in our columns. Mr. J. Flower was a very close-up second, and Mr. T. F. Buxton secured third honors.

**SOUTHDOWNS** were hardly up to their usual high merit, but the winners were, as a whole, quite equal to those of former years, Mr. C. Adeane's winning yearling ram being of very high merit indeed, a ram which will be hard to beat at future shows. Mr. E. Ellis secured a notable success in the two-shear ram class, and won first and the championship of the breed with one of the best of this age that has been seen out for a very long while. Next him came one from Sir T. V. S. Gooch, whose position was more than its merit entitled it to, when compared with Mr. Adeane's ram that came in for third honors. The Pagham Harbor Co.'s flock, which won first and championship prize for the best pen of yearling ewes, had in them one of the very best pens of their breed we have seen for a long while. Second honors went to Mr. E. Ellis, for a most typical pen; and the Earl of Cadogan was r. n. The Pagham Harbor Co. took first prize both for single ram lambs and also for pens of three. Each of these entries was of very special merit.