

## Our Prize Essays.

In this issue we renew our former method of offering cash prizes for essays. Read carefully the subjects announced on the first page of this issue. We hope to receive essays from every section of the Dominion. Farmers everywhere are invited to respond.

## The American Fat Stock Show.

The Fat Stock Show recently held at Chicago, Ill., as regards the fat cattle classes, was not up to that of its predecessors, either in the number of the exhibits or in the representation of the different breeds shown. Shorthorns fell short of former years, while Polled-Angus, Galloways and Sussex were conspicuous by their absence. Devons made but a meagre show. Herefords were the only sort well represented.

This year the single-judge system was adopted, Mr. John Imboden, Decatur, Ill., judging in the section, while Mr. David McKay, Ft. Wayne, Ind., was appointed to place the sweepstakes and herd prizes.

## SHORTHORNS.

## STEER OR SPAYED COW THREE AND UNDER FOUR YEARS.

Exhibitor.	Animal.	Age in days.	Weight.	Gain per day.
J. C. Frazier	Jerry	1347	1845	1.37
J. H. Potts & Son	Prince	1285	1805	1.40
M. E. Jones & Bro	Col. Mills	1362	2095	1.54
C. S. Barclay	Modoc	1404	1710	1.32
W. H. Renick	Nonsuch	1275	2090	1.64
W. H. Renick	Sharon's Beauty	1282	2020	1.57

In the above section the fight was between W. H. Renick's Nonsuch and M. E. Jones' Col. Mills. The former is of Kentucky breeding, being out of a young Harriett cow, by a Landen Duke bull, and is a beautifully finished steer, very even from end to end, excelling in crops, loin, and finish behind the hips, and is thick on his ribs. The latter is sired by Harmony, of Scotch breeding, and does great credit to his feeder. Both the above are of much the same type and were very close competitors. The third went to Frazier's Jerry, a much smaller and inferior steer.

## STEER OR SPAYED HEIFER TWO AND UNDER THREE YEARS.

Exhibitor.	Animal.	Age in days.	Weight.	Gain per day.
J. H. Potts & Son	Clarence	860	1650	1.52
J. H. Potts & Son	Baron Booth	95	1470	1.54
M. E. Jones & Bro	Confidence	918	1590	1.73
M. E. Jones & Bro	Thornton	991	1830	1.85
W. I. Boyce	Mauvaisterre	1054	1390	1.32
C. S. Barclay	New Gold	955	1620	1.69
Jas. M. Turner	Prince	785	1450	1.89
Jas. M. Turner	Victor	782	1640	2.15
Jas. M. Turner	Rufus	743	1345	1.81
N. P. Clarke	Lad of Meadow Lawn 6th	1078	2115	1.96
W. H. Renick	Big Four	1065	1980	1.86
Wm. Moffat & Bro	Gay Lad	1062	1640	1.50
Wm. Moffat & Bro	Favorite	851	1660	1.95

There was no difficulty in placing the Jones entry (Confidence) first in this class, as he was well-nigh as perfect a beef animal as is to be seen. His back is thickly laid with flesh of the best texture, as far as could be judged by handling on foot. He is perfectly level and beautifully finished. This time the judge sent the second ribbon to a beast of nearly opposite type—a large well-fed steer, Lad of Meadow Lawn 6th, bred by N. P. Clarke. This entry was plain and bare on top, although he had made quite a large weight for age. The third was won by Barclay's New Gold, a neat light roan steer, very good in front, but decidedly lacking in the hindquarters.

## STEER OR SPAYED HEIFER ONE AND UNDER TWO YEARS.

Exhibitor.	Animal.	Age in days.	Weight.	Gain per day.
J. H. Potts & Son	Captain	694	1320	1.90
J. H. Potts & Son	Snowflake	704	1385	1.96
M. E. Jones & Bro	Phil Armour	713	1490	2.05
W. A. Harris	Davy	720	1585	2.20
W. I. Boyce	Billy	716	1365	1.91
C. S. Barclay	Clipper	613	1025	1.67
C. S. Barclay	Airdrie	567	1080	1.90
C. S. Barclay	Little Joker	416	855	2.05
Jas. M. Turner	Robin Hood	704	1280	1.82
Jas. M. Turner	Whittaker	624	1255	2.01
N. P. Clarke	Amelia's Hillhurst 3rd	631	1435	2.27
W. H. Renick	Jack the Ripper	714	1470	2.06
Wm. Moffat & Bro	Bonnie Blue	425	1080	2.51
Wm. Moffat & Bro	Protection	702	1295	1.84

N. P. Clarke's Hillhurst, by the prize-winning Oscar, was the successful steer in this ring, being a neat, stylish beast, good both forward and on top, but weak at the twist. Col. Harris' Davy won the second ribbon. This is said to be the heaviest yearling to date, but just a little overdone, and although very full in his beef points, is uneven through overfeeding. Captain, the Potts entry, that won as a calf last year, still shows the same faults, being flat on the rib, but is well fed.

## STEER OR SPAYED HEIFER UNDER ONE YEAR.

Exhibitor.	Animal.	Age in days.	Weight.	Gain per day.
J. H. Potts & Son	Aberdeen	355	760	2.14
M. E. Jones & Bro	Nut Cracker	343	980	2.86
C. S. Barclay	Dandy	263	655	2.49
Jas. M. Turner	Romulus	355	1105	3.11
Jas. M. Turner	Bruno	338	915	2.71
W. H. Renick	Christmas Gift	322	780	2.42
Wm. Moffat & Bro	McKinley	230	575	2.50

The calf class had nothing to specially commend it, the ring being rather weak.

## HEREFORDS

had the best of the show in point of numbers, and large numbers of steers showed up in every ring. Breeders of this sort are displaying good judgment in using the knife freely.

## STEER OR SPAYED COW THREE AND UNDER FOUR YEARS.

Exhibitor.	Animal.	Age in days.	Weight.	Gain per day.
Thos. Clark	Peerless Wilton 7th	1316	1715	1.39
Gudgell & Simpson	Bellman	1193	1945	1.63
C. M. Culbertson	Bowdoin 11th	1128	1915	1.70
J. R. Price & Son	Duncan 30960	1417	1850	1.30
Adams Earl	Earlington 8th	1290	1770	1.37
W. S. VanNatta	Duffer	1325	1630	1.23
W. S. VanNatta	Bendigo 30934	1349	1715	1.37
W. S. VanNatta	Anxiety B. 33568	1132	1630	1.49
G. W. Henry	Fancy Prince	1338	1960	1.46

A right good steer was Bowdoin 11th, that of Culbertson's, on which the first prize ribbon was placed, he being both evenly and thickly fleshed, followed by the particularly thick steer Earlington. Though decidedly plain in some of his points, Bellman, shown by Gudgell & Simpson, also a thick, useful steer, to which the expert sent third premium.

## STEER OR SPAYED HEIFER TWO AND UNDER THREE YEARS.

Exhibitor.	Animal.	Age in days.	Weight.	Gain per day.
Thos. Clark	Peerless Wilton 8th	1069	1745	1.63
Gudgell & Simpson	Hopeful	963	1630	1.66
C. M. Culbertson	Hindoo	1023	1760	1.72
J. R. Price & Son	Coupon 34890	1168	1660	1.55
J. R. Price & Son	Brightlight	829	1420	1.71
Adams Earl	Merry Boy	1075	1810	1.78
W. S. VanNatta	Bill Fowler	1080	1770	1.61
W. S. VanNatta	Warren	911	1290	1.52
H. E. Yeomans	Protection	1031	1775	1.93
H. E. Yeomans	Sensation	959	1530	1.58

This was considered the strongest ring, taken as a whole, in the show, of any breed, and Hindoo, belonging to the Culbertson string, was easily awarded first, being a very meaty, thick steer, well covered in most of the essential points. Earl's Merry Boy, a thick set steer, with good sprung rib, but plain behind, was second. The Price steer, Coupon, was awarded third place—a remarkably handsome, even steer, nicely developed, but not over fat.

## STEER OR SPAYED HEIFER ONE AND UNDER TWO YEARS.

Exhibitor.	Animal.	Age in days.	Weight.	Gain per day.
Thos. Clark	Abel	719	1515	2.11
Gudgell & Simpson	Wiseman	700	1260	1.80
Gudgell & Simpson	Silurian	668	1310	1.87
C. M. Culbertson	Patmaster	666	1225	1.76
Makin Bros	Spot	653	1155	1.91
Makin Bros	Jonathan	380	965	2.54
John Bush	Butler	711	1235	1.74
J. R. Price & Son	Howard	715	1310	1.83
J. R. Price & Son	Eldorado 37824	682	1310	1.92
J. R. Price & Son	Expert	573	1125	1.96
Adams Earl	Edison	681	1110	1.63
W. S. VanNatta	Jolly	714	1350	1.89
W. S. VanNatta	Horace C	546	1125	2.06
W. S. VanNatta	Whitcom	591	1185	2.30
W. S. VanNatta	Wiley	559	945	1.69
J. M. Turner	Hawthorne	482	1040	2.25
T. C. Ponting	Get There	591	1140	1.93
G. W. Henry	Boccaccio	719	1160	1.61
G. W. Henry	Glennmore	712	1210	1.70

This was the largest ring in the show in the classes, but not remarkably even. A well grown steer, with good future promise, was Thomas Clark's Abel, being even from end to end, but not over thick in the middle rib. Culbertson's Pathmaster was rather plain in his top, with nothing special to recommend him. Adams Earl's Edison, winner of the third prize, is an even steer in front, but very plain in his finish behind. In this class the judge left two much better steers unnoticed.

## STEER OR SPAYED HEIFER UNDER ONE YEAR.

Exhibitor.	Animal.	Age in days.	Weight.	Gain per day.
C. M. Culbertson	Pecksniff	338	785	2.32
J. R. Price & Son	Eclipse	452	820	2.33
J. R. Price & Son	Ensign	351	850	2.42
Adams Earl	Eifel	356	876	2.44
Adams Earl	Earl Wilton 43rd	338	980	2.90
W. S. VanNatta	Hickory	343	735	2.14
W. S. VanNatta	Jerre Rusk	338	675	2.00
T. C. Ponting	F. M. Atwood	328	790	2.41
G. W. Henry	Climax	357	775	2.17
G. W. Henry	Lucian	359	805	2.24

A wonderfully developed calf won the honors for the Earl entry in this section, both of large size and even quality, combined with great substance. Ponting's Atwood, a fine, even calf, but completely overshadowed by the first, was second. Earl's other entry obtained the third place.

## HOLSTEINS

Just an ordinary show of Holstein steers were forward. They had not the finish of the others, and with the exception of a nicely brought out spayed yearling heifer, shown by B. Waddel, had nothing specially to recommend them. This heifer was decidedly one of the best representatives of the breed yet shown. She was evenly fed and quite ripe for her age.

## GRADES AND CROSSES

were not the usual strong classes that are generally looked for. The section for steers, over three and under four, brought out six, comprising a good Shorthorn grade of W. H. Renick's feeding, and another of similar breeding, shown by J. D. Prince, both being evenly fed and heavy steers. The third place was won by a grade Galloway.