

& Walker, Denfield, Ont., and his shearling was imported from the noted English flock of Mr. Dudding. These rams, as well as the shearling ewes, one of which was a Royal winner in '99, were in nice show form, while the others were in fine breeding condition. The Royal winning shearling ewe was bred in the English flock of Mr. Wright, of Nocton, and came latterly from the flock of J. H. & E. Patrick, Ilderton, Ont.

SHROPSHIRE.

While D. Fraser & Sons, Emerson; W. L. Trann, Crystal City; D. T. Corbett, Swan Lake; Hon. Thos. Greenway, Crystal City; John Oughton, Middlechurch, and R. S. Preston, Pilot Mound, exhibited in this class, the competition lay between the flocks of Messrs. Greenway and Corbett, the lion's share of the victories falling to the creditable entries of Mr. Corbett, who has a 1 sheep, which were well brought out as by an attentive and capable shepherd. Hon. Mr. Greenway's exhibit contained many typical animals, but in only nice field condition. The remainder of this breed shown were in small lots and some of them indifferent in quality and form. In aged rams, Mr. Corbett won 1st and 3rd, Greenway's entry coming between. The 1st-prize sheep was a strong and useful son of the famed Newton Lord that did valued service in the flock of Mr. John Campbell, Woodville, Ont. Mr. Corbett's shearling winner was also bred by Mr. Campbell. Messrs. Fraser won 2nd on a useful shearling. In ram lambs, Corbett won 1st and 2nd on sons of the Newton Lord ram, Greenway winning 3rd on a nicely topped, plump youngster, and Preston 4th in a section of five. The aged, also the shearling, ewe sections contained really high-class, well-covered, nicely colored and strong sheep. In either case, Corbett won 1st and 3rd, with Greenway between. In ewe lambs, Corbett won 1st and 2nd, the third going to Oughton. No mistake would have been made by setting the third pair farther up, although they were not well mated. One of them, however, was perhaps the best female shown in the breed. Mr. Corbett won 1st and 2nd on pens, 1st on pair any age, and first on best female in the breed.

OXFORDS

were shown by Messrs. J. H. Jull, Mt. Vernon, Ont.; Jos. B. Jickling, Carman; P. B. McLaren, Clearwater; and W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, Ont. The chief competition lay between the entries of Messrs. Jull and Jickling, each having entries in almost every section. The only native ram was a rangy, lean sheep, owned by McLaren, who also showed a lean pair of aged ewes, on which he stood 4th. Mr. Smith's only entry was a rather creditable ram, that won 2nd premium. Messrs. Jull and Jickling furnished the remainder of the class, that would have done credit to almost any showing. The Manitoba flock was too much for the strangers in every case where they met in competition, winning not only first, but also second, leaving the 3rd awards for Mr. Jull.

SOUTHDOWNS

were exhibited by Messrs. W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains; A. B. Smith, Mossomin; and D. Fraser & Sons, Emerson. The Ontario flock contained a number of rather typical specimens of the breed, being of good color and covering, and trim and neat in appearance, but too small to do the breed credit. The Manitoba lots were a bit plain and many of them too bare of head, and also lacked flesh, except, perhaps, Fraser's aged ram that won 1st and A. B. Smith's 1st- and 2nd-prize native ewes. A. B. Smith's 2nd-prize pair of shearling ewes were also a creditable pair. The male sweepstakes was won by W. M. Smith's shearling, and the female sweepstakes by A. B. Smith's native ewe, the pen and pair prizes going to the Ontario entries.

DORSETS.

This breed was represented by one sheep in each section, exhibited by R. H. Harding, Thornedale, Ont. They were not a highly-fitted lot, but seemed to indicate the natural appearance of the breed when in vigorous field condition.

SWINE.

The exhibit of swine was fully up to the average in numbers and quality; in fact, taken all through, it might fairly be said that the hogs were rather better fitted than usual. Thomas Teasdale, the well-known Berkshire breeder, of Concord, Ont., acted as judge throughout all classes, and his decisions gave very general satisfaction, no complaints as to the placing of the awards being heard.

BERKSHIRES.

In the number of entries, the Berkshires were this time in the lead by a small majority over the Yorkshires, and these two breeds made up over half of the total entries in the swine class. From the Berkshire pens were missed the large exhibit usually made by R. McKenzie, of High Bluff. The exhibitors this year were: J. A. McGill, Neepawa; Thos. Greenway, Crystal City; Wm. Kitson, Burnside; and F. W. & J. W. Brown, Portage la Prairie; with a single entry in the yearling sow class from H. L. McDermott, Headingly. Manager Yule sent in the Prairie Home Stock Farm entries in high fit, and succeeded in capturing many of the best prizes. In the Teasdale-bred Victor (boar one year and under two), a hog with great depth of side, strong, level back, carrying his width evenly throughout and standing well on good feet and legs, with a clean, strong head, Mr. Greenway won 1st prize in a strong class and diploma for best boar any age.

and also the boar special given by the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association. In the aged sow class, a remarkably strong one, Mr. Greenway won 2nd and 3rd on Daisy and Harmony. In sow one year and under two, Mr. Greenway led with a magnificent sow, Exhibition Beauty, bred by T. A. Cox. This sow is almost faultless; well developed, deep, smooth and level, with a fine head. She was afterwards given the sweepstakes for the best sow any age, and also the Dominion Swine Breeders' special for best sow. Greenway also won 2nd in this class on Brant Maid, and 3rd on Brant Queen, full sisters, bred by T. A. Cox. In sows over six months and under one year, the Prairie Home entries, Crystal Jewel and Crystal Jean, won 1st and 2nd, and the diploma for herd of four sows any age was also captured by Mr. Greenway with Exhibition Beauty, Brant Maid, and the 1st and 2nd prize sows under a year, making up a very handsome quartette.

J. A. McGill came forward with a good strong showing, all his entries in the younger class being bred by himself. He won 2nd on aged boar with General Booth, bred by himself; 2nd on boar under two with Honest Tom, a Fitz-Lee boar bred by J. G. Snell; 1st on boar under a year with Duke of Clifford, sired by his own General Booth; 1st on boar under six months with Comet; 1st on two-year-old sow with Charmer, bred by J. G. Snell, sired by Baron Lee; and also 4th in this class with Norah, by J. G. Snell's Star One. For sow under two, McGill again won with Nacomis, by Fitz-Lee. In the class for sows under six months, he won 1st with Cupid, of his own breeding, sired by General Booth. To his entry, Daisy, also went the 1st prize for sow and litter of pigs.

F. W. & J. W. Brown won 1st on aged boar with Highclere King, bred by George Green; 3rd on boar under one year with Manor Hero, by Western Boy; 3rd with Gallant King in the class for boars under one year; 2nd on boars under six months with Highclere Tom; 3rd on sow under one year with Jenny Lind, sired by their aged boar; and 3rd in the same class with Jenny Lass. In sows under six months, 2nd prize went to Brown's Fanny 2nd, and for the home-bred herd (boar and three females any age), 1st prize went to Brown's entries.

William Kitson had not given his hogs the fitting that some of his rivals had. His Teasdale boar, Western Boy, was placed 3rd in two-year-olds. In boars under one year, he won 2nd and 4th on pigs of his own breeding. On boar under six months, he won 3rd and 4th, and also 3rd and 4th for sows under six months, and a 3rd prize on sow and litter with a Cox-bred sow, Burnside Lass. Third prize for the home-bred boar and three females also went to Mr. Kitson's entry.

YORKSHIRES.

In this class, competition was very keen in nearly all the sections, and some animals of great merit were shown. In the aged boar class, W. B. Cockburn, Souris, won with a Flatt sow, Potter winning 2nd on a boar also bred by Flatt. In the class for boars six months and under a year, Brethour & Saunders, of Burford, Ontario, had the winning entry in Oak Lodge Don, 2nd going to Bray's Oak Lodge General Bobs, of his own breeding; 3rd to John Oughton, Middlechurch; and 4th to A. B. Potter, Montgomery, Assa., on Mike, bred by himself. In boars under six months, Potter won 1st and 2nd with a pair of very typical youngsters of his own breeding; 3rd and 4th going to Bray on pigs bred by himself. In aged sows, Brethour & Saunders again topped the list with a very handsome entry in Oak Lodge Minnie, Bray winning 2nd and 4th, and Greenway 3rd. This was a strong class, a number of real good entries being left unplaced. In sow under two, Brethour & Saunders again won the red ticket, Greenway winning 2nd, 3rd and 4th. In sows under a year, Greenway had an outstanding 1st in Oak Lodge Julia 9th, bred by Brethour. This sow was afterwards made female champion of the breed. She has great length, depth and evenness, standing well on her feet, and with a beautiful head. To the Crystal City pens went 2nd prize on Eva of Prairie Home. Third and 4th went to Bray on good entries of his own breeding. In sows under six months, Greenway was 1st and 2nd on pigs of his own breeding, Bray 3rd, and Potter 4th. Cockburn's 1st prize aged boar was awarded the diploma. The class for sow and litter was headed by Mr. Greenway's Oak Lodge Mighty with nine very even sow pigs, she having had eleven in the litter. The 2nd prize went to Potter, and 3rd to Greenway. In the herd (boar and three females), Bray won with entries of his own breeding, Greenway 2nd, and Potter 3rd. Bray also won in the herd (four sows any age) with entries of his own breeding.

CHESTER WHITES.

There were about twenty-five entries in this class, nearly all of which were made by Wm. McBride, Portage la Prairie, who brought out his pigs in very good shape, and a very typical, useful lot they were. To his entries went nearly all the prizes; W. L. Trann, Crystal City, winning a few prizes in this class.

TAMWORTHS.

Four breeders competed in this class, but in no section was the number of entries very large. The exhibitors were: L. A. Bradley, Portage la Prairie; W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, Ont.; W. Baldwin & Son, Manitou; and W. E. Baldwin, Manitou; with a few entries from J. B. Jickling, Carman, and R. S. Preston, Pilot Mound. Bradley had the only

entry of aged boars. In class for boar, under two years, W. M. Smith was 1st. W. Baldwin & Son, with British Champion, last year's sweepstakes hog, was 2nd. He is a boar of excellent breed type, smooth and level, but he had gone a trifle off on his hind ankles. Third went to Bradley. Boar under a year, W. E. Baldwin won 1st on British Prince, a very smooth, even hog that was considered good enough to win the diploma and special by the Dominion Swine Breeders' Association for the best boar any age. Second in this class went to J. B. Jickling, and 3rd to L. A. Bradley. Boars under six months were a fairly good class, the Ontario entries winning 1st and 2nd; W. E. Baldwin, 3rd and 4th. In sows over two years old, Bradley's six-year-old Maggie again won the red ticket, the same exhibitor's Grace Darling winning 2nd, Wm. Baldwin & Son 3rd, and W. E. Baldwin 4th. In sows under two years, Smith was 1st, W. E. Baldwin 2nd, and Bradley 3rd. Sow under a year, W. E. Baldwin won on Lady Elgin, a choice entry, long, deep-sided, smooth and level, and extra good in the hams; with Bradley 2nd and 3rd. Sows under six months, the prizes went to the Ontario exhibitor. Bradley's aged sow, Maggie, won the female sweepstakes and the Dominion Swine Breeders' special. W. E. Baldwin's young boar, British Prince, won the male championship. In the class for sow and litter, Bradley won 1st with Grace Darling, W. E. Baldwin 2nd with Pearl of Springbank, and Wm. Baldwin & Son 3rd with Rosebank Belle. The herd prizes, for boar and three females any age, were placed in the same order, and in the section for herd of four sows, L. A. Bradley won 1st.

POLAND-CHINAS.

In this class, W. L. Trann, Crystal City; M. Oughton, Middlechurch, and W. M. Smith, of Fairfield Plains, Ont., were the only exhibitors; Trann winning in the boar sections, and the sweepstakes boar, with Manitoba Chip. The female championship went to the Ontario entry, as did also the 1st-prize sow and litter and herd of four sows.

DUROC-JERSEYS.

W. M. Smith, Fairfield Plains, Ont., was the principal exhibitor throughout the various sections of this class, the only Manitoban exhibiting being John Oughton, Middlechurch, who won 1st on boar under 1 year, 2nd on sow over a year, and 2nd on sow and litter.

BACON HOGS.

Sections were added to the prize list this year for bacon hogs, in place of the old-fashioned class for fat hogs. In the pen of three pure-breds, A. B. Potter, of Montgomery, Assa., won with three well-matched, typical Yorkshires, a trifle lean, maybe, but not very many points out. L. A. Bradley won 2nd with a trio of Tamworths. In the grade pen, J. A. McGill won with a very even, well-fitted trio of pure white hogs, crosses between Berkshires and Chester Whites.

Our Scottish Letter.

THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY'S SHOW.

We have had a most successful show of all classes of stock at Stirling in connection with the Highland and Agricultural Society, and on all hands breeders are congratulating themselves, as they very well may. The weather has been unusually fine and the attendance of the public greater than has generally been seen at shows held in Stirling. The Highland and Agricultural Society was for long in somewhat doubtful odor amongst Scottish farmers, but a great change has taken place since Mr. James Macdonald became secretary in 1892. The shows of each year since have been increasingly successful, and the Society is in close touch with its members. The great majority of country people are in one way or another connected with it, and they attach no little importance to its successive events. It periodically visits each district of the country, beginning with Edinburgh and then taking in succession Aberdeen, Dumfries, Perth, Glasgow, Kelso, Stirling and Inverness. This circuit is, however, subject to slight modifications to meet local exigencies, but in the main it is pretty faithfully adhered to. Great numbers of people, in general, attend these shows. For example, to take the drawings on the third day (Thursday) during a circuit we have these results: At Edinburgh in 1893, £2,086; at Aberdeen in 1894, £2,241; at Dumfries in 1895, £1,381; at Perth in 1896, £2,363 7s. 6d.; at Glasgow in 1897, £1,906; at Kelso in 1898, £833; at Stirling this year, £2,078 5s. 2d. The year 1899 was an abnormal one, when H. R. H. the Prince of Wales attended, and the drawings on the third day were £5,033. The last visit paid to Inverness was in 1892, when the drawings on the Thursday amounted to £691. Next year, the first of the new century, we again visit the Highland capital, and if the reputation of the past circuit is maintained, there should be more money taken.

The President for this year is Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, who is also Secretary of State for Scotland, and a level-headed business man in every way as well as a man of splendid presence and physique. He knows what he is doing and does it. The leading winner amongst the Shorthorns was Her Majesty the Queen, who won the breed championship with her unbeaten bull, Royal Duke 75500, which has now won supreme honors at the national shows of Ireland (Royal, Dublin), England (Royal, York), and Scotland (Highland, at Stirling). This bull, like all the Queen's exhibits, is home-bred and of Scottish descent. His marvellous levelness of flesh