

HEREFORDS.

The competition in this class was confined to two exhibitors—Mr. F. A. Fleming, Weston, and Mr. H. D. Smith, Compton, Que. The number of entries, thirty. The quality was of a high order, and the cattle were brought out in fine condition. Mr. Mackie, of Oshawa, and Mr. G. Warren Green, Toronto, were the judges.

Mr. Fleming's bull, Commodore, in the class for three years old and over, won first prize, and also the sweepstakes silver medal. He is a son of Senator Cochrane's famous Cassio, which for so many years stood at the head of the list of Herefords in Canada, and was probably the best bull of any age in his day. Commodore is fashioned very much after the model of his sire, and is an uncommonly good one, with wonderful crops and quarters, carrying an immense amount of flesh smoothly, and would be hard to beat in any country.

Mr. Smith had the first prize cow, and winner of the silver medal for best female in Lady Tushingham 3rd, a magnificent cow, a model type of a beef animal, with a wonderful back, grandly springing ribs, smooth shoulders and full, prominent bosom, and is smoothly fleshed. Mr. Fleming had a capital second in Lady Wilton.

POLLED-ANGUS.

The entries in this class were more numerous than at any previous fair here, over fifty head being shown by five exhibitors, and five full herds came out to compete for the herd prizes. These were owned by Dr. Craik, of Montreal; Hillhurst Farm, Hillhurst, Que.; James Bowman, Guelph; Wm. Stewart & Son, Lucasville, and Walter Hall, Washington, Ont. Dr. Craik's aged bull, Evelyn, is a remarkably fine animal, showing great constitution, depth of flesh, smoothness and substance, standing on short, strong limbs, and giving evidence of high-class feeding qualities. He was awarded first prize and sweepstakes silver medal.

The second in same section, Mr. Cochrane's Queen's Advocate, is a close competitor, and if he had more flesh would press his rival even more for honors. Mr. Bowman secured first prize for his yearling bull, Lord Aberdeen 2nd, a very promising one, with straight top and bottom lines, a grand crest and smoothly finished. He also won first prize with his fine bull calf, Lord Aberdeen 3rd. The herd prizes were awarded to Dr. Craik, first; Hillhurst Farm, second; James Bowman, third.

GALLOWAYS.

There were more entries than usual in this class, the competition was keen, the quality was good, and the prizes pretty evenly distributed between Mr. McCrae, of Guelph, and A. M. & R. Shaw, Brantford.

Mr. John Sibbald, Annan, Ont., won first prize and sweepstakes for his aged bull, Paris of Claverhouse, a grand specimen of the breed, combining size with quality and finish in a high degree. Mr. McCrae took second and third for aged bulls, second for two-year-old bull, first for yearling bull, first for bull calf, first and third for cows, second for three-year-old cow, first, second and third for two-year-old heifers, first and third for heifer calves, second and third for herd, and silver medal for best female in the class.

Messrs. Shaw won first for two-year-old bull, McCartney, a first-class specimen of the breed, showing strong character and fine quality; second for yearling bull, Dandy Jim; second and third for bull calf, second for aged cow, first for three-year-old cow, first and second for yearling heifer, second for heifer calf, and first for herd.

Mr. Charles McNeil, of Vellore, acted as judge of Angus and Galloway classes.

DEVONS.

This class was represented by twenty-four entries, shown by two exhibitors, W. J. Rudd and Ralph R. Rudd, of Eden Mills, Ont. The cattle were in fine condition, and were first-class specimens of the breed.

Mr. W. J. Rudd's first prize aged bull, Billie, and winner of the silver medal for best bull any age, is full of quality, deep, level and smooth fleshed, and makes a strong head for a herd. Several of the cows and heifers shown were very handsome, and showed the breed type in much perfection.

AYRSHIRES.

The dairy breeds were out in strong force. The increasing interest in dairying has created a keen demand for animals of the various milking breeds, and the Ayrshires are coming in for their share of it. Ayrshire breeders are showing good judgment and skill in the breeding and care of their cattle, and have made great improvement in them in the last few years. The entries at Toronto numbered over ninety head, shown by nine exhibitors, and the quality was, generally speaking, of high order.

In aged bulls, Mr. McCormack's Sir Laughlan 1156, a typical Ayrshire bull in form and quality, won first prize, and was later on awarded the sweepstakes silver medal for best bull in the class.

Mr. Stewart's imported White Prince 2nd came in for second honors. He is a fine specimen, too; has had a very successful showyard career, and has proved a very prepotent sire.

Mr. R. H. Steacy, of Lyn, Ont., who has shown a commendable spirit of enterprise in importing first-class Ayrshires, regardless of cost, and who has got together the foundation of a first-class herd, combining the blood of the best families known, had in the section for two-year-old bulls his imported Lessnessock 1653, a high-class specimen of the breed, showing dairy points of high value.

Mr. John Cunningham, Norval, Ont., showed a very fine young bull, named Sunrise, but a good deal of criticism was directed to the decision of the judges in this case. Many experienced judges would have placed the imported bull at the head of the list, and, if quality is of first importance, it was hard to follow the judges in this section. The Norval bull was placed first, however; the Lyn bull second, and Mr. Stewart's Douglas, of London, third.

Mr. Stewart supplied the first prize yearling bull, Sir Robert Bruce, a splendid son of imp. White Prince 2nd and an imported cow. Mr. McCormack had a good second in Guy Fox, by the silver medal bull, and out of Maggie Campbell.

The bull calves were a very fine list, and were not easily placed, but Mr. Steacy got there first with his imported Wallace 1st, bred by Hugh Drummond, of Craighead, Scotland. Mr. Stewart came close after him with Dainty Davy 2nd.

We have seen a stronger ring of aged cows at Toronto, more than once, but there were about five very good ones out this year. Most of them were in fine condition and fresh, but two or three fine cows were not milking or had been milking for a long term, and on that account were showing at a disadvantage. Among these was Messrs. Smith's fine cow, Gusta 11th, which got second place at the Columbian last year, in stronger company than she had to meet here, but it is in vain to show a stripper against a fresh cow. Mr. McCormack's Primrose 6th, a handsome five-year-old cow, with a well-balanced udder and well-set teats, was placed first on the list, and Mr. Stewart's seven-year-old, Jessie Stewart, a business cow, with fine dairy character and a well-formed udder, came in for second prize, while Mr. McCormack, who seemed to be in luck all through, captured the third award in this important ring.

The three-year-old cows formed the most attractive feature in this class. It is rarely that such a uniformly good lot of young cows are seen together. Mr. Steacy showed three imported cows of similar type, which gave evidence of high-class breeding and merit, and we are confident they will make a high mark in the future, as one of them did on this occasion, winning first prize and the silver medal for best female in the class. She is White Rose of Alticane, bred by John Barber, Girvan, Scotland. She is a model Ayrshire, with an almost perfect dairy conformation, and a wonderfully well-proportioned udder, carrying itself fore and aft in a manner to captivate the lover of a model milk vessel. Close upon her heels came her stable companion, Love of Craighead, bred by Hugh Drummond, a cow of very much the same type as the first prize winner; and Mr. W. B. Cockburn, of Aberfoyle, had a close third in his Jean Armour, from imported sire and dam, a cow that would, no doubt, have stood higher in the list if she had been fresher, and brought out in a little higher condition. Her udder is very evenly balanced, and the size and placing of her teats faultless. If we had to do the milking, we would vote for Jean, in preference to any cow in the ring.

Mr. Guy, the old-time breeder, who showed only a few young things, had his innings in the next two rings, winning first honors for his two-year-old heifer, Dolly of the Lake, and first for her yearling full sister, Dolly of Ontario, a comely pair of heifers, showing strong dairy qualities, or the promise of such, and were very creditable to their breeder and their parents.

For a cow and two of her progeny, Mr. McCormack won first prize, and Mr. Stewart second. Mr. Stewart had the red ticket for best four calves under a year, and Mr. Guy second. Mr. Steacy secured the silver medal for best female any age.

The judges in this class were Messrs. Alex. Drummond, Petit Cote, Que., and H. G. Clark, Brampton, and, considering the large and close competition in nearly every section, they probably did as well in placing the honors as any two men could have done.

JERSEYS.

Mr. T. S. Cooper, of Pa., made the awards in this class, and the business way in which he went about his work and through it, showed that he was no novice in the business. His signal success as an exhibitor of Jerseys at the World's Fair at Chicago last year marks him as an expert judge, and his decisions at Toronto this year, as on two former occasions, we believe were generally satisfactory.

The absence of the two large and famous herds of Mrs. Jones and Mr. Reburn, which have figured here in past years, was quite a disappointment to visitors, and had it been known that these were not coming, there would doubtless have been a larger representation of the better breed.

The very active demand for Jerseys during the last year or two, and the unusual number of sales that have been made, may account, to some extent, for the seeming indifference of breeders to advertise their herds at the shows. There was, however, a strong show in the younger sections, and especially in that of two-year-old heifers in milk, which brought out a display that did credit to all concerned. There were in all eighty-three entries of Jerseys by twelve exhibitors.

In the section for bulls over three years old, an old-time winner was found in Mr. J. L. Clark's Mighty Dollar 24051, a six-year-old son of One Hundred Per Cent, out of Doe of Coplay Springs. This was the third time he has been shown at Toronto, and each time he has captured the first prize in his section, and twice the silver medal as best bull, any age, in his class. He is a bull of great constitution, fine quality and faultless dairy conformation, and his breeding is very rich.

J. H. Smith & Son, who were so successful in winning prizes last year, brought their cattle out in fine condition again this year, and succeeded in winning the herd prize, and sweepstakes for best female in the class, with the fine cow, Signal's Rosa May, formerly owned by Mr. J. C. Snell, who sold her daughter recently to Mrs. Jones, of Brockville, for a long price. Rosa May is a fine model of a Jersey cow, with fine head and neck, deep body, broad and long quarters, and a large and shapely milk vessel, with large and well-set teats, and a lady-like look withal that captivates a judge at first sight and holds his eye till the victory is won. Her yearling son, King of Highfield, by the first prize aged bull of last year, and second of this, won first prize in his section, and is a very handsome young bull.

Mr. Rolph's new importation from the U. S., the yearling Perfect Combination, was placed second. He is a very neat bull, but having come through quarantine, was not in as good condition as he might have been, but he is a promising youngster, and is richly bred in the blood of the winning cows at the Columbian. The yearling bulls were a good lot, and amongst them were two bred by Mr. Reburn, which, though not placed, were prime favorites with many good judges. One of these was Jolly King of St. Anne's, shown by Mr. David Duncan, a bull of strong constitution, deep barrel, and good handling qualities.

Mr. Geo. Osborne, of Kingston, also showed a capital young bull in this section in his Primrose Park's Peter.

Bull calves were a very fair lot. Mr. Rolph was fortunate, getting first and third, and Mr. Osborne, second prize.

The ring of cows, both in numbers and merit, were weaker than we remember to have seen at Toronto, and but for the winner, would not call for any commendation. As before intimated, the first prize cow is a good one. There were two very good three-year-old cows, the first prize going to Mr. Rolph's Ethel Marjoram, by One Hundred Per Cent, and out of his dam, Leclair's Marjoram, a case of very close in-breeding, since her sire was the son of own brother and sister; yet this young cow shows strong vitality, and is in every sense a business cow, with a grand udder and well-set teats. Decidedly the best section in the class was the two-year-old heifers. There were ten of them, and at least seven of them were good enough to be rated first-class.

Mr. Osborne had the first prize heifer in his Primrose Park's Pride, and Mr. Duncan came in for second and third honors, with two very fine ones. All these had splendid milk vessels and large and well-placed teats, and showed fine promise of usefulness. If there had been a few more prizes, they would have found worthy winners, and the whole section should have been commended.

GUERNSEYS

are increasing in numbers shown. There were thirty entries by three exhibitors, and some very good things were brought out. The prizes were nearly equally divided between Mr. Greenshields and Messrs. McNish, with a few scattering prizes to Mr. Moody and Mr. Holland. The latter was successful in winning first prize with his three-year-old bull, May Roseberry, and McNish's entry won second place. Mr. Greenshields' fine imported bull, Adventurer, a Royal winner and first prize here last year, seemed to have been overlooked by the judge. He had been deprived of the neat pair of horns which he wore last year, which so changed his general appearance that his friends hardly recognized him, and we have wondered whether that could account for his many excellencies being overlooked by the judge. He is certainly a bull of very rich quality, and ought to command attention in even first-class company anywhere. Mr. Greenshields secured first prize for herd and silver medal for best female, and Mr. Holland the sweepstakes for bull.

HOLSTEINS.

There was an unusually large representation of the Black and White family at the Industrial this year. Over one hundred entries were made by ten exhibitors. The cattle were not in as blooming condition as we have sometimes seen them here, but a careful examination, or even a casual glance, left the impression that there were a large proportion of them of high-class merit as dairy cattle, and that they were bred and trained for work more than for show. There were six entries for the herd prize, which is more than in any other class of cattle at this show, the owners being Messrs. W. G. Ellis, Bedford Park, Toronto; S. H. Collinson, also of the city; G. W. Clemons, St. George; A. G. Rice, Currie's; A. C. Hallman & Co., New Dundee, and McDuffee & Butters, Stanstead, Que., who had two entries, and who secured first prize for herd, the second going to Mr. Rice, and third to Mr. Ellis.

The ring of bulls, three years old and over, was a strong one, including Mr. Hallman's Netherland Statesman Cornelius, a seven-year-old bull of great substance, deep ribs and flanks, fine quality and conformation. He was placed first on the prize list by the expert judge, Mr. Hinkley, of Brookfield, N. Y.; McDuffee & Butters were placed second, with Artis Peer, a straight, handsome bull, and Mr. Stevenson got third premium with his Royal Canadian Netherland, formerly owned by Mr. Hallman, a very fine, stylish animal.

Mr. Rice showed a very fine bull in this section, Minks Mercedes Baron, which won first here last year; second at Chicago, where he was shown by