

being divided. The class was a strong one, and considering that one of the very important exhibitors present had withdrawn, which was much to be regretted when we mention the names of such animals as The Royal Standard, which stood 1st with four of his get at Toronto, sweepstakes at Ottawa '96, and 1st and sweepstakes at Toronto Spring Show, '96; then there was Merry Monarch, five years old; a yearling black colt by Leonard that has never been shown, possessing plenty of bone of the right sort; besides the notable string of mares and fillies shown at the Toronto Industrial, winning many keenly-contested premiums, as our Toronto report shows. Consequently, had the class been interrupted many changes would unquestionably have been made in the reading of the winnings in this class. In the

Canadian Draft class Mr. C. W. Barber, Gatineau, figures conspicuously on four head, winning 1st and gold medal on his two-year-old filly by Tofty. She is a big, well-developed, promising mare, possessing an abundance of bone and hair; 2nd and 3rd on brood mares, and 2nd on carriage foal. Also in the Canadian class Mr. A. M. Stuart, Dalmeny, Ont., had out half a dozen, among them being a daughter of Lord Burnside, which won the 1st prize; her sire also competing, winning all the honors going, including the gold medal for stallion with three of his get, being three females. The only three-year-old stallion in the class was brought out by Mr. J. G. Clark, Ottawa; a good, well-developed son of Invader, with an abundance of substance, having beautiful, well-formed legs, and grand feet; in fact, he was one of the attractions in the horse exhibit. Mr. Clark also had others in the class, winning 4th on his two-year-old filly, which would undoubtedly have been moved up a notch had she not been thin in flesh. The special stallion prize for best Dominion-bred stallion of any age went to Mr. Robt. Davies' King's Own. When the brood mares with their foals were called the judge's books showed that six entries had been made, and a very few moments brought the entire bunch into the ring. The section was a strong one all through, and gave much material for the judge's consideration, who, after duly considering the matter, selected Mr. A. Scarf's mare as 1st, R. Ness 2nd, C. W. Barber 3rd, and F. Richardson 4th. In the

General Purpose class many prizes were not competed for. Mr. J. Thompson was one of the chief winners. Samuel Stuart also brought out his two- and three-year-olds. The stallion prizes went to Mr. Geo. Sparks and Edward Harrison respectively. The class, although weak in numbers, had some good individuals in competition. The show of ponies was not large; in fact, the only competition being in pony under 12 hands in harness; W. Cunningham winning 1st, E. C. Bessy 2nd, and T. C. Bate 3rd.

Standard bred.—Mr. A. McLaren, Buckingham, P. Q., had out five head, notably among which was the five-year-old brown stallion, Larabie, by Jay Bird, and out of Kate Brooks. Larabie is a big fellow of the right sort, having a good set of limbs. As a three-year-old he made a record of 2.12½ in a race. His pedigree traces through George Wilkes to Hamiltonian 10, so that apart from his superior conformation, he has gilt-edge breeding. Mr. McLaren also had out a brood mare and foal, a two- and three-year-old filly, winning the lion's share of those he competed for, Larabie drawing in the 1st prize, diploma, and gold medal.

SHEEP.

The entries in this department were not numerous, and in some classes there was only one or two exhibitors and consequently not strong competition, but exhibits in all the breeds were first-class, and this made a very pretty show.

Cotswolds.—A. J. Watson, Castlederg, showed his imported sheep in this class, and scooped in all the prizes he entered for with a very choice lot of sheep, well up to the standard of the breed in every respect.

Leicesters.—John Kelly and W. A. Rennie, Shakespeare, and David Baxter were the exhibitors in this class, and they made a strong class, full of good things. Mr. Baxter had the 1st prize aged ram, 3rd prize shearing ram, ram lamb, and two-year-old ewe. Kelly won 1st with shearing ram, and ram lamb; and Rennie got all the 1st prizes in ewes, and the flock prize.

Lincolns.—Captain T. E. Robson, Ilderton, had this class to himself, and made a clean sweep of the prizes without hurting anybody. He showed a fine lot of sheep in good condition, and secured all the prizes he entered for.

Southdowns were shown by John Jackson & Sons, Abingdon, and Robert Shaw & Sons, Glanford Station, who did credit to the breed in their exhibits, for they are certainly fine. Shaw got 1st for ram lamb, 2nd for two-year-old ram and ewe lamb. Jackson won all other 1st prizes, including the flock prize.

Shropshires.—John Campbell, Woodville, made a strong show in this class with imported and home-bred sheep of high-class merit, and won nearly all the prizes he entered for.

Oxfords and Hampshires are grouped together in the prize list—a very unsatisfactory arrangement to both exhibitors and judge. John Kelly, Shakespeare, exhibited Hampshires, and Peter Arkell, Teeswater, Oxfords. The former were the best handlers as a rule, and have finer wool and strong limbs. Kelly got the bulk of the best prizes, including the flock prize; Mr. Arkell winning 1st for ram lamb, 2nd and 3rd for aged ewes, and 2nd for shearing ewe.

Dorsets.—Mr. J. A. McGillivray, Uxbridge, showed a good string in this class, full of good quality, and well brought out, showing good care and judgment on the part of Mr. Silversides, his capable foreman and farm manager. James Bowman, Guelph, had a few entries, and won 1st for aged ram; Mr. McGillivray securing all the other 1st prizes and the flock prize.

SWINE.

The various breeds were well represented, and in some classes, particularly the Duroc-Jersey and the Chester Whites, there was strong competition.

Berkshires were shown by Geo. Green, Fairview; Reid & Co., Hintonburg; and A. W. Ross, Douglas, who won 2nd prize on boar over two years. Mr. Green secured the bulk of 1st prizes, including the herd prize and sweepstakes for boar and sow.

Yorkshires were shown by J. Featherstone, A. W. Ross, and others, the majority of prizes going to the former. Mr. Ross got 1st for boar under six months, 1st and 2nd for sow under six months and 2nd on under a year.

Chester Whites made a good show, H. George & Sons, Crampton, and W. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, being the exhibitors, among whom the prizes were pretty evenly distributed, George & Sons winning the herd prize.

Tamworths were shown by H. George & Sons, Crampton, and Reid & Co., Hintonburg, who won 1st for boar under a year and 2nd for yearling sow, the former firm winning the balance, including diploma for best herd.

Duroc-Jerseys were represented by selections from the herds of Tape Bros., Ridgetown, and W. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre. The competition was close and the prizes were pretty evenly distributed, the former firm securing the herd prize.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM EXHIBIT.

A very attractive feature of the fair was the exhibit made by the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Artistically arranged on the west wall of the C. P. R. building was a series of the grasses, grains, ensilage corns, roots and vegetables, as well as samples (named) of the six worst weeds known in the Ottawa Valley. The exhibit was well gotten up, and not only attractive, but highly instructive. In the same building they had a dairy in full operation, churning at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., which was also highly appreciated, as it was next to impossible to get into the building during business hours; while on the outside of the same building, at the entrance, stood a wagon gotten up specially for the occasion, being very finely decorated with samples of grain, grasses, fruits, and vegetables, the arrangement being such as to command a large share of the attention in its own



Shropshires of High Quality, owned by J. A. S. Macmillan, Brandon, Man.

These three beautiful Shropshires are representatives of the 1897 importation made by Mr. J. A. S. Macmillan, Brandon, Man. The trio consist of aged ram, shearing ram and shearing ewe, each a first-prize winner in strong competition at the Winnipeg Industrial. The first named also won the male sweepstakes, and the ewe the female victory over all ages, the two winning the diploma for best pair—ewe and ram.

vicinity. The originator of the scheme carried out in detail each part separately to perfection; for instance, a beautiful wreath of grasses and grains surrounded the picture of Her Majesty the Queen, while an arrangement of fruits in colors represented a wheel, coat of arms, etc.

P. E. Island Provincial Exhibition.

(REPORTED BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

This exhibition was held in Charlottetown, from September 21st to 24th. The weather was favorable, with the exception of the first day. In many respects the show was ahead of last year. The cattle classes were better filled than ever before. The same was true of horses, sheep, and swine. The products of farm and garden were in abundance and of excellent quality. Fruit was a very small show. It did not occupy one-fourth of the space that was required for its display last year. Fruit is a failure here.

HORSES.

In the horse classes many splendid specimens were shown in the English and Scotch cart breeds and in American roadsters. The English Thoroughbred and Coach classes had no representatives.

The principal prizetakers in the draft classes, for aged stallions, were J. Leslie Poole, Lower Montague, who took 1st with General Burnett; T. F. Guard, Southport, got 2nd. In other cart classes prizes were taken by John Balderstone, James C. Clark, Henry Horne, and others. In the carriage class for stallions four years old and over the prizes were awarded as follows: W. S. McKie 1st and J. A. Marks 2nd. Red tickets were also awarded in other sections of this class to Milford Farm, Charlottetown, for best stallion three years old; to Duncan McLeod, Clyde River, for stallion two years old. Mare and foal—R. E. Bagnall, New Glasgow. As the horse and cattle judging was carried on simultaneously, it was impossible for your correspondent to do justice to all, so he paid most attention to the cattle, sheep, and hogs, which are of most interest to the ordinary farmer.

CATTLE.

The show of pedigreed Shorthorns, though not numerous, contained some very choice specimens. Silver Chief, winner of the red ticket, owned by F. G. Bovyer, Georgetown, was in splendid form and was said by good judges from Ontario to be able to hold a good position at any show in Canada. Mr. Bovyer also took the herd prize in this class. Henry Lane, of Mount Mellick, was a close 2nd, showing a very fine herd, headed by his massive bull, Cleveland 17891. Red tickets went to Richard Vessey, York, for a nice, evenly-fleshed two-year-old; to Alex. Kennedy, Southport, for yearling; and for bull calf to D. McKinley, North River; for cow in milk, to John Bell, Royalty.

Ayrshires were the largest class shown, and were a very fine lot. In the aged bull class eight fine animals were forward. The red ticket went to Jack Frost, an Island-bred animal, owned by J. H. Alexander, Stanhope. This bull has been placed 1st for seven years at this exhibition, and was pronounced by the judges a first-class sire of dairy stock. Mr. Alexander also showed a very superior two-year-old, and a choice heifer calf lately imported from J. N. Greenshields' herd, Isleigh Grange, Que. In this class, William Miller, of Marshfield, made an excellent exhibit, and took the herd and 1st premiums for milch cows. His herd is headed by Pure Gold, whose stock is coming to the front at the show. J. H. Easton, of Charlottetown, Royalty, showed a very fine herd and secured the 2nd herd prize. J. A. Ferguson got 1st for two-year-old bull, A. Hynes 1st in yearling class. R. McPhale, D. McMillan, F. B. Stewart, and R. Longworth were also among the successful exhibitors.

Jerseys filled a very nice class, though not numerous. William Clark, North Wiltshire, won 1st for aged bull; Rev. J. J. McDonald, Kinkora, 1st for two-year-old, and also for cow in milk, any age.

Guernseys were not numerous. E. R. Brow was the principal exhibitor, and his herd was a choice one. He carried off most of the prizes. The classes in grades were large, especially in the Ayrshires and Jerseys. This is what was to be expected, as dairying is now the most important industry on the Island.

SHEEP.

Four flocks of Leicesters were shown and stood as follows: Albert Boswell, 1st; William Clark, 2nd; H. Lane, 3rd. A. H. Boswell also showed a very nice flock. William Clark took 1st for aged ram, yearling ram and yearling ewe. Albert Boswell 1st on pair of ewes any age, and ewe lambs. A. H. Boswell got 1st for ram lamb. In Shropshires, the flock prize went to Albert Boswell; 2nd to A. H. Boswell, Marshfield; 3rd to Hon. D. Ferguson, Marshfield. In Oxford Downs, F. G. Bovyer was 1st, and E. Edwards, Wiltshire, 2nd. In Cotswolds, John Tweedy was 1st; and in Lincolns, F. G. Bovyer led off. There was a large show of grade sheep, but lack of space forbids mention.

SWINE.

In the pigpens a very noticeable change was apparent. The *Tamworths* and *Imp. Yorkshires* were more numerous than at any former show. James Essery, of Union Road; J. F. Guard, Southport; and David Reid, Victoria Cross, had very fine exhibits in this class, and all got red tickets. Mr. Essery showed a boar and sow imported from John Bell, Amber, Ont. In the *Yorkshire* class J. W. Calbeck, W. J. Kennedy, William Clark, and John Court were the principal exhibitors and prize-takers. *Berkshires* were shown by Robert Drake, James Roper, H. Lane, John Berrigan, and Robert McPhail, all of whom got prizes. There were small classes shown in *Chesters* and *Poland-Chinas*.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Dairy produce made a good show. Twenty factories competed for the prize in cheese, each showing three samples. Mr. Clark, from London, Ontario, who, in company with T. J. Dillon, placed the awards, told your correspondent that they were a splendid lot, uniform in quality and appearance, but a little lacking in flavor. The show of factory-made butter was excellent, so was some of the samples of farm dairy make.

NOTES.

Herbert Wright, of Guelph, was assisted in placing the awards in the cattle and sheep classes by Mr. McCallum, manager of "Isleigh Grange," Que. Dr. Reid, of Guelph, judged the horses.

A meeting of the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association was held in a tent on the grounds, where a large number of farmers gathered and listened to addresses from distinguished visitors—H. Wade, Toronto; Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; and Wm. Linton, Aurora. These gentlemen were delegates representing the breeders' associations and Herd Book of Ontario, to confer with similar associations in the Maritime Provinces with regard to amalgamation of all the different herd books with the Dominion Herd Book. A resolution favoring this was unanimously carried at the meeting.