

Third: Grade breeding, or mating ewes of mixed or impure blood with a pure bred ram. This is the method that the average farmer starting a flock should follow, because, first: breeding stock can be obtained much quicker and cheaper; second, for raising market sheep, grading is just as successful as pure breeding; third, the market for breeding stock is not of sufficient extent to warrant a large number going in for fancy bred sheep.

In view of the above facts, then, it is better for the beginner to leave cross-breeding alone. Begin by breeding grades and get into the pure bred business when he has become acquainted with the sheep industry, and when conditions warrant it.

BREEDS FOR MANITOBA

The middle and long-wooled breeds are most suitable for this province. Of the middle wools, the Shropshire, Oxford Down and Suffolk



MR. R. TAYLOR'S LEICESTER RAM, "PITLIVIE BRILLIANT"

Down have been most used. Of the long wools, the Leicester has taken premier position. Other breeds might be used with equally good success, but they are less common, and it will be more difficult to obtain breeding stock.

The Leicester is a long-wooled sheep, rather upstanding, yet having a broad, heavily fleshed mutton form. They have white heads and