

THE PROVINCIAL WINTER SHOW.

Swine.

The number of entries in the various classes were a fourth more than they were last year. The entries were, as a rule, well fitted. So well fitted were some of them that the only use we could suggest for them would be a visit to the rendering tank. However, as fat pigs, they showed the amount of flesh they were capable of laying on. The bacon pigs were a revelation to many, especially the style of a pig the packers wanted. Any thoughtful man looking at the prize pen of ideal singers, could not help coming to the conclusion that what he wants to do is to grow this class of pigs, and to fatten them.

Berkshires.—In the section for barrows, nine months and under fifteen, J. G. Snell, of Snelgrove, had the only entries; they were good ones, and would have stood strong competition. In the section for barrows, six months and under nine, J. G. Snell had the first three winners; fourth place went to T. A. Cox, Brantford, for a good entry that many thought should have been placed higher.

The Snelgrove herd again furnished the winning sow under fifteen months. She was a little longer and fatter than the two good entries of Geo. Green's, of Fairview, which took second and third places. T. A. Cox had a good fourth. In fact, the entries in the Berkshire class were the best they have been for some years, and the competition was therefore exceedingly keen, and many a good animal came low down on the list.

Thirteen entries made up the ring of sows six months and under nine. Geo. Green had out six fine sows, three of them all out of one litter, being the pigs that swept the boards at the fall fairs under six months. He was awarded first, third and fourth places in these three. Out of this strong ring, second and fifth places went to two good entries of J. G. Snell's.

J. G. Snell was awarded first and second for his two entries, for sow or barrow, under six months. Out of a strong ring of six entries, Cox captured third place with a good entry, and fourth and fifth went to Geo. Green.

Green secured first for pen of three, the offspring of one sow, with the three sows that won in the section under nine months. In the pens of bacon pigs, Green was placed first and third with Snell second.

Yorkshires.—The call for barrows under fifteen months brought out six good hogs, two each shown by J. E. Brethour, Burford; J. Featherston, Streetsville; and H. Deddels, Kossuth. This was a strong class, one of the strongest on the ground. Last year Deddels had rather the best of it, but this year Brethour had out a magnificent lot of pigs, and captured first and third places. Second and fourth prizes went to Featherston's two entries, and fifth place to Deddels. Four pigs answered the call for barrows under nine months. Two good ones, shown by J. E. Brethour, were placed first and third. Some good judges would have reversed the awards in these two pigs. The one that was placed first was a thick, short-snouted pig, heaviest in the front end; the other was an exceedingly even pig, lengthy, deep, and evenly built, with a

little longer nose, but, after all, one with really less waste. This pig was only seven and a half months old, and tipped the scales at 330 lbs. Deddels had a good second, and fourth place went to Featherston. Sows over nine months and under fifteen months were another strong class. Here the entries of Brethour were placed first, second, and fourth, while Featherston's entries carried off the third and fifth places. Six entries made up the ring of sows six months and under nine. Here Deddels had a capital entry that was placed first, Brethour second, A. Frank & Son, The Grange, third. In the section for barrow or sow under six months, there were six entries. Deddels was awarded first and Brethour second and third places. Brethour showed two pens in the section for three pigs, the offspring of one sow, and secured first and second awards; third went to Featherston. The best three bacon pigs were found in the Burford herd, second in the Kossuth herd, and the third best came from Streetsville.

Chester Whites.—Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, had out a good lot of well fitted pigs, so also had Thos. George, Mount Elgin; and R. H. Harding, Thorndale. George had the best barrow over nine months, and under fifteen months. Harding had the second best, and the third was found in Messrs. Butler's herd. The best barrow six months and under nine was shown by Messrs. Butler, second by R. H. Harding, third by D. DeCourcy, Bornholm, fourth by George. Messrs. Butler led again in sows over nine months and under fifteen months with a well developed, finished sow; they were also awarded fifth place for a good entry. Second place went to a capital entry of DeCourcy's. George received third place, and fourth went to the entry made by Harding. The best sow under nine months and over six was found in Harding's entry. De Courcy had the second best, Butler third and fourth. The call for barrow or sow under six months brought out a very strong ring of nine entries. The red ribbon went to DeCourcy's entry, the second, fourth, and fifth to Gideon Snyder, Jarvis, and third place to Messrs. Butler. DeCourcy had the best three pigs the offspring of one sow. Gideon Snyder had the second best pen. In the section for three best bacon pigs Messrs. Butler won first place, Harding second.

Poland Chinas.—Two good pigs were out for the prize for best barrow under fifteen months and over nine. First place went easily to W. & H. Jones, Mount Elgin, for an exceedingly well finished entry. W. M. & J. C. Smith had in a good entry, though perhaps a little staggy, with which they secured second place. Messrs. Jones had two half brothers to the winner in the preceding section in the ring for barrows under nine and over six months, and were awarded first and second places.

The ring of sows under fifteen months and over nine was made up of four entries. The competition was sharp for first place, but it went to a good entry of W. M. & J. C. Smith's and the second and third went to two good sows, full sisters to the barrow of the same age of Messrs. Jones.

Though only a ring of three, sows under nine months and over six months

were a very strong class, and a third judge had to be called in. W. M. & J. C. Smith were given first and third places, and W. & H. Jones second. Messrs. Jones showed two fine sows farrowed the 20th day of June, weighing 250 and 229 pounds, in the class for sow or barrow under six months. It was a strong class and they had to be content with second and third places, while first went to Messrs. Smith. Messrs. Jones secured the red for best pen of three pigs, the offspring of one sow, also for best three bacon pigs, while Messrs. Smith were placed second for the former, and second and third for the latter.

Suffolks and Essex.—Jos. Featherston, Streetsville, had the only entries for barrows and for sows under fifteen months and over nine months, also for sow or barrow under six months, and for best three bacon pigs. In the section for barrow six months and under nine, A. Frank & Son, The Grange, gave him sharp competition, and won first and fourth places from him. In the section for sows six months and under nine, Featherston had the two best pigs and Messrs. Frank only secured third and fourth places. They also secured second place for three pigs, the offspring of one sow, first and third going to the Streetsville herd.

Tamworths.—The exhibitors of this most useful class of pigs were: Norman Blain, St. George; A. Elliott, Galt; and Thomas George, Mt. Elgin. The number of entries were larger and much better than they were last year. George was placed first and second for barrows over nine months and under fifteen, and Elliott third and fourth. There were four barrows under nine months and over six shown. They were good ones, and George secured first and fourth, Elliott second, Blain third.

The call for sows nine months and under fifteen brought out only four entries. George was placed first and second, Blain third. Mr. Blain's sow was a typical one and some good judges thought she should have stood higher. Six entries were in the ring for sows six months and under nine. Elliott's entries were given the red and blue and one of Blain's the white. George had the only entries for sow or barrow under six months, and also secured the pen of three pigs the offspring of one sow, Elliott making a good second. George had the only entries for bacon pigs.

Duroc Jerseys.—The exhibitors of these pigs were Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, and Tape Bros, Ridgetown. There were only three nice smooth entries out for barrows nine months and under fifteen, and Messrs. Tape won the red and blue ribbons, the white going to Messrs. Butler. The tables were turned for barrows six months and under nine. Messrs. Butler won the first two places with even fleshed, smooth pigs, Tape Bros. being third. Tape Bros. had the two best pigs in the section for sows nine months and under fifteen; third place went to the Dereham Centre herd. Messrs. Butler had the best sow six months old and under nine, Messrs. Tape the next best two. Tape Bros. had the two best entries for sow or barrow under six months, Messrs. Butler the next two. Tape Bros. showed the best pen of three pigs the

offspring of one sow; Messrs. Butler were given the blue ribbon. Three entries were made for bacon pigs. The three pigs shown by John Park & Son, Burgessville, were given the red, Tape Bros. pigs won the blue, and third place went to Messrs. Butler.

Grades and Crosses.—W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains, had the only entry for barrow nine months and under fifteen. The call for barrows under nine months brought out a strong ring of nine entries. J. G. Snell, of Snelgrove, won first place with a good pig; second place went to N. Blain, of St. George; third place was awarded to a nice pig shown by Tape Bros. Best sow nine months and under fifteen months was shown by E. & N. Parks, Oriel, W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, were placed second. Sows under nine months were a ring of five good entries. The red went to Tape Bros., the blue to J. G. Snell, and the white to H. Deddels.

Sweepstakes.—There was a large ring out for sweepstakes, and it was captured by J. G. Snell.

Bacon Pigs.—The special offered by the Ingersoll Packing Co. for best six lean singers was won by O. J. Benedict, Mt. Vernon; second place was taken by Thos. A. Good, Brantford.

The special offered by F. W. Fearman, Hamilton, for five hogs that will meet the requirements of the packing industry as ideal singers suitable for export trade was won by J. E. Brethour, Burford, with five Yorkshires, which the judges said were a perfect type of bacon hogs. Second place was won by Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre.

THE ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association was held in the County Court House, Hamilton, on December 7th, 8th, and 9th. There was a fair attendance of members and delegates from affiliated societies, the programme placed before them was a good one, and the meetings were highly interesting and profitable.

The president (Mr. J. K. Darling, Almonte) in his address, referred to the very varied results of the season and the general shortage in the honey crop.

No complaints nor cases of adulteration had been reported during the year, owing, no doubt, to the efficient work of the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa. In regard to this it is somewhat gratifying to learn that since the Act came in force, not one of the adulterated samples has ever been traced to a bee-keeper. He considered that a standard for the specific gravity of honey was much needed, but the fact that the percentage of water found by analysis in pure and ripened honey varied so much, renders it a very difficult matter indeed.

The work of the association must be along the line of education, teaching those who wish to keep bees how to care for them, and the masses in regard to the use of honey, thereby increasing our home market.

Referring to the dairy export trade of the province and what the dairy men had accomplished during the last few years, he considered that the bee-