

by Mr. John Kelly, of Shakespeare, Ont. In the section for wether under one year, Mr. Turnbull won first as well as first for pen of three wethers, and he was a close second to A. & W. Whitelaw, the winners of first places in the ewe sections as well.

The number of breeders who show favor to the Oxford Down breed of sheep seems to be yearly increasing. This year the class was a very long as well as a strong one, and in the section for ewe under one year there were twenty competitors for the honors. The well-known breeder from Simcoe, Mr. J. W. Lee, won first place, with Mr. A. Stevenson of Atwood second and R. J. Hine of Dutton third. There were eleven wethers under one year on exhibition.

Shropshires were usual strong in point of character and it is a class in which it is usually conceded to be very hard to win. W. E. Wright of Glanworth this year defeated J. & D. J. Campbell of Woodville for champion wether, although the latter firm were able to capture every other first prize that was offered.

The Southdown class was very strong throughout. No exhibitor was able to land more than one first prize, and to watch the sections where the little brown-faced fellows stood in rows, almost identical in uniformity and perfection, was a pleasure to stockmen and visitors.

In Dorset Horns, the exhibits of Mr. R. H. Harding of Thorndale, Ont., and Messrs. Jas. Robertson & Son, of Milton, were of a very superior character. So long as the first fruits of the season command an enhanced value so long will the Dorset Horn sheep command a place of its own in supplying early lambs and mutton.

The classes for Hampshire and Suffolk sheep were well filled, Mr. John Kelly of Shakespeare, Ont., and Telfer Bros. of Paris representing the Hampshire, and Mr. Jas. Bowman of Guelph being the only champion of the Suffolk.

In grades and crosses the competition was, as usual, very strong. In the yearling wether class for long-wool grade, Mr. Patrick of Iderton, who was throughout a strong factor in the Lincoln classes, landed first for a Lincoln grade, while in the class for grade wether under one year, Mr. E. Brien & Son of Ridgetown won the honor with a good wether of Cotswold breeding. The latter firm also won first for pen of three wethers. In the class for short-wool grades, the firm of J. & D. J. Campbell won all firsts and all seconds except that for yearling wether, which was won by Mr. John Kelly with a lamb of Hampshire parentage.

#### SWINE.

The swine exhibit was, as in past years, one of the strong features of the Winter Fair. The great interest taken in the bacon competitions brought out large entries from many of the older, as well as the younger, Yorkshire breeders. The Berkshires, Tamworths, and Chester-Whites were, however, represented by a lot of very excellent animals. After thoroughly inspecting the lot, we decided it was unnecessary to make special mention of any one exhibit, suffice it to say they were all excellent. The strongest contest was in the class for best pair of pure-bred export bacon hogs, weighing not less than 160 lbs. each, nor over 220. Twenty-five pairs were brought before the judges, and were undoubtedly the finest lot of entries ever made in this class. Prof. Day,

of the O.A.C., and Mr. Garbutt, of Belleville, had their ability as judges thoroughly tested, and the awards were given as follows:—

1st, 4th and 6th, J. E. Brethour; 2nd, R. F. Duck & Son, Port Credit; 5th and 9th, H. S. McDiarmid, Fingal; 7th and 10th, J. Featherstone & Son, Streetsville; 8th and 10th, J. Wilson & Son, Ferens.

Numerous as were the awards in this class, it seemed that many of those left out could hardly be beaten, and, judging from comments from many onlookers, it would appear that the Tamworths shown by Messrs. Douglas & Sons, of Mitchell, had been marked for a place well up in the money prizes, and many expressions of disapproval were heard because they were left out of the awards. Other exhibitors in this class were Messrs. H. Kollen & Son, of Glen Allan; W. H. Durham, of Ingleton; G. Bennett, of Charing Cross; C. Curry & Sons, of Morrisston; and G. Bittner, of Copetown.

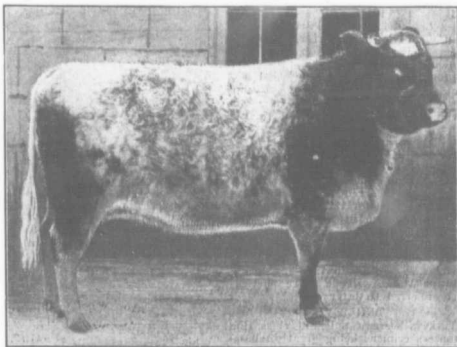
The entries in grades and crosses for export bacon, while not so numerous as in the former, were, we think, almost, if not quite, equal in

3rd, Duck & Son; 4th, 5th, 6th, Wilson & Son. Sow, under 5 months—1st, Wilson & Son; 2nd, 5th, Brethour; 3rd, Duck & Son; 4th, Featherstone. Three pigs, offspring of one sow—1st, Featherston & Son; 2nd, Brethour; 3rd, Wilson & Son.

BERKSHIRES—Barrow, under 9 months—1st and 2nd, J. Kelly, Shakespeare; 3rd, Brien & Son; 4th, J. S. Cowan, Donegal; 5th, Kollen & Son. Barrow, under 6 months—1st, 3rd, W. H. Durham, Toronto; 2nd, Brien & Son. Sow, under 15 months—1st, Durham; 2nd, Brien & Son; 3rd, J. Lawrence, Oxford Centre. Sow, under 9 months—1st, 4th, Kelly; 2nd, 3rd, Durham; 5th, Lawrence. Sow, under 6 months—1st, 2nd, Cowan; 3rd, Durham.

All of the above classes were exceptionally good, but the first prize sows in the two former classes were worthy of special mention. Three pigs, offspring of one sow—1st, Kelly; 2nd, Cowan; 3rd, Brien & Son; 4th, Durham.

TAMWORTHS—Barrow, under 9 months—1st and 2nd, Douglas & Sons; 3rd, 4th, 5th, C. Curry. Barrow, under 6 months—1st, 2nd, Douglas & Son; 3rd, 4th, 5th, Curry. Sow, un-



The Shorthorn Heifer Flora, 90th, 1st in 2-year class, Winter Fair, 1907, and 2nd at Chicago International. She did not compete for championship at Guelph. Owned and exhibited by Geo. Ames & Son, Moffat, Ont.

quality. First prize went to a pair of York and Essex cross shown by J. Featherston & Son, who also had 5th; 2nd and 3rd to H. Stewart, of Burford; 4th and 6th, C. Curry & Sons, Morrisston; 6th, Douglas & Sons. Other strong competitors in this class were E. Brien & Son, of Ridgetown; R. Houston & Son, of Dixie; and H. Kollen & Son, of Glen Allan.

The sweepstakes for the best pair of bacon hogs was merely a decision between the pairs placed at the head in two former classes, and, after a good deal of delay, the choice fell on the pure-bred pair shown by Mr. Brethour.

The following are the awards in the breeding classes:—

YORKSHIRES—Barrow, under 9 months—1st, 2nd and 4th, Duck & Son; 3rd and 5th, Featherston & Son. Barrow, under 6 months—1st, Featherston & Son; 2nd, Wilson & Son; 3rd, 5th, Duck & Son; 4th, Brethour; 6th, McDiarmid. Sow, under 15 months—1st, 3rd, Featherston & Son; 2nd, Duck & Son; 4th, 5th, 6th, Wilson & Son. Sow, under 9 months—1st, 2nd, Featherston & Son;

der 15 months—1st, 2nd, 5th, Douglas; 3rd, 4th, Curry. Sow, under 9 months—1st, 4th, Curry; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Douglas. Sow, under 6 months—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Douglas; 5th, Curry. Three offspring of one sow—1st, 3rd, 5th, Douglas; 2nd, 4th, Curry.

CHESTER-WHITES—Barrow, under 9 months—1st, 2nd, D. Conrey, Bornholm; 3rd, W. E. Wright, Glanworth; 4th, G. Bennett, Charing Cross. Barrow, under 6 months—1st, 3rd, D. Conrey; 2nd, Wright; 4th, Bennett. Sow, under 15 months—1st, 4th, Bennett; 2nd, 3rd, D. Conrey. Sow, under 9 months—1st, 3rd, Bennett; 2nd, D. Conrey; 4th, Wright. Sow, under 6 months—1st, 2nd, 3rd, Bennett; 4th, Wright; 5th, D. Conrey. Three offspring of one sow—1st, 3rd, Bennett; 2nd, D. Conrey.

#### POULTRY.

This year the poultry department of the Winter Fair provided the special feature. It has for several years been a remarkable exhibit, but the display made at Guelph last week far exceeds anything of the kind seen in Canada before, and it is said by those who