

are for sale when the demand and prices are so satisfactory. The judging having been delayed in some classes till late in the second week of the show, the space available for our report is limited, and must be confined mainly to a statement of the awards in the various classes. The judges, who, as a rule, performed their duties fairly satisfactorily, were as follows: Cotswolds, T. Hardy Shore, Glanworth; Leicesters, R. Garbutt, Belleville; Shropshires and Southdowns, J. C. Duncan, Lewiston, N. Y.; Oxfords, Prof. G. E. Day, Guelph; Lincolns, John Gardhouse, Highfield; Dorsets, John Campbell, Woodville; Hampshires, John Miller, Brougham.

#### COTSWOLDS.

Cotswolds were forward in larger numbers than usual, and of more uniform excellence, being shown by J. C. Ross, Jarvis, Elgin F. Park, Burgessville; Rawlings & Bailey, Forest; and Cooper & Nephews, an English firm, which sent out a few entries in a number of breeds. The first prizes were pretty evenly distributed between the two exhibitors first named, who had out a number of newly-imported animals, Ross winning for aged ram and ewe, ram lamb and shearling ewe, and sweepstakes for best ewe any age with the latter, Park securing first for shearling ram and open flock, and sweepstakes for his shearling ram. Rawlings & Bailey were first for Canadian-bred flock, and pen of lambs bred by exhibitor. Following is the award list in full:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1 and 3, Ross; 2, Park. Shearling ram—1, Park; 2, Ross; 3, Rawlings & Bailey. Ram lamb—1, Ross; 2 and 3, Park; 4, Rawlings & Bailey. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1, Ross; 2 and 3, Park. Shearling ewe—1 and 3, Ross; 2, Rawlings & Bailey. Ewe lamb—1 and 2, Park; 3, Ross; 4, Rawlings & Bailey. Ram, any age, sweepstakes—1, Park's shearling. Ewe, any age, sweepstakes—Ross' shearling. Pen of Cotswolds, 1 ram, 2 ewes, and 2 ewe lambs—1, Park; 2, Ross. Pen of Cotswolds, Canadian-bred—1, Rawlings & Bailey; 2, Ross. Ram lamb and 3 ewe lambs, bred by exhibitor—1, Rawlings & Bailey; 2 and 3, Park. Wether, 1 year old—1, Park; 2, Ross. Wether lamb—1, W. E. Wright, Glanworth; 2, Ross. Four lambs, the get of one ram—1, Rawlings & Bailey; 2, Park.

#### LINCOLNS.

Lincolns were out in larger numbers than usual, and exceptionally strong in character and quality, probably stronger in Canadian-bred entries than any other breed, though there were also a number of newly-imported animals in the competition, the contest being keen in every section of the class, taxing the skill of the judge to the utmost, but good work was done throughout. The exhibitors, all strong in their entries, were: John T. Gibson, Denfield; J. H. Patrick, Ilderton; Cooper & Nephews, England; and Wm. Oliver, Avonbank. The awards were as follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1, Patrick; 2, Gibson; 3, Oliver. Shearling ram—1, Cooper; 2, Gibson; 3, Patrick. Ram lamb—1, Cooper; 2 and 3, Gibson; 4, Patrick. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1, Gibson; 2 and 3, Patrick. Shearling ewe—1 and 2, Cooper; 3, Gibson. Ewe lamb—1 and 4, Gibson; 2 and 3, Cooper. Sweepstakes ram—1, Patrick's 2-shear. Sweepstakes ewe—1, Gibson's 2-shear. Open flock—1, Cooper; 2, Gibson. Canadian-bred flock—1, Patrick; 2, Gibson. Pen of lambs, bred by exhibitor—1, Patrick; 2, Gibson. Wether, 1 year old—1 and 2, Gibson; 3, Patrick. Wether lamb—1 and 2, Gibson.

#### LEICESTERS.

Leicesters were well shown by A. & W. Whitelaw, Guelph; Hastings Bros., Crosshill; and J. J. Woollacott, Kennicott, the Guelph flock capturing first award for aged ram, shearling ram, shearling ewe, and open flock, and sweepstakes for ram, Hastings Bros. securing first for ram lamb, aged ewe, ewe lamb, and pen of lambs bred by exhibitor, sweepstakes for best ewe, and first for Canadian-bred flock bred by exhibitor. Awards in full were:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1 and 3, Whitelaw; 2, Hastings. Shearling ram—1, Whitelaw; 2, Hastings; 3, Woollacott. Ram lamb—1, Hastings; 2 and 3, Woollacott; 4, Whitelaw. Ewe, 2 years and over—1 and 3, Hastings; 2, Woollacott. Shearling ewe—1, Whitelaw; 2, Woollacott; 3, Hastings. Ewe lamb—1, 3 and 4, Hastings; 2, Whitelaw. Ram, sweepstakes—1, Whitelaw's shearling. Ewe, sweepstakes—1, Hastings' 2-shear. Open flock—1, Whitelaw; 2, Hastings. Ram lamb and 3 ewe lambs, bred by exhibitor—1, Hastings; 2, Whitelaw. Pen of Leicesters, Canadian-bred, and bred by exhibitor—1, Hastings; 2, Woollacott. Wether, 1 year old—1, Whitelaw; 2, Hastings. Wether lamb—1, Whitelaw; 2, Hastings.

#### SHROPSHIRE.

Shropshires made an exceptionally strong showing, a large number of newly-imported animals of superior merit being forward, showing much skill in their breeding and fitting. The exhibitors were: T. A. Cox, Brantford; J. G. Hamner, Brantford; Lloyd-Jones Bros., Burford; Cooper & Nephews, England; W. D. Monkman, Bond Head, and W. E. Wright, Glanworth; Cox winning first for shearling ram, ram lamb, two-shear ewe; Hamner first for aged ram, shearling ewe, sweepstakes for ram and for ewe, first for open flock and Canadian-bred flock, and for pen of lambs bred by exhibitor. Following is the list in full:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1, Hamner; 2 and 3, Cox. Shearling ram—1, Cox; 2, Hamner; 3, Lloyd-Jones Bros. Ram lamb—1, Cox; 2 and 4, Hamner; 3, Lloyd-Jones Bros. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1, Cox; 2, Lloyd-

Jones Bros.; 3, Monkman. Shearling ewe—1 and 2, Hamner; 3, Lloyd-Jones Bros. Ewe lamb—1, Lloyd-Jones Bros.; 2, Cox; 3, Hamner. Sweepstakes ewe—1, Hamner's shearling. Sweepstakes ram—1, Hamner's 2-shear. Open flock—1, Hamner; 2, Cox. Canadian-bred flock—1, Hamner; 2, Monkman. Pen of lambs bred by exhibitor—1, Hamner; 2, Cox; 3, Lloyd-Jones Bros.; 4, Monkman. Wether, 1 year old—1, W. E. Wright. Wether lamb—1, Wright.

#### OXFORD DOWNS.

Oxford Downs were very strongly shown by Henry Arkell & Son, Arkell; J. W. Lee & Sons, Simcoe; Jacob Laughed, Wodehouse; and Cooper & Nephews, England. Henry Arkell & Son, who captured the bulk of the prizes, as usual, had out a superior lot of imported animals, in addition to many excellent home-bred entries. Their first-prize and sweepstakes shearling ram, recently imported, and sold during the fair to Peter Arkell & Sons, Teeswater, for a very long price, is an extraordinary sheep in respect of size, quality and breed character. Lee & Sons also made a very creditable showing of typical sheep, well brought out, and were a good second in the competition. The award list follows:

Aged ram—1, Lee & Sons; 2 and 3, Arkell & Son. Shearling ram—1 and 2, Arkell & Son; 3, Lee & Sons. Ram lamb—1, 2 and 3, Arkell & Son. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1, 2 and 3, Arkell & Son. Shearling ewe—1 and 2, Arkell & Son; 3, Lee & Sons. Ewe lamb—1 and 4, Arkell & Son; 2 and 3, Laughed. Sweepstakes ram—1, Arkell's shearling. Sweepstakes ewe—1, Arkell's shearling. Open flock—1, Arkell & Son; 2, Lee & Sons. Canadian-bred flock—1 and 2, Arkell. Ram lamb and 3 ewe lambs, bred by exhibitor—1, Arkell & Son; 2, Lee & Sons.

#### SOUTH DOWNS.

Southdowns, though not out in large numbers, made an excellent showing for quality and breed type in the hands of Telfer Bros., Paris, and Cooper & Nephews, England. The placing of the awards was as follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1, 2 and 3, Telfer Bros. Shearling ram—1, 2 and 3, Telfer Bros. Ram lamb—1, Cooper; 2, 3 and 4, Telfer Bros. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1, 2 and 3, Telfer Bros. Shearling ewe—1, 2 and 3, Cooper; 4, Telfer Bros. Ewe lamb—1, 2 and 3, Cooper; 4, Telfer Bros. Ram, any age, sweepstakes—1, Telfer Bros. Ewe, any age, sweepstakes—1, Cooper. Open flock—1, Cooper; 2, Telfer Bros. Canadian-bred flock—1 and 2, Telfer Bros. Pen of lambs bred by exhibitor—1, Telfer Bros.

#### DORSETS.

The competition in this class was uncommonly keen, the number brought out being greater than for some years past, and the entries of unusual excellence. The exhibitors were: R. H. Harding, Thorndale; Howard Bartlett, Kimbo; James Robertson & Sons, Milton; and Cooper & Nephews, England. The award list follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1, Robertson; 2, Harding; 3, Bartlett. Shearling ram—1, Cooper; 2, Harding; 3, Bartlett. Ram lamb—1, Cooper; 2, Harding; 3, Robertson; 4, Bartlett. Shearling ewe—1 and 3, Robertson; 2 and 4, Cooper. Ewe lamb—1, Harding; 2 and 3, Cooper; 4, Robertson. Ram sweepstakes—1, Cooper's shearling. Ewe sweepstakes—1, Harding's ewe lamb. Open flock—1, Cooper; 2, Robertson. Canadian-bred flock—1, Bartlett; 2, Harding; 3, Robertson. Pen of lambs bred by exhibitor—1, Bartlett; 2, Harding; 3, Robertson. Wether, 1 year—1, Harding; 2, Hastings Bros. Wether lamb—1 and 2, Harding.

#### HAMPSHIRE.

Hampshires were shown more strongly than ever before in Canada, several importations of a superior class having been recently made, and the sheep, brought out in first-class condition, made an excellent impression, which will no doubt tend to making them popular, as they are in England. The exhibitors were: Telfer Bros., Paris; John Kelly, Shakespeare; L. E. Morgan, Milliken; C. B. Baldwin, Scotland, Ont.; and Cooper & Nephews, England. The awards were as follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1, Cooper; 2, Telfer Bros.; 3, Kelly. Shearling ram—1 and 2, Telfer Bros.; 3, Cooper. Ram lamb—1 and 4, Cooper; 2, Telfer Bros.; 3, Baldwin. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1 and 2, Cooper; 3, Kelly. Shearling ewe—1 and 2, Cooper; 3, Telfer Bros. Ewe lamb—1 and 3, Cooper; 2 and 4, Telfer Bros. Ram, any age, sweepstakes—Telfer Bros. Ewe, any age, sweepstakes—Cooper. Open flock—1 and 2, Cooper; 3, Telfer Bros. Canadian-bred flock—1, Kelly; 2, Telfer Bros. Pen of lambs bred by exhibitor—1, Kelly; 2, Morgan.

#### SWINE.

The review of this class will be found on page 1469.

#### POULTRY.

It is admitted on all hands that the poultry show of the Canadian National Exhibition is an interesting and attractive feature. More than that, it is an invaluable object lesson, because seen by so many hundreds of thousands of persons—certainly by more people than at any event of a kindred nature in Canada. I was going to say America; and why should I not?

It is, then, of the utmost importance that the poultry show of this great fair should at least keep pace with the rapid development characteristic of other departments, for the reasons:

1. Important to the directorate because a drawing and (we are told) a paying branch.
2. To the exhibitors, because a vast field wherein to show the quality of their stock.
3. To the poultry interests of the country, because

an extraordinary school of instruction to the multitudes who see and may learn.

#### AIDS TO DESIRED DEVELOPMENT.

It is admitted that development is desirable. Valuable factors to this progress will be found in the following:

- (a) A new and commodious building, in keeping with the national character of the fair.
- (b) A proper sizing-up of the interests of all classes of exhibitors by the directorate. We do not say this is not the intention.
- (c) A give-and-take spirit.

Clause B is mentioned because there are six or seven hundred less than the number of last year. There is a reason for this. Time between fair and publication does not permit of that careful inquiry necessary to learn both sides of the case. A leading breeder, asked his opinion as to the shortage, said: "I think one cause is the insertion of a clause in the governing rules, to the effect that unless four birds are entered in a section, first money would not be obtained." This, I think, kept away many exhibitors. Doubtless this will be remedied another year. As before remarked, time did not permit of seeing any of the directorate to hear their reasons. Nor does this really affect the quality of the birds on exhibition. It is only an explanation of what might be considered by some captious individual to be a sign of decadence, or lack of interest, which it is not.

#### THE SHOW ITSELF.

The display of birds is a good one. The competition in some classes has made it difficult for the judges to decide, but results show careful investigation. There is room to differ in one or two cases, but there is always this at every show. As long as the judge is capable and honest, he has always good reason for making his wards. There is an evident lack of development in the young birds, but this is doubtless due to the late and backward season. Some of the old stock were yet moulting, but this was more than compensated for by the good condition of the prizewinners. Some of them were certainly the finest birds your reporter has seen for many years. The utility classes—the term being understood to mean varieties that are good for both flesh and eggs, bona-fide dual-purpose fowls—such as the Plymouth Rock, Wyandotte and Orpington families, were well represented.

#### UTILITY BREEDS.

**BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS** have evidently a firm hold on the fancier, as well as the farmer. Their popularity does not wane. There were some very beautiful specimens on exhibition. The prizes were well earned. There must have been a good reason for not giving a Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel, shown by Newton Cosh, first place. On cursory examination, it seemed to the writer the best specimen he had seen for many years. But Mr. Cosh had little reason to complain, for his winnings were numerous, as well as deserved. He secured the bronze medal for best collection. I. K. Millard & Son, in the Plymouth Rock family, all colors competing, were awarded the challenge trophy for four best birds. Winners in this, as well as in other branches, are given below.

**WHITE ROCKS.**—Some nice birds of this variety were shown. I. A. Dill, of Seaforth, received the bronze medal for best collection.

**WHITE WYANDOTTES.**—The large number of this variety on exhibition gives a fair idea of their popularity. They are certainly beautiful as well as useful birds. Martin, of Port Dover, Ont., was missed, as were one of two other well-known breeders. Mrs. Dawson, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, was a winner of numerous prizes. She is an enthusiastic and skillful breeder, and her intelligent interpretation of the useful, in combination with correct shape and feather, should be listened to by all beginners. Mr. L. H. Baldwin, the well-known breeder, of Deer Park, was also an exhibitor and prizewinner. In such hands as Mrs. Dawson, Martin, Baldwin, Massie, Wright Bros., of Brockville, and Wright, of Renfrew, Ont., with others of equal reputation for probity and square dealing, the White-Wyandotte future is safe. It must not be inferred from these remarks that there are not breeders of equal standing of other varieties, but the day has come when reputation of breeder or variety can only be made by what is good on the part of both. The faker and unscrupulous dealer can no more stand than can a breed or variety without genuine merit to back them up.

**BUFF AND OTHER ORPINGTONS.**—All breeders are not admirers of the Orpington family. Some are pronounced in their opposition to the Buff family, but, for all that, they have made their way to a front place. It is seldom a variety has made such progress as have the Buffs. They were a large and very fine class. It is seldom that a more beautiful Buff pullet is seen than one of the hens which were shown by Mrs. R. Barnes, of Toronto, and which were awarded first and second prizes respectively, and special besides. It may be a little hackneyed to use the expression, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever," but that pullet was certainly the former, and will be the latter, if not forever, at any rate until she is a mature old hen. It is to be hoped that, meanwhile, she will leave a numerous family. A. W. Hellyer, of Ottawa, won several coveted honors with splendid birds. The first cock was a fine specimen. Mr. Hellyer has got to that stage in Buff-Orpington breeding when he is a difficult quantity to win from.

In Black Orpingtons, which were a large and fine class, Mrs. Dawson, of Niagara, was a winner of first prizes for cock and hen, truly most beautiful specimens.