

may well defy competition, for more perfect animals it would be hard to find. Our farmers can hardly be aware of the many valuable qualities of this breed, and their adaptability to many localities, or they would not allow so many prizes to remain in the Treasurer's hands, or to go by default from want of competition.

Upon no class did the locality of the show have more injurious effect than upon that of the Devons, for it so happened that, with a few exceptions, the principal breeders are in the London District, from which not a single animal was sent. The display was therefore confined to the herds of a few spirited breeders east of Toronto, of whom the most successful was Mr. Courtice of Darlington, whose stock are equal to those of any in the country.

In respect of locality Ayrshires fared better than any other breed, for they hold much the same place in the east that Devons do in the west, and at Kingston they made a very fair show. Mr. Wright, of Cobourg, continues to be the principal exhibitor in this class, but he had strong competition from Lower Canada, where there are some excellent animals, the purest perhaps in the country, amongst which those of Mr. Logan, of Montreal, may be specially mentioned. Among other successful breeders in this class may be mentioned the names of Miller and Beattie of Markham, Morton of Morton, Wheeler of Scarborough, and Nimmo of Camden East.

Galloways, though not numerous, were fairly represented, Messrs. Snell, Nimmo, and George Miller being the principal exhibitors. The former breeder has gone extensively into the business, and this year took the largest share of prizes. Several of those who are usually competitors in this class did not appear at all.

Of grades and working cattle there were but few entries, and those that were shown presented nothing worthy of special notice. The Fergus Cup was awarded to W. Miller, of Pickering.

SHEEP.

The show of sheep was the best of any in the Agricultural department. The Long Woolled varieties are very numerous, and among the exhibitors in this class we find a competitor nearly unknown to Provincial fame, Mr. George Jackson, of the Gore of Toronto, whose entries are very numerous, and whose name figures largely in the prize list. Of Leicesters Messrs. Snell and John and George Miller were the chief exhibitors, but the competition of the Cotswold and other long wool-

ed varieties has placed this variety rather in the back ground.

Cotswolds were, as usual, the most numerous, and here we may remark something worthy of notice, that in this breed, as well as in other long-woolled varieties, Mr. Snell, now one of our most extensive breeders, who has never imported himself, is able to compete successfully with those who are frequently doing so. This fact proves that it is now possible to obtain in the country the material for a flock without going to the risk and expense of fresh importation, whenever it is necessary to change the breed. The chief exhibitors in this class were Messrs. Stone, Snell, and G. Miller. The class of Long woolled, exclusive of Leicesters and Cotswolds, comprises a great variety of cross bred sheep, besides some breeds not in the prize list, such as the Lincoln &c., but however useful such classes may be in bringing in new varieties they certainly tend to produce a certain degree of confusion amongst different breeds. In this class we again find the name of Mr. Snell as one of the principal exhibitors, along with J. and G. Miller, Jackson, and others.

The show of Medium-woolled was not large, but there were some excellent Southdowns from the flocks of Messrs. Stone, Spencer of Whitby, Bethel of Grantham, and Vine of St. Catharines. Mr. Stone's late importations placed him at once in the van of Southdown breeders; this sheep for neatness and symmetry cannot be surpassed, and they have already largely enriched the flocks of other breeders.

Cheviots seem to be somewhat on the increase, being a hardy breed, with good quality of wool and fair size, and therefore well adapted to many parts of the country. The principal breeder is D. Elton, of Grafton, but T. Guy of Oshawa, and G. Miller, also exhibited some well bred animals.

In the next class, that of Medium-woolled, not Cheviots or Southdowns, there was some strong competition between Spencer's Hampshire Downs, and G. Miller's lately imported Shropshire Downs, and the prizes were pretty evenly divided between them. The Shropshire Downs are a splendid breed, in size equal to the Leicester, more compact than the Hampshire Down, and with wool of the lustrous kind now so much in demand.

Merinos and Saxons were not largely represented, and all the prizes were divided between Messrs. Young and Rymal of Hamilton and Arkland of Oshawa.