

little less size, and the fourth, owned by R. S. Preston, is a boar of good bone and proportions, but somewhat weak in legs and feet.

Breeding sows two years and over had four representatives. W. L. Trann's sow, Lillian Russell, was placed first after much consideration. His sows also won second and fourth prizes. The sow gaining the fourth place is one that on every former occasion on which she had entered the lists had occupied a premier position. She is, however, getting somewhat the worse for wear. Her udder has lost conformation, and she has gone rather down in the hind legs. She had no right to beat any of the younger sows.

In one-year-old breeding sows, W. L. Trann had the field to himself, and, with two fine animals, took first and second. The second-prize winner was, in most respects, the superior animal. She, however, was guilty of a slight falling off behind and a slackness at the loins.

W. L. Trann again carried off the first two honors in six-months-old sows, R. S. Preston taking third and fourth. Mr. Preston was equally successful in sows of calendar year, winning first and second, W. M. Smith coming in third and fourth.

Sweepstakes for sow any age was awarded to Mr. Trann's two-year-old. He was also the successful exhibitor in boars any age with his yearling. In sow and litter, his were placed first and second. He also carried away the prize for herd, boar and three females any age, Preston and Smith taking second and third, respectively. For the herd bred in Manitoba, Northwest Territories or British Columbia, he was again first, R. S. Preston taking second. For herd of four sows any age, Mr. Trann was again the successful winner. The special for boar any age was carried away by R. S. Preston, Trann gaining the corresponding Swine Breeders' special for sow any age.

CHESTER WHITES were a fine show in quality and type, though not so numerous as the more popular breeds. Mr. A. E. Thompson, Wakopa, Man., was successful in carrying away all the prizes, with one exception (second for sow and litter), that being taken by a sow owned by Mr. Enoch Gretna, Winkler, who was the only other exhibitor. Mr. Thompson has some grand pigs.

POLAND-CHINA.—In this breed, the competition was confined to two exhibitors, W. L. Trann and W. M. Smith. The animals were good types and of good quality, and most of them were in excellent showing condition. Mr. Trann was the more successful exhibitor in the class, but Mr. Smith's animals gave some food for reflection. In the herd of four sows owned by one exhibitor, the contest was a very close one, finishing with a victory for Mr. Smith. Mr. Trann had undoubtedly the best sow of one year old, and it took her all her points to beat Mr. Smith's aged sow. Mr. Smith's other three were fine animals, while Mr. Trann's aged sow showed evidences of having passed the best of her days.

DUROC-JERSEYS.—Only one exhibitor took part in the representation of the breed. His swine were mostly all of very good type and quality. Mr. W. M. Smith won nine firsts and one second prize without opposition.

BACON HOGS.—The first prize went to Wellington Hardy's Lady Jane 4th; Oak Lodge Novice, owned by J. E. Brethour, Burford, Ont., winning second. The special donation by Messrs. J. Y. Griffin & Co., pork packers, Winnipeg, was won by W. H. Thompson, East Selkirk.

POULTRY.

The poultry exhibit at the Industrial this year was very disappointing. The executive are not responsible for the numbers and condition of the various exhibits, but they should certainly be at considerable pains to see that the various classes, or at least sections, are all together, and that the birds are comfortably cooped.

The exhibit altogether was a pretty poor one numerically, for fully twenty-five per cent. of the coops were empty; the quality of the exhibit, making all due allowance for the time of the year, was somewhat under the average. Even with poor tools a good workman is supposed to make a fair job, but the experience of the previous years seems to have been wasted, or the management may have been too busy with the "attractions" to pay proper attention to the exhibits; or you may substitute as many reasons as a fertile brain may suggest.

In the main poultry building, the Orpingtons (all in one section) were badly separated, some being on the south-west of the building, others on the north-east. The pigeons were scattered all over; some on the south side, others in the annex at the north, and, again, others in another building; however, there was a really fine display of pigeons, but owing to being spread, it did not have the effect which it should have had. The turkeys (adult) also were in coops altogether too small, and without sufficient height to allow the birds to assume a natural attitude.

Many of the old exhibitors were missed: Higginbotham, of Virden; Mullen, Cypress River; J. Johnston, Macdonald; Scarlett, Oak Lake; etc., etc.

Reviewing the exhibit by classes: The Asiatics were very slim. Of Dark Brahmas there was none. Light Brahmas had but three pairs of 1903 chickens, and two pairs of Langshan chickens. The Cochins were represented in fowls, chickens and breeding pens. As a class exhibition it was a disappointment. The American class was fairly represented, and contrary to the general rule the Wyandottes were in the lead. McArthur, of Carman, was well to the front with his Buffs. The White Wyandottes were a large exhibit, and among them was some very fine birds. The other varieties represented were the Golden Laced, Silver Laced and Black. There was a fair showing of Plymouth Rocks, Barred Rocks leading. Few of the birds were up to standard weight, one of the prizes going to a coop headed by a cock of less than 6½ pounds, but otherwise good. The tendency among all the Rock breeders is to get their birds too small. The White Rocks had also a small exhibit, with small birds, and there was considerable brassiness among the plumage too.

Buff P. Rocks were represented by one breeding pen and four pairs chickens. Thanks to the popularity of the Orpington, the English class showed up well, the Orpingtons, Buff and Black, being all in one section, for some unaccountable reason. The Buffs were the strongest, with two breeding pens, four pairs fowls, and ten pairs chickens. The birds of this breed are heavy, an adult cock weighing ten pounds, but few, however, reach that weight.

There was considerable disparity in the color "Buff," anything from a "rich cinnamon brown" to a "washed-out ginger" being acceptable. The Black Orpington is certainly a most beautiful bird, and those on exhibition helped to maintain their reputation.

The Games were a small class, and the class was closed by an exhibit of Dorkings.

The Mediterranean class—the egg machines—had a nice display. Geo. Wood, of Louise Bridge, had his beautiful display of White Leghorns, in both S.-C. and R.-C. Single-comb Brown, Rose-comb Brown and S.-C. Buff were also represented. There was a little competition among the Black Minorcas, and one pair of the White. Houdans were well represented, but were all too dark in color. La Fleche, Gold and Silver Polish and three pairs of Guinea fowls wound up this department.

The turkey exhibit, before referred to, had three pens adults and five pairs chicks, all of the Bronze variety.

Geese had a good display, especially the Toulouse; all of them were fine, well-developed birds. The Chinese White and Chinese Brown and African also had representatives.

Duck exhibits included the Cayuga, Muscovy, Rouen, Aylesbury, and Pekin.

The pigeon entries, especially in the Homer class, was a very large one, but being mixed—some with the fowl, some with the bantams, and some with the ducks—one got but a small idea of what was there. The interest in pigeon culture and exhibits will be increasing shortly, as we understand there is some talk of a pigeon-flying club being organized. Rabbits, of the smaller variety, were also there.

An interesting display of incubators and brooders in operation was of distinct educational value, and attracted considerable attention.

A few plates of eggs, laid upon some dirty pine plank, constituted the egg competition. A little paper-covering to the table would have hidden the bare boards, and have made the exhibit look neat and attractive.

The prize-list, too, could be improved upon. It is an anomaly for the same cash prize to be offered for Barred P. Rocks or White Wyandotte, of which there should be 20 to 30 entries each, as is offered for La Fleche, or some of the ornamental varieties, with, perhaps, one or two entries in each section.

Some such regulation as for four entries or under, in any one section, only second prize offered. If ten entries in any one section, the prizes increased fifty per cent., and extended in the same ratio as at present. Twenty entries, etc., prizes doubled and extended. This would not cost much, and would attract a far larger exhibit.

DAIRY EXHIBIT.

Much has been recently written and said of the backward state of dairying in Manitoba and the Northwest, and, in a general sense, improvement in the matter is not so fast or thorough as to gratify those who advocate the occupation as one likely to become a great and a paying industry. So much of the crying-down air has been abroad lately that one could not help feeling agreeably disappointed on paying a visit to the dairy building during the days of the fair. The judging was done on Wednesday, and continued well into the afternoon. Towards evening visitors began to come, and during the remainder of exhibition week the dairy department proved to be one of the chief attractions of the fair. There was a good display of cheese and butter, and the quality was excellent in every section. Professor Mackay, of Iowa, was judge, and Mr. W. B. Gilroy,

Copenhagen Creamery, acted as director in charge. In judging the exhibits, Mr. Mackay went as near to the standard of perfection as it would be consistent to go if we are still to believe in room for improvement. As high as 97½ points were awarded to butter, and 97 to cheese. There was a strong display in cheese, and the placing could be nothing less than a task of great difficulty. The prizes in factory white cheese were awarded to Arthur Jacques, N. J. Kuneman and H. Frechette, Otterburn. The difference in points of merit was only 2½ points between the first and third prize. The cheese was tiptop quality, and came quite as close to perfection as the total of the score-card indicated.

Factory-made colored cheese was an equally good show in quality, and in quantity the exhibit was quite a shipment in itself. The scores did not total as high as in the white variety, but high enough to show that the judges found the sample of the highest grade. The first prize went to Mr. N. J. Kuneman, Giroux, Man. Mr. Arthur Jacques, St. Francois Xavier, took second place, and Emile Dubois, St. Ann's, third. The weight of each cheese, by the rules of the directorate, was not less than 60 lbs. Very fine cheese was shown in collection of Cheddar. The first place was taken by N. J. Kuneman, with a large and small cheese which he had christened "Twin and Young American," with a score of 96½ points. The score fell off to 90½ and 90 in the second and third prizes, which were won by H. Frechette, St. Pierre, and Arthur Jacques.

The quality of the exhibits in homemade cheese was of a high order, although the number of exhibits was disappointing. In homemade whole-milk cheese, the exhibit shown by Mrs. J. Breckart scored 90 points; the second, by Mrs. W. H. Alcock, Gladstone, totalled to 89½, and the third-prize cheese, by Alf. Bunter, Sutherland, scored 89. Arthur Jacques cleared away the trophies in the sweepstakes for best three cheese, white or colored, winning a diploma and silver medal.

CREAMERY BUTTER.—There was quite a big display in the creamery butter sections, and the flavor and general quality was about all that the most fastidious taste could desire. The grading was so near perfection mark as to leave little room for improvement. The first prize for assorted packages of 56, 28 and 14 lbs. scored highest in the contest, making the high total of 97½ points. This very creditable exhibit was shown by Mr. C. W. Macdougall, Grenfell. The second place was filled by the exhibit of Mr. W. B. Gilroy, of the Copenhagen Creamery, with the slight falling off of 1½ points, Mr. A. C. MacLennan's assortment coming third with another drop of 1½ points.

There was a large number of high-grade exhibits in the section of kegs of butter of fifty-six pounds for export. The first prize went to Mr. Gilroy, with a score of 95½ points. Mr. August Shindler, Rapid City, came in second with a score of 92½, Mr. Lorne A. Gibson, South Qu'Appelle, getting third place with the slightly lower total of 92.

Two kegs of butter kept in cold storage for 80 days was also a section showing a very fine quality of butter. The first prize went to C. W. Macdougall, of Grenfell, with a score of 95. W. B. Gilroy followed closely with a fall-off of one-fourth point. Mr. C. Wheatland was third with 93½ points, while, to emphasize the good quality, a fourth prize was given, which was won by A. C. MacLennan, Winnipeg, with 92½ points.

DAIRY BUTTER.—The exhibition in dairy butter was a fair success, but Mrs. Pope, a prominent winner of previous years, was, unfortunately, prevented from exhibiting. Where faults existed such were pointed out on the cards recording the analysis and points. Sometimes parcels were labelled as having rancid, stale or acid flavor, and where such was the case the cause was attributed by the judges to keeping the cream too long on the milk, or keeping the cream too long after separating, and to churning at too high or too low a temperature. The dairy butter of twenty-pound crocks was highly creditable. The number of exhibits forward in all was forty crocks and tubs, including the exhibits of dairymaids under eighteen years of age. Packages of butter of not less than forty pounds from the farms made a grand exhibition. The totals were not quite so high as in the creamery class, being one and a half points lower in the first-prize tub than the highest score in the creamery. The difference, however, is all but non-existent and the quality practically just as high. The honors were won by Mrs. Jas. Stranger, Prairie Grove, first prize, with a score of 96 points. Miss Lena Marguerite was second with a total of 94½, and Mrs. John Taylor came in third with 94 points, Miss Annie Nicol, Woodlands, being fourth with a score of 93. In the section of twenty-pound crocks, Mrs. John Gall, Carberry, took first prize with a score of 96½; Miss Maggie King, Dominion City, was second with a total of 94½. With ½ point lower, Mrs. Robert Coats took third, and Mrs. James Stranger, Prairie Grove, made a splendid fourth with 94 points. The competition amongst dairymaids under eighteen was one which excited a