

PROVINCIAL FAT STOCK SHOW.

THE THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT WOODSTOCK
A GREAT SUCCESS.

The third annual Provincial Fat Stock Show, held at Woodstock last week under the auspices of the Agricultural and Arts Association, was a great success.

The officers of the show are: Pres., E. W. Chambers, Woodstock; treas., John Craig, Woodstock; sec., Henry Wade, Toronto; general superintendent, Stephen Hall, Washington. The committee of management from the Agricultural and Arts Association are: Geo. Moore, Waterloo; J. C. Snell, Edmonton; J. B. Aylesworth, Newburgh; Stephen White, Chatham; Henry Parker, Woodstock. Those from the Oxford Fat Stock Club: E. W. Chambers, Woodstock; A. Clarkson, Woodstock; W. Strode, Norwich; G. A. Murray, Woodstock; S. Bickle, Woodstock. Ald. Frankland, of Toronto, the pioneer of the Canadian cattle trade was present and officiated as one of the judges.

The total number of entries outside of poultry is about 160. The entries of sheep are more numerous than at either of the former shows, at Toronto and Guelph. The number of cattle and hogs on exhibition is very large. The display of poultry is also first-class. Among the prominent exhibitors are: H. & I. Groff, Elmira; Simon Beattie, Markham; Wm. Murray, Chesterfield; Wm. Donaldson, S. Zorra; John Kelly, Jr., Shakespeare; H. H. Hurd, Hamilton; Stephen Hall, Washington; Geo. Keith, Elora; J. E. Brethour, Burford; J. R. Davis, Woodstock; J. & R. McQueen, Salem; M. & W. Schell, Woodstock; Jas. Allenby, Woodstock; R. Bickle, Walmer; Geo. Denoon, Milton; R. Crozier, Paris; J. Rutherford, Roseville; Jas. Glennie, Guelph; Wm. Oliver, Plattsville; Wm. Walker, Ilderton; G. H. Cook, Ingersoll; E. and A. Stanford, Steyning, England; Alex. McDonald, Chesterfield; Thos. Lee, Oxford Centre; J. Featherston, Credit; Walter West, Guelph.

THE HERDS.

The most prominent herd in the show is that of H. and I. Groff, Elmira. They have ten head present as follows:—Baron, three years old, thoroughbred Shorthorn, red, winner of first prize wherever shown; Elmira Boy, red, winner of first prize as a yearling at the fat stock show, Guelph; Tralton and Elmira Ranger, one-year-olds, red; King, two-year-old Shorthorn grand, red, winner of several prizes; Ranger, two-year-old Shorthorn grade, red with little white, winner of sweepstake and grand sweepstakes for the best ox or steer at last Provincial Fat Stock Show, against all ages and breeds, and first wherever shown this year; he is considered by competent judges the best steer in Canada; Elmira, red, and Roan Warlaby, one-year-old Shorthorn grades; Louisa, red and white, five-year-old Shorthorn grade; Dora, roan, four-year-old Shorthorn grade, has been a prize winner ever since a calf, having won first prizes all over the country.

Messrs. Groff have sold Dora and King to Messrs. Hauraban Bros. at very high figures.

Messrs. J. & R. McQueen, of Salem, have only two head on exhibition this year, Red Duke, 5-year-old Shorthorn steer, has taken prizes wherever shown at all the leading shows, securing the Hope silver cup, valued at \$100, at the Fat Stock Show at Guelph last year; Daisy, roan, 5-year-old Shorthorn grade, has also taken first prizes, getting first at Toronto this year, and is allowed to be the best heifer in Canada.

Mr. G. Keith, of Elora, shows two yearling Shorthorn grades, Prince and Duke, both red. They have never been shown but are remarkably promising young steers.

Mr. Simon Beattie, of Markham, has two remarkably fine white ones in the show, Snowflake,

3-year-old Shorthorn steer, and Snowball, 3-year-old Shorthorn steer. They have never been exhibited before, but when the prizes are awarded are sure of a place.

Wm. Donaldson, of South Zorra, one of Oxford's most prominent breeders, has five good ones in the show, Lily, white, Shorthorn cow 6 years old; Constance, roan, Shorthorn cow, two 2-year old steers and a heifer. Mr. Donaldson also shows a shearing wether, Shropshire Down, weighing 222 lbs.

Wm. Murray, Chesterfield, shows Lally of Ellington, Shorthorn cow, a very fine one. He also exhibits an Oxford Down ewe.

Adam Mohr, Tavistock, shows two, Tilda, 4-year-old Shorthorn, and Barney, yearling Shorthorn steer.

M. & W. Schell, Woodstock, show two 3-year-old and over, Shorthorn grades, Empress and Beauty. Both of them secured prizes before.

Mr. W. Schell, Woodstock, has on exhibition the 5-year old Shorthorn grade Grand Duke, weighing 2,575.

Stephen Hall, of Washington, another prominent breeder of the county, has two 2-year-old steers, Shorthorn grades, Dick and Harry, in the show. They are remarkably fine ones and will develop.

Mr. Hurd, of Hamilton, has his grade steer Hamilton, present.

Mr. J. E. Brethour, Burford, has his heavy yearling steer, Cherry Bounce, in the show.

Mr. John Kelly, Jr., Shakespeare, has eight of his fine sheep on exhibition. Mr. Rutherford, of Roseville, who took a great many prizes at the late Chicago Fat Stock Show, has eighteen. Mr. Geo. Denoon, of Milton, has twenty-two. E. & A. Stanford, of Steyning, Eng., have also present six imported sheep. The exhibitors in hogs are J. Featherston, Geo. Denoon, T. Lee and J. Rutherford.

Following are the weights of some of the principal cattle in the show:—Red Duke, weight 2,600; Daisy, 2,430; Prince, 1,400; Duke, 1,400; Snowflake, 2,060; Snowball, 1,695; Lily, 2,065; Constance, 1,695; Lally of Ellington, 1,760; Tilda, 2,095; Barney, 1,460; Grand Duke, 2,575; Empress, 1,475; Beauty, 1,415; Dick, 1,905; Harry, 1,870; Ranger, 2,235; Baron, 2,275; Cora, 1,990; Louisa, 2,085; Elmira Boy, 1,790; Tralton, 1,215; Elmira Champion, 1,530; King, 1,930; Roan Warlaby, 1,350; Elmira, 1,530; Hamilton, 2,055; Cherry Bounce, 1,488; Red Rose, 1,595.

The Warden, Col. Munro, formally opened the show at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The prize list will appear in our next issue.

The Messrs. Groff pronounce the arrangements of the present show as being ahead of those of former ones. The committee appear to have done their work well.

Many prominent gentlemen from a distance were present besides the exhibitors. Hon. Oliver Mowat and Hon. A. M. Ross were unable to be present owing to pressure of government business.

Mr. Groff, Sr., father of Messrs. H. and I. Groff, expressed himself in flattering terms about Woodstock and the show on Thursday morning. They all say the same.

Mr. Wade and his two assistants have been kept very busy taking entries and attending to the many wants of exhibitors.

Mr. Gibson, a prominent breeder from Ilderton, was present at the show yesterday.

A good bran mash is composed of two quarts of oatmeal, one of bran and half a pint of flaxseed. The oatmeal is put in a bucket, over which is placed the linseed and boiling water added, then the bran is put in and the mixture covered with a cloth and allowed to stand five hours when the whole is well stirred and fed.

TORONTO POULTRY AND PET STOCK EXHIBITION.

There was a large attendance at the exhibition in St. Lawrence Hall, of the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association. Judge, Mr. I. K. Welch, of Natick, Mass. His method of judging is that known as the scoring system, the possible number of points being 100, from which deductions are made for defects and blemishes. The following score-card for light Brahmas will give an idea of the division of the points:—Symmetry, 10; weight, 13; condition, 8; head, 5; comb, 8; wattles and earlobes, 5; neck, 10; back, 6; breast and body, 10; wings, 7; tail, 7; fluff, 5; legs and toes, 6; total, 100. The division of the points varies according to the peculiarities of the breeds. For instance, in Leghorns weight is not considered, and size only scores a possible of 5.

Among the awards posted up the most important was that of the \$50 challenge cup for the best black-breasted red game cockerel, which was won by J. Armstrong, of North Toronto, his bird scoring 95 points. The next highest score for cockerels of the same variety was made by H. P. Harrison, 49 King Street East, whose bird was marked at 94½. The highest scores among the games was made by a brown red pullet belonging to G. Goulding, of Parkdale, her total being 95½. She of course took first prize in her class. Mr. Goulding also took first for his brown red game cockerel, with 93½ points. In golden duckwing games, W. Barber, Toronto, took first prize for his pullet and cockerel, scores 93 and 91 respectively. G. Goulding took first premium for a silver duckwing cockerel, score 91½, and also for a pyle pullet, score 93. In light Brahmas the competition was very keen. J. N. Finch, Seaforth, took first for his cockerel, score 91; and R. Large, Toronto, for a pullet, score 92½. A. G. Willson, Seaforth, won the red ticket in dark Brahmas for old male birds, with a score of 88, and for pullets, score 93½. F. Wixon, Homewood poultry yards, Ingersoll, scored 92 for his dark Brahma hen and took first place. He also took first for a white Leghorn cockerel, score 94, and for black Leghorns, both cockerel and pullet. Mr. J. F. Wagner took first and second for rose-combed white Leghorns. H. G. Jackson, Toronto, won the principal honor for black Hamburg pullets, scoring 96 on the prize-winner, a high standard. I. F. Rice, of Whitby, took 94½ for a cockerel, same class, and got the red ticket. W. F. Banks, Toronto, scored 94½ for his black Spanish hen, and took first prize. His male bird was disqualified on account of the bird's sight being obscured by the abnormal development of the white face. He took second prize with 94 points for another hen of the same variety, but the male bird in the same coop was also disqualified for imperfect sight.

A worse place for holding such an exhibition could not be chosen; at midday the light was so poor that it was impossible to see one half of the exhibits.

During the progress of the Fat Stock Show at Chicago the breeders of Cleveland Bay horses met together to form an organization. At an election of officers the following parties were chosen for the ensuing year:—President, Geo. E. Brown, Aurora, Ill.; Vice-Presidents, M. M. Fields, Cedar Falls, Ia., and W. A. Banks, Door Village, Ind.; Secretary, R. P. Stericker, Springfield, Ill.; Treasurer, George T. Van Norman, Aurora, Ill. Directors—E. W. Gilmore, Albany, Wis.; C. J. Fields, Cedar Falls, Ia.; L. S. Fitch, Oakwood, Ind.; Robert Burgess, Winona, Ill.; Samuel Bell, Wooster, O. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Association. Discussion was had upon the publication of a stud-book and the rules that should govern entries. It was realized by those present that a system of registry was a necessity.