

shearlings and the flock prize. Arkell had best ram any age, also best ewe any age, to him went the prize for best pen of lambs.

Judge—R. Gibson, Delaware.

SHROPSHIRE.—The competition in Shropshires promised to be quite as keen as at Toronto, for the same flocks were present, and a battle royal was expected. In the section for aged rams, the judge placed R. Miller's imported winner, Darlington, first, though he was only placed second at Toronto, with John Campbell's homebred ram, The Best Type, second, although he won first place in Toronto. Mr. Campbell did not like his ram being placed second, so he withdrew the rest of his sheep and entered a protest. His protest was sustained, and the matter will likely be brought before the Sheep Breeders' Association. This practically left the field to R. Miller, and to him were given all the firsts and quite a share of the second places. R. Gibson, Delaware, Wm. Wright, Glanworth, and A. Armstrong & Son, Cathcart, filled up the rest of the second and third places. The special prize for flock over one year old, given by the American Shropshire Association, was awarded to R. Gibson, Delaware, and the special for best flock of lambs went to W. H. Beattie.

Judge—John Conworth, Paris.

SOUTHDOWNS.—The entries in this class were good. The competitors were John Jackson, Abingdon; A. Teller & Son, Paris; and Robt. Shaw & Sons, Glanford Station. John Jackson had his sheep out in line shape, and secured all the first awards in the ram sections, second for ram lamb, and diploma for best ram, any age. He also secured second for aged ewes, shearling ewes, the pen for shearlings, and the pen for lambs. A. Teller & Son also had their sheep out in good shape and made some close contests for places. They were second on aged ram and third on shearling ram. They were more successful with their ewes, winning first both for aged and shearling ewes, second for ewe lambs, diploma for best ewe, any age; and for the flock. Robt. Shaw & Son had the best pair of ewe lambs; they also won a number of second and third places.

Judge—John Miller, Markham.

DORSET HORNS.—R. H. Harding had pretty much his own way in this class. James Bowman had a few entries and won seconds on them. The only other exhibitor was R. O. Shaw Wood, London, who secured third place for aged ram.

MERINOS.—R. Shaw & Son, Glanford Station, showed two pens.

HAMPSHIRE DOWNS.—John Keely, of Shakespeare, showed a pen of this breed.

Swine.

The exhibit of swine was good; though it would not compare with Toronto in point of numbers, yet in point of quality it would compare very favorably, as the best or prize herds came in from Toronto to fight the battle over again, and those that were not in it at Toronto went somewhere else. As at Toronto, the demand for pigs was good and considerable business was done by all of the exhibitors.

YORKSHIRE.—The exhibitors in this class were: J. E. Brethour, Burford; J. Featherston, M.P., Streetsville; H. I. Davis, Woodstock; John Hord and Son, Parkhill; and R. Gibson, Delaware. Mr. Brethour's grand hog again captured first place in the class for aged hogs; he also secured third prize, while second went to Featherston. In the next class, six months and under one year, Brethour had the first and second winners in a pair of very useful hogs; third place went to Featherston. Under six months Featherston had the winner. Messrs. Hord secured second. The bronze medal went to Brethour, for boar and three sows. Brethour had the two first winners for aged sows. The first winner was a particularly good one and would be hard to beat. Featherston was first in the next section, with Brethour second and third. Brethour had the best sow under six months, and Messrs. Hord the next best. Mr. Featherston won the bronze medal for sow and four of her offspring.

Judge—Wm. Jones, Zenda.

CHESTER WHITES.—There were a good lot of pigs out in this class; competition was quite close, and the prizes were well spread around. R. H. Harding, Thorndale, secured first place for his aged boar, second place for boar under six months, second place for sow under six months, and the bronze medal for sow and four of her offspring. H. George & Son,

Crampton, also had out a good lot of animals, of good length, depth, and quality. They secured first for six months and under one year, the bronze medal for best boar and three sows, second and third for aged sows, first and third and first and second in the two young sections. Wm. Butler & Son, Dereham Centre, had also a good lot of pigs forward; the quality was good, also the size, length, and depth, and the animals are good and strong on their feet. They also had a slice of the prize awards, second for aged boar, and boar six months and under one year. First for boar under six months old went to a very deserving pig, and the first prize sow, over one year, was found in their herd. W. E. Wright, Glanworth, had out a number of exceedingly good pigs, and secured a due proportion of the prizes.

Judge—Wm. Jones, Zenda.

POLAND CHINAS.—W. A. H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, secured nearly all the awards. W. W. Fisher had forward three entries, on which he secured a second and a third. Other than this, Messrs. Jones had no opposition.

Judge—Thos. Teasdale, Concord.

BERKSHIRE. The competition was exceedingly keen in this class, and all the sections were well filled. Geo. Green, Fairview, however, won the largest share of the prizes. His winnings were first and second for boars under six months, the bronze medal for boar and three sows, first for aged sow and sow six months and under one year, and first, second, and third for sow under six months in a section of fifteen entries. He also secured second for aged boar and boar six months and under one year. T. A. Cox was forward with his pigs, showing good breeding and in splendid shape. He secured third place in the said section, but he has a right good boar that stands well up in any company. He secured first and third awards for boars six months and under one year, second on aged sows and on sows six months and under one year. The second and third awards went to the Golden Link herd. Wm. McAllister, Varna, secured first for aged hog and third for aged sow. James McEwen, Ketch, secured a third place.

Judge—Thos. Teasdale, Concord.

TAMWORTH.—The number of entries in the different sections in this class was very good. There has been a great improvement in the quality of this breed the last few years. H. George & Son had again the first winner in the aged boar section, closely followed by W. T. Elliott's entry. W. W. Fisher had out a good entry that was placed third. Messrs. George had the best two boars in the section for six months and under one year. J. C. Nichol, Hubrey, had the best boar under six months, and W. T. Elliott second. Messrs. George secured the bronze medal out of a ring of four entries. In the female sections, Messrs. Hord secured first place for aged sows, with Messrs. George second and third. In the next section, Messrs. George secured first and second, and first again out of an entry of fifteen in sows under six months. W. T. Elliott, Hamilton, had out, as usual, a good showing of serviceable strong-boned pigs, and, besides other prizes, captured the bronze medal for sow and four of her offspring in a ring of four entries. Other awards went to W. W. Fisher, W. H. Odell, Belmont, and T. F. Holland and C. C. Corbett, Dereham Centre.

Judge—Wm. Jones, Zenda.

DURC-JERSEY.—Representatives of this breed were shown by Messrs. Tape, Butler, and Fisher. Tape Bros., Ridgetown, had out the largest and strongest herd. They had the only two entries for aged hogs. In the next section, six months to one year, Wm. Butler & Son captured the red ticket with an entry that would win anywhere. Tape Bros. were second, and W. W. Fisher, Ben Miller third. Tape Bros. had the best boar under six months and Fisher won the next two awards. Tape Bros. had the only entry for boar and three sows; they also had the three best aged sows, the first and second entries in the next section and second and third places for sows under six months. Messrs. Butler & Son secured third for sow six months to one year with a capital good entry, and first for sow under six months. W. W. Fisher secured the bronze medal for sow and four of her offspring.

Judge—Thos. Teasdale, Concord.

SUFFOLKS.—Jos. Featherston was too much for the other competitors in this class. The Streetsville herd captured all the firsts but one, that for sows under six months, which was won by A. Frank & Sons. The rest of

the awards were about equally divided between Messrs. Hord and Frank.

Judge—Thos. Teasdale, Concord.

ESSEX.—Jos. Featherston had the only entries.

Agricultural Products.

Situated as London is in the centre of the finest farming district in Canada, a fine exhibit of agricultural products is always expected at the Western Fair. In this particular, with one or two exceptions, visitors to the exhibition were not disappointed this year. The display of the products of the farm and the dairy formed an interesting feature of the show, and in the special buildings provided for them showed off to good advantage.

Roots, Vegetables, and Grain.

The exhibits of these products were not as large as last year, owing to the season being much later and the fair being held earlier than in 1896. The roots were of good quality, but the exhibit was not large. Wheat was very good, as well as some varieties of black oats. Owing to the lateness of the season the display of corn was small. The extremely large pumpkin and the Jumbo squash were conspicuous by their absence. On the whole, the exhibits in this department were fair and indicative of what could be done were the season further advanced.

Honey.

The Western Fair always shows up well in this department. The display of honey was very good, and the various exhibits were arranged with neatness and care. The honey men in the western portion of the province are particularly favored this season in having a very fair output, while those in the eastern part of Canada are without a surplus, owing to the unfavorable conditions prevailing in that section for the production of honey.

In the Agricultural Hall, which contained the honey and agricultural exhibits, the firm of John S. Pearce & Co., London, made a fine display of grain, vegetables, grasses, and flowers grown on their own trial grounds. Among other exhibitors in this building were Wallace & Fraser, St. John, N.B., who showed their celebrated "Alberts' Thomas-Phosphate Powder," well known to the readers of *FARMING*. The Bradley Fertilizer Company, of Boston, Mass., also had on exhibition their standard fertilizers.

Fruit.

The fruit exhibit was just fair. As was expected the display of apples was very much smaller than last year. Plums, peaches and pears were shown in large numbers and were very fine in quality. The exhibit of grapes was very small, owing, no doubt, to the lateness of the season. One of the attractions in the Horticultural Building was the splendid display of cut flowers. In this regard the Western excels, and this year was no exception to the rule.

Dairy Products.

The Dairy Building, as usual, presented many attractions. It is centrally located, and was visited by large numbers during the fair.

Butter.

In creamery butter the number of exhibits was not as large as last year. The quality was good, the exhibits scoring from 90 to 94 points. A great many of those who exhibited in Toronto also showed in London. The gold medal given by the Windsor Salt Co., Windsor, Ont., for the best display of creamery butter, was awarded to R. P. Bearman, Desboro', Ont. Among the other prize winners in the creamery class were I. Wenger, Ayton; Wm. Halliday, Chesley; and Struthers & McQuaker, Owen Sound.

In the private dairy section there were thirty-three entries, which was considerably less than the number who exhibited last year. The quality varied considerably, there being as much variation in the quality of the different exhibits as there was in the varied style of package which contained them. Just here we would like to give a bit of advice, which is that a standard package for dairy butter be adopted by the fair boards. It would serve to make this department much more attractive than it usually is. The gold medal given by the Windsor Salt Co. was won by Mrs. M. Burke, of Bowmanville, who won several prizes. Among the other leading prize winners were Mrs. W. C. Shearer, Bright; J. W. Johnston, Sylvan; Mrs. T. W. Creally, Strathroy; and Mrs. E. Rogers, Dorchester. Much interest was shown in the exhibit of Mr. Henry Johnston, Logan, Iowa, U.S., who made a fine display, showing a number of different packages for packing butter. The Strathroy Dairy School, under the direction

of Mr. F. J. Sleightholm, superintendent, made an excellent display of fine creamery butter put up in different styles of packages. The exhibit consisted of three cases of prints, four boxes, ten firkins, and ten smaller packages of 10 lbs. each, and was very creditable indeed, illustrating the kind of work done at this educational institution. Mr. W. P. Hibbard, Stratford, was judge of butter.

Cheese.

There were 216 cheeses on exhibition, the number being about the same as last year. There were more exhibitors, however, as in some of the sections the number of cheese required to fill an entry had been lessened. The quality, on the whole, was very good. During the exhibition the heat was excessive, and consequently the exhibits did not score as high as they would have done had the weather been more favorable. Some of the special prizes had been cut off, so that there were not as many sections as formerly. Some of the exhibits in the June, July and August classes scored well, indicating the keeping quality of the goods made in the respective factories. The silver medal was awarded to John Morrison, Newry, for the best cheese on exhibition. Among the leading prize winners were Thomas Stacey, Fullarton; George Boyes, Evelyn; Frank Boyes, Nilestown; John Connolly, Malcolm; J. S. Clark, Warwick; W. J. Atkinson, Medina; P. N. Schaus, Paisley; B. J. Connolly, Kintore; and Miss Sarah Baskett, Fanshawe.

Mr. A. F. MacLaren, M.P., Stratford, was sole judge in the cheese section.

In the Dairy Building, which contained a portion of the Indian exhibit, Richardson & Webster, St. Marys, exhibited the American cream separator and a fine line of creamery and cheese factory apparatus. The Alexandra separators and a good line of Babcock testers, creamery and cheese factory supplies were shown by John S. Pearce & Co., London. The Grimm Manufacturing Company, Montreal, had on exhibition their fruit and sugar evaporators. There were also fine displays of dairy salts made by the Windsor Salt Company, Windsor, and the Canada Salt Association, Clinton.

Poultry.

The poultry display was an excellent one and filled the new poultry building almost to overflowing. We have not the space to give a detailed report of this fine exhibit, one of the most attractive on the grounds. Suffice it to say that some of the best representatives of the various breeds of fowl were on exhibition. The poultrymen reported business active, and a desire on the part of breeders to keep only the very best quality of birds in stock.

The judge in the poultry department was Mr. L. G. Jarvis, superintendent Poultry Department Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

THE CENTRAL CANADA EXHIBITION.

Ottawa, September 17-25.

The management of the Central Canada Exhibition put forth every effort to make the exhibition of 1897 a great success. The weather was at first a little threatening and cold, but proved good fair weather after all. The attendance has been the largest they have had. On Wednesday and Thursday of the second week the grounds were thronged with visitors.

The display of agricultural machinery was very good. The main building was fully occupied with exhibits, and space was at a premium. The display made by the Central Experimental Farm attracted great attention; so also did the exhibit of the Canadian Pacific Company. The working dairy in the same building was also the centre of interest during certain hours every day.

The exhibits of live stock were, on the whole, not any more numerous than those of other years, but they were of a higher quality.

The Horticultural Hall.

This building was very tastefully laid out, and the display of house and tropical plants was good. Cut flowers were shown in considerable quantity. Phlox and asters were particularly fine. There was a large and good showing of fruit, of apples and plums particularly. Quite a display of grapes also was made. In some ways the displays of vegetables and field roots were ahead of Toronto. The samples of ensilage corn were much better. The showing of grains, though small, was good.

Poultry.

The show of poultry was the best that has ever been made at the Central. The coops