

breeding interests in this country. Farmers would, to a considerable extent, cease to breed cattle and sheep, and would rely upon the half-fattened stores from the United States and Canada. Should an outbreak of disease follow, the few who had kept up breeding herds would reap a rich harvest, as prices would go up to famine rates, and the meat supply of the community would be raised to such exorbitant values as have not been experienced for generations. The consumers equally with the producers,

#### Bath and West of England Show.

This leading agricultural show was held on May 21st and following days, at Croyden, Surrey, and whatever may be the financial result, there can be no question of the high merit of the capital entry made in all its sections.

The agricultural horses were practically all Shires. Some few classes were open for any breed, but those did not fill. Lord Rothschild's stud was very successful, the medal for best mare or filly going to Dorothy Drew, a grand three-year-old, of his stud. Lord Rothschild and Messrs. J. P. Cross, A. Ransom and Walpole Greenwell were the principal winners.

There were capital classes of Hunters, and a poor display in the Army Remount classes; but those open for Hackneys were well patronized. Mr. H. Livesey's stud being well represented, winning the champion medal for mares and fillies with that noted mare, Surprise, who had by her side a grand foal by the champion McKinley.

Devon cattle, the rubies of the west country, are always strongly represented at these shows, and this year's entry of twenty-eight were of great merit.

Shorthorns made not only a large display, but one of fine quality. Scotch blood was very successful, and there were many real good and typical Shorthorns. Mr. Henry Dudding was to the fore in bulls, and should have also been in the same position with heifers, but luck was against him. Mr. G. Harrison won, amongst other honors, the bull championship with the roan Duthie-bred yearling, Silver Bell, by Silver Plate; Mr. Dudding being r. n. with Ingram's Perfection. Col. Makins and Lords Rothschild and Tredegar were principal

winners in the cow classes, and Lord Calthorpe and Messrs. J. Deane Willis and J. Colman in the heifer class.

The Hereford classes were of very high merit and quality. The Earl of Coventry, in the older bull class, took the leading place; Mr. S. J. Tudge in the young bull class, with Mr. A. E. Hughes at the head of a real good class of bull calves. The four female classes were headed by Mr. J. Tudge in two cases and Mr. R. Green in the other two.

land will find their southern confrères taking the lead. Mr. R. W. Hudson, Rev. C. Bolden, J. H. Bridges, and Sir J. B. Maple, Bart., M. P., were the leading winners.

Both Jerseys and Guernseys came out in great force; in fact, these two breeds, as a rule, make larger entries at these shows than elsewhere, and no better opportunity can be taken by those who are desirous of seeing these breeds to their best advantage than to pay a visit to the annual show of this society.

The little black and brown Kerry and Dexter-Kerry cattle were shown in good numbers, and their small, compact forms form a very pleasing and instructive feature of the show.

#### THE SHEEP.

The Cotswold breed made a small entry, of high merit. Mr. W. Houlton won for rams, and Mr. R. Swanwick for ram lambs and yearling ewes.

Southdowns made a notable entry, of high merit. The classes were large and good, the most noticeable absentees being the Pagham Harbor Co. and Mr. F. N. Hobgen, who do not come out until the Royal Counties Show, week after next. Mr. G. Courtauld, an Essex breeder, took premier honors in the yearling ram class, the Earl of Ellesmere being next. In the ram lamb class, Col. McCalmont's flock, whose advertisement will be found in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, took without question first and second for ram lambs, with two grand pens: Mr. C. Adeane being next. The ewe class fell to the Earl of Cadogan and Col. A. F. Walter.

The Hampshire Down classes were of a very high character, Mr. James Flowers' noted flock taking first right through, his yearling ewes and ram being remarkable for their grand type and character. The Earl of Carnarvon was second for ram and ram lambs, and Mr. C. A. Scott-Murray for yearling ewes.

Shropshires never make a really strong entry at this show, but those that were present were most creditable to their breed; Mr. A. E. Mansell, whose dispersal sale is announced in your columns, being the proud owner of one of the very best types of ram lambs seen for many a day, who, with his mate, came in for premier honors, whilst a yearling ram from this flock, who, though second here, will live ere long to show his tail to his conqueror at this event, a grand sheep from Mr. R. P. Cooper's flock, who, in addition to being first with this grand ram, was also first for yearling ewes; Mr. P. A. Munty's pen being second.

Mr. J. T. Hobbs repeated his Oxford victory, and again led the way in the yearling ram class of Oxford Downs, being followed by Mr. A. Brassey's entries, this latter gentleman taking precedence in the classes for ram lambs and yearling ewes, the latter a very remarkable pen, of great quality. Mr. R. W. Hobbs and Mr. H. W. Stigoe had real good pens entered. Mr. L. C. Attrill was the only competitor in the Dorset Horn classes.

#### PIGS.

The Berkshire classes were well filled, and Mr. Edney Hayter secured the championship with his great boar who won at Oxford, Mr. J. Jefferson being next him in the championship contest with a real good type of sow—Peel Flirt. Mr. R. W. Hudson's young boars and gilts were of excellent merit.

Large Whites (Yorkshires) were not very strong in numbers, Mr. S. Spencer leading the way.

The Tamworths, which make one of the most important shows of the year at this meeting, were present in good numbers and useful quality. Mr.



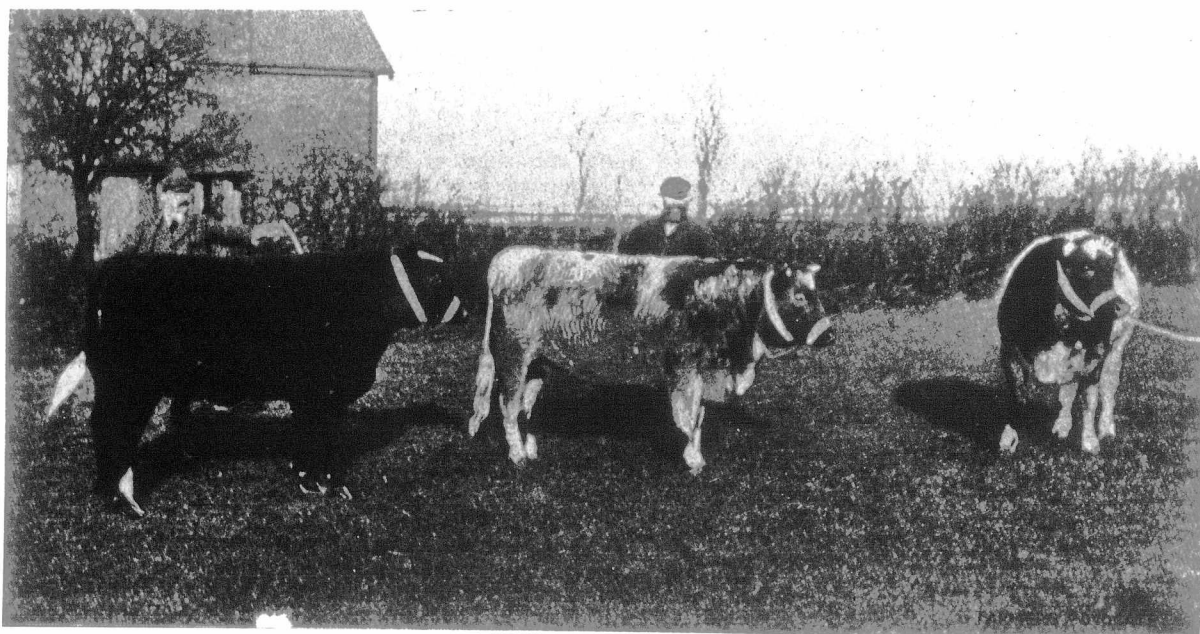
MR. HENRY DUDDING MR. KIRKHAM MR. W. W. CHAPMAN A VISITOR.  
(Riby Grove). (Mr. Dudding's Mgr.). (Rep. FARMER'S ADVOCATE).

therefore, benefit by the present law, which gives every necessary facility for the importation of food, but ensures the exclusion of disease.

"Every consideration counsels the retention of the present law, under which the cattle exports from Canada have increased, as have also those from the United States. Our breeders, though hard hit by competition, do not zealously urge the question of a universal dead-meat trade. But if the battle has to be fought again on the initiative of Canada, then there will be a simultaneous demand for the total exclusion of all live animals except those that are imported for breeding purposes, under an adequate quarantine. That would place the imports to this country on exactly the same terms as ours are subjected to when carefully-selected pedigree stock are imported into the Colonies and foreign countries. But, as has been said, that question is not at the moment one of practical politics. It will only become so if the demand is made for the abrogation of the present law; and the concessions to be made, if that took place, would not be confined to Canada, but would also extend to the United States. It is well that Mr. Fisher and those who support his views should clearly realize this element in the case, which is of considerable importance, as it would lessen the benefit that Canada could expect from the change. This, however, is a matter for Canada herself to consider, if she has not already discounted the probability. With us it is not a question of preferential trade; it may without exaggeration be said to be a matter of life or death to the stock-breeding industry of the United Kingdom, which would be menaced first by a ruinous depreciation of prices; and when the travel-worn animals from the ends of the earth were distributed in the interior, as they would be if the barriers were once broken down, the inevitable outbreak of disease would follow; supplies would then be cut off, and the consumer would also suffer grievously. A clear and prudent policy has been incorporated in the existing Act of Parliament, which, it is hoped, will be strenuously maintained in spite of all efforts to the contrary."

Amateur Farmer—Mr. Green, there seems to be something serious the matter with the horse I bought of you yesterday. He coughs and wheezes distressingly, and I think perhaps he is wind-broken. What would you advise me to do?

Horse Dealer (promptly)—Sell him as quickly as you can, jes' like I did.



HAWTHORN BLOSSOM.

FLORODORA.

OMBERSLEY PRIDE.

Prizewinning Shorthorn heifers in the herd of Mr. Henry Dudding, Riby Grove, Great Grimsby, Lincolnshire. Annual sale August 7th, 1901.

The Aberdeen-Angus cattle had, for the first time, classes open to them at this show, and they certainly took full advantage of the opportunity. Most of the breeders whose names head the winning list, being south country ones, may not be known to your Aberdeen men, but, depend upon it, if the same energy and perseverance continue to be shown in the future, the breeders of these cattle in Scot-

R. Ibbotson won for old boars, the pair of young boars and pair sows; whilst Mr. D. W. Philip took precedence in the mature sow class.

There were not many visitors from either the States or Canada. Amongst those who were present we noticed Mr. F. S. Peer, who is over for a consignment of fine stock, amongst them some Leicester rams.