

Judges: W. H. Jones, Mt. Elgin; James McArthur, Lobo.

#### DUROC-JERSEYS.

There was a great improvement noticeable among the Duroc-Jersey swine this year, the quality being better, while a longer and deeper pig is the order of the day here also. In fact, had Mr. Fearman passed along the pens, he would probably have found reason to modify his remarks anent this breed published in the issue of FARMING for Sept. 6th, as we saw some capital young things in the pens, one young sow under the year especially attracting our attention on account of her fine bacon type. W. Butler & Sons and Tape Bros. had the two strongest herds, all the prizes being divided up between these two exhibitors, except two 3rd prizes for young sows which went to Messrs. Smith, Fairfield Plains. John Park & Sons, Burgessville, had a good young boar entered, but he died before the judging came on.

#### Awards.

Boar, over 2 years—1, Tape Bros.; 2, W. Butler & Son.  
Boar, over 1 and under 2 years—1 and 2, W. Butler & Son.  
Boar, over 6 and under 12 months—1, Tape Bros.; 2 and 3, W. Butler & Son.  
Boar, under 6 months—1, W. Butler & Son; 2 and 3, Tape Bros.  
Sow, over 2 years—1, W. Butler & Son; 2 and 3, Tape Bros.  
Sow, over 1 and under 2 years—1, Tape Bros.; 2, W. Butler & Son; 3, Tape Bros.  
Sow, over 6 and under 12 months—1, W. Butler & Son; 2, Tape Bros.; 3, W. M. & J. C. Smith.  
Sow, under 6 months—1, Tape Bros.; 2, W. Butler & Son; 3, W. M. & J. C. Smith.  
Best boar and two sows, of any age—1, W. Butler & Son; 2, Tape Bros.  
Boar and four of his get, under 6 months old, bred and owned by exhibitor—Tape Bros.  
Sow and four of her produce, under 6 months old, bred and owned by exhibitor—W. Butler & Son.  
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#### ESSEX AND SUFFOLKS.

Jos. Featherston, John Hord & Son, and T. A. McClure were the only exhibitors in this class. The former showed both Suffolks and Essex. The principal prizes were won by his Suffolks whenever any competed with Essex. John Hord & Son won several prizes with Suffolks, and T. A. McClure won 3rd for boar under a year with an Essex.

#### Awards.

Boar, over 2 years—1 and 3, Joseph Featherston; 2, John Hord & Son, Parkhill.  
Boar, over 1 and under 2 years—1 and 2, J. Featherston.  
Boar, over 6 and under 12 months—1 and 2, J. Featherston; 3, T. A. McClure, Meadowvale.  
Boar, under 6 months—1 and 2, J. Featherston; 3, J. Hord & Son.  
Sow, over 2 years—1 and 2, J. Featherston; 3, J. Hord & Son.  
Sow, over 1 and under 2 years—1 and 3, J. Featherston; 2, J. Hord & Son.  
Sow, over 6 and under 12 months—1 and 2, J. Featherston; 3, J. Hord & Son.  
Sow, under 6 months—1 and 2, J. Featherston.  
Boar and 4 of his get, under 6 months old—1, J. Featherston.  
Sow and 4 of her produce, under 6 months old—1, J. Featherston.  
Judges: G. B. Hood, Guelph; J. M. Hurley, Belleville.

#### THE POULTRY EXHIBIT.

Reported by Dr. A. W. Bell, Toronto.

Not only in point of numbers, but also in quality, was the poultry department of Toronto Fair easily ahead of any other show ever held in Canada, and we doubt if, outside of

the Boston and New York winter shows, a finer collection of poultry was ever gotten together, the doops not being nearly sufficient to accommodate the fowls, and nearly one hundred pigeons belonging to the Homing fancy had to be sent home, not having the proper accommodation for them. This should be remedied before another season, as the number of birds for the past three years has outgrown the capacity of the building.

Another feature many advocate is the shortening of the time the birds are on exhibition, eight or nine days being too long to keep fowls cooped up, especially the young birds, in these small pens, many being permanently injured. It is different with horses, cattle, sheep and pigs, as they can be exercised or are accustomed to being penned up. Dogs are only required there four days, and why not fowls? I have been told by a large exhibitor of pigeons that it generally took his birds three days to fully recover the use of their wings after their week's confinement. Many fanciers lost a large number of birds through the extreme heat which prevailed during most of the exhibition.

One thing noticeable was the increased exhibits from farmers, and, from the way their coops were decorated with red and blue tickets, the tillers of the soil are awakening to the fact that they can also raise fancy poultry. And why not? They have every opportunity for doing so at a much less expense than the town fancier. Not only this, but they can raise a much larger number and thus have a much better selection; and may their number never grow less.

As to the exhibits, in the Asiatic or heavy classes the Light Brahmas, Buff Cochins, and Langshans had the largest number of entries, the Buffs exceeding. In Light Brahmas the winning old birds were in first-class feather, having been thoroughly moulted out; whilst the chicks were almost full grown, the first cockerel weighing nearly ten pounds. In Buff Cochins the judge could have changed some of the decisions and given the proper birds their due.

In the American class the Barred and Buff Rocks and White Wyandottes had the most entries, the first named being the largest class in the show, there being twenty-nine cockerels and twenty-three pullets, the young birds being well matured, and should be in good size for the winter show at Toronto next January. The Buff Plymouth Rocks have improved considerably within the past two years, judging by the quality of birds shown at Toronto, but yet, there is room for improvement, the females not yet showing that evenness of color so much desired in all solid colored birds. The White Wyandottes were a large class, 1st hen being one of the largest hens I have seen in this variety. These birds make an ideal farmers' fowl and should be raised more than they are, as they grow rapidly and are very blocky and good market birds.

In the Mediterranean class the Black Minorcas, Buff and White Leghorns were the largest, being closely pressed by the Black Leghorns. These all contained some good birds, and to win in any of them the birds had to be in first-class shape, as competition was very keen in each of these.

Hamburgs, Polands and Games were moderately filled, the last named containing ten birds lately imported especially for this show, and it looks as if some more will be imported for "The Ontario" for next winter, as "Grandpa Main" will not be downed by any younger members of the fancy, and especially by "Billy" Barber, the Irishman from Cork.

Bantams, canaries, pigeons, guinea pigs and rabbits, with incubators, etc., made up the balance of an entry in one of the most attractive departments of the largest exhibition ever given in Canada, and one which it will be hard to excel in years to come.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Poultry Association of Ontario was held Sept. 8th in the Board-room of Industrial Exhibition, the president, Dr. Bell, of Toronto, in the chair, the following directors being present: F. R. Webber, Guelph; Jas. Brown, Durham; Allan Bogue and Wm. McNeil, London; Chas. Bonnick, Toronto; T. J.

Senior, Hamilton; Thos. Scott, St. Thomas; D. C. Trew, Lindsay; and W. J. Bell, Angus.

Before taking up the business of the Association, a deputation waited upon Mr. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, asking that through the American Poultry Association, holding its next annual meeting in Toronto, the Ontario Government be requested to increase for this year their grant to the Association. The deputation were assured that all possible would be done to give them their grant, provided the Government could see its way clear towards that end. After tendering a vote of thanks to Mr. James, the directors took up business of revising list, etc., to which no changes were made.

The judges engaged for next show are J. K. Felch, President American Poultry Association, Natick, Mass.; J. H. Drevenstidt, Johnstown, N.Y.; F. B. Zimmer, Gloversville, N.Y.; S. Butterfield, London; L. G. Jarvis, Guelph; J. H. Snelk, Woodstock, on poultry; J. B. Johnson, Toronto, pigeons and pet stock. It is fully expected to make this the largest winter show ever given in Canada, as many of the largest American exhibitors have already promised to send birds to this show, and the poultry industry of Canada will receive such a boom as it has never before experienced.

#### THE HONEY EXHIBIT.

A visit to honey buildings convinced one that this has been a good year for honey. The display was one of the largest of recent years, and the quality was exceptionally good. All the usual exhibitors were on hand, among whom may be mentioned the Gould, Shapley & Muir Co., of Brantford.

#### FRUIT.

One of the most interesting and instructive exhibits on the grounds was to be found in the fruit building. The fruit exhibit proper was as large as last year. As a rule the fruit was not so large in size, due largely to the dry weather prevalent in the fruit-growing sections this season. The display of plums and grapes was very much better than last year. The display of the luscious grape was indeed a sight to behold. The apples, though good in quality, were smaller in size than usual. One of the special features in the fruit building was an exhibit of various kinds of fruit showing the effects of spraying. This exhibit was in charge of Mr. W. M. Orr, Fruitland, Ont., and consisted of fruit gathered from twenty-four points in Ontario where spraying experiments had been carried on. The various exhibits of sprayed and unsprayed fruit proved most conclusively the good effects which spraying has upon the quality of the fruit. There was shown sprayed and unsprayed fruit taken from the same orchard and from trees not more than thirty feet apart, and while the fruit that had been sprayed was perfect in quality in nearly every case, the unsprayed fruit was spotted, wormy, and defective throughout. Spraying seems to have the same effect on all kinds of fruit, including apples, pears, plums, etc., and should be practised by everyone who has an orchard. The unsprayed fruit matures earlier, and consequently does not attain to that delicious and perfect flavor which is characteristic of fruit when allowed its proper time for maturing. Mr. Orr had on exhibition specimens of the codling moth, the green fruit worm, and other injurious orchard pests. The green fruit worm is a comparatively new arrival. It eats along the side of the fruit, making it unsightly in appearance. Though strong and vigorous, this worm can be destroyed when young by a good application of paris green. Several interesting exhibits were made by the Ontario Experimental Fruit Stations. The fruit in these exhibits was put up in glass jars, and some excellent specimens were shown.

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