

class, and all prizes entered for were awarded by the judge, J. E. Cousins, Harriston.

LEICESTERS.

A strong showing of this breed was made by the flocks of A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; James Snell, Clinton; and A. & W. Whitelaw, Guelph, and the judge was Wm. A. Douglas, Tuscarora, who awarded the prizes as follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1, Smith; 2, Snell; 3, Whitelaw. Shearling ram—1 and 3, Smith; 2, Snell. Ram lamb—1, Whitelaw; 2, Snell; 3, Smith. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1, Whitelaw; 2, Snell; 3, Smith. Shearling ewe—1, Smith; 2, Snell; 3, Whitelaw. Ewe lamb—1, Smith; 2, Snell; 3, Whitelaw. Pen 5 shearlings—1, Smith, and 3, Whitelaw. Pen 5 lambs—1, Smith. Flock, 1 ram, 2 ewes, 2 ewe lambs—1, Smith; 2, Snell. Pen, Canadian-bred—1, Whitelaw; 2, Smith. Ram, any age, champion—1, Smith. Ewe, any age, champion—1, Whitelaw.

COTSWOLDS.

A capital showing of Cotswolds was forward from the flocks of T. Hardy Shore, Glanworth; J. H. Campbell & Son, Jericho, and Geo. Allen, Burford, and the awards were placed by John Kelly, Shakespeare, as follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1 and 2, Shore; 3, Campbell. Shearling ram—1 and 3, Shore; 2, Allen. Ram lamb—1 and 2, Shore; 3, Campbell. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1 and 2, Shore; 3, Allen. Shearling ewe—1, 2 and 3, Shore. Ewe lamb—1 and 2, Allen; 3, Shore. Pen of 5 shearlings—1, Shore. Pen of lambs—1, Shore; 2, Campbell. Flock, 1 ram, 2 ewes, 2 ewe lambs—1, Shore; 2, Allen. Pen, Canadian-bred—1, Shore; 2, Campbell. Ram, any age, champion—1, Shore. Ewe, any age, champion—1, Shore. Four lambs, the get of one ram—1, Shore; 2, Campbell.

LINCOLNS.

A strong showing of this breed was made from the flocks of John Lee & Sons, Highgate; Stevens & Mitchell, Lambeth, and J. S. Gosnell & Sons, Ridgeway. The prizes were awarded by Frank Shore, White Oak, as follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1 and 3, Lee & Sons; 2, Stevens & Mitchell. Shearling ram—1 and 2, Lee & Sons; 3, Gosnell & Son. Ram lamb—1 and 3, Lee & Sons; 2, Stevens & Mitchell. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1 and 2, Lee & Sons; 3, Stevens & Mitchell. Shearling ewe—1, 2 and 3, Lee & Sons. Ewe lamb—1 and 3, Stevens & Mitchell; 2, Lee & Sons. Pen of 5 shearlings—1, Lee & Sons. Pen of lambs—1, Lee & Sons; 2, Stevens & Mitchell. Flock, 1 ram, 2 ewes, 2 ewe lambs—1 and 2, Lee & Sons. Pen, Canadian-bred—1 and 2, Lee & Sons. Ram, any age, champion—1, Lee & Sons. Ewe, any age, champion—1, Lee & Sons.

DORSETS.

A very good showing of this breed was forward from the flocks of R. H. Harding, Thorndale, and John A. Orchard, Shedden, which were placed by Judge J. M. Gardhouse, Weston, as follows:

Ram, 2 shears and over—1 and 2, Harding; 3, Orchard. Shearling ram—1 and 3, Harding; 2, Orchard. Ram lamb—1 and 2, Harding; 3, Orchard. Ewe, 2 shears and over—1 and 2, Harding; 3, Orchard. Shearling ewe—1 and 2, Harding; 3, Orchard. Ewe lamb—1 and 2, Harding; 3, Orchard. Five shearlings—1, Harding. Pen of lambs—1, Harding; 2, Orchard. Flock, 1 ram, 2 ewes, 2 ewe lambs—1, Harding; 2, Orchard. Pen, Canadian-bred—1 and 2, Harding. Ram, any age, champion—1, Harding. Ewe, any age, champion—1, Harding.

Swine.

The exhibit of hogs, in number, was less than usual, presumably due partly to the unusually active demand for breeding stock, and the number of sales negotiated during the summer, but largely, so exhibitors affirm, to the meagreness of the prizes offered, which, in these times of booming prices and general prosperity, are scarcely sufficient to cover expenses. Certainly, the long range of empty pens in the swine department at the show this year should cause the management to seriously consider the question of providing more liberally for the encouragement of this important industry. In each of the two classes usually most largely represented, namely, Yorkshire and Berkshire, there was only one exhibitor, while, in most of the others, the competition was limited to two.

Yorkshires were splendidly represented by selections from the noted Summer Hill herd of D. C. Platt & Son, Millgrove, Ont., which won the largest percentage of principal prizes at the National Exhibition, at Toronto, the previous week, and the Berkshire breed was championed by T. A. Cox, of Brantford, whose herd made a fine prizewinning record at the Western Provincial exhibitions this year. The awards in the Yorkshire class were placed by Major G. B. Hood, Guelph, and in the Berkshire class by Frank Teasdale, Concord.

Longworths were grandly represented by selections from the famous herd of D. Douglas & Sons, Mitchell, and a few entries were made by J. C. Nicholson, Aubrey. Major Hood, who judged the class, awarded all prizes entered for to Douglas & Sons, including herds and sweepstakes, except sec-

ond and third for sow under six months, and second for four pigs, offspring of one sow, which went to Mr. Nichol.

Chester Whites.—This breed was well shown by W. E. Wright, Glanworth, and D. DeCourcy, Bornholm, the majority of the entries being of good type and quality. The class was judged by Major G. B. Hood, Guelph, who awarded the prizes as follows: Boar, 2 years and over—1, DeCourcy; 2, Wright. Boar, 1 year and under 2—1 and 3, DeCourcy; 2, Wright. Boar, 6 months and under 1 year—1 and 3, DeCourcy; 2, Wright. Boar under 6 months—1 and 2, Wright; 3, DeCourcy. Sow, 2 years and over—1 and 3, Wright; 2, DeCourcy. Sow, 1 year and under 2—1, DeCourcy; 2 and 3, Wright. Sow, 6 months and under 1 year—1 and 3, DeCourcy; 2, Wright. Sow under 6 months—1, Wright; 2, DeCourcy. Four pigs under 6 months, offspring of one sow—1, Wright; 2, DeCourcy. Herd, boar and 3 sows, any age—1, DeCourcy; 2, Wright.

Hampshire.—The belted breed, exhibited by A. O'Neil & Son, Birr; Porter Bros., Appleby, and Hastings Bros., Crosshill, made a very creditable showing, and were judged by Frank Shore, White Oak, who placed the awards as follows: Boar, 2 years and over—1, Porter Bros.; 2, Hastings; 3, O'Neil. Boar, 1 year and under 2—1, and 2, O'Neil; 3, Hastings. Boar, six months and under 1 year—1, Hastings; 2 and 3, O'Neil. Boar under 6 months—1 and 3, O'Neil; 2, Hastings. Sow, 2 years and over—1, Hastings; 2, O'Neil; 3, Porter Bros. Sow, 1 year and under 2—1 and 2, Hastings. Sow under six months—1, O'Neil; 2 and 3, Hastings. Four pigs under 6 months, offspring of one sow—1, Hastings. Boar and three sows, any age—1, Hastings.

Poultry.

A liberal increase of several hundred entries was distributed throughout the Poultry Department. Turkeys and water-fowl were particularly strong, while some of the newer breeds of chickens furnished an impressive display. Rhode Island Reds were out in force; Leghorns showed up pretty well; Golden Wyandottes were quite a large class, but some of the old stand-bys, such as White Wyandottes and Rocks, were not so numerous as in some previous years. Albeit, good specimens were in the coops. The award list will be published later.

In the Dairy Building.

The new cold storage for cheese, which the management of the Western Fair very kindly installed this year, and for which they are to be highly commended, not only added much to the appearance, but will insure in future the cheese being kept at a proper temperature. This was a much-needed improvement, and the dairymen of Western Ontario appreciate the enterprise of the fair board in recognizing the interest of the cheese industry, by placing at their disposal such a handsome practical storage. This should bring out larger exhibits from year to year.

The exhibit of cheese and butter was large and of excellent quality, the August cheese scoring higher than usual; and, taking it all together, the dairymen are to be congratulated on the success of this department.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture had on exhibition samples of milk, illustrating the effect of contamination by many different bacteria. This was a revelation to many people, and showed very distinctly how necessary it is that in order to have clean, pure milk, as free as possible from injurious germs, every precaution should be taken to prevent road dust, stable dust, bits of hay and straw, flies, hairs, and so forth, and any other bacteria-laden material, from entering the milk, not only at the time of milking, but subsequently, in transit, or in the home until it is consumed.

A large number of leaflets were handed out to visitors, which give instructions in the production of sanitary milk, and also information on the care of milk in the household.

DAIRY PRIZES, WESTERN FAIR, LONDON.

CHEESE.

Sec. 1, August Colored—1, C. A. Barber, Woodstock, score 96½; 2, R. A. Thompson, Atwood, 96; 3, Geo. W. Empey, Newry, 95½; 4, B. F. Howes, Atwood, 95½.

Sec. 2, August White—1, T. J. Humphrey, Avonbank, 96; 2, C. Donnelly, Scottsville, 95½; 3, C. A. Barber, Woodstock, 95½; 4, W. S. Stocks, Britton, 95½.

Sec. 3, June and July Colored—1, D. Menzies, Molesworth, 96 1-12; 2, C. Donnelly, 95½; 3, R. A. Thompson, 95½; 4, A. E. Shapland, White Oak, 95½.

Sec. 4, June and July White—1, R. A. Thompson, 96; 2, Jno. Cuthbertson, Sebringville, 95 5-12; 3, C. Klockman, Carthage, 95 5-12; 4, C. Donnelly, 95 5-12.

Sec. 5, Collection—1, C. Donnelly; 2, R. A. Thompson.

Sec. 6, Instructor's Group Prize—1, Jas. Burgess, Listowel, 19 points; 2, A. E. Gracey, Woodstock, 14 points; 3, G. M. McKenzie, Ingersoll, 7 points.

Silver Cups—C. A. Barber; T. J. Humphrey.

Avonbank; D. Menzies; R. A. Thompson; C. Donnelly; each win a silver cup, donated by the merchants of London, as they secured the highest score in the respective sections.

Note.—*Scored highest in flavor. †Scored second highest in flavor.

BUTTER.

Sec. 1, Creamery Solids—1, W. H. Brubaker, Dresden, score 97; 2, J. A. Waddell, Kerwood, 96; 3, J. Anderson, Renfrew, 95½; 4, J. R. Almonte, Silverdale, 95; 5, J. H. Scott, Exeter, 94½.

Sec. 2, Creamery, 1-pound Prints—1, J. A. Waddell, 97; 2, J. R. Almonte, 96½; 3, H. W. Patrick, St. Thomas, 96; 4, Canadian Milk Products, Brownsville, 95½; 5, J. H. LeClerc, Foster, Que., 95.

Sec. 3, Farm Dairy Solids—1, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, Brussels, 98; 2, Miss M. Johnston, Bowood, 96; 3, Mrs. J. R. Johnston, Springford, 95; 4, Mrs. E. McRoberts, Bryanston, 93.

Sec. 4, Farm Dairy 1-pound Prints—1, Mrs. E. McRoberts, 97; 2, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, 96½; 3, Mrs. J. R. Johnston, 96; 4, Miss L. B. Gregory, Poplar Hill, 95½.

Sec. 5, Special—1, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, 96½; 2, Mrs. J. R. Johnston, 95½; 3, Miss L. B. Gregory, 95; 4, Mrs. W. Hill, Parkhill, 94½.

BUTTERMAKING COMPETITION.

Sec. 1, Strictly Amateur—1, Miss M. Johnston, Bowood; 2, Miss N. Carrick, Roseville; 3, Mrs. W. Hill, Parkhill; 4, Mrs. A. Simpson, Atwood; 5, Miss L. B. Gregory, Poplar Hill; 6, Miss M. Bryden, Galt.

Sec. 2, Free-for-All—1, Miss L. Carrick; 2, Miss M. Johnston; 3, Miss N. Carrick; 4, Miss L. B. Gregory; 5, Mrs. A. Simpson; 6, Mrs. W. Hill.

Sec. 3, Special Sweepstakes—1, Miss L. B. Gregory; 2, Mrs. A. Simpson; 3, Miss K. Wolfe, Galt; 4, Mrs. W. Hill; 5, Miss M. Bryden.

Miss L. Carrick wins the silver cup donated by the Canadian Salt Co., Windsor, for Sec. 2.

The cheese were judged by Robt. Johnston, Woodstock; Jas. Bristow, St. Thomas, and W. W. Gray, Stratford. Each judge scored independently, and the average of the scores were taken.

The butter was judged by Mr. J. B. Muir, of Ingersoll.

The buttermaking competition created a great deal of interest. Large crowds attended at nearly every churning. Mr. Fred Dean, of Guelph, Creamery Instructor, was the judge, and Frank Hens, Chief Dairy Instructor for Western Ontario, delivered a lecture on "Mistakes of Home Dairy Buttermakers" at each competition, which was much appreciated.

Apiary.

The apiary exhibit was staged attractively in the Dairy Building. E. T. Bainerd, of Lambeth, and Geo. Kimball, of Bryanston, were the principal exhibitors. Mr. Bainerd reported the demand for honey good, a large number of orders having been taken during the Fair. The season has been rather below the average for honey production, and he finds his output going off well at 14 cents for extracted, and 20 cents for sections.

Ontario Vegetable-growers' Convention at London.

Enthusiasm and sustained interest were the distinguishing features of the convention of the Ontario Vegetable-growers' Association, held in London, Wednesday, Sept. 14th. At no gathering the writer has ever attended has there been shown by those present a more thorough acquaintance with the subjects treated, a greater freedom and promptness in discussing them, or a more hopeful spirit generally. Possibly the banquet given by the London Branch Association to the delegates from other places the evening previous to the convention had something to do with the spirit of good-fellowship, and the freedom that prevailed. The banquet was certainly a very pleasing affair indeed, and was attended by about forty "jolly good fellows," as, after the fashion prevailing at banquets, they styled themselves in song over and over again. But, lest some may suspect that the good spirit of the gathering may have been due to a kind of spirits not so good, it is sufficient to say that the banquet was held not at a hotel, but at a restaurant, and that, before the meal was begun, a decorous and fervent blessing was asked. Nothing seems to loosen men's tongues like having a meal together, and, as the evening was cool, and the hour rather late, everyone was really hungry, so that the first serious and rather silent discussion of the excellent viands on the tables was succeeded by a very happy hum by the time the ice cream and fruit appeared. Uncle Joe, as Mr. Rush, of Toronto, has begun to be affectionately called by the other gardeners, dotted off the situation admirably in his short after-dinner speech, by giving an English boy's definition of appetite. "Yes," said the boy, "I know the meaning of appetite. When I'm eating I'm 'appy, and when I gets through I'm tight."

President Thos. Delworth, of Weston, referred to the objects of the Vegetable-growers' Association, which were to better the social and other conditions of the members, and to improve the