

among them were the New York winners. The judges took a long while to decide in this close contest. While good size was a prominent feature, deep, firm flesh and fine Shropshire character were also exemplified in a marked degree. Gibson, Beattie, and Wright won in the order named. Three ewes under one year had three entries. Hammer, Phin, and Campbell won in the mentioned order. In three wethers under a year, Gibson's sensational New York trio could not be got over. Wright and Beattie won the 2nd and 3rd premiums. Just two entries in section for five sheep under two years, bred by exhibitor, were out: those of Hammer and Campbell, who faced each other with almost faultless quintets. We doubt if two better fives could have been chosen from the whole show, even by selecting from any and every pen.

Southdowns were alone in the class for Southdowns, Dorsets, and Merinos. The exhibitors were John Jackson & Sons, Abington; T. C. Douglas, Galt; A. Simenton & Son, Black Heath; Geo. Baker & Son, Simcoe; A. Telfer & Son, Paris, and W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove. The judges were the same as in the Shropshire class. The entries were larger in most of the sections of this than in any of the other pure-bred classes.

One of the sensational sheep of last year was found in the flock of Messrs. Simenton; and, indeed, their shearing ewe this year may lay claim to the same honor. For a wide, deep, fine and handsome ewe, the first prize winner in the section for ewes one and under two years is hard to surpass. The next best was a great beauty, but hardly as highly fitted as the foregoing. She was good enough, however, to win the sweepstakes award for best pure-bred ewe any breed, under two years, bred by exhibitor, who was in this case Mr. Douglas. Jackson's exhibit, a tidy ewe, was placed next in order. Southdown lambs made a pretty string of twelve. Simenton again led off with a gem. If she goes on well till next show time, victory will, in all probability, attend her. Her pen mate, also a dandy on short legs, won 3rd, with Douglas between them with a very fine lamb, true to type and well fitted. The wether sections were well filled with quality, rivaling the females of this breed. In yearlings, Jackson, Douglas, and Telfer won in the mentioned order, and the lamb premiums were placed in the order: Simenton's, Jackson's, Douglas' exhibits. In the section for three ewes under one year, Simenton again led with lambs suited to their position in quantity and quality. Douglas and Jackson followed with trios much alike. In three wethers, Douglas found nothing above his very sheepy lambs, worth a high figure per pound in a New York restaurant; Messrs. Jackson and Baker followed. The section for five sheep under two years, bred by exhibitor, was well contested by Simenton with one shearing ewe, one shearing wether, one wether lamb and two ewe lambs; Douglas with five shearing ewes; and Jackson, three shearing ewes and two shearing wethers. The ewes, which were very even and all good, won for Douglas the 1st award. The evenness of Jackson's five brought him the next premium.

Grades—The grade class was a mixed one throughout; in fact, it was a graded one from end to end, from the fineness of a high grade Southdown to the large typical Lincoln and Leicester. The sections were well filled, and were judged by Arkell, Smith, and Stephens.

Eight well-fitted ewes, two years and over, answered to the first grade call. The only reasonable way of judging them was to view them in the same light as would a butcher who wanted them to hang up in his stall. A Shrop grade, shown by James Leask, Greenbank, was placed 1st; she is a soggy, sappy, good one, with considerable Shropshire character. A very heavy Lincoln grade of Gibson & Walker's took the 2nd place, and David Beattie, Wilton Grove, followed with a gray-faced, good ewe. The yearling grade ewe section divided the honors among the breeds, 1st going to Campbell's Gray Face, 2nd to T. E. Robson's Lincoln grade, and 3rd to Richard Gibson's high grade Shropshire. Grade ewe lambs were eighteen strong and as mixed as any of the former, and of much the same general good quality. Here Leicester blood scored in a well-grown, fat lamb of Douglas' (Lillico's Jr.), of Ayr. Shropshire grades, shown by Wright and Hammer, won 2nd and 3rd. Douglas' Lillico won 1st for three Leicester grade ewes under a year, and was followed by Hammer's Shrops and Capt. Robson's Lincolns. Yearling grade wethers were eight strong. The premiums went 1st and 2nd to Campbell and 3rd to Wright. Grade wether lambs made up one of the strongest sections of the show; no less than eighteen entries were present, the majority of which were choice in quality and of good size, according to their various breeding. A big, broad-backed, solid-fleshed Leicester grade of Rutherford's scored here, followed by a heavy, thick couple of Campbell's. For three grade wether lambs, Campbell, Rutherford, and Gibson & Walker won in the mentioned order. The wether sweepstakes ribbon was won by Rutherford; and the best grade ewe was found in possession of Campbell. Each of these was a high grade Shropshire.

Prizes not mentioned in report:

SPECIALS.

Prizes offered by the American Shropshire Record Association: Grand sweepstakes, if won by a registered Shropshire sheep, \$50; and for registered Shropshire wether, two years old or over—1st, Wm. E. Wright; 2nd and 3rd, Jno. Rutherford.

Shropshire wether, one year old and under two—1st, Wm. E. Wright; 2 and 3, Jno. Campbell.
Shropshire wether, under one year—1st, R. Gibson; 2nd, W. H. Beattie; 3rd, Wm. E. Wright.

EXTRA SPECIALS.

Best wethers sired by registered Shropshire rams and out of grade ewes:

Two years old and over—1st and 2nd, Jno. Rutherford.
Wether, one year old and under two—1st and 2nd, Jno. Campbell.

Wether, under one year—1st and 2nd, Jno. Campbell.
Messrs. Cooper & Nephews, Galveston, Texas, manufacturers of Cooper's Sheep Dip, offered for the third time, the sterling silver cup valued at \$100, as sweepstakes prize for best sheep bred by exhibitor. To become the final owner, an exhibitor must win the cup twice in succession, or on three separate occasions. It was won in 1893 by Henry Arkell, Arkell; in 1894 by John Campbell, Woodville; and in 1895 by Gibson & Walker, Denfield.

Prizes given by the Southdown Breeders' Association of England:

For best ram—Jno. Jackson & Sons.
For sweepstakes ewe—A. Simenton & Sons.
Special premium by American Southdown Breeders' Association: Pen of four lambs (two rams and two ewes), bred and owned by exhibitor—Jno. Jackson & Sons.

SWINE.

The exhibit in this department of the show, though a trifle less in numbers than the preceding year, in point of quality and finish were well up to the mark. A noticeable feature of the swine exhibit was a general tendency to conform to the requirements of the present day, viz., the toning down of some to a more modern and useful type, and the introduction of more length and tone in others, thereby attaining a medium that is more profitable to the producer, which fills the requirements of the pork packers, and is at the same time more pleasing to the eye. Instead of the overloaded, flabby and unevenly distributed surplus flesh seen heretofore in swine at fat stock shows, we find animals of heavy weights well proportioned, with better sides, heavier hams and lighter shoulders, and flesh solid, evenly and smoothly put on.

Berkshires—The judges of this class were Thos. Teasdale, Concord, and Jas. Maine.

Exhibitors were J. G. Snell & Bro., Snellgrove; H. J. Davis, Woodstock; D. A. Graham, Parkhill; and John Kitching, Corwin. Messrs. Snell were out with eleven from their celebrated herd, on which they succeeded in winning fourteen prizes. They had an easy first in the class for over nine months and under eighteen, on their wonderful barrow, Sensation, by Roseberry—3580—, and from Snell's Highclere 2nd. Sensation combines great length, depth and thickness with a smoothness and finish hard to surpass in a hog of his weight; while he carried himself squarely and well on his legs. The sweepstakes for best pure-bred barrow any age or breed was also awarded (and properly) to this pig. Their barrow, Great Scott, full brother to Sensation, is also a remarkably good hog; but the victory was accorded to Sensation almost immediately on his entry into the ring. In the class for under nine months, Messrs. Snell had it all to themselves, exhibiting a trio of very smooth, well-developed pigs of splendid quality; winners in the order named: Count Highclere by Byron Lee 4th—3444—, Star Prince by Imp. Star One—3071—, Silver King, also by Baron Lee; the first and third being from the sow Snell's Highclere 2nd—4003—. For sows over nine months and under eighteen, four very even sows entered the ring. Fantasy—4212—is a grand sow and in capital form, but owing to being in exceptionally fine society, she had to be satisfied with second place. For sows under nine months, Messrs. Snell were first and second on a couple of well brought out sows: Snell's Highclere 3rd and Snell's Highclere 4th, full sisters by Baron Lee 4th and from Snell's Highclere 2nd.

Mr. H. J. Davis was forward with only three Berkshires, one barrow and two sows; the latter being very fine sows and brought out in excellent form. Oxford Daisy by Royal Hope—3050—, dam Nellie Green—2643—, is well worthy of eulogy, and did her owner much honor to win in so strong a ring. Her mate, Nellie Oxford, by same sire and dam, was very little her inferior, and made a very worthy third.

D. A. Graham, Parkhill, showed three nice, smooth sows, of good quality, but hardly in high enough fit to win where competition is so keen; however, they secured third place for three pigs, offspring of one sow; Messrs. Snell capturing first and second.

John Kitching was placed third on a right good barrow over nine months and under eighteen, and on sow under nine months.

Yorkshires were exhibited by Joseph Featherstone, Streetsville; H. J. Davis, Woodstock; Richard Gibson, Delaware; and Thos. Watson, Springvale; one of the prominent and leading breeders being absent from the competing ring this year, in the person of Mr. J. E. Brethour, of Burford. In this class Mr. Featherstone secured the majority of the best prizes. York Midge by Halton King was a creditable production in the over nine months and under eighteen class, while in the class for barrows under nine months, Featherstone was again first on a pig of good length, good back and thick ham; R. Gibson standing second on a pig of fair quality but hardly up in finish. For sows over nine months, Mr. Featherstone won first and second on a couple of grand sows: Haskett Lily and Satella 2nd, both sired by Haskett—922— and from Satella—1844—. These sows were brought out in capital finish and full bloom, good length, deep sides, well-sprung ribs and thick hams, and certainly a wonderful improvement on the Yorkshires of a few years past. R. Gibson was third on

a sow of good type but not in her best bloom. Sows under nine months, Mr. Featherstone was again the winner, on Polly, Molly, and Dolly, a nice, smooth trio of good Yorkshire type, all the same dam, Satella—1844—, and sired by Sweepstake—1934—; these three also won the prize for three pigs, offspring of one sow, and bred by exhibitor. Thos. Watson, Springvale, was out with three very nice sows, on which he was placed second. Judges—Thos. Teasdale and Jas. Maine.

Poland-Chinas—There were two exhibitors in this class: Messrs. W. & H. Jones, Mt. Elgin, and W. M. & J. C. Smith, Fairfield Plains. Both herds were most creditably represented and were brought out in as fine a finish if not better than any of the other breeds. This show closed a most successful year's campaign for Messrs. W. & H. Jones; their winnings including a majority of the best prizes here as elsewhere.

Messrs. Smith's herd also contained some grand ones. Their barrow in the over nine months class captured first; he was in the best of form, of grand quality, and splendidly proportioned. W. & H. Jones followed closely with Ruben, sired by Wise Reuben—504—; these barrows are both thick-fleshed, deep-sided pigs, and brought out in such form as to show the capabilities of the breed. For barrows under nine months, Messrs. Jones were first on Robin Hood, a son of Rob Roy—619—, followed by Messrs. Smith with Peter, by Midnight—591—. The call for sows over nine months brought out some most excellent individuals, Messrs. Jones securing first and second on Avon Belle—899—, by Fountain King—369—, and Black Betsy—943—, by Canada Boy; the former was also sweepstakes sow, and is truly a wonderful production, a typical Poland, and in the very pink of condition. The latter, Black Betsy, is also a sow of capital conformation; Smith's November Queen, by Midnight, making a worthy third. For sows under nine months, Messrs. Jones won first, second and third respectively on Rachael, Graceful Queen, and Graceful Index, the two last being by the famous sire Dark-ness Quality—594—, the former by Rob Roy—619—. The first honor for three best pigs, offspring of one sow, was secured by Messrs. Jones on Graceful Queen, Graceful Index, and Black Betsy; second going to Messrs. Smith, and third to Messrs. Jones; they securing ten firsts on seven pigs. Judges—Joseph Brethour, Burford, and J. Featherstone, Streetsville.

Chester Whites—Judges were Joseph Brethour and Jos. Featherstone. The exhibitors were Wm. Butler and Son, Dereham Centre; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; and H. George & Sons, Crampton. For barrows over nine months, R. H. Harding won first on Patron, by Cleveland—320—, a barrow of good form and quality, and of firm flesh, evenly distributed, but lacking a trifle in finish for the ring. Wm. Butler & Son were second on Douglas 3rd, by Rustler—415—. Messrs. Butler won first and second on a couple of capital barrows under nine months: Barney and Byron, full brothers, from the sow Dominion Belle—517—, and sired by White Lord—338—. H. George & Sons also showed a good hog in Long Jim, by Victor—305—, dam Sweepstakes, on which they won third premium. The call for sows over nine months brought out some capital specimens, Wm. Butler capturing first and third on Annie Rooney and Annie Laurie 2nd, daughters of Dominion Belle—517—, and sired by White Lord—338—. This ends a season of successful winnings for the sow Annie Rooney; in most respects she might be considered a model Chester. R. H. Harding's Sweet Marie is a good sow of considerable merit, having a good level back, deep sides and capital hams; she was accorded the blue ribbon, while the red was awarded to same exhibitor for sow under nine months, on Nightingale, by Washington—608—, and out of Slit Ear—376—. Nightingale is a very even, nice qualified sow, and was followed close with second on her full sister, Jeannette—808—. For three pigs, offspring of one sow, and bred by exhibitor, R. H. Harding won the honors with Patron, Nightingale and Jeannette; second falling to Wm. Butler & Son.

Tamworths—The judges were J. E. Brethour and Jos. Featherstone. Exhibitors were Wm. Butler & Son and H. George & Sons. The former showed seven head, on which they won three firsts and three seconds. The latter showed four individuals, on which they won two firsts and two seconds. This exhibit was hardly up to the previous year, although some very good specimens indeed were on hand.

Duroc Jerseys—Messrs. Butler was the only exhibitor in this breed, which seems to be growing in popularity where they have been given a fair trial. There are now a number of good herds established in the country, and, without doubt, they would have been more strongly represented had the premiums offered been such as to have induced them to come from a distance. Messrs. Butler's herd was brought out in most excellent form, and their stock of Durocs are certainly such as should recommend the breed.

Suffolk, Essex, and Victoria—Judges—Jas. Maine, Milton, and Thos. Teasdale. Exhibitors were R. Dorsey, Burnhamthorpe (Suffolk); Jos. Featherstone, Streetsville (Essex and Suffolk); and A. Frank & Son, The Grange (Suffolk). R. Dorsey captured all the firsts on a typical lot of Suffolks; Jos. Featherstone all the seconds and thirds but three; A. Frank & Son winning second on sow under nine months, and third for three pigs out of one sow, bred by exhibitor; R. Dorsey getting first and second in this section. Messrs. Frank's pigs