

herd. In such strong competition, including two of the best of the cows in the Pan-American dairy test, it was no empty honor for the Brampton herd to secure the next three awards, which were given to their milky matrons, Sunbeam, Rhoda, and Battina of Brampton, in the order named. Each of these is so near the standard of the ideal dairy cow, carrying large and well-balanced udders and well-placed teats, that they might well be placed any other way without injustice to either; and they made a grand showing for the herd that produced them. In a strong class of seven two-year-old heifers, the Brampton herd swept the board, winning the three awards with Golden Lass and Golden Gem, two charming daughters of Imp. Monarch, with big, shapely udders, which took first and third place, respectively, their imported heifer, Pretty Maid, thin in flesh, but of fine pattern and promise, being sandwiched between. In yearling heifers out of milk, the Brampton herd again scored first, with Imp. Brampton Maid, a heifer of practically perfect type, and one that should grow into a premium cow. The gem of the class, however, was found in the first-prize yearling in milk, imported Flying Fox's Brunette, of the Dentonia herd, a purchase at the Cooper sale in Pennsylvania last May. She is a prodigy and "a peach," handsome as they are made, and as full of quality and swinging a milk-vessel that for size and shape would do credit to her grandmother. It is indeed rarely that one meets a being in bovine form that so tempts to a fracturing of the last clause of the decalogue, and one trembles for her fate in view of the adage, "The good die young." In the two sections of heifer calves, over and under six months, a splendid showing was made by each of the herds in competition, Dentonia scoring in the older with Dentonia Idol, a beautiful daughter of Imp. Sensation, a former champion here, and the Brampton herd in the younger section with New York Maid, a sweet calf, of model form, that was born in quarantine to imported Pretty Maid and her Island husband, Emperor. The sweepstakes female was the phenomenal yearling heifer, Flying Fox's Brunette.

The bulls in all sections of the class were an exceedingly creditable collection, and the championship went to the first-prize three-year-old, Imp. Island Lad of Dentonia, who keeps his excellent form and quality unimpaired. Belvoir King, of the Brampton string, an old-time winner on this field, improving with his years and full of good points, made a good second. D. G. & J. G. Hammer, Mt. Vernon, captured first award in two-year-old bulls, with a very worthy entry in Stoke Pogis 5th, a bull of great depth and spring of rib and fine quality. Imported Arthur's Golden Fox, of the Dentonia herd, led in yearling bulls, and "Right in It," of the same herd, was the winner in senior bull calves; while the Brampton herd supplied the first, second and third winners in the section for bulls calved since February 1st, 1902, with typical sons of Monarch, whose progeny also won second in yearling bulls and the older bull calves. The herd prize was won by the Dentonia exhibit.

GUERNSEYS were shown only by Mrs. Massey, whose entries were of excellent character, making a very interesting display and carrying off all the prizes.

HOLSTEINS made a good display, and were expeditiously and well judged by Mr. R. S. Stevenson, of Ancaster. The principal exhibitors were A. C. Hallman, Breslau; Rettie Bros., Norwich, and G. W. Clemons, St. George. Hallman's grand four-year-old De Kol bull, Akrum Judge De Kol 3rd, won first honors in his section, and the male championship of the class, defeating Clemons' veteran Count Mink Mercedes, who had held that position worthily for several years, and is yet in good form for a bull of his age, but, lacking the freshness and force of his younger rival, he had to take second place. It is rarely that a bull stands the racket of the shows so long and so well, and he sets a pattern in type and quality well worthy of emulation, as he imparts it to his progeny with commendable uniformity. Akrum Judge De Kol 3rd combines style and vigor in high degree with excellent conformation and exceptional quality, and reproduces these qualities satisfactorily in his offspring, as was well exemplified in the young things of his get shown this year, which, though young, won second prize for the progeny of a sire, the first award going to the older offspring of the aged Count Mink Mercedes. Rettie Bros. led in two-year-old bulls, with Schuiling's De Kol, by Schuiling's Consul, and in bull calves with Cornelia's Posch, by Sir Abbe-kirk Posch; and Clemons went worthily to the front in yearling bulls, with Count of Maple Hill, a capital son of his sire, Count Mink Mercedes, whom he much resembles in his make-up. Rettie Bros. were strong in the female sections, winning first, second and third in aged cows in a class of ten, the well-known and always excellent Highland Cornelia, combining beauty and usefulness, again heading the list, as she has on more than one occasion done here, and again capturing the sweepstakes, which is no new experience for her. The same exhibitors succeeded in carrying off the first prizes for three-year-old cow, two-year-old

heifer and yearling heifer in milk, and the first herd prize both for aged and young herd. Clemons was first in yearling heifers out of milk, and heifer calf under a year; and Hallman first in heifer calves under six months, and second in aged herds; Clemons being second in young herds.

**FAT AND GRADE CATTLE.**—The classes for fat and grade cattle were mostly well filled in all the sections with a good lot. The principal prize-winners in the fat class were Jas. Leask, Greenbank; J. Fried & Son, Roseville; Jas. Rennie, Wick; I. Groff, Alma; Eastwood Bros., New Toronto; A. B. Baxter, Hamilton, and R. J. Coates, Nappan, N. S. Jas. Leask was strong in steer calves and in the fat heifer section under four years, while in yearling steers Groff had a beautiful white by Knuckle Duster, that was fourth at Guelph last December, but here beat the white steers shown by R. J. Coates which there were first and second. Fried had a good red yearling. Rennie had a fine two-year-old steer and steer calf.

In grades, the prizes were pretty well divided up between Fried, Leask, Rennie and Eastwood Bros., Fried winning most of the red ribbons, including the sweepstakes for females with his two-year-old heifer. Eastwood Bros. hardly received justice, we thought, in the aged cow class, but were successful for three-year-olds. Rennie had some good young things, which received notice. Leask was second for four females, as well as carrying off other prizes.

#### SHEEP.

The sheep exhibit, as a whole, in point of numbers was considerably below what has been seen in previous years, but the quality all round was fully maintained. In one class, moreover, that of Southdowns, the exhibit was far and away beyond anything ever seen here. In fact, it is doubtful if the display has ever been excelled on this continent, except at the World's Fair, Chicago. Southdowns were the bumper class of the sheep department, with Shropshires next, and Leicesters third. This year, for the first time, the new regulations requiring single ewes only in all classes, instead of pairs, came into force, which also tended to lessen the number of entries.

**COTSWOLDS.**—Wm. Thompson, Uxbridge, made the awards in this class, which was up to the average in quality. As usual, John Park, Burgessville, was strong with a good representative lot of the breed. His first-prize aged ram, a winner in previous years, is a grand sheep of good character, strong constitution, and is wooled to his toes. With an aged ewe, large and of excellent type, he was second in that section. He was again to the front with a yearling ewe, well covered and with good skin. Both first and second prizes for ewe lambs went to him. They are by his imported Swanwick ram, and are of a beautiful type. The red ribbons for pen of lambs and for the open pen went to Mr. Park, as did the special given by the American Cotswold Association.

Elgin F. Park secured a fair share of the prize money. Second prize for a two-shear ram, with a great back, went his way; second and third for shearing rams, and first for an aged ewe, with a nice head and well covered. This ewe beat an imported one of the same exhibitor's which won third. A ram lamb, not highly fitted, but with a lovely fleece and skin, went to the front in his section.

J. C. Ross, Jarvis, who made his first appearance here as an exhibitor, did remarkably well in his initial attempt, though in two or three sections his entries might well have gone higher. His sheep were all home-bred or Canadian-bred, except his shearing ram, which was highly fitted, and which won first at the Royal last year. He is a lengthy sheep, with a good top. In aged rams he won third with a ram of T. Hardy Shore's breeding. His ram lambs were not very fat, but won second and fourth. Mr. Ross scored second prize with a shearing ewe, which won first and the championship at Guelph Winter Fair last December, where she was shown by Mr. Ross. She is a typical Cotswold, of capital character, and though not as fat as the one placed above her, she is of superior type, and might well have topped the class. Third for ewe lamb also went to this exhibitor, as well as second for open pen. Mr. Ross favors the old type of Cotswolds, with soft wool and even quality. His ideals in breeding are good backs and wool.

**LEICESTERS.**—This favorite old breed were rather deficient in point of numbers, but the quality was well up to the mark. In this class, too, were new exhibitors in the persons of Hastings Bros., Crosshill, who also did remarkably well, especially in rams. They won first and third on aged rams. The first-prize ram is a grand sheep, with a great top, heart-girth, typical head and well wooled. He was bred by Jno. Kelly, Shakespear, who knows how to breed winners, and came here fresh from his easy victory at Ottawa. He was also a sweepstakes winner at the last Chicago International, and first there as a lamb. The third-prize aged ram, a home-bred one, was not highly fitted, but was of excellent conformation. A very thick ram lamb, also, of Kelly's

breeding, and also a first-prize winner at Ottawa, and a half-brother of the aged ram, secured the red ribbon for these exhibitors. Their shearing ewe, a home-bred one of nice type, came in third. They had no shearing ram or aged ewes entered. They won second both in the open and Canadian-bred pens.

Whitelaw Bros., Guelph, had sixteen head in the pens, all of their own breeding and all by one sire, their imported Polwarth ram, Albino. Their sheep were nicely fitted, and secured some of the leading honors, including first for pen of lambs and first for open pen. Their aged ram, a sweep-stake and first-prize winner at the Pan-American, Toronto and elsewhere last year, though in good fettle, was unnoticed. Messrs. Whitelaw were exceptionally strong in lambs, winning second on ram lamb, and first, third and fourth on ewe lambs, all a well-fitted lot. A new stock ram imported this year from Lord Polwarth did not arrive in time to be fitted for the show.

J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield, won, as usual, a large share of the honors. A lengthy, stylish aged ram, Canadian-bred, and well wooled, won second, and might have gone to the head of the class without injustice to any; while an outstanding winner was found in a home-bred shearing ram of good wool, conformation and substance, and with a nice head. A deep, well-wooled shearing in the same pen won third. A choice ram lamb scored third, with a fellow mate next in order. In aged ewes Mr. Gardhouse was well to the fore with a pair of home-bred sheep, which were clear winners, and are said by competent judges to be some of the best Leicester ewes ever shown here. Again for shearing ewes this exhibitor was first with a grand home-bred one, with a beautiful head and wool of excellent quality. A grand even ewe lamb, strong in her fleece and of extra finish, took second. The red ticket for Canadian-bred pen was captured by Mr. Gardhouse. A choice consignment of sheep from Lord Polwarth's flock, including a shearing ram, the pick out of 80, were not received in time to fit up, otherwise this exhibitor would have made even a stronger showing than he did. A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge, who has always been a strong exhibitor of this breed here, had, we understand, sent his exhibit to the New York State Fair at Syracuse. The ribbons were awarded by Jas. Fennell, Bradford.

**LINCOLNS** were fewer in number than usual, as Messrs. Patrick were not present. J. T. Gibson, Denfield, and his son, R. H. Gibson, were the only exhibitors. While not meeting with opposition, the quality and condition of the sheep would have given them a high place if shown against all comers. With the exception of one aged ram, a yearling ram and a yearling ewe, all the sheep present were home-bred and included winners at the Pan-American, Chicago International, and elsewhere. They were a typical lot of well-wooled sheep, as good a lot as these exhibitors ever brought into a show-yard. In the aged ram class the imported ram took third place to home-bred sheep, but in shearing the imported ram, a first-prize winner at Chicago as a lamb, headed the section. Again in shearing ewes an imported ewe, a prizewinner in England last year, was beaten by a home-bred sheep. The judge in this class was T. Hardy Shore, Glanworth.

**SHROPSHIRE**s made an excellent display. The exhibits were full of quality, and while some former strong exhibitors were absent, the flocks of Jno. Campbell and Hammer Bros., which form a show in themselves, were this year reinforced by a very strong contingent from the flock of W. S. Carpenter, Simcoe, a new exhibitor, whose sheep, capably fitted by Fred Fox, the skillful English shepherd, made a most creditable performance; while Lloyd-Jones Bros., though not having many sheep present, helped to maintain the high standard of excellence which can be found every year in this class. Geo. Phin, Hespeler, handled the sheep and made the awards. For his first appearance in the capacity of judge at Toronto, he did very well, going over the sheep carefully, and, as a general thing, sticking fairly well to type.

D. G. & J. G. Hammer, Mount Vernon, were very successful, winning all the red ribbons except three, including all the pen prizes and American specials, with the exception of the Canadian-bred pen. Their sheep are of good, uniform type as regards heads, fleece and bodies. All this firm's winners were of their own breeding and fitting, including the sweepstakes ram. They had two imported sheep in their pens, an aged ram and shearing ewe, but neither got into the prize list. The shearing rams and ewes are all by the imported Mansell ram No. 55, that was first here last year, and also first at Buffalo, Chicago, and London. Half of the lambs were by this ram, and the rest by Lord Roberts, a home-bred sheep by a Tanner ram out of a Minton ewe. Lord Roberts not only won the sweepstakes here as best American-bred ram of the breed, but also had the honor of siring the sweepstakes ram lamb, a well-grown lamb, with good fleece, skin, bone and length. Jno. Campbell, Woodville, made his twentieth appearance in succession without a break with representatives of the Fairview flock