

The Smithfield of Canada.

The Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show held at Guelph, Ont., from December 10th to 12th, appropriately concluded the list of big shows held in the Dominion during 1895. The show differed from its predecessors in that a dairy and live poultry show was held in connection, thus increasing its attractiveness. Comparing the fat stock department with that of last year, it may be said that the exhibits on the whole were well up to the average, the sheep being especially good, while cattle and pigs were hardly up to last year's mark. Exhibitors who had been at the late New York show reported that the show of sheep was far superior even to the good exhibit there.

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Shorthorns came first on the catalogue. There were three two-year-old steers forward, two of them being shown by James Oke & Son, Alvinston, and one by Thomas Russell, Exeter. The judges did not find much difficulty in putting Ironclad 2nd, one of Messrs. Oke's pair, 1st, as he was the best fleshed of the three. Mr. Russell's white, a low-set animal of good quality, but not in full flesh, came 2nd. A promising white, owned by John Bolton, Armstrong's Mills, headed the yearling section, standing above Messrs. Oke's thick-set roan, who handled well, a smooth younger white of James Lindsay's, Fergus, taking 3rd place. Messrs. Oke had a good steer calf in Royal Oak, a thick, low-set, prime steer. A. Armstrong, Fergus, had a very fair red, which won the blue ribbon, 3rd prize going to a lengthy smooth white owned by Wm. Dredge & Son, Nassagaweya. There was only one entry for cows three years old and over, but she was a good one, exhibited by A. Armstrong. Duncan Stewart, Everton, had an even pair of two-year-olds, and there was just the same number of animals in the section for heifers under two years, where A. Armstrong again came to the front. The special prize given by the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association for the best registered Shorthorn steer went to James Bolton's yearling, and that for the best Shorthorn grade steer of any age to a very good two-year-old, shown by Messrs. Oke.

There was a slight increase in the number of Herefords exhibited, as compared with 1894. One yearling steer was shown by the Stone Estate, Guelph, and three steer calves, two by the Stone Estate and one by H. D. Smith, Comp-ton, Que., the latter a younger animal than the other two. The 1st and 2nd went to the Stone Estate. Three three-year-old cows were entered. H. D. Smith had the winner in Josephine 2nd, the thickest fleshed animal on the ground, and a grand one to boot. She was 1st at all the big shows wherever shown last fall. The 2nd prize

one, shown by the Stone Estate, was also a good one, in excellent condition.

Two Polled Angus cows were all the representatives of that breed, both owned by James Bowman, Guelph. Mysie 2nd of Verulam, winner of the diploma at Ottawa, an animal of excellent type, was placed 1st, and Kyma of Tweedhill, 2nd.

D. McCrae, Guelph, showed two Galloway cows, Queenie of Guelph and Caroline, and won the two prizes offered. The former was in choice order, and carried a beautiful coat of hair.

Six Devons competed in three classes, W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills, being the sole exhibitor, and winning 1st and 2nd in each class.

The exhibit of grades was better than that of purebreds. There were five entries in the two-year-old steer class. First place could not be denied to Messrs. Oke's thick, chunky steer, a splendid handler. J. R. Caldwell, Fergus, was 2nd with a good one, and James Rennie, Wick, a close 3rd. Yearling steers were headed by a very smooth, nicely-fleshed steer, with a great chest and lots of quality, shown by W. H. Nichols, Hamilton; while J. R. Caldwell had a very fair 2nd, and James Rennie's neat, smooth roan came 3rd. A very choice roan steer calf of Messrs. Oke's was placed first in that class, a younger roan, eleven and a half months old, of James Rennie's being 2nd; and a lengthy, fleshy Hereford grade, shown by H. D. Smith, won 3rd honors. There were five grade cows, three years and over, shown. Messrs. Oke won 1st and 2nd place with a grand roan and a well-fleshed red respectively, the latter, however, being somewhat plain at the tail head. James Riddoch, Everton, was 3rd. Grade heifers between two and three years were only fair, and only two in number, Messrs. Oke being 1st. The section for heifers under two years contained some choice things. Here 1st place fell rightly to James Rennie's Susie, a red by G. Jensen's Heir, and a half-sister to his phenomenal 1st of 1894, which deserved the sweepstakes, and did not get it. When we say that the present one was built very much after the model of her half-sister, it will be seen that she was a good one, being deep and thick, with a grandly covered shoulder and back, and of the best quality. Messrs. Oke had two excellent roans forward, which took 2nd and 3rd.

The championship prize for the best fat animal on the ground, of any breed or sex, fell to Mr. Rennie's heifer, mentioned above, her closest competitor being Messrs. Oke's two-year-old grade steer.

In the dairy department the entries were not numerous. Animals were judged here by performance and conformation. There was one Shorthorn cow shown in her class by Herbert Wright, Guelph, Lady Bright 2nd, a daughter of his World's Fair winner, Lady Bright. She won