

had it not been for the arrival of a few carlots of steers from Toronto Junction. These were mostly three-year-olds and were uniformly of the big, deep, thick, "creeper" type, showing considerable handling quality but little, if any, breeding or character. They were rather on the thin side and contrasted strongly with the thick, compact, deep-fleshed typical beef pure-breds, and grades among whom they were stalled. But if the numbers in the regular classes were not larger, the quality of the exhibits more than made up for it, and the visitor of past years can easily read the story of the educational work which this show is doing in the improvement which exhibitors of previous years show in the selection and fitting of their candidates for honors.

In contrast to other years, the purebred Shorthorns this year were very strong and each section had out good examples. The two-year-old steer section, however, showed two entries, both good ones, the winner being a fine representative exhibited by J. & D. J. Campbell, of Woodville, sired by Golden Count. Mr. John Barr, of Blyth, showed a two-year-old yearling and had a thick, deep steer of a good kind but scarcely so well fitted as the winner of first place. In the section for one-year-old steer there was an outstanding winner in the splendid animal, White Ribbon, sired by the Birrell-bred bull, Crimson Ribbon, a son of Blue Ribbon (imp.) and on his dam's side a son of the Crimson Flower, which has produced so many winners at this show. White Ribbon is a deep, thick, white yearling of model smoothness and handling qualities, well fitted, and carrying the sweet, smooth-fleshed in this class was awarded to another white fellow, a son of Merry Sailor, shown by W. R. Elliott & Son, of Galt, Ont. The latter firm had a hard fight for first place in the section for steer under one year, but won with a beautiful and model white, sired by Scottish Hero and of Matchless strain. A very close second was the good, typical red sired by Crimson Ribbon and shown by A. McKinnon, of Coningsby.

In the section for cow or heifer, three years of age or over, John Brown & Sons landed an easy first, their entry being a sweet, smooth-fleshed, symmetrical red heifer, carrying a wealth of flesh in the most approved way. Second place was won by a fine roan cow, a close second but not quite so well covered on top, shown by I. & A. Groff, of Alma. A fine red Duchess of Gloster cow won third place for Barber & Aitchison, of Guelph.

The section for two-year-old heifer was headed by the splendid roan, Flora yoth, shown by Geo. Amos & Son of Moffat, Ont., a get of the champion bull, Old Lancaster, and herself champion of the Canada National of 1907. James Murray, of the International Show at Chicago, where she had stood second to the champion female, she appeared in splendid bloom and finish, and her appearance was greeted with a storm of approval from the audience. This class was very strong throughout, the heifer shown by John Brown & Sons, of Galt, being a get of the same sire and a good second to the winner. Two fine heifers under two years came forward, the exhibit of G. & W. Parkinson, of Eramosa, getting first place over a fine daughter of Old Lancaster shown by G. Amos & Son, of Moffat.

In the class for Hereford or Aberdeen-Angus some fine animals were shown by Mr. Jas. Bowman, of Guelph, and Mr. R. W. McKinnon, of Coningsby, and these illustrated well the extreme smoothness and quality of flesh so characteristic of the Aberdeen-Angus steer. Herefords were represented by a few choice animals from the sweepstakes herd of the year shown by J. A. Govenlock of Forest. Honors were about equally divided. In Galloways and Devons the same high quality was scarcely maintained, though a few fine Galloways were shown by D. McKee, of Guelph, and Mr. C. C. Rudd, of Eden Mills, had on exhibition a number of Devons.

In the grade or cross-bred classes, the competition was, as usual, strong. In the two-year-old steer class, that veteran feeder, Mr. Jas. Leask, of South Ontario, carried off the honors on a beautiful animal, well fitted, perhaps handling a trifle soft. Second prize went to J. & D. J. Campbell, of Woodville, Ont., with third to John Brown & Sons, of Galt. The whole class was a very creditable one, and was followed by another in the section for yearling steer. In this class the honor went to South Ontario again, being won by Mr. Jos. Stone, of Saintfield, whose big red steer, smooth, and thickly-fleshed, carefully fitted and handling well, looked like a good prospect for further honors. This steer is a get of a son of Collynie Archer, and of Dryden breeding. The second prize went to the same stable, with third to Mr. J. Barr, of Blyth. In the section for steer under one year, Kyle Bros., of Avy, Ont., carried the honors with a get of the well-known bull, Bampton Challenger, a noted sire, and he was well represented in the thick, beautifully-fleshed roan at the head of this class. Another of Collynie Archer breeding landed second in this class for Mr. Stone, with a fine Alderden-Angus grade in third place, with two fine animals shown by James Leask, of Greenbank, following. The grade heifer under two years was also a class worthy of mention, and the winner was a get of the well-known Shorthorn sire, College Senator.

The class for three export steers was a good one and had four lots on

exhibition. The judges in the beef classes were Messrs. J. Smith, farm manager for Senator W. C. Edwards, of Rockland, Ont., and Mr. Robert Miller, of Stouffville.

SHEEP.

Sheep were, as usual, very strong both in numbers and quality. The number of fine wethers shown in the breeding classes was larger than usual; and this in the face of a year of prosperity and active demand for breeding stock, speaks volumes for the appreciation which sheep-breeders feel for the honor of winning at the Ontario Winter Fair.

It is to be regretted, however, that a little keener market cannot be afforded than seemed to prevail for the dressed carcasses. It must be rather discouraging to breeders to have to sell for five dollars a carcass of a pure-bred wether, which, if kept alive and intact, would have realized five or six times as much as a sire. The classes were all well filled and in some sections brought out as many as nine or ten head of sheep.

In the Cotswolds, E. Brien & Sons, Rawlings & Bailey, and John Sockett, of Ridgewood, were the contestants and honors were fairly divided, the best wether being the fine yearling shown by Messrs. Rawlings & Bailey, of Forest, Ont.

In the Lincolns there were some strong classes, particularly the yearling wether class, in which was found the sweepstakes wether, this honor going to the pens of Mr. J. T. Gibson of Denfield, Ont.

Leicesters were, as usual, a very strong class, in which such old-time showmen and breeders as Messrs. A. & W. Whitelaw, G. & W. Parkinson, John Kelly and Hastings Bros. found pretty strong competition in newcomers such as Mr. John Cowan, Donegal; John Barber, Guelph; Oliver Turnbull, of Walton, and Mr. John Barr, of Blyth. Exhibits which had been shown at the Chicago International are always at considerable disadvantage, as they inevitably lose something in bloom by the time they are led into the ring at Guelph; but this is saving nothing against the character of the exhibits which some of the younger men had on exhibition. The sweepstakes wether was a splendid fellow in fine condition, shown

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