

prize ram deserved to go ahead, although his feet did not show as strongly as we would like for a sire, standing too far back on his pasterns. Mr. Hamner showed a very fine ram lamb. In shearing ewes Tanner had some very well fitted ewes from across the ocean, and in this and ewe lambs Mr. Campbell were very strong, showing that the Woodville flock is strong in breeding material. Tanner showed up well in ewe lambs also. Lloyd-Jones Bros., while not getting so high in the prize list, were much better than they have ever appeared before, and with as much advance again as they get their share of red ribbons.

Oxford had none of the exhibitors of recent years, but that venerable show man, H. Arkell, came out strong as ever and is evidently heading the way of St. Louis, while a new man in the ring made a good fight with a handsome lot of good type.

Southdowns were a very strong class, stronger than they have been for some years. Teller Bros. had a beautiful lot of those grand little sheep, and won a big share of the honors, several of their lot being recently imported. Mr. Jackson had a very attractive exhibit from his flock, one of the oldest on the continent and Drummond's were in good form and divided the honors for second place with Mr. Jackson. McEwen's lot were not in quite good enough fit, but were of excellent type.

Dorsets had strong representatives from the flocks of Col. McGillivray and R. H. Harding. Col. McGillivray's ewes and aged ram being exceptionally strong, while it is very rare to find a better Dorset lamb than that of Harding's, winning championship of his class, true to type and exceptional in uniform.

Mr. Kelly and Messrs. Teller made a good show of Hampshires, dividing the prizes. Cotswolds had a handsome quartette of imported ewe lambs in the flock of Mr. J. C. Ross, large, heavily woolled, and of good type. His shearing ram, being of correct form but not in high condition, was an easy first in class, but was outranked for championship by Mr. Park's massive, aged ram of wonderful thickness of flesh. Mr. Park fought out well in prizes with Canadian bred sheep.

The Leicesters had the largest exhibit in the building, and has seldom been equalled in merit. Messrs. Whitelaw had a pen of strong rams, and in lambs, though not in quite as good fit as they usually bring them out, were good in quality.

Mr. Kelly was back in place again after a few years' absence from the Industrial. In his pens were a very fine two-shear ewe, as well as younger ones, and his usual lot of good lambs. A new exhibitor, Chas. F. Man, and judging from his first showing, one who will make interesting work for any competitor, showed a strong string all through. His lambs were well

brought out, and the same may be said of all his flock. Hastings Bros. made a very fine showing and are of the material that will come to the front, showing some fine lambs, and winning in weathers as well. A. W. Smith had a very attractive flock, exceptionally well brought out, and winning nearly all the first prizes, including first for all the flocks except four lambs, as well as silver medals for best ram and best ewe any age. His sheep had splendid fleece, well covered and very uniform. Messrs. Gibson of Denfield presented a flock of Lincolns that cannot be duplicated in the world, winning all prizes.

Swine.

The chief feature of the swine exhibit was its comparative smallness. While one or two classes made strong exhibits, there has been a woeful falling off in many of the sections. No doubt the rapid development of the bacon hog trade and the cutting off of some breeds not suitable to this trade has had something to do with it. But why are there not more exhibitors in the bacon breed classes? There are twenty breeders of this type to one ten years ago, and yet the number who show is no larger, if as large, as a few years ago. This should not be. There should be at Toronto every year the greatest show of bacon hogs to be seen on this continent. Where lies the trouble is the question. The prizes this year were large enough to have brought out more exhibitors.

Berkshires.—There was an excellent show of Berkshires this year and one of the largest seen in years. W. H. Durham, East Toronto, had 61 head on exhibition, and Wm. Wilson, Snelgrove, about half that number. The quality throughout was on the whole superior to that of last year. According to the judges the awards were made from the bacon standpoint. In aged boars first went to W. H. Durham's large 4-year-old boar. He weighs 1,055 lbs., and is smooth and clean, standing well up on his legs, a good type of the kind. He won the sweepstake for the best boar over Wilson's two-year-old, also a very fine pig that in the opinion of some should have had first place. The two judges could not agree and Mr. Alex. Smith, who was called in as referee, gave Durham the medal. Wilson had second in the aged class, with a boar of good length, winner in the yearling class last year. Third went to Thos. Teasdale for a good boar, though not so well fitted as the others. In the yearling class Wilson had first for a fine boar. He ran well for the sweepstakes. Durham had second for a good smooth pig that should be heard from another year. In the under 12 month class Wilson had first and third, the former going to a pig of the American type of Berkshire with short nose. Durham had second for pig with good head, which sold to go to Illinois. There was a big entry in the under

6 months class. Wilson got first for a nice smooth pig, clean and even. Durham second and Teasdale third for a pig with good hams and length. In the sow classes the contest was largely between Durham and Wilson, the former securing the bulk of the firsts. Durham had first in aged sows with a sow of good length and good hams. Second went to Wilson for a good lengthy sow, not well enough fitted, that had first place last year. T. A. Cox had third for a very good type of sow. In yearling sows Durham also had first for a sow weighing 800 lbs. She won also in the sweepstakes class. For sows under 12 months Durham had first place with a very nice pig that will make a good yearling, and Wilson second and third with two excellent pigs. This was a strong class. In sows under 6 months Wilson had first with Cox second and Teasdale third. In the herd prizes Wilson had rather the best of it.

Yorkshires.—While the show of Yorkshires was not as large as should be seen at Toronto, considering the importance of this breed, the quality was good. D. C. Platt had much the best of it in nearly all the classes, his home-bred stuff showing up well. He had first in aged boar class with Featherstone & Son second and Duck & Son third. In yearling boars Duck & Son had first for one of their home-bred boars, with Platt second and third. In under 12 months class Platt's Summerhill Performer won first. He was bred at Summerhill and is a good type of the breed, stands up well, has good length and depth and a fine smooth skin. He carried off the sweepstakes for his owner. Under 6 months Platt had first and second with Featherstone a good third. In the sow classes all the firsts went to Platt. His aged sow won first and sweepstakes. She is an imported sow of good length, weighing close to 1,100 lbs. Platt had second for a good sow and Duck third. In the yearling class Platt won the three prizes and first and second in under 12 months for two very nice smooth sows. First and second in pens all went to Platt, who had out some choice stock. Duck had third for boar and 2 sows that made a nice trio.

Tamworths.—There was a nice show of Tamworths, though not as large in numbers as we have seen other years. The quality was good, a better lot being shown than last year. With the exception of R. J. Speers, who won third place in the aged boar class, the prize went to Douglas & Sons and Colwell Bros., the former securing the most firsts. In the aged class Colwell's boar had first place. He also secured the silver medal for best boar. This boar is a splendid type of the Tamworth hog. Though in his fifth year, he carries himself well, stands well on his feet and as active as a young hog. He has a record of five firsts at Toronto and three silver medals. Douglas had a good second in a boar