

Sheep at the Royal Show.

SPECIAL NOTES.

The representation of sheep at the Royal Show, at York, will rank as one of very considerable merit and high quality, and it is very gratifying to be able to say that very many of the pick of England's best have been secured for Canadian and American flocks.

Leicesters.—Of this breed, there were thirty-nine entries in five classes, which were throughout all breeds, except where otherwise stated, for two-shear rams, yearling rams, three ram lambs, three yearling ewes, and three ewe lambs. We have seen this breed better represented in the yearling ram class; but for old rams and yearling ewes the entries were of very high merit. Mr. G. Harrison won the champion prize of the breed with a wonderfully symmetrical ram, which was first at last year's Royal, at Maidstone, a ram thoroughly typical of his breed, as were the whole of the entries. From his specially well-bred flock, Mr. E. F. Jordan came in for premier honors in yearling rams, and was also, besides other minor honors, second and R. N. for champion with a particularly good two-shear ram. Another very excellent flock provided the winning pen in the ram lamb class, namely, Mr. J. J. Simpson's.

Cotswolds.—This breed made one of the best exhibits it has done for some years, the feature of the classes being not so much their numbers (for these only amounted to twenty-two for the five classes), but its high and characteristic merit, more especially those uniformly excellent entries from the world-renowned old flock of Messrs. R. & W. T. Garne, who led in four out of the five classes, the only one wherein he did not win being that for yearling rams, whose winner came from Mr. Russell Swanwick's, a flock whose reputation is of the highest, and whose winner was a particularly grand type of a ram, though Messrs. Garne, who came in for second honors, pressed him very close indeed. A word of commendation is justly due to Mr. W. Houlton for the excellence of his exhibits, more especially in the ewe class, wherein he secured the second prize.

Lincolns.—An entry of fifty-six was made in the six classes open to this breed, the additional class being for a pen of five rams, in which Mr. Henry Dudding's noted old flock was an easy first with a pen of thoroughly typical and characteristic rams, with wonderfully even fleeces of fine wool. A very good pen, typical of the noted flock at Nocton, property of Messrs. Wright, came in for second honors, whilst a well-matched and grand pen of Mr. Tom Casswell's came in third, being closely pushed by a most typical and evenly-matched pen, both in regard to size and character, from Mr. J. E. Casswell's. A class of five old rams was a first-class one, Mr. Tom Casswell's old flock being rightly placed in the first place with a remarkably grand ram of fine masculine character and type. Messrs. G. E. Dean & Sons were second with a ram whose merit and quality was thoroughly typical of their noted flock. The yearling ram class was a grand one, but its winner was outstanding, being a ram of the highest merit, perfect symmetry, and having an excellent fleece. This ram came from Mr. H. Dudding's flock, and won the champion prize of the breed, being accounted by many present as being fully equal to that noted ram from the same flock which occupied a similar place, and which, sold two years since, realized no less than \$5,000. Next him came a grand ram with splendid head and even fleece from Messrs. Wright, of Nocton, whose second exhibit also filled fourth place, thus proving the high excellence of this flock, which secured second and fourth in so large a class. The third prize ram came from Mr. Henry Dudding's flock, and is specially deserving of notice, from the fact that he was of very high merit, particularly in respect to his grand fleece. Space will not permit details being given of those more than excellent pens from the flocks of Messrs. J. E. Casswell, J. Pears, and H. Smith, which secured barren honors. In yearling ewes, a pen of the highest merit and quality—which, by-the-by, are coming to Canada—won hands down for Mr. Henry Dudding, Messrs. Wright's wide, deep and fine pen being a good second, beating Mr. H. Dudding's second pen because they were rather more evenly matched, though, taken ewe for ewe, we should have preferred the third prize pen. Typical pens from Messrs. J. Pears and G. E. Dean & Sons were also noticed by the judges, as they were worthy deserved to be. Messrs. Wright were first for both ram and ewe lambs, though it is quite possible that in the latter class some judges would have preferred the grand pen of Messrs. S. E. Dean & Sons, who came in second and third. A very useful pen of ram lambs from Mr. J. Pears' flock, were placed second, this pen having very fine masculine character and type.

The Oxford Down breeders are to be congratulated upon the all-round good display they made. Mr. J. T. Hobbs winning in both the old ram and yearling ram classes with very high-class rams, the yearling ram more particularly. Mr. J. Tread-

well's old flock went second in the old ram class with a ram of good masculine type and symmetry, whilst this same exhibitor came in third in the yearling class with a ram of specially high merit and good fleece, the second place in this class being filled by a grand ram of excellent character from the well-known and highly-reputed flock of Mr. H. W. Stilgoe. Mr. J. C. Eady had a pen of highly meritorious rams in this class, and secured no more than they deserved by being placed R. N. and C. In the yearling ewe class, this latter exhibitor, as has been the case for the past three years, easily secured both first and second awards with six ewes of the grandest merit and type. Mr. W. J. P. Reading was easily to the fore for ram lambs, and Mr. W. A. Treweek took a similar position for ewe lambs which give great promise of future excellence.

Shropshires. in six classes, one being given it for five yearling rams, made an entry of 105, of which 85 were present. As a whole, there was scarcely a more uniform or even section of sheep in the show, and it must be a real satisfaction to the breeders of this variety of sheep to find so very large an entry and one of so high an average of merit present. The old ram class was a thoroughly good one, Mr. R. P. Cooper taking precedence with a fine ram of excellent merit, bred by Mr. D. Buttar; Mr. A. E. Mansell closely following him with one bred by Mr. J. Bowen-Jones, which was of a real grand type and had a most typical head. A large number of other breeders both in this and the following classes of this breed were noticed by barren honors; in fact, but a very small percentage of the large entry failed to secure the notice of the judges in some degree or other. Mr. A. E. Mansell, who owns one of the best and most typical flocks of this breed, showed the high merit thereof by reason of his great victory in a wonderfully strong class of yearling rams, as both first and second prizes went to sheep of his breeding, which were typical of the breed in the highest sense of the term. An almost equally good ram from Mrs. M. Barrs' secured third honors, and one from Mr. R. P. Cooper's flock filled the R. N. Again, in the pens of five yearling rams we found an exceptionally grand entry, and the pen

a grand all-round good ram; and one of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales' was R. N. His Royal Highness in the yearling class secured second honors, as the sheep were placed by the judges, but ought really to have gone first, for the Sandringham ram beat the other one hollow in walking and in other respects, the winner being a ram bred by the late Mr. J. J. Colman and exhibited by Mr. Jeremiah Colman, which was of good quality in respect to flesh and fleece, but could not move as a ram should do. A moderate sheep of Mr. Courtauld's came in for third honors, and a typical ram of high quality from Mr. C. R. W. Adeane's flock was R. N. The yearling ewes were a class of high merit, and the Earl of Cadogan's pen, which have won at most of the shows during the present year, led the way once more, though that most excellent pen of the Pagham Harbor Co.'s which came in for second honors were considered by many breeders their superior in respect to type, character, and heads. The ram and ewe lamb classes were not strong; in fact, there exists very great difficulty in finding good ram lambs or ewe lambs of this breed this year. Mr. C. R. W. Adeane led in ram lambs. Col. McCalmont came in for second honors with lambs more masculine and better developed. Mr. Whitaker Wright led in the ewe lamb class with an exceptionally fine pen of young lambs, but the other entries were of no special merit.

Hampshire Downs.—An entry of sterling merit was made by this breed, whose breeders are, perhaps, the most energetic lot of men for pushing their breed abroad, as will be seen by their advertisement that regularly appears in this paper. The old ram class was a thoroughly good one, more especially the two rams that won first and second honors respectively for Messrs. Carey Coles and J. Flower, two of the foremost breeders of this grand breed. The yearling ram class was one of the largest and best we have seen of the breed for many years, and though by the judges' award Mr. J. Flower was placed second, there was a pretty general consensus of opinion that his ram was more typical and of better quality than the ram to which premier honors and championship went, which came from the flock of Lord Rothschilds, a flock which, we may remark, is one of great merit and quality. Mr. R. W. Hudson's ram was third, and he will be heard of in your country in the autumn fairs. He has merit, type and quality. Mr. J. Flower without doubt was clearly right in being placed first and second for ewes. Which of the two pens was best would be hard to say, they were all grand ones. Mr. Hudson here again came in for third honors with a grand pen, but a bit overfed. The ram lamb class was one of especial merit, more particularly the pen which won first for the Earl of Carnarvon, and that which took second for Mr. J. Flower. Both of these pens were so excellent and even that it was really a hard matter to tell which ought to have been first. A most typical and valuable pen from Mr. T. F. Buxton's flock came in for third honors, a position to which their grand character and even merit fully entitled them. Mr. J. Flower secured deservedly the first prize in ewe lambs with a grand pen, the Earl of Carnarvon being again very close up as second, and a grand even pen, with good conformation and symmetry, from Mr. Carey Coles, secured third honors.

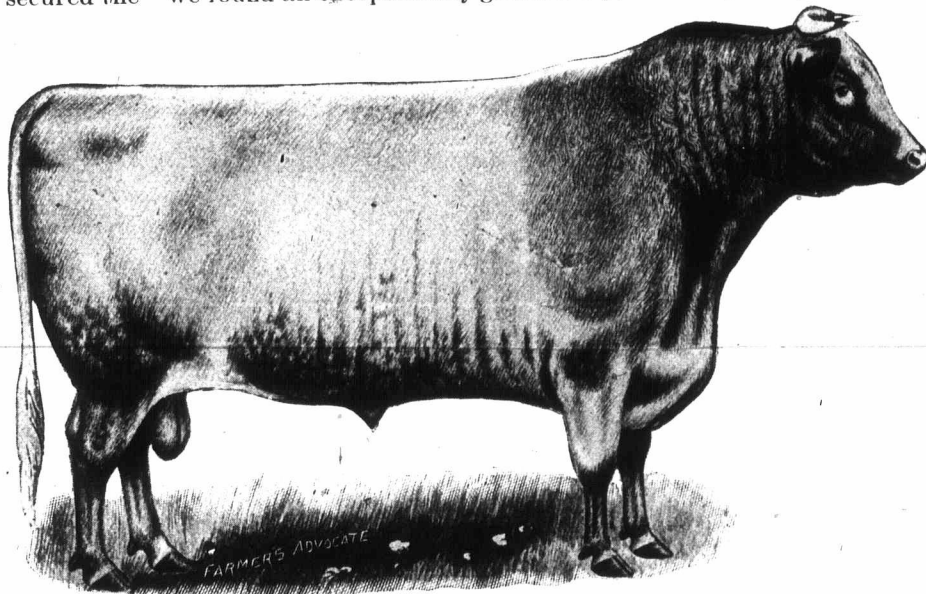
Suffolks.—This is a breed not largely known in your country, but one which produces very excellent mutton. Their entry was most typical of their breed, and of high merit. The Earl of Ellesmere was the principal winner.

Border Leicesters.—A grand entry was made by this breed, and we feel sure that those who are interested therein could not but be most satisfied with its large and full classes of so high an average of merit. In the older classes, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M. P., took premier honors throughout, though his entries were strongly pressed for their position in the yearling ram classes by two grand rams from Mr. J. E. Nicholson, the best of which was certainly very close up if not better than the winner, having more scale and better rumps. Mr. J. Twentyman led in a good class of ram lambs, and Mr. McIntosh took similar honors in the ewe lamb class.

Wensleydales are another breed of sheep not much known in your country, but one which produces mutton and wool of very high-class merit. The entry was thoroughly typical of the breed, and of high quality and merit, the leading winners being the executors of Mr. T. Willis, Lady Henry Bentick, W. Cleasby, and Jas. Rhodes.

Kent or Romney Marsh.—This is one of those breeds which, if it were tried in your country, would be of great value, especially in marsh lands. Its merits are great hardiness and freedom from fluke or foot rot. The entry, for which only classes for yearling ewes and rams were provided, was a first-class one, Mr. F. Neame and Mr. A. Amos won for rams, and Mr. W. Millen for yearling ewes.

Dorset Horns.—This breed, in its two classes, made a moderate entry only, Mr. W. R. Flowers winning for rams, and Mr. L. C. Attrill for yearling ewes.



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which won first honors for Mr. P. A. Muntz, M. P., were, especially three of them, rams of the grandest character, and were particularly noticeable on account of their scale and masculine type. Next them came another well-matched and typical pen, from Mrs. M. Barrs' flock, which were in every sense worthy of the honor accorded them. A lengthy and very typical pen from Mr. W. F. Inge secured the third place in this strong class, and Mr. David Buttar, with one of the best matched pens in the same, came in for R. N. Their place would have been higher up had they been better in their skins. A strong class of ram lambs from Mr. A. E. Mansell's flock was again to the fore with six excellent lambs, this breeder securing the first and second places. Their equal certainly would be hard to find. A very true and well-matched pen of Mr. P. L. Mills' was R. N. This latter breeder should have won in the yearling ewe class, as his pen was one of the best and most typical we have seen for some time, but the judges thought otherwise, and this ideal pen was placed second to a pen of very high merit and quality from Mr. W. F. Inge's flock. Mrs. M. Barrs again coming in for the third award. The ewe lamb class formed a very counterpart of Mr. P. L. Mills' excellent pen of yearling ewes, mentioned above, in his pen of lambs placed at its head, an honor their great merit fully entitled them to. Mr. A. E. Mansell being second, and Mrs. Barrs R. N.

Southdowns made an entry of high merit and quality, and it was generally considered that in the judging of the yearling ram class the awards were not entirely in accord with what they should have been, as there were many high-class and meritorious sheep left out in the cold. Mr. C. R. W. Adeane led in a good class of old rams, winning also the championship of the breed with a fine typical ram of the breed; the Pagham Harbor Co. coming in for second honors with a stud ram of the highest merit,