

doubt grow in favor in Canada. The entire flock now numbers 76. Mr. Kelly writes that he has not sold an animal for breeding purposes since 1883 for less than \$30. In 1890 the sheep sold by him averaged a little over \$38; in 1891 the average was \$43. The success of the flock in the show rings of Canada and the United States has been phenomenal. At the principal exhibitions he has won no less than 38 sweepstake prizes given for best pen, often winning the first and second. The prizes won in the various sections are correspondingly numerous. Among Canadian live stock breeders there are few indeed who understand the science of producing and rearing good stock as well as Mr. Kelly. He is a breeder, not a dealer. His judgment on all matters relating to his business is to be relied upon, and his honesty is unquestionable.

OXFORD-DOWNS.

MR. PETER ARKELL'S

flock of Oxford-downs was founded in 1880 by an importation of fifty head selected in person from the renowned flocks of William Arkell and Charles Hobbs, of Gloucestershire, England. Since then he has made six importations of the best he could find, including the first prize pen of shearing ewes at the Bath and West in 1883, the second prize Royal winners at Norwich, and the second prize pen of shearing ewes at the Royal Show held at London in 1889. He has been a very successful exhibitor, his flock winning seven silver medals and over thirty diplomas and pen prizes. His flock was also awarded the gold medal given by the American Oxford-down Record Association at the Toronto Industrial for the best flock of Oxfords, and the silver medal given as a sweepstake prize at the Central Canada Exhibition held in Ottawa in 1890, for best pen of any breed. The flock consists at present of 160 head. During 1891 there was sold upwards of sixty head which were scattered over all parts of Canada and the United States. The demand for Oxfords this year was greater than ever before, exceeding the supply.

JAS. TOLTON.

was born on the 21st of January, of the year 1839, in the township of Eramosa, in the county of Wellington, within about four miles of the then village, but now the Royal City, of Guelph. Residing with his father (who kept a flock of Leicester sheep) on the farm until the year 1861, when having heard through the press and otherwise of the natural productiveness, and the comparative ease of the cultivation of the prairie lands of the Western States, he determined to see them before settling down for life, and visiting and remaining in different parts of the States of Illinois and Iowa for two years. Returning he commenced to make himself a farm out of the bush in the township of Brant in county of Bruce. As soon as some of the bush was cleared away, and the land under grass, he commenced to keep sheep, starting with a small flock of Leicesters, then, as well as now, a very popular breed. Soon after this a brisk demand having sprung up not only in Canada but also in the U. S. A. for the Cotswold, then a comparative new breed of sheep in America, he commenced a flock of this breed by the purchase of a few ewes from the late Thos. Arkell, Esq. of Arkell, continuing to keep both breeds until 1881. Mr. Peter Arkell, of Teeswater, the veteran breeder of Oxford-down sheep, in that year having made his first importation of Oxfords of this, then quite new, but since getting to be a popular breed of sheep, Mr. Tolton being pleased with the sheep made a small selection from this importation of two shearing ewes and a ram lamb, thus founding his present flock. Mr. Arkell making a second importation the following year, he made another selection of two shearing ewes, and in 1883 making another selection of a shearing ewe and a ram lamb out of an importation made by Mr. Arkell in that year. In the year 1890, his eldest son went to England and brought out for his father's farm, forty shearing ewes and four rams of this breed, amongst them being the first and second prize pens of shearing ewes and first-prize shearing ram at the Royal Show of that year, the same sheep also being the winners of the sweepstakes over all breeds in their respective classes at the Oxford show. The flock now comprises upwards of forty breeding ewes, making with the ewe lambs on hand, and a few ram lambs unsold, a total of seventy-five.

HENRY ARKELL.

Farnham Farm, Arkell P. O., pioneer importer and breeder of Oxford-down sheep, whose farm of three hundred acres is situated in what is called "The Plains of Puslinch", five miles from the city of Guelph, and five minutes walk from Arkell station, C. P. R. and G. T. R. It is the family homestead, his father, the late Thomas Arkell, settling there in 1831. He was a successful breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Cotswold sheep for many years, and the subject of our sketch has all his life been among high class stock. His first importation of Oxford-downs was in 1881, and comprised eight ewes and ten rams. In the following year he imported fifty ewes and fifteen rams, and since then an occasional ram, until 1891, when Mr. Jas. Main selected and imported for him fourteen ewes and three rams, among them being several Royal winners. He exhibited those at Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, where he won many honors, including the pen prizes, amid very strong competition in Toronto. Mr. Arkell has not exhibited until this year since 1886, when he was also very successful at Toronto, "the Provincial", and at Guelph. Again in 1881, 1882 and 1883 his sheep won many prizes at Toronto, London, Guelph and Provincial at Kingston. In 1887 he sold his show flock to Frank Wilson Jackson, Mich., in whose hands they won the

prize at Michigan State Fair, Toledo, Ohio, and at St. Louis, also sweepstakes for ram and five of his get. Each year since 1888 Mr. Arkell has sold to George MacKarrow, Sussex, Wis., a show flock, with which Mr. MacKarrow has captured a large number of prizes at many of the leading fairs in the U. S. Mr. A.'s flock was founded on importations from the flocks of Messrs. Hobbs, Arkell, Brassey and Adams, well known British breeders.

SHROPSHIRE.

J. & J. SMITH'S

flock of Shropshires was established in 1888 by an importation of twenty-five ewes, chiefly from the flock of Richard Thomas, Shrewsbury, England. It has now increased to ninety-five head bred from this importation, and a few valuable ewes from the flock of Jno. Miller & Sons, Uffington 11116, bred by Arthur Gibson, Nottingham, England. This ram has proved a valuable sire, and was sold to the States for exhibition at the fall fairs. He has been replaced by a fine imported ram, bred by the Messrs. Bradburne. The Messrs. Smith are natives of Cumberland, England, where they formerly carried on a farm of 400 acres. In 1879 Mr. Smith, Jr., emigrated to this country, and immediately engaged as head herdsman at Bow Park, where he continued until May 1891, when he joined his father who had previously established a flock of Shropshires as above mentioned. Their flock has already become noted because of the large size and fine quality of the lambs each year exhibited at Ontario's leading exhibitions by the proprietors.

W. H. BEATTIE.

Shropshire Park Farm, the property of the above named gentleman, is situated four miles south of London, Ont. Mr. Beattie commenced breeding Shropshires in 1878. He made his first importation from England in 1887. Each year since that date he has made large importations, selecting the animals in person from the best British flocks. That good judgment has been used in choosing his stock has been shown by its success in the show ring. Animals selected by him have been very successful winners, not alone in Canada, but also in the U. S. A. His flock, among other honors, has captured the first prize given for the best flock of Shropshires at the Western Fair for three years in succession, viz., in 1886, 1887, and 1888; in 1891 besides many other prizes they won the same high honor at the Detroit International Fair, as well as sweepstakes given for best ewe. This flock is one of the largest in Ontario, numbering 91 head, 75 of which are ewes in lamb, nine are ewe lambs, seven ram lambs and three imported rams.

MR. R. GIBSON'S

flock of Shropshires are principally imported, and number about 40 head. They are even in quality and very well bred. Three imported rams are kept so that suitable crosses can be made. Burwell Prince, a royal winner, is one of these rams. No reasonable expense has been spared in laying the foundation of this flock. Nothing but choice specimens have been imported, the best of each importation being retained by the importer.

MR. J. P. PHIN.

of Hespeler P. O., Ontario, was born in the township of Waterloo in 1841, in which township he has continued to reside ever since. His father, a native of Roxboroughshire, Scotland, emigrated to Canada and settled in the wood of Waterloo in 1832. Mr. P. was brought up on the farm, and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, except three years (in early youth) spent in teaching the public school in the S. S. in which his father resided. He has had considerable experience in public affairs, having been a J. P. for over twenty years, school trustee, superintendent, member of the County Board of Education, license commissioner, reeve of the township for several years and warden of the county in 1890. Mr. Phin has always been an admirer of good farm stock of all kinds, preferring to see a good show of animals to the best equipped circus or best rendered theatrical performance. He is now making a specialty of importing and breeding Shropshire sheep. His flock, which was started in 1881 by an importation bred by the Earl of Zetland, new Lord Lieut., of Ireland, consists of over sixty breeding ewes, mostly imported, selected carefully (some of them personally) from the flocks of some of the most noted breeders in England, such as Mr. Bowen Jones, President of the English Shropshire Down Association; W. Thomas, Alfred Tanner, R. Barber and Mr. J. E. Farmer. Mr. Phin reports his sales as very satisfactory for the past season. He has still some ewe lambs and a few ram lambs for sale. His flock is always open for inspection, and visitors are made welcome.

HON. JOHN DRYDEN'S

flock of Shropshires was started in 1880 by an importation from the flocks of the best English breeders of a number of choice shearing ewes. It has been replenished by new importations year by year, and now numbers fifty breeding ewes. The sire principally used is Prince of Wales, bred by J. Bowen Jones, and winner of Prince of Wales's size of \$60. He is assisted by Corsin Patriot, bred by D. Buttar, Scotland, and by Sir William, bred by W. Nevitt. The flock has always taken a foremost place in the show ring at all the leading exhibitions, winning twenty-eight first prizes in one season. Prize-winning specimens are annually sold to intending exhibitors in Canada and the States. Style, quality and size are always prominent characteristics in the product of the flock.

W. D. REESOR'S

flock of Shropshires was added to the well-known Elm Park Jersey herd in the winter of 1889, by the purchase of ten selected imported ewes from the well-known flocks of T. & S. Bradburne, Thomas Dickens and M. Williams, a number of them being daughters and grand-daughters of the great ram The Rector 1769, E. F. B., and all in lamb to Messrs. Jno. Miller & Sons' first prize ram at Toronto of that year. In the spring of 1890 he had the good fortune of raising eighteen lambs, selling the ram lambs and keeping the best of the ewe lambs to add to the flock, Mr. Reesor, being so impressed by the hardiness of the Shropshires, that he concluded to add still more to the flock, which he succeeded in doing by securing five very fine shearlings, bred by Mr. H. Williams, and in lamb to the prize-winner Royalist, in addition to above. Mr. R. also secured ten more imported shearlings from the flocks of Joseph Everall, R. Jones and T. & S. Bradburne, and had them all served by Binningham, 1st at Toronto in 1890. As may be supposed from such sires as Royalist and Binningham, good lambs were to be expected, but the result was ahead of expectations, and Elm Park flock showed as even a lot of lambs of extra quality as could be found among any of the older breeders. Since disposing of the ram lambs and a few ewe lambs, the flock goes into winter quarters in fine condition, numbering some fifty head. Though this flock is comparatively young we must say it has been started right, and from present appearances must rank among the best in Ontario.

W. S. HAWKSHAW.

The Shropshire flock belonging to Mr. Hawkshaw was started ten years ago, but a few years ago, seeing the demand for a better class was on the increase, he visited England with the object of buying the best, and brought out a consignment of the choicest ewes from some of the leading flocks, since that time his sales have doubled themselves every season. Sheep from his flock can be found in most of the neighboring states and from Halifax to British Columbia in the Dominion. He has now a large flock of imported ewes in lamb to the stock ram which proved himself a grand sire last season.

MR. D. G. HANMER.

of the firm of D. G. Hanmer & Sons, has given particular attention to sheep breeding for twenty-five years, the last ten of which has been devoted to the production of high class Shropshires. The present flock was founded from an importation selected from the flock of Mr. Evans, of England. Yearly additions have since been made from some of the following British flocks:—Bradburne's, Barber's, Everell's, Nevell's, Blantern's, and Sir Wm. Ward's. Messrs. Hanmer's flock numbers over 60 head, and has won over 200 prizes at Ontario exhibitions during the last five years. Mr. G. D. Hanmer writes: "The success of our sheep is largely due to the attention of my son James H., who will in future have the chief management of the flock, and will spare no pains in keeping it up to the present high standard." Mr. H. and his sons occupy a high place among the sheep breeders of the Dominion.

JOHN MILLER

came to Canada in 1835, bringing with him sheep and pigs. Shortly afterwards Shorthorns and Clydesdales were added to the other breeds of pure stock. In 1865 Shropshires were tried, but the fleece was then getting nearly all the attention from the breeders of sheep. Quality of mutton was so little thought of that no medium woolled sheep would pay. Cotswolds were bred and imported extensively until the people were ready for a change. This season their importation of sheep was the largest that came to America, containing animals that won more premiums at the leading shows in Canada and the States than have ever been won by the animals of one importation. They have also imported the whole of the bull calves and half the heifers from the Cruickshank cows still in Scotland, except one bull calf retained by Mr. Duthie. These cattle are now in quarantine at Halifax, and will be home about the 20th January. They now have 40 horses, 70 Shorthorns and 260 Shropshires.

SOUTHDOWNS.

MESSRS. ROBERT SHAW & SONS

are the owners of the Glanford Station Flock of Southdowns which was established in 1856, and from that date until the present it has been the aim of the proprietors to breed only from the best. The first importation was made by this firm in 1883 and comprised one shearing ram and six yearling ewes. Since that date several selections have been made from the most noted flocks of England. At present the flock is headed by the imported ram Duke of Cambridge 2944, bred by Mr. Geo. Jonas. Ever since its establishment sheep from this flock have been among the successful winners in their class at the leading Canadian shows.

MR. T. C. DOUGLAS

founded his fine flock of Southdowns in 1869. The present high standard has been maintained by careful breeding and occasional purchases of selected animals from the best flocks in Canada, and subsequently by frequent additions drawn from such English flocks as that of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Messrs. Jonas, Colman, Lucas and Ellis. The rams used in the flock have always been of high individual merit and breeding. At present the flock numbers 35. The rams now in use are an imported two-shear, bred by Mr. Jonas, the sweepstakes yearling ram at the Bath and West of the England Show and at Detroit in 1891, bred by Mr. Ellis. Also a ram lamb of grand character, bred by Mr. Lucas. This last is also a prize-winner.