

Seven three-year-old fillies lined up before the judge. A very even lot they were, with not a poor one in the bunch; in fact, so nearly equal were the most of them that it was a very difficult matter to pick out the best. Hodgkinson & Tisdale's Donna Roma (imp.) was decorated with the red, an award that appeared to give universal satisfaction; as well it might, for she is very hard to fault indeed. Graham Bros.' Chiming Bell (imp.) was placed second; another award that no one could find fault with. Smith & Richardson's Lady Minto (imp.) came in for third place, and again was the award placed on about the right animal. Fourth also went to Smith & Richardson, on Lady Aberdeen, and just here, for the benefit of our readers who were not privileged to see this splendid lot of fillies, we wish to say that worthy candidates for honors in this class were not confined to the ribbon bearers.

Three fillies entered the yearling class, all growthy, breedy-looking animals; Graham Bros.' Miss Hendry (imp.) heading the string.

SHIRES.—The exhibit of Shires was fully up to that of former years. Among the exhibitors, John Gardhouse & Sons, of Highfield, were on hand with several extra good ones, that showed very careful fitting and plenty of style and quality. Morris & Wellington, Fonthill, the well-known Shire importers, also showed a number of high-class animals, imported and Canadian-bred. J. M. Gardhouse was on hand with a few that for quality, style and finish showed that the Shire as a high-class draft horse is equal to any. J. B. Hogate, the noted Shire importer, also showed a number of his latest importations, and as usual carried off a number of prizes. There were also a few shown by smaller breeders. Taken as a whole, the Shires this year were equal to any former exhibit, if not slightly ahead, inasmuch as the breeders appear to be advancing more on the lines of quality, which, of course, improves the showing of the breed.

THE CARRIAGE AND COACH class was, as usual, well represented, and showed some magnificent specimens of this very popular dual breed of horses, a few of them showing action that would put to shame many of the Hackneys. J. Crouch & Son, R. Ness & Sons, and Hamilton & Hawthorne were the principal exhibitors, and as the animals were paraded before the multitude that surrounded the ring, they were frequently applauded. Crouch & Son won the major part of the stallion prizes.

THOROUGHBREDs.—Thoroughbreds put up a pretty good showing this year, both as to numbers and quality. Robt. Davies' Orme Shore was first in the steeplechase, and later sweepstakes; Seagram came second with his last year's champion, Milner. Milner's in this time entered for sweepstakes in the class for three-year-olds, calculated to get hunters and saddle horses, and took off the rosette. In three-year-old fillies, J. M. Noyes' Dufferin Park, exhibited for first place last year's champion, Have a Care. Davies was first on foot.

HACKNEYS.—Hackneys are losing none of their prestige, if Toronto Exhibition is any criterion. The classes were strengthened by some very superior recent importations. Graham Bros. and Robt. Beith secured the lion's share of the coveted positions, although Telfer Bros., J. B. Hogate, Smith & Richardson, Hamilton & Hawthorne, L. L. Pound & Co., Hodgkinson & Tisdale, A. Sheard and John Cowie put up exhibits that let them into the money, and would have graced better places in good competition. Sweepstakes stallion was Graham Bros.' Rosary, a horse of good Hackney conformation and a true way of going, that promises something extraordinarily good in the hands of his present owners. Beith came in for the corresponding honor in females, with Lady Yapham, one of his recent choice importations.

SHEEP.

than the sweet grasses preferred by sheep. SHROPSHIRE.—As usual the Shropshire exhibit was the center of attraction, the battle being fought by the flocks of W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland; J. G. Hamner, Brantford; Lloyd-Jones Bros., Burford; John Dryden & Son, Brooklin, and W. E. Wright, Glanworth. The principal tussle was between the first three named, the Rockland contingent winning second on aged ram, first and fourth on ram lamb, second on shearing ewe, first and second on ewe lambs; sweepstakes for best ewe any age also was captured by the lamb, which showed fine conformation and fitting. This flock also won first for pen of lambs, first for home-bred pen, and second for open pen, with similar honors in the association specials; also sweepstakes for ewe any age, on a home-bred shearing. The masterly work of Shepherd Bradburn certainly counted for much with this lot. The Brantford exhibit also showed they had received more than ordinary care, winning third on home-bred aged ram, first and sweepstakes for best ram any age being allotted to the shearing, and second and third on ram lambs; also first and second on two-shear ewes, and first and third on shearing ewes, the latter a home-bred one, beating several imported ones. In pen of lambs this flock won second, in open flock first, and on Canadian-bred flock second. In the association specials they win first for flock, second for pen of lambs, and sweepstakes for best ram. The above flock were a typical lot, well brought out. The Burford flock made a good start by winning first with the old stock ram, Marauder; third on two-shear ewes, and third and fourth on ewe lambs also went to this flock. The Dryden flock captured second and third on a strong, even-fleshed pair of shearing rams. The Glanworth exhibit was not especially fitted for show, being brought out for sale. However, they secured a couple of ribbons in the specials.

LEICESTERS.—The competition in the Leicester class was almost as keen as usual, with the usual exhibitors present, excepting the Maple Lodge contingent, which is on its way to Portland, Ore. The competition was quite interesting, many good things being brought forward. In aged rams, Hastings Bros., Maw and Whitelaw Bros. won in the order named, on first-class representatives. In shearing rams, Whitelaw Bros., Frank Kelly, Aylmer (a new exhibitor), and Hastings Bros. won upon very representative specimens, that were hard to decide between. In ram lambs, in the writer's opinion, the third-prize lamb would not have been misplaced had he been put at the top. Although he lacked a trifle in size, he had splendid conformation, and a good quality of wool. Hastings Bros.' two-shear ram was an easy winner of sweepstakes. In the ewe sections, Chas. F. Maw and Hastings Bros. divided the honors pretty evenly, the latter winning sweepstakes on a ewe lamb of choice quality, with Whitelaw Bros. a strong third. The pen and flock prices went to Hastings Bros., Whitelaw Bros. and Maw, in the order named. The above exhibit was mostly of Canadian breeding, and showed clearly what can be produced here if proper attention be given.

LINCOLNS were brought

LINCOLN were brought out by the veteran showman, J. T. Gibson, Denfield, and they were, as usual, a strong bunch, ready for a friendly fight with all who wished to face them, but none came forward, so Mr. Gibson had an easy victory. It seems a pity that so valuable a breed of sheep should have so few competitors in the show-ring.

Now the show has moved to a very good exhibit, the fight between Eben P. Park, Burgessville, and J. C. Jones, Lehigh, scoundrels on ewe and ram. This ewe is exhibited at the St. Louis World's Fair. To show the difference, judges have to watch themselves when judging.

OXFORDS.—This class was championed by Henry Arkell, the well-known importer, and J. W. Lee & Sons, Simcoe, the former winning most of the plums in the breeding classes, including both sweepstakes. The champion ewe was a third-prize winner at St. Louis, and has done well since then. She was closely pressed by one of Mr. Arkell's own breeding. In the home-bred and association specials, Lee came in for a fair share of the winnings, upon nicely-fitted stuff.

DORSETS were out about as strong as usual, totaling 49 entries. Col. McGillivray led in the sections, winning champions on both ewe and ram, while his old showing opponent, R. H. Harding, had the credit of winning, among other prominent prizes, first for pen of lambs, and first for flock, both bred by exhibitor. Jas. Robertson & Sons, of Milton, had out a few of very nice quality, but not fitted sufficiently to figure very high in the winnings.

The fat sheep class was quite as strong as usual in point of quality, being well fleshed and firm. In the long-woolled yearling class, J. T. Gibson secured first, with Whitelaw Bros. and Hastings Bros. second and third, in the order named. In the lamb sections the Leicesters did the trick, while in short wools the South-downs won four prizes out of six; the third-prize yearling being a Shropshire, while the second prize in the lamb class was won by an imported Hampshire.

Never has a show here passed off in our recollection with so few complaints about the judging in this department as this year, the judges throughout giving almost universal satisfaction, no complaints of any account being heard.

In the shearing contest (by hand) Wm. Butler won first prize, finishing his sheep in 15 minutes; Fred Silversides winning second, in 27 minutes; W. H. Beattie third, in 23 minutes, and Mr. Clegg fourth, doing his work in 9 minutes. Quality of work was considered in making awards.

The exhibits of swine, though somewhat less than usual in number, owing to the keen demand, advancing prices and numerous sales, were generally of excellent quality, and were brought out in splendid condition, scarcely any of the Canadian-fed hogs being over-fed or going off their feet for lack of exercise. These especially evidenced good judgment and good management on the part of their owners and attendants, both in their breeding and feeding, a distinct and useful type having been kept in view in both respects. The exception to this statement of the quality and condition was found in the few newly-imported animals in the Berkshire class, most of which were over-fat and badly off their feet, and the judges acting in that class made themselves an unenviable reputation in placing animals of that description in some of the sections above typical specimens of the breed, built on the lines approved by intelligent Canadian breeders. It is difficult to believe that some of the awards were made on the sober judgment of the jury, who have been identified with the business long enough to know better, but the tendency of whose ruling in these instances is calculated to damage rather than improve the standard of our hogs, to undo much of the good work accomplished in the improvement of their type and quality, and to injure our reputation for producing a brand of bacon suitable to our best market. Canadian breeders have proved that the Berkshires can be bred to conform satisfactorily to the bacon type without losing any of their distinctive valuable qualities as a farmer's profitable hog, but holding their good reputation as a profitable sort from the feeder's standpoint.

BERKSHIRE.—The Berkshire class was, on the whole, very creditably represented, by selections from the herds of Wm. Wilson, Brampton; Thos. Teasdale, Oxford, and W. H. Durham, Toronto. Wilson showed a strong lot throughout the class, and Teasdale was, as usual, strong in the younger classes, where he scored well, though not as well as he deserved on the merits