

The Suffolk sheep as a breed is reaping the advantages of a properly conceived publicity campaign at home. I confess they might still do a bit more in that line abroad—in Canada, for instance—for the breed is a thoroughly reliable one and the carcass of the Suffolk is an ideal carcass on the butcher's block, possessing very little waste. At the Suffolk Sheep Society's sale, in Ipswich, "records" were made, i. e., £30 apiece for a pen of ten shearing ewes by H. W. Daking, Thorpe-le-Soken, and 300 guineas for a ram lamb by Herbert E. Smith, Walton-on-the-Naze. Smith won the Venning Cup for the best single ram, and the auctioneer's prize for the best pen of five rams. They made an average of £149 apiece, with 300 guineas as top price. This high figure was paid by Preston Jones, of Mickleover, Derbyshire, who is founding a stud of Suffolk horses and a flock of sheep in that County. All told Smith sold 20 ram lambs at Ipswich for £56 10s 6d apiece. Some of his other good prices were 155 and 100 guineas. W. F. Paul sold 12 ram lambs at an average of £34, with 190 guineas as top figure. F. W. Clarke sold 9 at an average of £56 17s 2d each, his top price being 120 guineas. G. A. Goodchild got an average of £62 3s for his 9, his best individual prices being 160 guineas and 120 guineas. Scotch buyers took this brace away. Turning to shearing ewes, H. W. Daking's 200 head averaged £10 10s 6d each, with £30 as top rate for a pen of ten, i. e. £300, given by Edwin Giles, Great Clacton. Sam Sherwood paid £22 each for another pen of ten; H. T. Long sold 129 shearlings and two-shear ewes at an average of just over £11 apiece, his top price being £22 10s, against £18 10s. he got last year. Sam Sherwood averaged £14 12s. 6d for 20 shearing ewes he offered. Among the spectators at the Ipswich sale were a number of Canadian wounded soldiers and farmers in their homeland. Their impressions were distinctly favorable to the breed. They marvelled at the prices made, and no wonder. At Newmarket 210 guineas were paid for a Suffolk ram lamb sent to the sale of R. J. Burrell, of Littlebury. Burrell's 475 ewes averaged £9 1s 6d each, and 120 shearlings ewes averaged £10 7s 1d each. Now there are some people who declare that the Oxford Down is as good a sheep as the Suffolk. The Oxford has had its turn in the sale yards just lately. At the City of Oxford Ram Fair a record price for the Fair was set up when a shearing ram sent by F. Penson, of Taston, Charlbury, realized 185 guineas, that price being paid by Captain Brassey, the new Master of Heythrop. Another of Penson's rams fetched 86 guineas. The second highest price of the sale was 100 guineas, given by G. Neilds, Dunbar, for a shearing ram bred by H. W. Stilgoe, Adderbury. The Duke of Marlborough paid 70 guineas for a ram lamb submitted by R. W. Hobbs, Velmoscott.

A lot of ewes from the famous Oxford Down flock of George Adams & Sons, Faringdon, Oxford, were sold