

chased from Jas. Leask, of Greenbank, at the Winter Fair at Guelph. For the remaining sections Leask was in the lead. The awards were: Steer, 2 years and under 3—1, B. Slattery; 2, Ormiston & Son; 3 and 5, Armstrong; 4, Leask. Steer, 1 year and under 2—1, Slattery; 2, Armstrong; 3, A. Dynes, of Hintonburg; 4, Armstrong; 5, Leask. Steer under 1 year—1, Leask; 2 and 3, Barnett; 4, Reid & Co.; 5, Wallace. Heifer, 2 years and under 3—1 and 5, Leask; 2 and 3, Armstrong; 4, Reid & Co. Heifer, 1 year and under 2—1 and 2, Leask; 3 and 4, Armstrong; 5, Reid & Co.

Twenty-one growthy, sappy steers demonstrated the capabilities of Eastern Ontario in fitting cattle for export. Each bunch comprised three specimens. First money went to a lot of Aberdeen-Angus grades, from the same sire as the grand champion of the Guelph Winter Fair. Although not large, they were uniformly well finished, and would dress to a high percentage of carcass. The remaining entries were grade Shorthorns. The second prize went to a weighty trio, fairly well fattened, and third to smaller animals of fair quality. Some entries fell low because of lack of finish, and the presence of one animal greatly different from the other two in size and condition.

The awards were: 1, Armstrong; 2, 3 and 5, Dynes; 4, Ormiston & Son; 6, Reid & Co.

A special, donated by the Traders Bank, for beef steer any age, exhibited by a resident of Nepean or Gloucester townships, went to B. Slattery, on his thick-fleshed red.

The Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association special for grade steers, sired by pure-bred Shorthorn bull, found three sons of Leask's producer of prizewinners, Gloster's Choice, in the money. The entry list comprised the white three-year-old winner at Guelph, and his half-brother, a red animal, winner in two-year-old class, as well as a yearling from Leask's stable, and also by Gloster's Choice. The red won the highest premium, because of slightly less roughness, particularly about the tail-head, than his white half-brother. Third fell to Leask, on a full brother of the choice red.

SHEEP.

In no other department of the show was so decided an improvement over last year observable, the long rows of stalls being well filled with exceedingly high-class representatives of the various breeds.

SHROPSHIRE.—This favorite breed was exhibited by J. & D. J. Campbell, of Woodville, Ont.; A. M. Stewart, Dalmeny, Ont., and W. A. Wallace, of Kars, Ont. Wether under 1 year—1, 2 and 3, Campbell. Best 3 wethers under 1 year—1, Campbell; 2, Stewart. Ewe under 1 year—1, 2 and 3, Campbell; 4, Wallace; 5, Stewart. Best 3 ewes under 1 year—1, Campbell; 2, Wallace; 3, Stewart.

COTSWOLDS. were exhibited by J. W. Lee, Simcoe, and John Sockett, Rockwood, Ont. Wether under 1 year—1, Lee; 2, Sockett. Sockett being the only exhibitor in the other sections of the class was awarded all the other ribbons.

LINCOLNS.—L. Parkinson, of Eramosa, Ont., was the only exhibitor of Lincolns, with a fairly good representative lot.

LEICESTERS.—G. & W. Parkinson, of Eramosa, Ont., was alone in this breed, and, of course, got all the awards, in some cases on animals that would have won in strong competition.

DORSETS.—The only Dorsets out for honors were the entries of R. H. Harding, of Thorndale, Ont., and fully sustained the reputation of excellence of his noted flock.

OXFORDS.—Again a single exhibitor was out with this very favorite breed, J. W. Lee, Simcoe, Ont., who made a most creditable showing.

SOUTHDOWNS. were exhibited by Telfer Bros., Paris, Ont., and Thos. Baker, Simcoe, Ont. Both had out some extra choice individuals, that showed careful fitting. Wether under 1 year—1, 2 and 3, Telfer; 4 and 5, Baker. Three wethers under 1 year—1, Telfer; 2, Baker. Ewe under 1 year—1 and 3, Telfer; 2 and 4, Baker. Three ewes under 1 year—1, Telfer; 2, Baker.

GRADES OR CROSSES.—Wether under 1 year—1, 4 and 5, Campbell; 2, L. Parkinson; 3, Lee. Three wethers under 1 year—1, Campbell; 2, Lee; 3, Parkinson. Ewe under 1 year—1 and 2, Baker; 3 and 4, Campbell. Three ewes under 1 year—1, Baker; 2, Campbell; 3, L. Parkinson.

The judge for Shropshires and grades and crosses was Prof. Grisdale, Ottawa; for all the other breeds, Joseph Barnett, Brooklyn, Ont.

SWINE.

The swine exhibit showed a most decided improvement over that of the last few years. The pure-bred classes were represented by the Yorkshires, Berkshires and Tamworths, the grade or cross classes being exceptionally well filled.

YORKSHIRES.—Seldom indeed has a more representative class of this large English bacon breed of hogs been seen at any show in Ottawa, the exhibitors being P. O. Collins, Bowesville, Ont.; J. Featherstone & Son, Streetsville, Ont.; A. Dynes, Hintonburg, Ont.; A. H. Foster, Twin Elm, Ont. Every class was more or less keenly contested, and the animals presented before the judge in nice fit. Barrow 6 months and under 9—1, 2 and 3, Featherstone; 4, Dynes; 5, Foster; 6, Collins. Barrow, under 6 months—1 and 3, Collins; 2 and 5, Featherstone; 4, Dynes. Sow, 6 months and under 9—1 and 2, Featherstone; 3, Collins; 4, Dynes; 5, Foster. Sow under 6 months—1 and 3, Collins; 2 and 5, Featherstone; 4, Dynes.

BERKSHIRES.—The exhibit of Berkshires was, numerically, the weakest of any of the breeds. Some choice animals, well fitted, were exhibited by W. A. Wallace, of Kars, Ont., and A. Dynes, Hintonburg, Ont. Barrow, 6 months and under 9—1, Wallace; 2, Dynes. Sow, 6 months and under 9—1 and 4, Wallace; 2 and 3, Dynes.

TAMWORTHS were exhibited by Reid & Co., Hintonburg, Ont., and A. Dynes, of the same place. While the numbers was not high, the quality was certainly very satisfactory. Barrow over 6 months and under 9—1 and 3, Reid & Co.; 2, Dynes. Barrow under 6 months—1 and 3, Reid & Co.; 2, Dynes. Sow, 6 months and under 9—1 and 4, Dynes; 2 and 3, Reid & Co. Sow under 6 months—1 and 4, Dynes; 2 and 3, Reid & Co.

GRADES AND CROSSES made a good showing, from a quality, type and fitting standpoint, and were also out in stronger classes than any of the others. The exhibitors were: J. Featherstone & Son, Reid & Co., A. Dynes, and S. Bray, of Enfield, Ont. Barrow over 6 months and under 9—Featherstone had things all his own way in this class. Barrow under 6 months—1 and 2, Featherstone; 3, Reid & Co.; 4, Dynes. Sow, 6 months and under 9—1 and 2, Featherstone; 3, Dynes. Sow under 6 months—1, Reid & Co.; 2, Dynes; 3, Featherstone; 4, Bray.

D. C. Flatt, the well-known importer and breeder of Yorkshires, from Millgrove, Ont., handed out the awards with promptness and despatch, showing a thorough knowledge of the art of swine-judging.

BACON CLASSES.—The entries in the classes for bacon hogs were well filled, and the animals a credit to the exhibitors, both in type, size and proper fitting. The exhibitors were Featherstone, Foster, Collins, Dynes, Bray, and Reid & Co. Three pure-breds—1, Collins; 2, 3 and 4, Featherstone; 5, Dynes; 6, Reid & Co.; 7, Foster. No. 6 were Tamworths, all the others being Yorkshires. Three grades or crosses—1 and 2, Featherstone; 3 and 5, Dynes; 4, Bray.

D. C. Flatt and Prof. Grisdale judged these classes in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

STRONG POULTRY EXHIBIT.

In keeping with other poultry shows on the continent, the display of poultry at the Eastern Ontario Live-stock and Poultry Show was superior to that of former years in numbers and quality. The presence of about 400 winners from the Boston Show gives some idea as to quality. These comprised chiefly White Wyandottes, Buff Orpingtons, Hamburgs, Polands, White Leghorns, Dorkings and bantams of all kinds.

Entries totalled some 2,200 birds—about 500 ahead of any previous entry list. Barred Rocks headed the list, with about 115 birds. White Wyandottes were a close second, with about 100, and Brown and White Leghorns also were much in evidence.

Prominent among the Barred Plymouth Rock winners were Dr. Lamburts, of Eganville; F. A. James, of Ottawa, and J. Pringle, of London. Dr. Lamburts has a cockerel that was pronounced the best ever seen in Ottawa. Wyandotte winners included Highland Park Poultry-yards, of Westboro; Jos. Russell, of Toronto, and Hintonburg Poultry-yards, of Ottawa. A. W. E. Hellyer, of Ottawa, was strong in Buff, and W. F. Garland, also of the Capital City, strong in Black Orpingtons. White Leghorns had worthy representation from the pens of J. L. McCormack, of Brantford; D. McKellar, of Hawkesboro; H. Carleton, of Ottawa, and F. Wales, of Milton. H. B. Becker and A. J. Engel, of Waterloo; J. H. A. Collins, of Cumming's Bridge, and W. A. Gurney, of London, had the best Brown Leghorns. Black Minorca winners were owned by L. Zavitz, of Ottawa; W. Ellis, of Prescott, and Hintonburg Poultry-yards. Fine specimens of Rhode Island Reds, from the Hintonburg Poultry-yards, Geo. Robertson and J. I. Gill, of Ottawa, upheld the honors of that breed.

Turkeys, geese and ducks were well represented. Among the prizewinners were: A. Thompson, of Allan's Corners; G. & J. Bogue, of Strathroy, and McDougall & Bedlow, of Fairfield East.

There was a large display of dressed poultry, much of which was well fitted and neatly benched. The prizes fell to G. Higman, of Ottawa; A. A. Armstrong, of Fergus; Alex. Dynes, of Ottawa; W. H. Slinn, of Ottawa; J. Tomalin, of Toronto; Jas. Snetzinger, of Eamer's Corners; G. R. Bradley, of Carsonby, and A. Thompson, of Allan's Corners.

DRESSED CARCASSES.

Great interest was taken in the placing of the dressed carcasses. On the whole, the awards conformed fairly well to the standing in the live classes, but there were some serious discrepancies. Prof. G. E. Day, of Guelph, and Mr. Gray, of Ottawa, made the awards.

First in beef went to A. A. Armstrong, on a grade Aberdeen-Angus, one of the three that won in the export class. The carcass was evenly covered, and showed a nice eye in the loin, and an excellent round. Grade Shorthorns, owned by A. Dynes, came second and third, and then followed the other grade Angus. All were nice beef. The champion steers, owned by Slattery, had so much fat on ribs, back, and, in fact, on all parts, as to bring them very low in a carcass competition.

The awards were: 1, 4 and 5, A. A. Armstrong; Fergus; 2 and 3, Alex. Dynes, Ottawa; 6, W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland.

The placing for sheep carcasses was as follows: Dorset—Wether under 1 year—1, J. W. Lee & Sons, Simcoe; 2 and 3, John Sockett, Rockwood. Lincoln—

Wether under 1 year—1 and 2, L. Parkinson, Eramosa. Oxford—Wether under 1 year—1, J. W. Lee & Sons, Simcoe. Shropshire—Wether under 1 year—1, J. & D. J. Campbell, Woodville; 2 and 3, A. M. Stewart & Sons, Dalmeny. Southdown—Wether under 1 year—1 and 3, Baker Bros., Simcoe; 2, Telfer Bros., Paris. Dorset—Wether under 1 year—1, R. H. Harding, Thorndale. Hampshire and Suffolk—Wether under 1 year—1, Telfer Bros., Paris. Grade or Cross—Wether under 1 year—1, 2 and 3, J. R. McCurdy, Hazeldean; 4, Alex. Dynes, Ottawa.

BACON HOGS.

In the awarding of the prizes in the dressed-carcass competition, in comparison with the awards as won by the various lots alive, a wide divergence was made; very many of the hogs that looked and handled well alive did not kill out to the expectation of the judge. The awards were as follows: Three pure-breds—1, 3 and 6 went to Featherstone; alive they stood, 1st dressed was 2nd alive, 3rd dressed was 4th alive, 6th dressed was 3rd alive. Second went to A. D. Foster on the lot that was 7th alive; 4 and 5 went to A. Dynes; 4th was not placed alive, and 5th was 5th alive. Seventh went to P. O. Collins on the lot that was 1st alive. Grades or Crosses—1 and 2 went to Featherstone (they were placed the same alive); 3 and 4 went to A. Dynes, and 5 to S. Bray. Sweepstakes for best three went to Featherstone, on a trio of pure-breds, that was second alive and first dressed.

PURE-BRED STOCK SOLD.

Several pure-bred Shorthorns, chiefly one-year-olds, were sold by auction, and went at low figures. Some of the bulls were choice individuals, with fancy pedigrees, but even this did not result in reasonable bids. Buyers were scarce, and those who came seemed to want low-priced animals. As a rule, bidding started at \$25 or \$30. Two choice yearlings, one owned by Peter White, of Pembroke, and the other by S. Bray, of Enfield, went over the \$100 mark. The average price for 18 sold was \$57.05. Last year's average was the even \$57.

FIELD-CROPS DISPLAY.

The display of grains, grasses and potatoes was very creditable. Among the prizewinners were: Cereals and peas—A. Schmidt, of Mildmay; C. R. Gies, of Heidelberg; A. H. Foster, of Twin Elm; J. A. Herron, of Billing's Bridge; Jas. Snetzinger, of Eamer's Corners; S. A. Northcott, of Taunton; S. J. Woods, of Metcalfe, and Wm. Shields, of Eamer's Corners. Grass seed and clovers—S. A. Northcott, Wm. Shields and A. H. Foster. Potatoes—A. H. Foster; G. R. Bradley, of Carsonby; S. J. Woods and Jas. Snetzinger.

Two-bushel sacks of oats, representing the agricultural societies that had entered the Field Crop Competitions in the part of the Province lying east of Toronto, and held under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, and judged by men sent by the Dominion Seed Branch, formed a magnificent display of seed oats. There were 39 entries. Each entry represented at least 50 bushels of similar grade for sale as seed. All were excellent samples, and the prizewinners were pronounced absolutely free from noxious seeds or other grains. A few otherwise good samples were placed low because of being cut before the crop was ripe.

The Banner variety shows a peculiar history in the continuous contest. The eastern part of the Province found 178 entries in the Field Crop Competition, of which 42 were Banner. The distribution of this number among the various agricultural societies made it possible for only 37 to receive a prize. Of this number 20 were successful out of a total of 65 prizes awarded. When it came to making the awards in the threshed and bagged grain, however, a different story is told. Only one Banner came in the list named by the judges, and this one receives a "highly commended" ribbon. The only plausible explanation is that Banner is an excellent cropper, with strong straw and large panicles, but that the quality is not maintained in the marketable product. The hull, though not thick, is long and pointed, thus reducing the weight per measured bushel and giving it anything but a plump appearance. The prevalence of green or immature grains in the sacks, too, indicate that the ripening is not uniform.

The awards were made by Dr. C. E. Saunders, of Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and Cecil R. Klinck, B.S.A., of the Experimental Department of Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The prize money totalled \$125, first premium being \$35. The average weight per measured bushel was over 40 pounds. The first-prize sack stood third in the field-crop competition in the district represented.

The names of the winners are: 1, Andrew McKay, Woodville, Eldon Agricultural Society, on Newmarket; 2, G. Kennedy, Bobcaygeon, Verulam Agricultural Society, on Mammoth Cluster; 3, P. Drummond, Keene, Otonabee Agricultural Society, on Irish White; 4, Wm. Lewis, Dunsford, Verulam Agricultural Society, on Siberian; 5, Robt. Fisher, Bensford, South Monahan Agricultural Society, on Prolific; 6 (highly commended), C. H. Dawson, Balleboro, South Monahan Agricultural Society, on American Banner; 7 (commended), J. Vanstone, Hartley, Eldon Agricultural Society, on Newmarket.

Field-crop-competition oats sold at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.80 per sack of two bushels, or an average of \$1.39 for 34 sacks sold. Owners of the prizewinning lots made several sales of 25 bushels or more at high prices.