

It may be permissible, in view of this sale being the most notable of the year, to mention that, in addition to the top price for bulls and cows of the year being realized at it, the best prices for three-year-old heifers, yearling heifers and heifer calves were also realized there, i.e., 300, 420 and 360 gs. Fourteen head of Mr. A. T. Gordon's herd realized £126 13s. 6d. per head, and the average for a similar number from Mr. A. M. Gordon's herd was £123 13s. 6d. Mr. John Marr's bull calves, seven in number, averaged £122 5s., with the top price of 250 gs. The late Mr. Jonas Webb's herd realized £98 4s. for forty head; 350 gs. for a cow was the top price.

Mr. Dudding's annual sale produced an average of £94 4s. 8d. for fifty-one head; 1,000 gs. for a bull was the top price. Mr. J. Wilson's fourteen head averaged £72 19s. 6d. H. M. the King's periodical sale at Sandringham gave an average of £61 1s. 3d. for fifty-one head; 400 gs. for bulls was the top price.

Three other sales gave averages of over £60; five other sales gave averages of over £40, and quite a number of others brought £21 to £39.

The first of the joint sales of the season was that held in connection with the Royal Agricultural Society's Show at Derby. It was most successful, one hundred and ninety head being sold at an average of £99 15s. each; the best prices were 610 gs. for yearling bulls, 275 gs. for yearling heifers, 270 gs. for two-year-old heifers, and 250 gs. for cows and two-year-old bulls.

The Inverness October sale brought an average of £98 13s. 5d. for seventy-five head, a grand result for so large a number. The top price of the sale was 550 gs. for a two-year-old heifer, sent by Mr. C. M. Cameron; a yearling heifer made 320 gs., and bulls from 280 gs.

The Perth October sale was almost as successful, for here forty-four head averaged £85 17s. 8d.

At Aberdeen October sale, 83 head gave an average of £70 12s. 5d. The best prices were 350 gs. for yearling heifers, and 210 gs. for bulls.

The Perth February sale was the sale that set the ball rolling for the whole of the year. The average was £74 10s. 2d. for 314 head, but the great feature of the sale was that of the yearling bulls, 251 of which realized an average of £84 1s. 5d. The top-priced bull realized 1,500 gs.; sixteen others making prices between 700 gs. and 220 gs. The 700-gs. mark was reached twice—a notable record. Close afterwards in March came the Birmingham Spring Sale. In two lines its summary goes: 402 bulls sold at £68 15s. 11d.; 101 females sold at £46 8s. 7d.; averages that have never been equalled at this sale. It is true that the Perth top price was not equalled, but we find that eight of the picked bulls in the champion class realized an average of £217 12s. 3d., and that the top price realized at the sale was 850 gs.; another made 750 gs., and 27 others realized prices between this and 200 gs. Some highly successful sales were held at York in November, April, May and October, by Messrs. Thornton & Co., and also at Birmingham in September.

ABERDEEN-ANGUS CATTLE.—The home sales held during the past year have not included any of the leading herds, and, consequently, the top prices realized during the past year have been less than in 1905. Mr. W. S. Ferguson's average (£24 6s. 3d.) for 45 head is the best sale average of the year.

The February sale at Perth, at which 276 bulls were sold, gave an excellent average of £27 16s. The best prices realized were 270 gs., 215 gs., 200 gs., etc. At the Birmingham spring sale some good prices were realized. Sir G. A. Cooper's bull made 110 gs.

The best prices for cows during this year were 65 gs., at Mr. Chalmers' sale, and 60 gs., at Mr. Bainbridge's sale. The latter also made top price for yearling heifers; two-year-old heifers ranged from 48 gs., and heifer calves from 35 gs.

HEREFORDS.—The sale reports in connection with this breed are very incomplete; scarcely an average has been obtainable, but we may remark that the demand for these cattle has been an exceedingly good one, and quite a large number have been sold for export.

Yearling bulls have made up to 120 gs., realized at the two sales held by the society in the spring; 100 gs. was also realized by Mr. J. G. Jones at his dispersal sale.

The best price for cows was 104 gs., realized by Mr. D. Price, and the respective top prices for three-year-old, two-year-old and one-year-old heifers and heifer calves were 44 gs., 33 gs., 52 gs., and 23 gs.

GALLOWAYS.—The sale list of this breed is not a long one, and the leading prices made during the year were: two-year-old bulls, 26½ gs.; yearling bulls, 41 gs.; cows, 40 gs.; two-year-old heifers, 27 gs., and yearling heifers, 50 gs.

RED POLLED CATTLE.—Two herds of known eminence were dispersed, that owned by Mr. J. Hammond realizing an average of £22 12s. 2d. for 85 head, whilst Lord Amherst of Hackney's Sale gave an average of £20 5s. 3d. for 102 head. The best prices for bulls were 52 and 51 gs.; for cows, 41 gs.; for two-year-old heifers, 85 gs.

JERSEYS.—This well-known breed of dairy cattle is very popular at home, and amongst the leading sales averages realized are the following: Lord Rothschild, £31 3s. 5d. for 48 head; the late Miss Standish, £20 17s. for 42 head; Mr. J. C. Drew, £19 18s. 6d. for 43 head, and Mrs. L. Brown, £17 for 47 head.

The best prices for bulls were 60, 55 and 50 gs.; for cows, 70, 67, 46 gs., etc., and for heifers 30 gs.

SHEEP.

The British flockmasters, as a whole, have met with a very excellent demand throughout the past year. The sales have been well attended, and so far as regards typical stud sheep of both sexes there has been no cause to complain of the prices realized, and had it not been for the want of proper selection by the breeder in selecting his stud sheep, the averages recorded would have been considerably higher.

LEICESTERS.—The best averages for yearling rams were £11 and £10, respectively, and the top price realized was £21.

COTSWOLDS.—The increased price of wool has brought this old breed much more to the front, and those who remain faithful to their old favorites have found an excellent demand this season.

The best averages for yearling rams were 11 gs. for Mrs. Dixon, and £11 10s. for Messrs. T. Brown & Sons. The top prices for this age were 30 gs. and 26 gs. Ram lambs have also been in keen demand; the best average was £8 14s. 6d. for 16, whilst Messrs. T. Brown & Sons let for the season 120, at an average of £8 6s. 3d.

LINCOLNS.—The demand for this breed has been tremendous, and the first place, clean ahead of all others, is occupied by Mr. Henry Dudding, at whose sale 56 rams brought the record average of £151 1s. 9d. His top price for yearling rams was 1,450 gs., the record price for this or any other breed in England, and at his sale the top price for yearling ewes, 30 gs., as well as the best average for this age, £16 17s. 4d., during the past year was realized. Other averages of £70 3s. 9d., £47 13s. 4d., £30 13s. 2d., £27 14s. 4d., £26 18s. 10d., £26 1s. 10d., £24 12s., £24 9s. 3d., £23 12s. 6d., £23 4s. 3d., £22 15s. 2d., £22 5s. 7d. and £20 14s. 9d., clearly indicate the satisfactory result that the breeders of the best Lincoln rams have secured during the past year.

lams' 18 head; £15 18s. 6d. and £15 16s. for other vendors.

Mr. B. H. Mander made the best average for ram lambs, £10 7s. 8d., for 14; 42 gs. being the top price.

SOUTHDOWNS.—The sale of the year was Mr. E. Ellis' dispersal sale, the whole flock, 615 head, making 1d. per head under £6 for its average; yearling ewes made up to £14, and flock ewes up to £15. The top-priced yearling ram of the year was 100 gs., purchased by Mr. W. W. Chapman for export to Australia from the Duke of Richmond, whose sale average at this sale, £22 12s. 6d., was only beaten by that average realized at Mr. E. Ellis' sale, at which the yearling rams averaged £24 8s. 5d.

Mr. E. Ellis also realized the best average for ram lambs, i.e., £8, 7s. 9d. for 65 head, a notable average for so large a number.

HAMPSHIRE DOWNS.—The dispersal sales did not include any of the leading show flocks, but some very capital prices were realized all through the season. The best price for stud rams was 25 gs. at the Royal Show sale, at which an average of £15 12s. 10d. was realized. The best average for yearling rams was also made at this sale, £10 8s. 3d.

The demand for ram lambs was thoroughly good. The top prices for the let ram lambs were 205 gs. at Mr. Coles' sale, where these lambs averaged £82, and 180 gs. at Mr. James Flowers' sale, at which these lambs averaged £76. The best averages realized at the Home sales were £21 for 90 of Mr. Cary Coles', and £20 10s. for 100 head of Mr. James Flowers'.

The best price for yearling ewes was £6 10s., realized by Mr. W. C. Young, whose average was £5 8s. for 100.

SUFFOLKS.—These have been in good demand. The best average for rams was £7 9s., and the top price £21; for ram lambs the best prices were 41 gs., 36 gs., 35 gs. and 34 gs., and the best averages £18 8s.,

£17 9s. 7d., and £16 16s. 9d. Yearling ewes made up to £6, and their averages ranged from £4 10s. downwards.

DORSET HORNS.—A couple of dispersal sales afforded a good indication of the range of prices for the selected stud ewes. These made, for yearling ewes, from £6 10s.; for four-tooth ewes, from £4 10s., and flock ewes, from £5 per head.

The range of prices for yearling rams was from 13 gs., and the averages for this age ranged from £7 14s. 8d. Ram lambs made up to 17 gs., with averages from £6 19s. 6d.

KENT OR ROMNEY MARSH.—The individual prices and averages realized for this breed during the past season have been in excess of any previously realized. Individual rams made 120 gs., 75 gs., 50 gs., 40 gs., 39 gs. and 38 gs.; whilst averages of £20 18s. for 22 head, £18 17s. 2d. for 50 head, £16 18s. 10d. for 10 head, and £16 10s. 4d. for 39 head are amongst the best realized during the year.

BORDER-LEICESTERS.—A thoroughly good demand was experienced for these. Yearling rams made up to 200 gs. per head, and several others made nearly the century. The averages ranged downwards, from £34 4s. This average was realized for 26 head at the Kelso sale.

THE DEVON LONG-WOOL.—A satisfactory season was experienced by the breeders of these sheep; 36 gs. was the top price of the year for a yearling ram, and the averages ranged downwards from 16 gs.

BLACK-FACED MOUNTAIN SHEEP.—A breed that relies entirely upon its own demand realized some very notable prices indeed, the best of which were £190, £96, £95, £62, £60, £50, etc. The best average of the year for yearling rams was £45 4s. for 15 head; another one of £34 7s. 8d. was realized for 13 head; six others of over £20 were also realized.

SOUTH DEVONS.—Another breed of long-wool sheep that has not yet been able to secure the patronage of the export buyer. This will come some day, but although they have not this valuable addition to the demand, the breeders find plenty of competition for their better sheep. Individual prices of 53 gs., 35 gs., 30 gs. and 28 gs., with averages of £18 19s. 7d., £14 16s. 7d., £14 11s. 2d., and £14 9s. 2d. indicate how well this breed is appreciated by those who know and have tested its value.

The sale record for the other minor breeds is very meagre and incomplete, but it is with these, as with the others mentioned above, generally understood that they have had a good demand.



Campflower 3rd of Stepford

Champion Galloway bull, Highland Show, 1906.