

Sheep at the Pan-American.

"It was a splendid show of sheep," is the verdict of those who had the good fortune to be present when that section of the live stock was gathered at Buffalo, from Sept. 23rd to Oct. 5th, there being catalogued about 1,200 sheep, of 16 breeds, contributed by 57 exhibitors. The quality of the entries in all breeds was first-class, and they were in nearly every instance brought out in capital condition, reflecting credit on the owners or managers and shepherds. Canadian flocks were well represented in all the breeds that are kept to any considerable extent in the country, with the exception of Cotswolds, of which, owing, it is said, to a misunderstanding between the breeders, there were none sent from this country, but the standard of that breed was well upheld by Messrs. Geo. Harding & Son, Waukesha, Wis., who showed a choice lot, including a number of imported animals that were winners at the Royal Show of England this year, and were high-class representatives in style, quality and finish.

In several of the breeds where special prizes were offered by the breed associations for American-bred animals, Canadian breeders made a particularly brilliant record, winning almost everything in sight, and this is really the most creditable feature of the show to our country and people, showing as it does the good judgment and skill of our flockmasters and the adaptability of the soil and climate of Canada for the production of the most suitable foods for sheep and the best quality of stock.

LEICESTERS made a splendid showing, every section of the class being well filled with high-class entries. The principal exhibitors were Canadian breeders, the fine flocks of A. W. Smith, Maple Lodge; J. M. Gardhouse, Highfield; A. & W. Whitelaw, Guelph, and John Kelly, Shakespeare, being out in strong force, and in the best of fit, and to these went all the prizes in the class. The tournament opened with seven magnificent rams in the ring, two years old and over, Whitelaw Bros. showing one, and the other exhibitors two each. They were all so good it was not an easy matter to decide just how they should be placed, but the judge gave preference to Smith's Simon Smart, placing Whitelaw's Sam Slick second, Gardhouse's Sultan third, and Kelly's Sir Wilfrid fourth, but the order might have been reversed without doing injustice to any one, if, indeed, it would not have been an improvement, as, without reflecting on any of the animals, we are inclined to think it would. In a capital class of yearling rams, Whitelaw Bros. got to the top with Albino 3rd, a grand sheep, which was also awarded the sweepstakes as best ram any age, but he was closely pressed by Gardhouse's entry, of similar type and splendid quality. A mistake was made in the placing of the third award, a sheep of entirely different type and no special merit being chosen, while others of strong character and of uniform type with the first were left out of the money. Kelly came to his own in the ram lamb section by being placed first with a strong, level lamb with good fleece, but he was hard pressed by Gardhouse, whose entry was of excellent type and handling quality, and promising well for the future, as well as being strong for the present. Third prize went to a level lamb of Whitelaw's string. In a great class of ewes two years and over, pride of place was given to a magnificent ewe of Smith's, combining size, style and quality in high degree. She was adjudged the sweepstakes winner as best ewe any age; the second prize in the class going to Gardhouse's entry, a ewe of beautiful type and full of good quality; and third to one of similar stamp, from the same flock. Shearling ewes were a splendid class, in which Whitelaw's entry, placed first, was pressed so hard by one of Gardhouse's that it is a question which should win; and again in ewe lambs a very close match was that between Gardhouse's entry and Kelly's, both being of fine quality and character, but the judge placed Kelly's entries first and third, and Gardhouse's second.

The flock prizes for best ram over one year and four ewes any age were awarded: first to Smith, second to Gardhouse, third to Whitelaw. In the competition for the special prizes offered by the American Leicester Breeders' Association for sheep bred by the exhibitors, those for the best ram and three ewes over two years were awarded, first to Smith, second to Gardhouse; for the best shearling ram and three shearling ewes, first to Whitelaw, second to Gardhouse; for the best four lambs, two rams and two ewes, first to Kelly, second to Whitelaw Bros. William Parkinson, Eramosa, judged the class. In a competition for a special prize for the best five rams of any breed, owned and bred by the exhibitor, Mr. A. W. Smith won second award, with a capital exhibit of five yearlings.

LINCOLNS were grandly represented by selections from the noted flocks of John T. Gibson, Ilderton, and J. H. Patrick, of the same place, whose exhibit was mainly made up of imported animals, including a number of Royal winners

recently received and washed to get rid of the Old Country coloring, which left their fleeces lacking in the luster for which the breed is famous, but they were a big, strong, useful lot, and hard to beat in any country. Mr. Gibson's outfit, bred by himself, from his own importations, fitted to perfection without being overdone, and true to type, came out very fresh looking, and their handling qualities left nothing to be desired. The contest was close in nearly every section, Gibson winning first and third for ram two years or over; first, second and third for ewes two years and over, first and second for shearling ewes, the sweepstakes for best ewe any age, and the first prize for best flock of one ram and four ewes. Patrick had the first, second and third prize yearling rams, and first and second ram lambs and ewe lambs, and the sweepstakes ram, in his first-prize yearling. The first special prize, by the Lincoln Breeders' Association, for best flock bred by exhibitor, went to Gibson, second to Patrick, sweepstakes for ram to Patrick, and for ewe to Gibson. J. M. Gardhouse, T. Hardy Shore and Wm. Parkinson were the judges.

SHROPSHIRE.—Seldom if ever in America has a better showing of Shropshires been made. The competition lay principally between the flocks of John Campbell, Woodville, and D. G. & J. G. Hammer, Burford, representing Canadian breeders, and Dr. G. Howard Davison, Millbrook, N. Y., representing United States breeders, and who, having a show string made up mainly of imported sheep, brought out this year, and in high-class condition, made it decidedly interesting for all comers, getting rather the best of it in the regular sections of the class, capturing first prizes for shearling ram, two-year-old ewe and yearling ewe, sweepstakes for his imported yearling ram (Altamont's Khedive), sweepstakes for his two-year-old ewe (Buttar Fall), and the first open flock prize. John Campbell made a remarkable record with sheep of his own breeding and fitting, in the competition for the prizes offered by the Shropshire Association, winning first for the best five shearling rams in the American-bred class, first for the same open to all Shropshires, in which he competed with a pen of rams mostly imported and including the sweepstakes ram and the first and second prize yearling rams in the Exposition class. Mr. Campbell's same pen of rams later, in a special competition for the best five rams, bred and owned by exhibitor, open to all breeds, carried off the coveted trophy, all of his rams being sons or grandsons of his noted imported Newton Lord. Again, in the class for American-bred Shropshires, he won the first prize in every section, except for shearling ewe, and also won the sweepstakes for best ram, and first for senior flock of one ram and four ewes. Hammer & Son put up a very strong show, winning first in the section for two-year-old rams with their excellent (imported) Mansell-bred ram that was first at Toronto, first with the extra good Harding-bred ram lamb imported by Robert Miller and shown by him at Toronto, where he was also first; first and second for ewe lamb, first for American-bred shearling ewe, and second for open flock and American-bred ram lamb, and first for young flock, one ram lamb and three ewe lambs. In the competition for five shearling rams, bred by exhibitor, R. Gibson, Delaware, won second award, and G. B. Phin, Hespeler, won second special for ram lamb bred by exhibitor, and also for five lambs, and third for young flock, one ram and three ewe lambs. The judges in this and the Southdown class were W. H. Beattie, Wilton Grove, Ont., and John L. Thompson, Gas City, Indiana, who did excellent work all through, keeping close to a type and basing their decisions uniformly on quality and character.

SOUTHDOWN.—The symmetrical Southdowns were strongly in evidence, and made a splendid showing. The principal competitors were Geo. McKerrow & Sons, Sussex, Wis.; Hon. G. A. Drummond, Beaconsfield, Que., and John Jackson & Sons, Abingdon, Ont., each with capital outfits of typical and well-fitted sheep. The Wisconsin flock was mainly composed of imported sheep, brought out in fine fit by the accomplished shepherd, Dan Taylor, and were a strong contingent to compete with, capturing as they did a good share of the plums of the prize list, including first for shearling ram, two-year-old ewe and shearling ewe, sweepstakes for best ewe, and the first prize for open flock, one ram and four ewes. The Quebec flock, under the skilful management of Mr. Wm. H. Gibson, made a capital showing, the sheep being notable for truthness to type and full of quality. They were successful in winning first in the section for rams two years and over, and the sweepstakes for best ram any age, with the stylish and symmetrical Sandringham, bred by His Majesty the King, a model of the breed and a prince among his peers in an exceedingly strong section, in which the same flock also furnished the second winner in imported St. Andrew, a close competitor to the first, and one that not a few good judges would place ahead of him. He is about as perfect in type and contour as can be produced. The first-prize ram lamb

was also found in this flock, a beautiful and very complete young ram, bred by the exhibitor. The first-prize ewe lamb was also of this flock, and the second prize for flock went to the same. A notable triumph for this flock was that in the competition for a special prize for the best exhibit of sheep of any breed, one ram over two years, one shearling ram, one ram lamb, one ewe over two years, one shearling ewe and one ewe lamb, judged on the basis of the best fitting and bloom. There was a sensational display in this competition, no fewer than nine flocks, of various breeds, competing, and all in splendid condition; but when the judges decided in favor of Mr. Drummond's Southdowns there was not a word of dissent, and congratulations were showered on John McLay, the shepherd, in recognition of his skill and success in preparing his exhibit. Jackson & Son always make a strong show and bring their sheep out in the pink of condition, but they have seldom, if ever, met as formidable competition as here; nevertheless, they got a fair share of the ribbons, and were close up to the winners all the way through the class, capturing second prize on their imported shearling ram (Babraham Yorker), second and third on two-shear-ewes, second on yearling ewe, and a large share of the Association specials for sheep bred by the exhibitor.

OXFORD DOWNS.—This breed was not so well represented as to numbers as one could wish, only three breeders competing, namely, Messrs. Geo. McKerrow & Son, Sussex, Wis.; A. Bordwell & Son, Fargo, N. Y., and J. H. Jull & Son, Mt. Vernon, Ont. McKerrow & Son made an excellent show of imported sheep of high-class character, winning all the first prizes in the class, including the first flock prize and the sweepstakes for best ram and best ewe any age. Their aged ram and shearling rams, bred by J. T. Hobbs, were grand specimens of the breed, full of quality and character, and standing well on the best of timber.

HAMPSHIREs were well shown by F. Milton, Marshall, Mich., and John Kelly, Shakespeare, Ont., the former showing a strong lot of imported sheep, which got away with the bulk of the best prizes, including the first flock prize and sweepstakes for ram. Kelly, who showed but a few, and they right good ones, captured first for two-year-old ewe, second and third for ewe lambs, and second for flock, besides a good share of specials for American-bred animals.

DORSETS made a magnificent showing, probably the best ever seen in America, the entries in all sections being typical of the breed and brought out in splendid condition, the exhibitors being John A. McGillivray, Uxbridge; M. N. Empey, Nanapanee, and R. H. Harding, Thorndale, all of Ontario, and J. R. Stuyvesant, of Tranquility Farms, Allamuchy, N. J., whose sheep, mostly imported, and fed and fitted to perfection by the capable and cultured young shepherd, Arthur Danks, were successful in the open Exposition class in winning the first prizes in every section but one, the sweepstakes for best ram any age and the first flock prize. Each of the Canadians showed strong and creditable entries throughout the class, and contested closely for the coveted honors.

Mr. McGillivray had the first-prize aged ewe, who was also the sweepstakes female, and to an onlooker it appeared that he might well have had first for his aged ram, which would have given him a fighting chance for sweepstakes, without injustice to any one, as he is a grand sheep, combining size and quality in high degree, and standing well on the best of feet and legs. The Uxbridge flock won, besides the second for aged ram, the second prizes for yearling ewe and flock, and a very large proportion of the first prizes in the competition for the Breeders' Association offerings for sheep bred by the exhibitor. It was, indeed, in this class that the Canadian exhibitors excelled, winning nearly all the prizes offered.

Harding had the second-prize aged ewe in the open class, in his excellent imported Attrill's I., and was placed third for flock, besides securing high commendation ribbons in several sections of that class, and a good share of the cash prizes in the breeders' classes. Empey showed a capital lot of young things, crowding the winners closely in many sections, and securing third for ram lamb in the open class, besides a goodly number of substantial first and second prizes in the competition for the Association specials for American-bred sheep, his winnings in all totalling over \$100.

MERINOS in their different divisions, Rambouillets, Delaine and Vermont made a very strong exhibit in each, showing much improvement and being typical of the various classes, but there being no Canadian exhibitors, and little interest taken in these by the majority of our readers, we refrain from giving an extended report of them. An exhibit by L. D. Rumsey, Lewiston, N. Y., of Highland Blackfaced sheep attracted a good deal of attention and were much admired; and a very nice exhibit of Cheviots was made by Wm. Curry & Son, Hartwick, N. Y., and E. E. Dawley, Fayetteville, N. Y.

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