

POPULAR EVENT MARRED BY RAIN

Sheep Honours for Brocklock

Dismal weather completely marred the 54th annual show of Carsphairn Pastoral and Horticultural Society held yesterday in the Hall and the adjoining field kindly placed at the disposal of the society by Mr. Jas. H. Martin. All day long the mist lay over the little village and surrounding country, while rain fell almost continuously from early morning to late afternoon. Naturally the attendance was adversely affected, but those who did brave the elements were highly pleased with the quality of the exhibits in every department of the show.

The popular black faced breed unfortunately, suffered a decrease in entries, which may be partly accounted for by the disastrous snowstorm which visited the district during the winter, but in all other respects the numbers compared favourably with former years.

There was a gratifying increase in the pigeon classes, last year's figures being almost doubled.

Poultry classes maintained the standard of previous years, alike in regard to quality and quantity; while the industrial section, under the admirable management of the ladies, was one of the features of the show, the entries showing an increase of over fifty.

A successful innovation this year was the provision of music by Messrs N.G. Napier & Son, Ayr with their latest Mobile Address Equipment and great interest was aroused in the afternoon when the prize-winners were announced over the microphone.

Reference must be made to the excellence of the arrangements which again had been made by the secretary, Mr. Alexander Borthwick, Bardenoch to whom much of the success which has attended the show during the past few years has been largely due. As usual he received valuable help from a large and capable committee, comprising Mr. T. R. Macmillan, Lamloch (hon. President); Mr. James Hyslop, J.P. (president); and Rev. W. R. Sievewright and Mr. G. C. McMillan (vice-presidents). The other members of the committee were Messrs. John Hunter, *** George Hunter, W.M. Campbell, jun. David W. Blythe, John Hunter jun. Thomas Ferguson *****

award at New Galloway, she is a five year old and is failing a little.

This ewe hogg class was won by Mr. John McGarva, Arndarroch with a hogg bought at Castle Douglas and shown for the first. Mr. John McCutcheon, Meadowhead was second, and Messrs. Campbell were third.

Dogs. There was a large show of dogs, for which good prizes were offered, and some extra good shepherd's collies were shown. Gun dogs also formed a strong class, Mr. Byrne, Dalshangan, winning here with a black and white English springer spaniel, an extra good specimen with fine head, well placed ears, and good Springer ribs and bone, but if anything rather high on the legs. Mr. Geo. Rae, Dalmelling, was second with a black cocker bitch of quite a nice type but wanting time to mature. The third, belonging to Miss Young, was a black cocker, but also on the small side.

Industrial Section. This was one of the strongest classes in the show, and the ladies are to be congratulated on the increased entries. The work was of a very high standard and much superior to former years. There never was more competition, and the best and strongest classes were those for knitting especially socks and jumpers. The entries in this section were from a wide area as far north as the Shetlands. Some knitted Shetland shawls were also forward for exhibition and these were greatly admired.

In the butter section there was a good level quality show, and here Miss Jean Campbell, Holm, carried off the honours with some well set up powdered butter.

Considering the season there was a good show of flowers, and here Mr. John King, Carsphairn, won

all the special prizes. The best exhibit in the show was a white geranium shown in beautiful condition, while his bouquet of sweet peas was an outstanding exhibit.

The baking classes were very strong and could scarcely have been surpassed at shows covering a much larger area. The puff paste class was outstanding, as were those for soda scones and thin oatcakes.

Black faced Sheep.

Aged tup-- 1 , James Bone, Meadowhead; 2, Messrs D. and Q. Mitchell, Carnavel.

Two year tup-- 1, Messrs Campbell, Brockloch; 2, Charles Forbes, Strongcastle; 3, Messrs D. and Q. Mitchell; 4, Messrs Campbell.

Tup hogs – 1, Mrs. Caig, Gass Straiton,

Clipped tup – 1 and 3, Messrs D. and Q. Mitchell; 2, D.W. Kay, Gass.

Ewe and lamb – 1 and 3, Messrs Campbell 2, Messrs D. and Q. Mitchell.

Ewe hogg – 1, John McGarva, Arndarroch; 2, John McCutcheon, Meadowhead; 3, Messrs Campbell; 4, Messrs D. and Q. Mitchell.