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### Our Illustration.

The question is often asked, "Is the typical Shorthorn of the present day superior to the best of thirty or forty years ago?" In fact, in various forms this has been the subject of no little controversy. In the way of a pictorial answer to this query, we give on our front page a representation of the yearling Shorthorn heifer "Queen of the May," the property of Richard Booth, Esq., Warlaby, Yorkshire, Eng., for which the first prize of £10 for the best yearling heifer was awarded at the R. A. S. of England, at Chelmsford, in 1856. Our readers who vis ted the Guelph Fat Stock Show a few days ago will still retain in mind the image of some of the winners, which we may regard as being very near our typical Shorthorn. To those and many others who interest themselves in Shorthorn

cattle, our illustration will be especially interesting. The "Queen of the May" was bred by her exhibitor, Mr. Booth; calved November 5th, 1854; sired by Crown Prince (10087); dam (Red Rose), by Harbinger (10297), etc., tracing back to Suworrow (636). She was a beautiful roan, and her conformation seemed to lack nothing to fill the demand for an ideal at that date. She was considered extraor dinary in chine and hip, and had a very good back, beautiful head and excellent quality. She was, in short, good enough to please the appointed judges of three of the largest shows of Britain, viz., the Royal Agricultural, Yorkshire Societies' and the Durham County.

## British Columbia.

The Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society held one of their most successful exhibitions on October 9th to 12th. The entries were in excess of previous years, and numbered about 4,000. To the management is due much credit for the way it was conducted. The fatality connected with the balloon ascension cast gloom over what otherwise would have been a most delightful day. Such accidents are not necessarily connected with agricultural exhibitions, and it is to be hoped that exhibitions. tion boards will soon realize the important priviledge which is theirs, and do all in their power to increase an interest in that which is useful, and expend all the moneys at their disposal in encouraging industries of importance to the country. The chief advantage of exhibitions should be ever kept

in view-education. The poultry shown were of good quality, and in numbers sufficient to manifest the interest taken in this industry. Ample room was provided, and had the exhibits been arranged properly, much better results would have been possible. While some coops remained empty, in others two cockerels and two pullets were shown, with the four entry tickets attached In case some of these were awarded a prize, it was impossible to know which bird the judge had placed first or second, and consequently little information could be gained through the ex hibits so arranged. The main building contained many fine displays made by manufacturers and others, including canned goods, dairy products, honey, also a grand exhibit of fruit and vegetables. To fully realize the excellence of some of the specimens, it would be necessary to see, if not to taste them. Space will not permit the detailed mention even of those especially worthy. Cauliflowers that measured 18 inches in diameter were shown, and of quality fully equal to their size. In very many of the classes of fruit and vegetables were specimens of like gigantic proportions, showing the great productiveness of the soil and favorable climatic conditions for their growth and maturity. The display made by Mr. Sharp, superintendant of the farm at Agassiz, was one of much interest, and which, together with a report of the farm, will be mentioned in a future issue. hibits so arranged. The main building contained

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Fine displays were made by "Brunette saw mill" and "Royal City planing mill" and various manufacturies such as shingles, doors, sash, mouldings, etc., for which British Columbia enjoys a world-mide reputation. A most complete incubator, manufacturing and such as the complete incubator, manufacturing and such as the sample of the farm. wide reputation. A most complete incubator, manufactured by Mr. Smith, of Chilliwack, was shown in operation, and when the writer saw the result of the batch which under such conditions. the hatch, which, under such conditions, could not be expected to be the best, it was so successful in every particular that certainly nothing better could be desired. The chicks were strong and lively, and in such numbers as tomake some people wonder if there was any magicattachment by which two chicks were produced from every egg. The price of poultry products here, the necessity of such an appliance in obtaining best results and the completeness of this obtaining best results, and the completeness of this machine, should certainly stimulate this industry. Mr Smith's experience in poultry raising has enabled him to produce an incubator that is almost perfection.

The horse exhibit was somewhat limited in numbers, although some good individuals were shown. On the whole, the interest which generally characterizes this important part of exhibitions of the state of t

tions was lacking.

The cattle were represented by several breeds.

In Shorthorns, those of W. H. Ladner, of Ladner's in Shorthorns, the first the greatest number of awards, Landing, carried off the greatest number of awards,

C. Wells & Son, of Chilliwack, who were also the most successful exhibitors of Ayrshires. Shannon, of Surrey, and Isaac Kipp, of Chilliwack, also competing successfuly the latter breed. Guernseys were also shown, Isaac Kipp and W. Knight

seys were also shown, seem dividing the honors.

The sheep, speaking generally, were not in show shape. In Southdowns, J. T. Wilkinson's flock obtained nearly all the awards. Wm. McKee showed Cotswolds; W. Grimmer and Isaac Kipp exhibited Cotswolds; U. Grimmer and Isaac Kipp exhibited Cotswolds; U. Grimmer and Isaac Kipp exhibited Cotswolds; U. Grimmer and Isaac Kipp exhibited all the control of the control Shropshires. In Oxford-Downs, H Ladner's, brought forward a number, taking all the prizes in this class, all the awards in the Lincolns

going to W. Grimmer. Not many pigs were shown, the Berkshires being most numerous, and having among them some good representatives of the breed, Black Jim, No. —2778 bred by Robert Marsh & Sons, Richmond Hill, Ont., and owned by Thos. Shannon, Cloverdale, carrying off the silver cup for best boar, any breed, competing with much older animals. Other winners owned by Mr. Shannon were Model Duke 3rd and Daisy 2337—, the latter being bred by himself and always

heading the list, having taken first in '92, '93 and '94. Cloverdale Belle—3263—, April Lily—3530—, were also first in their respective classes. Mr. Shannon's herd is one that is likely to improve under his management, and take a still more prominent posi-tion among the breeders of the West. He is also interested in poultry, for which he was awarded several prizes.

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### The People's Paper.

The readers of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE thoroughly appreciate quality. This has been clearly proven, to our minds, by the hundreds of letters received telling how much value and confidence is placed in its contents. We give space to a few of these comments, as follows:

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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. I think your paper is first-class in every respect. I am sorry I did not take it before. W. PARDOK, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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I received the picture, "Canada's Columbian Victors," on Tuesday last. Please accept my heartiest thanks for same. I think it is the best picture of cattle I ever saw.

ADAM J. HALL, Peterboro, Ont.

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Geo. Morrison, Glengyle, Que. APPRECIATED IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Your paper is much appreciated, especially on the chees and dairy questions. GEO. L. HASLAM, Springfield, P. E I. A GOOD WATCH.

The watch which you sent me for getting subscribers has given entire satisfaction, being an excellent time-keeper. I will try and get you some more subscribers.

WM. C. WILSON, East Oro, Ont. PLEASED WITH THE RING. I am very well pleased with the ring received last year.

My wife has worn it ever since, and it looks as well as ever.

J. STOKES, Thomasburg.

PEOPLE'S PAPER. I think a lot of the ADVOCATE, and could not very well keep house without it. It ought to be found in every farm house, from ocean to ocean. I have, ever since I can remember, always taken a deep interest in its pages. Send me a few Wishing you every success, JAS H. SHAW, Simcoe, Ont.

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My subscription was out some time ago, but money was hard to get, and it is only because I think so much of the ADVOCATE that makes me renew just now. I think it has saved me a good many dollars by following its instructions.

JOHN D. GARNETT.

TESTIMONY FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA. I must say that I take the greatest satisfaction out of your paper, and as long as I continue to have any connection with paper, shall never be without it. E. COPLEY THOMSON, agriculture, shall never be Wethersfield Branch, Vernon, B. C.

HELPED HIM AND WILL HELP OTHERS.

Accept my best thanks for engraving of the prize-winning Ayrshires. It is very pretty. Also for the peck of oats forwarded me some time ago. I will send in a new name to the ADVOCATE every chance I get. Thanks, I do not want any commission. The paper helped me and will help others. You shall hear from me from time to time. With very best wishes for the growth and success of your paper and all who write for it, believe me, WORTH ANY TWO OTHER PAPERS.

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THOS. H. INGRAM, Edmonton, Alta.

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