

Province. Mr. Armstrong's horse "*Diploma*," was awarded the first prize. He also succeeded in gaining the Diploma of the Association, as the best horse of any age or breed. Some very fine trotting horses were exhibited in this class, and these belonging to the city of Toronto were worthy of notice; viz.; "*Pathfinder*," the property of Mr. Bond, Sheppard Street; and "*Toronto Chief*," and "*Governor Clark*," belonging to Mr. S. S. Halladay. The Brood Mares, Colts and Fillies, were as classes, decidedly superior. In saddle and carriage Horses the competition was limited, and although several good animals were shown, there is, it must be acknowledged, considerable room in this department for additions and improvement. In the class of Heavy Draughts, four years and upwards, it may be mentioned; were five imported horses of great merit. Brood Mares, colts and fillies were also excellent. It short it was the expressed opinion of many competent judges that this exhibition of horses would be, as a whole, with difficulty surpassed by any country.

### CATTLE.

Considered in reference to the effect upon the advancement of the country, it is probable that the annual show of cattle is of more moment than any other portion of the Exhibition.— There is more to be accomplished by competition in this department than in any other. The immense improvements which have resulted from careful breeding, have caused the most energetic and zealous agriculturists to enter into stock raising, as a pursuit which calls forth and rewards all their exertions. And they look with great interest to the annual competition, when they receive the reward of their labours.

The present show of cattle is, as a whole, better than that of any former year, though there were deficiencies in some departments. One misses the fine herd of Devons of Mr. Lock of Yarmouth, who has betaken himself to the Western States, but the herds of Mr. Tye of Wilmot, Mr. William Scott of New Hamburg, Mr. Courtyce of Bowmanville, Mr. Pincombe, of London, Mr. Thomas Allen, of Whitby, Mr. Rykert of St. Catharines, Mr. John Moore of Etobicoke, Mr. J. W. Wilson of Flamboro and others, show that this small but beautiful and useful breed has its supporters among our best stock raisers.

Durhams, Herefords, Devons, Ayrshires, and Galloways have each their advocates, and there was about as keen opposition among them as there is in politics or divinity. In this show, as always, the short-horns maintained their supremacy as the best animals for general purposes, the best for the butcher, and the best to improve the ordinary stock of the country, the largest, and most easily fatted. The Durhams have the majority, but their reign is disputed. Mr. Stone,

of Guelph, the present President of the Agricultural Association, who stands at the head of our importers, (although Mr. George Miller, Markham, comes very near him,) has lately brought from England a herd of eleven Herefords. He, at all events, does not appear to give weight to the common objection to this breed that they are less kindly feeders than the short-horns. The only exhibitors of Herefords were, however, Mr. Stone and Mr. J. R. McMicken of Queenston.

The Ayrshires, also, had their adherents. The "short horns" pooh pooh them. They are small, they do not make meat for the butcher, but as dairy cattle they are admitted to be rivalled. They are sent from the country of their original growth, from which they take their name all over England and Scotland. A good judge engaged in the importation of stock told me that if he were about to commence dairy farming he would have no other cattle but Ayrshires. Crossed with Durham also, it is alleged that they suit the butchers well. Messrs. Patrick Wright, of Cobourg; John P. Wheeler, of Scarboro; R. L. Denison, of Toronto; George Stanton, of Paris; George Morton, of Leamington; John Torrance, of Scarboro; George Scott, of Woburn; Simon Beattie, of Markham; John Boyle, of Flamboro; Hendrie & Co., of Hamilton; and George Miller, of Markham, the chief exhibitors of this class.

The Galloway cattle have been but a few years introduced into Canada; but they have made extraordinary progress. The number exhibited at the show was very large, and the specimens very fine. This breed does not mix with the native cattle, but they thrive well in this country by themselves. They are hardy and the beef is good, but the "short horns" say that they cannot produce such sirloins as their favourite breed. The chief exhibitors of Galloways were Messrs. Snell, of Chingwood; Kyle, of Ayr; Auld, of Hamilton; McClelland, of Clover hill; James Graham, of Woodbridge; George Davison, of Unionville; George Allison, of Varna; Somerville, of Vaughan; Charles Rykert, of St. Catharines; George Roddick, of Port Hope; Alex. Kerr, of London; Alexander McNeil, Woodbridge; John Stuart, Woodbridge; John Fleming, Vaughan; John Peter Exeter; George Miller, Markham; James Mtssenger, Cooksville; and last not least, James Mecalf, Eglinton.

The "short horns" are almost too numerous to mention. Almost all the old exhibitors were present, and some new ones. Messrs. Stone, of Guelph; Bentley, Cooksville; Bellwood, of Markham; George Miller, Markham; George Cooper, York; Edward Jones, Thorold; Edward Huggins, Embro; G. D. James, Toronto; John Watt, Fergus; Donald Robertson, of Toronto; John Iles, Guelph; John Graham, of Guelph; James White, Bronte; Simon Shunk, York;