

of the successful competitors who have hitherto attained any celebrity as breeders. This is certainly encouraging to young breeders, as proving that without going to an enormous expense incurred by our principal breeders, it is possible to produce animals worthy of a place at our Provincial Exhibitions. But without doing justice to other exhibitors, we may say that the herds of these well known breeders, F. W. Stone, of Guelph, and Geo. W. Markham, are yet unsurpassed in the country. The former received the prize for the best herd, although to none of the herds composing it were first premiums awarded, and the latter for his two-year-old bull, "Prince of Wales," a very fine young bull imported in 1859, received the gold medal for the best Durham bull of any age. The prize for the best bull of any breed was awarded to Mr. W. Armstrong, of Markham, who imported three year old "Young Side."

Besides the thorough-bred shorthorns, there were some very fine grades exhibited, prominent among which were two cows bred by Mr. Hodgskin, of Guelph, but which were apparently so very nearly thorough that they might have shown in that class. They certainly were not superior in size or fineness of quality by the standard which obtained the first prizes as thoroughbred animals.

#### DEVONS.

A show of Devon cattle was unusually good and several new competitors appeared in the field. The large herd of W. H. Wood of Yarmouth, presented, as usual, a very attractive appearance, and as this breeder never houses his cattle on the farm but makes a point of keeping them in some conspicuous place, they showed to good advantage. The best was that of Mr. Ferrie, of Doon, had also a very fine bull and took a number of prizes. Mr. Wilmot, was also a large exhibitor, and his cattle, though well bred, are smaller, and so well kept, as those of some of the other breeders, and do not compete so successfully as they ought to do. Mr. Courtice, of Weston, was, on this occasion, very successful as a competitor for prizes, and the Rykerts, of St. Catharines, appeared for the first time with a number of cattle which promise well for the future, their stock being better than that from

which they have been breeding. The only new importations that we observed were two calves, a bull, and a heifer, the property of J. Spencer, of Whitby. The prize for the best bull of any age was awarded to J. Davis, of Clarke, and that for the best herd to W. H. Locke.

#### HEREFORDS.

We are sorry to see that this very valuable herd is becoming almost extinct in the country. The only animals exhibited were those of Captain Skene, of Amherst Island, and J. R. McMicken, of Stamford, who divided the premiums between them. None of their cattle were entitled to any special commendation. We speak from experience when we say, that no single cross upon the common cattle of the country produces more immediate and desirable effects than that of the Hereford, especially as regards feeding qualities.

#### AYRSHIRES.

If we may judge by the number of animals of this breed that were exhibited, it is certainly growing in favor with Canadian farmers. In the prize list, among the names of the successful competitors, will be found those of several who are new to fame, and whose appearance on this occasion proves that the breed is rapidly spreading in various sections of the country. The principal exhibitor was P. R. Wright, of Cobourg, who showed eleven fine head, for which he received no less than twelve prizes, including that for the herd, six of them being first prizes. Mr. R. L. Denison, Treasurer of the Association, is also an extensive breeder of Ayrshires, and he had on the ground a number of fine specimens. Owing, however, to the fact, as we were informed, that some question was raised as to the purity of his stock, for which there is not the least foundation whatever, justice was scarcely done to his really handsome bulls. His heifers were certainly scarcely in condition for show. J. Nimmo, of Camden; Jardine, of Saltfleet; Dixon, of Binbrook; and George Morton, of Morton, whose stock was purchased we believe from the herd of Mr. James Logan, of Montreal, were also successful competitors in this class.

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