

of the human race, and much prefer that fine old English maxim, that every man is innocent until he is proven guilty. Mr. N. adheres to his statement that the D.S.H.A. are the chief exhibitors. It is true enough that some of the exhibitors are also some of the prominent men, but if reference be made to the list of officers of the Association, who are presumably the prominent men, it will be found that about two-thirds of them have not exhibited at the big exhibitions in Ontario for several years. However, it was not to defend the honor of the gentlemen referred to that I entered into this controversy, but rather to uphold the principle of the Association's appointment of judges. With regard to the picture drawn by Mr. N. of an unfortunate gentleman being promptly sat upon by the combine, as he calls it, such has not been my experience, and I believe that the remaining members of the D.S.H.A. are possessed of more courage and determination than to permit themselves to be so suppressed, if they were satisfied that any underhand work was going on; besides if the suggestion implied in an article in the January number of this paper, over my signature, were adopted, members could send in their nominations and votes for judges by mail, which would enable a timid member to put in his vote without fear of receiving a public lesson. I agree with Mr. N. that it is a startling thing to be told "that to obtain justice at the Provincial Show, it is necessary to become a member of the D.S.H.A." I was certainly not aware of it, and think in the interests of the Shorthorn world it would be more to the point if Mr. N. brought *proofs* of the truth of such a statement instead of making such startling enunciations. Now, as to the judges being jobbers or dealers, what is a dealer? A reference to a dictionary defines a dealer as a man who sells; therefore, every man who breeds Shorthorns is necessarily a dealer, unless he never sells a beast. Of course some are dealers to a larger extent than others, and as a natural sequence, the dealer in a larger way of business, from having more experience, is usually the better judge; consequently, if a judge is to be disqualified on account of being a dealer, where shall we find competent judges? In approving of the old method of appointing judges, Mr. N. appears to prefer trusting entirely to luck, in the person of the directors of the different shows appointing judges, good, bad, or indifferent, as it may chance to be, than to adopt the plan of Association judges, in which latter case he may have a voice in the matter if he chooses. I can only imagine that he has had better fortune at exhibitions under the old method than some others of my acquaintance, who have frequently been placed under the harrow by incapables in the ring, and, if such is the case, offer him my sincere congratulations.

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For the CANADIAN LIVE STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL.

A Visit to Wellington.

THE SHORTHORN HERD OF MESSRS. WATT, OF SALEM.

It is difficult to form a proper idea of the country while riding on the cars. Railroads, fortunately perhaps for farmers, appear to have, purposely or by chance, run their tracks through either the wildest or the worst lands; still, on the other hand, but a poor impression is given to the emigrant and tourist of the capabilities of the country. We have always thought that the first view of land presented to travellers on landing at Quebec affords anything but an inviting aspect to the recently arrived agriculturist, and is far from a good advertisement of Canada as a farming country. The remarks made by the new arrivals are

often amusing, and we shall not easily forget one made by a Scotchman as he stepped off the boat: "Eh, mon! but the land is a' rocks!" Such, however, is not the case in Wellington, and even from the car windows one can see that, with very few exceptions, the barns this year will be well-filled. Barley and oats looked wonderfully well, and there is every prospect of an abundant yield. In some districts we were sorry to see the yellow flower of the wild mustard abounding and successfully contending in the struggle for existence, while in one hayfield the ox-eyed daisy composed the principal part of the crop. Our destination was Elora, and stepping off the cars we wended our way towards the residence of Mr. W. Watt, passing through the village of Salem, as we were afterwards informed, for a stranger would find it difficult to say where Salem commences and Elora ends. The recently erected residence of Mr. Watt is of brick, and is pleasantly situated on a swelling bank overlooking the village of Salem, while the river Irvine, almost concealed from view by its precipitous sides, ploughs its channel deep through the soft limestone in the vale below. Having partaken of Mr. Watt's hospitality, we proceeded to view a portion of the herd which was pasturing in an adjoining field. Here we recognized imported Princess Royal, bred by Mr. W. Duthie, of Collingie, Aberdeenshire, and imported by the Ontario Agricultural College. She is a strong, massive cow, but has hardly as much quality as is desirable. Near her stood the three-year-old cow, Matchless of Elmhurst 6th, by Abbotsburn (47312), a good, thick cow on short legs, and although suckling a lusty bull-calf, keeps up her condition well. A red yearling heifer by Lord Lansdowne (51601), out of Irvine Belle 2nd, particularly took our attention, being remarkably smooth and of good quality, the sort that is apt to catch the eye of the judges in the ring. In another pasture was Moonlight, a white cow, sired by old Barmpton Hero = 324 =. She displays a great wealth of flesh laid on well-sprung ribs, but is now a little inclined to patchiness on the hind quarters, one of the results of exhibiting. Matchless of Elmhurst 4th, next claimed our attention, the more so as she is one of the best breeders in the herd, being the dam of Matchless of Elmhurst 6th, and also the red heifer by Lord Lansdowne (51601). Near by, peacefully grazing, was the two-year-old, Saucy Princess 3rd, sired by Barmpton Hero, = 324 =, who has already made her mark in the show-ring. We next proceeded to the outbuildings, which were conveniently situated at a little distance from the dwelling-house, water being supplied in the barn-yard by a windmill, and in a comfortable box, with a yard attached for exercise, we found the red stock bull Musketeer, bred by Mr. John Miller, of Brougham, and purchased by Messrs. Watts at the last Industrial Exhibition. Musketeer's dam is a cow of Campbell breeding, his sire being Vice-Consul, the imported red Cruikshank bull, which wrested the Sweepstakes last fall at the Industrial from the Bow Park bull Baron Warlaby. Musketeer has developed, as we anticipated, into a very even, smooth bull; his head resembles, in a very marked degree, that of his sire; his thighs, perhaps, are not quite as wide as one could have wished, but they are deep, and with age and condition, for he was by no means fat, will no doubt fill out. The next box contained two bull calves, the one a red and white, by Perfection, out of Matchless of Elmhurst 6th, promises to make a short-legged, thick-fleshed bull, but the pick of the basket was a roan heifer calf, by old Barmpton Hero, out of Matchless of Elmhurst 2nd. She was remarkably good over the shoulder and round the heart, with well-sprung ribs, and well let down in the thigh and

plenty of hair. Mr. Watt's stock were all in good condition, and very little feeding would put them in very fair show trim. A recently purchased farm adjoining his own homestead will prove a valuable addition in the way of pasture, as it comprises a considerable proportion of low-lying lands, which in a dry summer is a matter of no small importance, Mr. Watt's homestead being all on the high lands. Mr. Watt has not followed the prevailing fashion in sheep, but breeds Oxford Downs, of which he has a fine flock, tracing to the importations of Mr. Armstrong. Like most sheep owners, he has suffered from the dog nuisance, and at the time of our visit was disturbed by an alarm, which, however, proved unfounded. The next morning, accompanied by Mr. W. Watt, we strolled over to his brother, Mr. John Watt, who lives on the old homestead. The approach to the front is bordered on either side by a neatly trimmed hedge of cedar, whose luxuriant growth has encroached so much on the roadway that where in former days the road afforded plenty of room for a carriage, it now only permits a passage to a single pedestrian. Mr. John Watt fortunately being at home, and our time being limited, we at once proceeded to the barn, where we found three bull calves all sired by Barmpton Hero, = 324 =; one of them, a roan, with a grand coat of hair, is an inbred son of Barmpton Hero, and should for that reason prove a most impressive sire. The next box was the abode of the celebrated Barmpton Hero, = 324 =, famous alike as a sire and in the show-ring. There are few bulls in Canada that can show such a record; although 11 years old he is still used as the stock bull and with success, notwithstanding his show-yard career: a substantial proof of the correctness of Messrs. Watts' statement in one of the earliest numbers of THE CANADIAN LIVE STOCK JOURNAL, "that a bull properly handled may be serviceable and profitable until 8 years old, and even beyond that period." Age, however, is beginning to tell on him, and he no longer presents that evenness of form that he possessed when he headed the herd of 21 Shorthorns (many of them his own offspring) which wrested the Elkhington Shield from all breeds at the Industrial in 1883. In the pasture was old Lovely 19th (bred by A. Cruikshank, and imported by Mr. J. Armstrong, of Eramosa), now 15 years old and carrying her fourteenth calf. She was in good order, and time has apparently passed over her with a light hand. Her white heifer calf was in the same pasture, and a good roan heifer calf by old Barmpton Hero, out of English Lady 8th, = 5996 =. In the same field we noticed the roan cow, Village Gem, by Lancaster Royal, = 1263 =, out of imported Village Blossom. She was bred by Messrs. Watt, but is of pure Cruikshank descent. The young cattle on both farms were an exceedingly good lot, and Messrs. Watt, if they exhibit, could show a very strong herd in the calf classes.

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For the CANADIAN LIVE STOCK AND FARM JOURNAL.

Dairying and Horse-Raising.

OUR NOVA SCOTIA CORRESPONDENT CONSIDERS HIS PROVINCE SPECIALLY SUITED FOR THESE BRANCHES OF FARMING.

Our fields in the Lower Provinces are this year very productive. There is a large yield of hay, which is our most valuable crop, and grains also promise well; we will have good crops, and the barns are still well-filled with last year's surplus. Our most fortunate circumstance this year was an early spring, and that has been helped by a moist summer, the rainfall being large and, in consequence, the growth rapid.