

The Exhibition.

As we announced in our last, the exhibition has been appointed to take place at Hamilton, on the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st September. The preparations are proceeding in the most satisfactory manner; and there is not the least doubt that except in the case of some unforeseen casualty this will be the most brilliant exhibition which has ever been held in the Province. The particular occasion on which this exhibition takes place, the visit of the heir to the throne of the British Empire, is one not likely to occur again for many years. We advise all of our readers by no means to lose the opportunity of being present at it, and taking some prizes, if possible. At the date of writing, August 30, fully 3000 entries of articles for exhibition have been received, and many no doubt will yet come to hand. Those who have not yet made their entries should do so immediately. We direct attention to an advertisement on this subject in another column. Particular attention is desired to the part of the advertisement relating to the placing of the articles on the grounds. As it is now ascertained that His Royal Highness and suite will probably visit Hamilton one day earlier than was anticipated, it will be absolutely necessary that every thing shall be brought to the grounds on Saturday and Monday, except cattle, and the cattle early on Tuesday morning, so that every department of the exhibition may be fully arranged early on Tuesday morning.

Editorial Correspondence.

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THE EXHIBITION OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

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I will now attempt to give the readers of the *Agriculturist* a general idea of this great national gathering of Irish agriculturists, which was held in the ancient city of Cork during the present week. Having spent nearly a week in this interesting locality, I shall reserve for another communication some observations on the state and prospects of agriculture in the southern portion of the kingdom, and confine myself at present to the more prominent characteristics of the show, which I am bound to say both in the amount and quality of the material exceeded my expectations. The spacious corn-

market afforded excellent accommodation; stock with very little additional outlay, and implements and machines were conveniently arranged under covered sheds in a very extensive yard adjoining, and the whole arrangement exceedingly commodious and satisfactory.

The number of entries in the pure short class was 92, which contained several animals of very superior merit, bred in the country. I told that this class, in point of number, perhaps, in quality, hardly came up to the shows of the Royal Dublin Society, which are more favorably situated for the central and northern parts of the country, where this improved breed is sedulously cultivated by the wealthy of the landholders and farmers. In Devon there were only eight entries, and in Ayrshires amounted to 22. The Herefords were not represented, I think, by a single specimen. The Kerries comprised 34, with only a few from the West Highlanders, Galloways, and Polled Angus. The number of Dutch and crosses was considerable, several of the latter possessing excellent points, and of good size. Horses of all kinds amounted to 80; sheep 180 lots; and pigs, 40.

The first prize of 15 sovereigns in the aged Durham bulls, was awarded to *Stat*, 5 years, bred and owned in Scotland. He was a very fine animal, but decidedly inferior to *Townley's Bull*, which won the first prize in the same class at Canterbury. He is wide of a good loin and quarters, but somewhat inferior in hair and inferior in the cups. The prize bull, and one or two others bred and in Ireland, clearly indicate the progress that has of late years been made in this important department of rural affairs in this country. A very remarkable animal among the Sheworths was a four year old cow, *Rosette*, owned by Col. Eastwood, Burnley, Lancashire, a neighbor of Col. Townley, and bred by Mr. W. Wood of Darlington. I saw this splendid animal at the Royal English Show at Canterbury, where she won the 1st prize against Mr. Booth's *Queen Mab*, an animal of great beauty, the highest breeding. In the Cork show she not only won the first prize in her class, but the *Purchell Cup*, of the value of 100 sovereigns, and the *gold medal*, thereby proving that she was the best of her kind in the yard. In fact I never saw her so well as she was such width and massive, yet beautiful.