

In sheep there was an excellent showing. The successful winner in Cotswolds was Donald Innis, Tobique River, N. B. In Leicesters M. H. Parlee, Sussex, led off, closely followed by H. E. Harrison, W. M. Thurott, Manguerville, and W. Mullin, St. John. Mr. Parlee had in his exhibit one of the finest rams ever shown in N. B. The Cheviot class was represented by the Eastern Stock Farm, Quebec; and F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, Quebec. The prizes in the Shropshire class were pretty evenly divided between D. Ferguson, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; W. Donovan, Coldbrook; R. & W. Hubbard, Sunbury; and Isaleigh Grange, Quebec. In Southdowns there was strong competition. The prize winners were: Guy Carr, Compton, Quebec; F. S. Wetherall, Cookshire, Quebec; Robt. Shaw & Son, Quebec.

In swine there were some exceedingly fine specimens of the several different breeds, representing the Improved Berkshires, Tamworths, Yorkshires, Chester Whites, Poland-Chinas, Essex, and Duroc-Jerseys. Messrs. Page & Son, of Amherst, were awarded the prize offered for the best type of pig for English bacon.

The class for horses was well filled, and looking them over we found some excellent types of the breeds represented. Although the competition was close the awards were distributed quite evenly.

The center of gravity in the exhibition enclosure seemed to be the poultry building. Here we found the most extensive exhibit of poultry ever seen in the Province. The judge was loath to believe that they were the production of N. B. We found in this class over 900 entries, and the birds, with but few exceptions, were close to the standard.

Inspecting the dairy exhibit we found a very large entry of cheese and butter. In colored cheese there were twenty-five entries, in white eighteen entries. In colored cheese the prize-winning entries scored upwards of 85 points, a number running over 90. In white cheese 97 points were reached, while several exhibits scored 92 and over. The whole exhibit of butter was above the average of former years. Private dairy butter scored from 89 to 93 points, while creamery entries reached 97 points.

Among visitors to the exhibition from a distance we noticed Messrs. Arthur Johnston, Greenwood; Henry Wade, Toronto; and Wm. Linton, Aurora, Ont.

#### Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

(REPORTED BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

This exhibition was held in its new quarters in the city of Halifax, and opened on October 28th. The buildings are entirely new and very suitable for exhibition purposes. They consist of the main exhibition building, agricultural hall, horticultural hall, transportation hall, and manufacturer's building, all of which are commodious and solid structures. The horse and cattle barns are very roomy, and the stalls are ranged on either side with a wide passage between, affording excellent facilities for seeing the stock.

The opening day was wet and cold, and the attendance small. The formal opening took place at 3 o'clock, when Lord and Lady Aberdeen, accompanied by Lord Kelvin, Admiral Fisher, and other distinguished persons, occupied seats in the gallery. Addresses were delivered by Lord Aberdeen, Lord Kelvin, and the Governor of N. S. The exhibits were not all in place in the different buildings, and stock was constantly arriving. On the second day everything was in order and the attendance about 8,000. Thursday was the big day of the show. The turnstiles registered over 20,000 admissions. This was the day of cheap excursions, as well as of the visit of Canada's Premier, Sir Wilfred Laurier.

The space in the main building was entirely taken up with exhibits representing the manufactures of the Province, and its rich natural resources of iron, coal, and gold. Of the latter there were some specimens of gold bearing quartz rich enough to vie with Klondyke. The exhibits were tastefully arranged, and were well calculated to impress one with the great resources of the Province and the spirit of enterprise possessed by the people. The exhibits in the agricultural hall fairly represented the agricultural capabilities of Nova Scotia. Here were to be seen nicely arranged exhibits from Nappan Experimental Farm, and the Nova Scotia Government's Model Farm at Truro. Potatoes and garden truck were good. Field roots and much of the grain was not up to the mark. This Province imports largely of grain, and is not much of a grain producer. The dairy exhibit was small, especially so in cheese. It impressed us that the cheese shown would not be very suitable for export, as they were not of a uniform size or appearance. They were, however, of a good quality, and suited the local trade. The butter was mostly good, some creameries and private dairies showing excellent samples. There was a working dairy in the building, where lessons were given in separating, testing, churning, and packing butter. Mr. Fuller, of the Model Farm, and Mr. Hopkins, of Nappan, were in charge.

Horticultural hall contained a magnificent display of plants, flowers, and fruit. The show of the products of the orchard gives one an idea of the grand capabilities of the Province in this particular line. Each county has its own exhibit, and they compete within themselves and not against each other. Though this is an off year for fruit, the exhibit

was large and tastefully arranged. King's County showed a collection of 207 varieties in apples, plums, and pears. Some of the other counties were not far behind. Fruit is the great source of wealth in Western Nova Scotia, as coal and iron are in the eastern part. R. W. Starr, of Starr's Point, was superintendent in this department, and was ever ready to give information concerning the exhibits.

Transportation hall was completely filled with samples of the work of the carriage builders and bicycle makers of the Maritime as well as the Upper Provinces. The carriages were a beautifully finished lot, reflecting great credit on the makers. Mr. De Wolfe, of De Wolfe, Sons & Co., informed us that many of their carriages were built to order for residents in the Bermudas, West Indies, and South America, at a cost of \$400 each. In the manufacturers' building many kinds of agricultural, manufacturing and mining as well as electrical machinery was shown in motion. Here could be seen the binder, mower, hay tedder, and all the different kinds of modern farm machinery and implements. The Massey-Harris and Frost & Wood Companies had very complete and extensive exhibits in this line. Binders are not much used here, and are quite a curiosity to many of the visitors. There were also a number of steam drills in motion drilling granite, and a machine for crushing quartz and washing out the gold was an object of great interest. This building also contained the exhibit of electrical apparatus, and stoves.

#### STOCK.

The entries in the live stock department were numerous. In horses there were 251 entries; in pure-bred cattle, 399; in grade cattle, 189; in fat cattle, 77. The entries in sheep and swine were numerous. The carriage classes were pretty

steers. One pair shown by G. H. Madill, Hants Co., were estimated by good judges to weigh 5,000 lbs.

The show of sheep was very large, but very many of the animals were inferior. In quality the sheep shown here does not come near up to Charlottetown. The P. E. Island exhibitors got the lion's share of the red tickets, and would have done still better if they had drawn larger from their herds so that they could have competed in all sections. In Leicesters Albert Boswell, P. E. I., got all the red tickets and a good many of the blue and white ones. S. P. Goudey, Yarmouth, was his only competitor. In Border Leicesters Wm. Clark, North Wiltshire, P. E. I., got all the red tickets except two. These were for shearing ram and pair of ewes, which went to M. H. Parlee, Sussex, N. B. S. P. Goudey, Yarmouth, was also a competitor in this class and got some third prizes. In Shropshires a Nova Scotia flock owned by Logan & Harris, Pictou, took most of the first prizes; Boswell and Ferguson, of P. E. I., taking most of the remaining ones. D. R. McKay, Hopewell, N. S., and R. D. Ross divided the awards. Mr. A. Fisher, of Pictou, showed a flock of Horned Dorsets, the only one shown. Flocks of Merinos, Cheviots, Cotswolds, and Oxford Downs were on exhibition, but there was little competition except in Oxford, where the prizes were divided between E. Edwards and E. Dunlop, with Gay's River Agricultural Society first for ram two shears and over.

The hog pens contained some very fine Berkshires, Yorkshires, Chesters, and Duroc-Jerseys. We did not see any Tamworths. As the pigs were not judged when we left, we do not know who the prize winners were. The show of poultry was large and very choice. We saw some of the largest geese and turkeys that we have ever seen at any exhibition.

#### NOTES.

This is not a very good year for Nova Scotia farmers, as the fruit is not more than half a crop and potatoes are a serious failure in most of the Provinces.

The exhibition, which was to have closed on Friday, October 1st, was extended till Tuesday, the 5th, but considerable of the stock was removed on Friday, especially that from P. E. I.

Nova Scotia is a province rich in natural resources of mine and forest. Its agricultural capabilities are also good. As a stock-raising country it has many advantages, possessing as it does a great amount of interval land which excels in the production of hay. As a fruit-producing country the counties of King's and Annapolis have no superior on the continent.

The racing was well patronized by visitors, but the track was new and too soft for fast time.

Thanks are due to the manager and secretary of the exhibition company for kindness received and information supplied to your correspondent.

As at other exhibitions, we found many of the leading stockmen and farmers—who were appreciative readers—ready to acknowledge the great help the FARMER'S ADVOCATE had been in assisting them to solve the different agricultural problems that have from time to time presented themselves for solution.

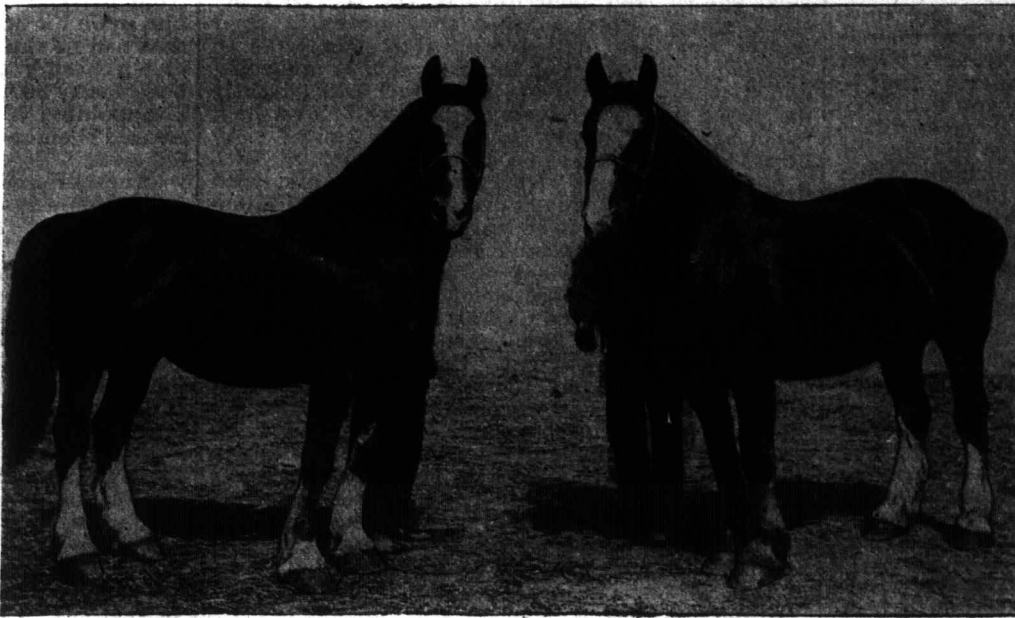
#### Treatment of Fitted Stock After the Shows.

The opinion has long held sway that the usefulness of highly fitted animals was, to a large extent, impaired for future breeding purposes. This may be to some extent true when the animals are not wisely treated, which is most likely to be the case in the hands of incompetent stockmen. This year fitted animals changed hands to an extent as perhaps never before at the larger shows. In order to assist such persons and many beginners in the showing to make the most of their fitted animals, we publish below a number of letters from leading annual exhibitors revealing their methods of treating their show stock after returning from the circuit. These, we believe, will be of great value to many readers. We trust other breeders will follow the example, and send us at an early date their system of handling fitted animals in order to make the most of them as breeders.

#### Turned Out with the Field Ewes, and Brought In at Night.

To the Editor FARMER'S ADVOCATE:

In regard to the treatment of the show flock after the show, we consider they should have better treatment than the field sheep, but at the same time think it wise to let them lose some of their flesh, especially the aged and shearing ewes; that is, if it is the intention to breed them; and as the best of the flock is generally taken of these for show purposes, it is far from being profitable not to breed them. They are turned out with the field ewes, and are brought in at night, so they may be fed a small ration of grain (oats and bran), with a little clover hay. Of aged rams and shearings we very seldom have any left over from the shows, but if we have we still keep them going on steadily. As to the lambs, if it can be so arranged to have a



BOYDSTON LASS 7TH.

KATE HILL 3RD.

First Prize and Champion Premium Winners at the Toronto Industrial. Owned by Jas. I. Davidson & Son, Balsam, Ont.

The two beautiful mares herewith illustrated were bred by their owners, Messrs. James I. Davidson & Son, Balsam, Ont. They are each three years old, and sired by Westfield Stamp (imp.) [1819] (9467). Boydston Lass 7th 2286 is out of Boydston Lass 3rd, a winner of many good premiums. Boydston Lass won at the Toronto Industrial, in the imported Clydesdale class, 1st as a foal, 1st as a two-year-old, and also as a three-year-old, in strong competition on each occasion. Kate Hill 3rd 2221 is out of Kate Hill (imp.) (4129). As a two-year-old she won 1st prize in the Canadian draft class; this year she won 1st in the three-year-old section, as well as the championship female award for best mare any age.

well filled, and contained some very handsome roadsters and many speedy trotters. The show of draft stock was not so large, but included some good animals. On entering the beef cattle barns the first thing to attract attention was the splendid herd of Herefords, 14 in number, shown by W. W. Black, Amherst. The bull at the head of this herd is about the blockiest and heaviest Hereford we have seen, and would show well anywhere. This was the only herd of this breed shown. In Shorthorns there was keen competition. Charles Holmes showed a herd of 20 animals; E. & O. Chase, Port Williams, showed 14 head; C. H. Archibald, Truro, 10 head. For bull over three years old, C. Dickie, Canard, got first, and J. Lane, P. E. I., second. The other prizes in this class were pretty evenly divided between E. & O. Chase, C. W. Holmes, C. A. Archibald, A. Boswell, and Everett Kinsman. Herbert Stair, Cornwallis, showed a herd of Polled Angus in fine condition. This was the only herd of these cattle shown, and they attracted much attention on account of their smooth appearance and good beefing qualities. The bull at the head of the herd was a splendid representative of the breed. Mr. Stair also showed a bunch of fat cattle of this breed, which were finished in a style to suit the English market. In the dairy breeds E. B. Elderkin, Amherst, and B. W. Chipman were among the exhibitors of Jerseys. C. H. Archibald, Truro; W. F. Bergmer, Pugwash; J. A. Ferguson, P. E. I., were among the Ayrshire exhibitors. D. W. McKenzie, Nerepis Station, N. B., and S. Dickie, Onslow, showed Holstein herds. E. R. Brow, Charlottetown, P. E. I., showed his fine herd of Guernseys, and won first, with K. S. Miller, of Truro, second. Shuban Acadie Agricultural Society got first for aged Guernsey bull, and Peter Innis first for Ayrshire bull over three years old. Senator Ferguson, P. E. I., exhibited the only herd of Galloways on exhibition. There was a very large exhibit of fat oxen and