

Mr. Pell, were excellent; but there was not sufficient light for an adequate display. On entering, the building the visitor was first attracted by the tastefully arranged stand of Messrs. Winning, Hill & Ware, who are celebrated for their cordials, liqueurs, syrups, and other articles of a like nature. This firm carried off the gold medal at the Paris Exposition. There was a fine display of domestic and monumental marbles from the respective firms of Forsyth and Mavor; and, adjoining these, were interesting displays of ornamental slate in imitation of various marbles. The patentees, A. K. and W. I. Mills, prepare this "marbleized slate" from the best material quarried in Vermont, and by putting on the marbled surface within the Province, can offer the manufacture at a much lower price than it can be imported from the States. The material is admirably adapted for a variety of purposes, and its introduction into Ontario would be a great advantage. The proprietors exhibited ornamental fire places, and a number of other articles, in very elegant and effective styles. It is very cleanly and well adapted for many homely domestic uses, as well as for decorative objects.

A large proportion of the building was occupied by stoves, furnaces, and the like. There was a fine display of carriages, a great variety of sewing machines, and a fair assortment of household furniture; besides a miscellaneous collection of manufactured articles, altogether too numerous to particularise.

The Show was, on the whole, a good one, and attracted a large concourse of visitors. With the improved accommodation and arrangements which will, no doubt, be carried out before another year, the Council of Agriculture hope to establish an annual Exhibition, which will assuredly be of great service to the Province in stimulating progress in the various industrial arts.

The Western Fair.

The Western Fair, under the joint auspices of the East Middlesex and London Agricultural Societies, was held in the show-grounds of the latter city, on the 27th and two following days of September, and was altogether a success. The weather was fine, and the grounds were filled each day by a large gathering of visitors.

HORSES.

The number of entries in the horse class was unprecedented, and the stalls were crowded to excess. Many should never have been exhibited, but there were in nearly every section animals that deserved distinction. Of blood-horses there was only a small show; but the numbers and general excellence of those in the agricultural section were considerably above par, while the chief bulk of the show in this department was made up by the road and carriage horses. In the heavy draught class there were some fine imported specimens—one shown by Mr. Buckland, of Guelph, was deserving of special notice. He is a Suffolk Punch, named

"Britton," 4 years old, a powerfully built animal, and had in England twice gained prizes at the Royal Society's shows. Thomas Evans also showed a fine imported draught horse, "Canaby," 5 years old. There were also good native bred specimens of the same breed.

Among the agricultural horses considerable difficulty was experienced by the variety and distinct character of the animals entered under this head. Some were too light, and should have been considered roadsters, and others were decidedly too heavy and fitted only for draught work. The first prize for aged horses in this class was awarded to G. Teasdale, of London, for a fine bay stallion, "Royal Oak," 5 years old; and the 2nd to Leonard Hunter, of Oshorne, for his horse "Young Coachman," that has been a successful competitor in previous years. The 3rd prize was gained by A. M. Leach, of Brooke.

In the 3-year-old section, the highest place was gained by James Jackson, of North Dorchester, for a well-known stallion "Hard Fortune." The 2nd prize in this section went to Thomas Hodgins, of Biddulph, for a good bay named "Rob Roy."

The 2-year-old section contained one of the most promising animals on the ground, a bright bay, which deservedly took the first prize. He is the property of Daniel Flood, of London, was sired by "Anglo-American," and is a remarkably fine animal.

A few good yearlings were shown in the same section. "Captain Wallace," a horse of some celebrity, owned by Mr. J. Mason, of Clinton, was exhibited, but failed to get a prize. A beautiful black French Canadian stallion was shown by Lachlan Wier, of St. Thomas, and was entitled to an extra prize. Among a number of good matched horses, a pair of superb greys, owned by J. Rutledge, of London, gained a first prize, and a promising pair of bays the second. In road and carriage horses Mr. Buckland showed an imported animal of much merit. This section was very numerously filled, as was also that of horses for general purposes.

CATTLE.

The Durham class was well filled, there being 123 entries. In the two-year old section, Mr. McLeish gained the first prize for a red bull, and Major Greig the second for his red and white bull, Harold—a decision which, in our opinion, should have been reversed. The yearling bulls were also good, and a very promising animal, shown by J. S. Smith, and bred, we believe, by Messrs. White & Kirby, took the first honours, Col. Taylor carrying off the second for Proud Duke, bred by J. O. Sheldon, of Geneva. In the yearlings, J. McGugan, of Strathroy, gained the first prize and diploma for the best bull on the ground. There were some excellent aged cows; the honours in this section went to J. S. Thomson, of Whitby, for Duchess 8th, who gained the first place. His yearling heifers, Christabel and Sylvia, attracted much attention, and won the highest honours in their classes. Major Greig's 6th Duchess of Oakland obtained the first prize in her class, two year old heifers; while in three year cows Bride of Greenwood was placed third, being beaten by Thomson's Queen of the May for first place, and Colonel Taylor's Elgitha for second. For Duchess 6th, of Oakland, Major Greig gave \$1,500 at the McMillan sale in Xenia, Ohio. Bride of Greenwood was also bought on the same occasion. Several of the others were from Mr. Cochrane's stock. The other breeds of cattle did not come up in numbers or excellence to the Shorthorns; but the Devons were, on the whole, a good class, and some of the animals shown were perhaps the

best of that breed in the Province. There were a considerable number of grades, some of them crosses with Shorthorns, of superior excellence. There was also a fair show of fat cattle and working oxen.

SHEEP AND SWINE.

In addition to the live stock already noticed, the London fair had a good display in other classes of animals. The show of pigs and sheep, however, was seen to some disadvantage from the disproportion between the accommodation which had been provided for a Provincial Exhibition, and the diminished, though respectable, number of occupants in this local fair. Barring the drawback of long rows of empty pens, there was altogether a fine collection of Leicester and Cotswold sheep, and a few of other breeds. Among the pigs were a large preponderance of improved Berkshires, with some good Suffolks. Mr. Roach, of Hamilton, was among the most meritorious exhibitors, and had on view, besides a large number of animals bred by himself from imported stock, four recent importations of great value, consisting of an improved Berkshire boar, 13 months old, a Suffolk boar and two young Suffolk sows. Mr. John Corrie also exhibited some remarkably good animals, and among them a beautiful imported Berkshire hog.

POULTRY.

Of the poultry one expects in London a superior show, for the city and neighbourhood claim some of the most successful breeders of this class of stock. In the present exhibition there were a large number of entries, but a very considerable proportion failed to show, and the display, though a fine one, was in consequence much crippled. The season of the year is also somewhat unfavourable, and many good birds were in poor feather, and not at all in show condition. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, there was a fine display of nearly every variety of fowl. Among Mr. Lamb's best pens were buff and white Cochins, and a beautiful pair of silver pheasants. Mr. Peters showed some fine Dorkings, besides other excellent birds. Mr. Bogue's silver Polands were magnificent, as were also his silver pencilled Hamburgs. Mr. Fearman, of Hamilton, showed some superior dark Brahmas. Mr. Plummer and Mr. Lamb had each a fine collection of different varieties. Reuben and Aylesbury ducks were in force, and there was a good show of geese, both white and grey. A notable defect, which should by all means be remedied in future, was the absence of proper arrangements, a fault that seriously detracted from the effectiveness of the show.

IMPLEMENTS.

There was a fair display of the usual varieties of farm implements, contributed for the most part by well known exhibitors. Among the novelties deserving notice was a strongly built and effective stump machine, manufactured by Mr. John Plummer, of London, which seemed well calculated for its work. There was also a convenient construction of waggon, exhibited by Parker & Bateman, Strathroy, for the purpose of unloading by tilting over the box. This movement is effected when desired by the horses stepping forward. The same firm showed a simple and effective gate hinge, which allows of adjustment for snow, &c. Anderson & Johnson showed a meritorious invention styled a "lodged grain and pea harvester," which consists of a number of strong iron teeth that can be attached to any reaping machine so as to project beyond the ordinary guards.