

Mr. Leach spoke very favorably of the crops in his part of the country. The wheat was very good. The soil was light and the crops had not winter-killed, and the yield would be quite satisfactory. Most of the old varieties had been grown.

Mr. Whetter, in speaking of the prospect of the crops in his vicinity, stated that the Democrat wheat had lodged badly. The Garfield was a newer and better variety which promised to yield better. Wheat was badly winter-killed, and on that account the average yield would be much smaller than many supposed.

Mr. Kennedy spoke more favorably, and thought the crops in his locality were exceptionally good. He found the Manchester to have done the best on his farm; had not tried any of the new varieties.

Mr. Deadman thought that the wheat in his neighborhood would not exceed fifteen bushels per acre on an average. That on clay lands had been very badly winter-killed. He thought the field of Velvet Chaff on Mr. McEwen's farm would go at least thirty bushels per acre.

Mr. Richard Gibson had grown three varieties, two of which were new, viz., the Golden Cross and Early Red Clawson. He also had grown the Manchester. He had samples of the three with him. All were red wheats and very bright and plump. The Golden Cross was decidedly the best of the three, all the members quite concurring in this opinion after examining the samples. He had also examined a field of the Canadian Velvet Chaff wheat grown on the farm of Mr. McEwen and was highly pleased with it, and spoke emphatically on the merits of this wheat for the production of the best description of pastry and biscuit flour, stating that he had known forty per cent., above the price of ordinary baker's flour, to have been paid in some cases for the best brands of pastry flour, and the Velvet Chaff was a sort that was now much inquired for by millers who would pay a higher price for it. He therefore offered the following resolution:—

Moved by R. Gibson, seconded by F. Shore, that the Velvet Chaff wheat, examined by us, is very promising while growing, and it is calculated to elevate our flour in the market, especially for pastry and biscuit purposes, more nearly taking the place of the old Soule and Deihl varieties. Carried unanimously.

Our Stock Prizes.

Do not lose sight of the splendid stock prizes we are continually giving for new subscribers. The following is a copy of a letter we have just received from Mr. John Senn, of Cranston, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I received yesterday (July 22nd) a pair of improved large Yorkshires, sent me as a subscription prize. I am grateful to you and will show my gratitude later in the season by doing what I can for the ADVOCATE.

JOHN SENN.

Through the courtesy of the author we are in receipt of a copy of Blakelee's Industrial Encyclopedia, which is full of useful hints and devices and gives capital ideas how to do a thousand and one things around the farm that require a mechanical education to bring out. When once described, as in this book, they are at once quite easy of construction. Something over two hundred illustrations are given, and there are hints for everybody, but are particularly relating to the farm and farm work, with a boy's department which is useful, interesting, and well calculated to pass away many an idle hour as well as to give the boys a taste for useful employment. The Domestic Department is also full of receipts and designs of the most useful character.

Stock.

"Royal Show" of England and Its Stock.

The Royal Show with its peripatetic character naturally savors much of locality in which it is held. This year, Plymouth being the chosen point, carried it to the extreme south of England, and being distant from the fine stock centres it speaks well for the management that the show proved so successful. In point of numbers horses were not strong. The light-legged classes had good representation but were not numerous. The hunting varieties were chiefly from the counties near Plymouth, while the premiums for coach horses were carried away to Yorkshire, by such well known breeders as the Sterica Bros. and Mr. Scooby.

Among Shires the famous sires Harold and Bar None were not only represented by champions, but the former had two winning colts, the latter two winning fillies to their credit. While such names as Lord Hindlip, Mr. Walter Gilbey, Mr. James Forshaw and Mr. Longton, as usual, were successful in their exhibits in the different classes.

In Clydesdales Mr. Kilpatrick's Prince of Kyle, that has never before met his equal, suffered a defeat at the hands of Mr. Andrew Montgomery's Macara, a horse altogether fresh in the show ring. Prince of Kyle, as most of our readers are aware, is own brother (a year younger) to Prince of Albion, and has hitherto been considered his brother's most dangerous rival. The Marquis of Londonderry's horse Crusader was 3rd.

In two-year-old colts, Mr. A. Montgomery took first with Prince Darnley, another colt in which the union of the blood of Darnley and Prince of Wales brings out a good one. The balance of the prizes go to colts by Castlereagh, Macgregor and Prince of Wales. Altogether the breed made a fine showing considering the distance from home.

Suffolk horses were in strong force and breeders of this sort seem to be pushing them to the front. The champion horse, The Czar, to the astonishment of other breeders, appeared as the heaviest horse in the show, and this class all through was exceedingly well represented, breeders evidently trying to reduce the length of leg and obtain a little more bone.

Shorthorn cattle made a most creditable display. In the aged bull class Mr. J. Deane-Willis' Challenge Cup (57029), a bull of true Scotch type, winning first honors. He was bred by Mr. Duthie and was sired by his noted bull Cupbearer. The other bulls of this class were from the adjoining county of Cornwall and were good types of the breed. In bulls born in 1888, Her Majesty the Queen's New Year's Gift headed the class. Second went to Mr. T. Willis' (of Caperby) Prince Rupert, by Warlabby Royalist. The 3rd to T. F. Roskrug's Rob Roy. The bulls calved in 1889 were headed by the Cruickshank bull Count Lavender, a beautiful and heavily fleshed roan, a credit to his breeder, Mr. Duthie, also shown by Mr. J. Deane-Willis. Cornwall again scored a good second with Mr. Trethway's Pol, a red. The Prince of Wales won 3rd with Lord Fauntleroy. In cows last year's winner, Molly Millicent, was again successful and came forward in beautiful finish, showing her finely developed milking qualities as she did last year. The same

exhibitor was third with Inglewood Gem. Mr. Brierly was second with his Marchioness of Waterloo 6th. Lord Polworth's Wave was the reserve.

In the winning heifers, born in 1888, Lord Polworth's Truth, of the Booth Hecuba family, the Duke of Northumberland's Fairy Rosebud and Her Majesty Empress, a massive heifer by Field Marshall, divide the honors in the order named, while in the youngest female class, Her Majesty's Rosalind by Field Marshall, scores a first. Lady Blythefield, first owned by Messrs. Hosken & Son, of the Waterloo tribe, and sired by an Oxford, is 2nd, 3rd going to a Duthie bred heifer of Mr. J. Deane-Willis. The cow Molly Millicent, taking the champion prize for best female. The Cruickshank bred Count Lavender taking the champion prize for bulls. In Herefords, Lord Coventry's famous cow Rosewater again tops the list of a capital entry in this old established beefing sort, in which the entry is strong in numbers, and high in point of merit. Mr. J. Price, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Robinson fight for honors among the aged bulls, and other well known breeders add their quota to swell the numbers of the exhibits. Devons, being right at home, were brought out in great numbers and made a fine display.

The Channel Island cattle, both Jersey and Guernsey, filled the cow and heifer class to the full with capital representatives that carried quality and character alike.

The sheep department was fully filled, and each breed bearing its characteristic type in that high degree of merit for which the different breeds of mutton-producing sheep of the country have a world wide reputation. Cotswolds never have a large representation, but the quality fully made amends for the lack of numbers present. Messrs. Swanwick, Garne, Bagnall, and Thomas, are the principal exhibitors, and divided honors pretty equally. Leicesters made a good showing both in number and quality.

Lincolns also made a capital display, particularly in this the case in the classes for ewes, which were an unusually good lot.

Oxford Downs made a nice even exhibit, with some extra good specimens. Mr. Brassy and Mr. John Treadwell took the largest number of prizes, in the order named, followed by Mr. Adams and Mr. Miles.

Shropshires were far in excess in point of numbers, with classes filled with grand specimens. Mr. A. E. Mansell led off in the old ram classes with Windsor King that won first as a shearing last year at Windsor. Mr. A. S. Berry and Mrs. Barrs followed in the order named, and Mr. Bach took the reserve and highly commended. Over eighty shearing rams proved a huge task for the judges. Mr. Inge was first, Mrs. Barrs second and third. Mr. Inge was also first with a good pen of lambs, Messrs. Bradburn second. Mr. Graham was first in shearing ewes, also third, Mr. T. S. Minton second. Southdowns, Mr. J. J. Colman, M. P., led in two shear rams, Mr. Wm. Toop second. In twenty-six shearing rams the Prince of Wales was first, Mr. E. Ellis second, and Mr. W. Toop third, Mr. Ellis winning for the pen of lambs. Mr. Colman was again first with his pen of shearing ewes and Mr. Ellis second.

The best show of pigs for a great many years appeared to be the general opinion of the old countrymen. The Improved Yorkshires were simply grand, in which Mr. Saunders Spencer, Holywell Manor herd, took two firsts and a second and a third, and took nearly half the