

them. My heifers were never housed, and had merely oat straw.

I am sir,

Your obedient servant,

DAN'L TYE.

Wilmot, August 13, 1851.

MR. SOTHAM'S CHALLENGE ON THE COMPARATIVE MERITS OF HEREFORD AND SHORT-HORN CATTLE.

Black Rock, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1851.

MR. EDITOR,

I read Mr. Parsons' letter on short-horns, and must say, I never saw so long a letter with *less proof*. I am perfectly willing to enter into a controversy with him on this subject, but I feel the public in the State of New York have been so much *cattle-puffed* by editors and breeders, that I had made up my mind to keep entirely silent on the subject, and leave the Herefords to speak for themselves; the time will come when they will bear the "palm" in America, as they did at Windsor, the last fair. I quote from the *Mark Lane Express*, of July 28th:—"As a class we give the palm to the Herefords, Lord Berwick's Hereford bull being the most perfect animal ever seen."

If you wish for a controversy on Hereford and short-horns, I am ready, and will answer Mr. Parsons' letter, as soon as you decide. In the mean time, I will say to Mr. Parsons that I will meet him, or any other breeder of short-horns and grades, with four blood Herefords and grades in any way he will point out. Early maturity, quality of beef,—the greatest weight of animal food at any age with the least weight of vegetable. The greatest weight of butter, with the least weight of food; both being kept alike, by an honest disinterested person. The best cattle for the yoke, &c. If a trial of this kind can be effected, I have no fear of the result,—all I ask is a "fair field and no favor."

I will also say more. There is one grand objection to short-horn stock in this State. Breeders purchase a bull at a high price, (or a "feigned" high price) and have his name "puffed up" to the public, as a valuable specimen, while their cows are a disgrace to short-horns or any other breed. I will write you an article on this subject as soon as I have time.

I am, &c.,

WM. H. SOTHAM.

[We shall be happy to be put in possession of Mr. Sotham's views and defence of Hereford

cattle as adapted to this continent, &c.; and from what we know of his experience in breeding this description of stock, and the very favorable specimens we remember seeing on his farm last summer, we have no doubt of his ability to throw considerable light on the subject. We request our readers to weigh impartially the arguments and evidence on both sides, and then judge for themselves.]—EDITOR.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR.

This important agriculturing gathering, by far the most numerous of any that takes place on this continent, or, perhaps, in any other part of the civilized world, will this year be held at Rochester, on September 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th; and from all we can learn it bids fair to exceed most, if not any of its predecessors. The locality being so convenient for persons to attend from Upper Canada, we have no doubt but large numbers of our fellow countrymen will pay our New York neighbors a visit on the approaching occasion. Steamboats and railways will take visitors to, and from the fair, at half the usual rates. We insert below, for the information of our readers, the circular of Mr. Fogg, the local Secretary;—also the correspondence between the Secretary of the Agricultural Association of Upper Canada, and the President of the New York State Agricultural Society. The latter affords a pleasing evidence how neighboring nations, living under different forms of government, yet inheriting a common ancestry and language, may evince a spirit of mutual respect and good will, in the promotion of a pursuit, which constitutes the basis of a people's wealth and independence,—the ancient and noble art of tilling the soil.

"The undersigned has been appointed local Secretary to the New York State Fair, and any enquiries respecting the arrangements of the show-grounds may be addressed to him. Persons having articles for exhibition, who cannot accompany them to Rochester, may consign them to him, and rely upon their being properly taken care of, and the necessary entries made at the business office.