

ponding improvement. In most cases what was deficient in quantity was made up in quality. In Horses, Sheep, Fruit, and Dairy Produce the improvement was manifest.

The report of the Committee on Class 2—Cattle—would, on the whole, seem to indicate a falling off in this department, but it is submitted that in the number of entries, &c., this Class compares favorably with any previous year; the number of entries being 110 against 109 in 1872. Number of Premiums awarded, 75 against 63. Amount of Premiums awarded, \$152.00 against \$108.50.

The division of labor and increase in the number of Committees, (4 instead of 2), and the classification and different arrangement of the animals has no doubt contributed to an apparent miscalculation on the part of some of the Committees in this Class. The evident improvement in the dairy department; the large number of entries of grade animals; and the small number of entries in subdivision, No. 6 (Female Neat Stock, any breed), show that our Farmers are gradually awakening to the advantages of pure bred Stock, and an appreciation of the Stock raising and dairy producing capabilities of the County.

The drought of the early part of the season and the consequent delay in the maturity of the crops, may account for the decrease in the number of entries in class 6—Vegetables, Roots, &c.—115, same as in 1871, against 163 in 1872; while in class 5—Grain and Seeds—the heavy rain had interfered, in many instances, with the harvesting in time for Exhibition.

"Open to the Province," brought three entries, the same as last year. The work of the year, so far, shows the number of members 156 against 153, in 1872. Amount of subscriptions \$348.50, against \$370; 103 Exhibitors against 94; entries 440, against 549; Premiums awarded 272, against 329; Amount Premiums awarded \$406.25, against \$406.50; and Amount of admission fees to the Court House, \$76.20, against \$73.18.

The reports of the respective committees will express their judgments of the several classes; but on the whole it is submitted that the Exhibition was a success, and compared favorably with those of previous years.

Class 1—HORSES.

Entries 22—Premiums 13—Amount \$33.75.

Committee—Geo. H. Lovitt, H. A. Parr, Wm. A. Porter.

Best Stallion, 4 years old and upwards, "Black Hawk,"—Wm. A. Porter, \$4.00

2nd do., Canadian Morgan, "Noble,"—E. E. Archibald, 2.50

Best Mare, 4 years old and upwards, Membrino "Nettle,"—W. A. Cann, 4.00

2nd do., Morgan "Doll,"—N. W. Blethen, 2.50

Best Gelding, 4 years old and upwards, "Major,"—Geo. H. Lovitt, 4.00

2nd do., "Bill,"—John K. Ryerson, 2.50

Best Pair Matched Horses—no entries.

Best Draught Horse, "Dick,"—Geo. M. Patten, 4.00

Best Colt, 3 years old—Stephen Churchill, 3.00

2nd do.,—Isaac Killam, 2.00

Best Colt, 2 years old—no entries.

Best Colt, 1 year old, "Nellie,"—Robt. P. Kelley, 2.00

Best Sucking Colt—Eben Rose, 2.00

2nd do., C. Christie, 1.50

The show of Horses was good, but few in number compared with the fine horses we have in the county. The Stallions were good. The Canadian Morgan lately imported by Mr. Archibald has fine build as a draught horse, while Mr. Porter's "Black Hawk" has fine style as a carriage horse, and we would recommend that two premiums be offered at the next annual Fair, one for draught and the other for carriage. We should like to have seen more competition among the Geldings, Draught and Matched Horses.

H. A. PARR,
For the Committee.

Class 2—CATTLE—Nos. 1 and 2—Short Horns and Ayrshires.

Committee—Geo. S. Brown, Henry Burrell, Angus Walker.

No. 1—SHORT HORNS.

Entries 17—Premiums 15—Amount \$32.25.

Best Bull, 3 years old and upwards—no entries.

Best Bull, 2 years old—Geo. S. Brown \$3.00

Best Bull, 1 year old—Jacob Landers, 2.50

2nd do., Geo. S. Brown, 1.25

Best Bull Calf—Henry Burrell, 2.00

2nd do., Geo. S. Brown, 1.00

Best Cow, 4 years old and upwards—Henry Temple Brown, 4.00

2nd do., Chas. W. Smith, 2.00

Best Cow, 3 years old—Henry Burrell, 3.00

2nd do., Henry Temple Brown, 1.75

Best Heifer in milk, 2 years old—no entries.

Best Heifer, dry, 2 years old—Henry Temple Brown, 3.00

2nd do., Henry Temple Brown, 1.50

Best Heifer, 1 year old—Henry Burrell, 2.50

2nd do., George S. Brown, 1.25

Best Heifer Calf—Henry Temple Brown, 2.00

2nd do., Chas. W. Smith, 1.00

No. 2—AYRSHIRES.

Entries 16—Premiums 12—Amount \$29.25.

Best Bull, 3 years old and upwards—C. E. Brown, \$4.00

Best Bull, 2 years old—no entries.

Best Bull, 1 year old—O. H. Ellis, 2.50

2nd do., Stephen Churchill, 1.25

Best Bull Calf—Henry Burrell, 2.00

Best Cow, 4 years old and upwards—L. E. Baker, 4.00

2nd do., Jacob Silver, 2.00

Best Cow, 3 years old—Geo. S. Brown, 3.50

2nd do., George S. Brown, 1.75

Best Heifer, in milk, 2 years old—Henry Burrell, 3.00

2nd do., George S. Brown, 1.50

Best Heifer, dry, 2 years old—no entries.

Best Heifer, 1 year old—Charles W. Smith, 2.50

2nd do., James D. Archibald, 2.50

Best Heifer Calf—no entries.

The number of entries in this class would appear to indicate that our Farmers do not sufficiently appreciate Cattle of the Short Horn and Ayrshire breeds, which are elsewhere held in such high estimation. All authorities agree that, for early maturity and an aptitude to fatten, no breed approaches the Short Horn, while for general dairy purposes the Ayrshire are allowed to hold the first rank.

The few late importations of animals of these breeds are producing good results, as they proved by a visit to the grounds to-day, and the agricultural interests of the Country can be better promoted in no other way than by the expenditure of a few thousand dollars in making further importations of Short Horns and Ayrshires of high pedigree. As a remarkable instance of the values sometimes reached, it may be stated that at a sale of Short Horns, in the State of New York, on the 12th September last, single cows sold for \$40,500, \$35,000 and \$27,000 each; 91 Cows and Heifers yielding \$349,275, or an average of \$3,838 per head, the highest priced animals being purchased for exportation to England. At the Provincial Exhibition at Hamilton, Ontario, in 1872, six-year old Short Horn oxen were shown weighing upwards of 3300 lbs.; one of which was sold upon the grounds at 10 cents per pound live weight, and there is on record by Professor Youatt a Durham ox, whose live weight at five years old was 3,025 lbs. When killed his live weight was 3,780 lbs., yielding 2,322 lbs. beef, 156 lbs. tallow, 742 lbs. hide; total, 2,620 lbs. These figures should afford our Farmers food for thought.

GEO. S. BROWN,
For the Committee.

Class 2—Nos. 3 and 4—JERSEYS OR ALDERNEYS AND DEVONS.

Committee—Charles W. Smith, Stephen Churchill, John Cann.

No. 3—JERSEYS OR ALDERNEYS.

Entries 22—Premiums 13—Amount \$31.50.

Best Bull, 3 years old and upwards, thorough bred—C. E. Brown, \$4.00

Best Bull, 2 years old, thorough bred—John Cann, 3.00

Best Bull, 1 year old, Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ —E. E. Archibald, 2.50

2nd do., $\frac{3}{4}$ Wm. Corning, 1.25

Best Bull Calf—no entries.

Best Cow, 4 years old and upwards, $\frac{3}{4}$ —George Frask, 4.00

2nd do., $\frac{3}{4}$ —C. E. Brown, 2.00

Best Cow, 3 years old, $\frac{3}{4}$ —William D. Killam, 3.50