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EXHIBITION OF THE HIGHLAND AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND.

(Abridged from the *Berwick Advertiser*.)

The important biennial Show of the Highland and Agricultural Society has been held in Berwick during the first week in August.

The district in connection with the show was nominally the counties of Berwick, Roxburgh and Selkirk. The title of the society does not admit of any English county being included, and the important district of Northumberland, by which this borough is bounded on the south, therefore contributed its share to the show as one of the English counties only, the competition being open to exhibitors from all parts of the kingdom.

The agriculturists in the four counties therefore were the principal parties interested in the show, and they joined heartily in the amicable competition which has been the occasion for a display of agricultural wealth, of practical commercial knowledge, and of judicious management seldom surpassed at any gathering.

The Society awarded £1,500 in prizes exclusive of expenses incurred in the general arrangements, which cannot be estimated less than £1000 more. Of the sum awarded for premiums £416 were given to cattle in 19 premiums, comprising Short-horns, Polled Breeds, Ayrshire and Highland Breeds. To Horses for Agricultural purposes £168 was awarded in eight different premiums. £286 was awarded to Sheep in 18 different premiums. £54 was awarded to Swine in five premiums. 45 silver medals were awarded to Poultry, which comprised all the barn-door genus from the long-familiar to the more modern species of Cochlin China and Dorkins. The second best in merit in this department were honored simply with a certificate of merit. £268 were awarded in 76 premiums to Implements and Machines. The entries for competition for these premiums amounted to 1,785 being nearly double the entries of the previous show here.

THE CATTLE SHOW.

The morning opened favorably, fair and a cool breeze, giving indication of an agreeable day.—The bustle of the occasion commenced with early day. Police officers were stationed at all the corners of the streets giving directions to parties in charge of stock how to proceed to the show-yard, and enforcing the observance of the regulations previously made. At five o'clock the leading and driving of stock commenced, and continued without bustle or confusion up to nearly half-past seven. At this time all had been admitted, and the arranging of the animals nearly completed. At the sound of a bugle the ground was cleared of all parties save the Judges, who proceeded to the examination of the stock and award of prizes. As the day advanced the railways disgorged their loads of human beings, and presently the streets became covered with strangers, who gave the town, notwithstanding the general closing of shops, a very animated appearance. The doors of the show-yard were opened at eleven, the admission charge being half-a-crown from that hour to twelve. During this time the ground was very well covered with visitors, and movement near the stock was only just convenient. At twelve the admission fee was lowered to a shilling, and immediately crowds of people poured in, and continued so to do throughout the remainder of the day. The number of ladies present was remarkable, and the fair sex contributed greatly to the brilliancy of the lively and animated scene. Finer weather—the light clouds shielding from the direct rays of the sun—could not have happened for this the chief day of the Show. Perhaps the most noticeable feature in the company next to that of the attendance of ladies was the large number of persons who are evidently engaged in the lower departments of agricultural labor.—The day must have been made a holiday, not only by the inhabitants of neighboring towns, but even by those who occupy the country, and the farm work must have been generally neglected for a very large district around. Near the auctioneer's room, Mr. Gourlay Steel, A.R.