

MULES.

In England we mean by a mule a little chance begotten quadruped of some 12 or 13 hands. On the Continent, in the United States, and in parts of Canada, an animal is signified standing from 14 to 18 hands high, a model of docility (when properly broken, and the future of a mule depends almost entirely on this point), and endowed with extraordinary strength, endurance, longevity, freedom from disease, and capacity for working on a minimum of coarse food. It is the latter animal that I wish at the present time to notice.

I employ nothing but mules for my farming operations. They vary in height from 15.3 hands to 17 hands, and are perfectly quiet and docile in and out of the stable. The weekly allowance of forage for each mule in winter is 1½ bush. of oats and two trusses of hay, with an occasional root, and sometimes ½ bush. of maize in substitution of a truss of hay. This, with plenty of chaff and a lump of rock salt in each mule's manger to keep the albumen of the blood in solution, completes the menu. In summer the allowance is one bush. of oats, with tares or clover, or whatever green crop may be going. They plough (both in turn-wrist and iron ploughs with reins), harrow, drill, horseshoe, do the general carting, haul timber, and go in reapers, mowers, and "mule gears," as they should be called, such work being peculiarly suited to mules. In fact you cannot put them out of their place, and I calculate that the cost of keep of each mule is just a trifle more than half that of a horse of corresponding size and capabilities, while each takes the load and does the work of an ordinary cart-horse.

I would here state that my experience is not confined to mules solely—that for many years we worked horses, afterwards mixed teams of horses and mules, and that now we work nothing but mules. There is not a shadow of a doubt that by careful selection of dam and sire, mules could be bred from English cart mares by Poitou or the better sort of Catalonian jacks that would move a heavier load than any Clydesdale or other cart horse, and last twice as long; but little attention appears to have been paid to the breeding of them in England. It remains for Englishmen, if they choose to do so, to raise the finest mules in the world, just as they have succeeded in producing the finest horses, cattle, sheep and pigs. Up to the present time, the right sort of jack and mare to produce the most efficient kind of mule have never been brought together.

To any one who may wish to give him a trial I would merely say that, pending

a supply of our own breeding, mules can be procured with tolerable facility from France, Spain, and America, and sometimes from Ireland; but I would also add, by the way, that, wherever the horse and mule are known together, the mule realises about one-third more than the horse. Such a fact speaks for itself, as fact it is, and with this remark I beg to commend the subject once more to the serious notice of the agriculturists of England, and to express my readiness at all times to give any information I may possess on the subject to all who ask for it.—CHARLES LESLIE SUTHERLAND, *Coombe, Croydon, in the "Agricultural Students' Gazette."*

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION
1876.

TO BE HELD AT

TRURO, N. S.,

On the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th inst.

THE GRAND AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION of 1876 will be opened by appropriate addresses and ceremonies, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on TUESDAY, the 10th inst., and closed in a similar manner on FRIDAY, the 13th, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

The competitions are open for the whole Province, and a greater number of entries have been made than ever before at any Exhibition in Nova Scotia. Most of the best Stock in the Province will be on the grounds, besides the thoroughbreds just imported by the Central Board of Agriculture.

A rare opportunity for farmers to inspect and purchase thorough-bred or grade Stock.

On the Government and Windsor and Annapolis Railway lines, excursion tickets will be issued at one fare for the week. The proprietors of the M. A. Starr, Edgar Stuart, George Shattuck, Empress, Neptune, St. Lawrence and Princess of Wales have likewise made great reduction in rates to those visiting the Exhibition. Exhibits are carried for one fare.

Freight from the West will have no delay at Windsor Junction, as a close connection on Monday, the 9th, by specials, will be arranged. Exhibits from Halifax will be accommodated in the usual mid day freight.

A passenger express will run to Truro from Annapolis on Wednesday, the 11th inst.

A Grand Fair for the SALE OF STOCK has been arranged for Thursday, the 12th inst.

Judges must report themselves promptly at the Secretary's Office on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at 9 a. m.

Admission to the grounds TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

W. D. DIMOCK,

Exhibition Office,
Truro, Oct. 2nd, 1876.

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1 BROWN MARE, 12 years, 15½ hands; by Imp. Sambo; bred in P. E. Island; and her colts, viz: 1 BROWN GELDING, foaled May 17th, 1875; by Climax. 1 BAY FILLY, foaled May 13th, 1876; by Climax.

Ayrshire Cow FLORA, LXXVIII, N. S. Stock Register, nearly 7 years old; bred by Thomas Grey, Oshawa, Ontario; sire Jock (62), dam Effie by Duke.

LADY WINDSOR, CCVII, 2 years; dam Flora, sire Lord Raglan.

LADY PANUKE, COVIII, 1 year and nine months; dam Flora, sire Lord Raglan.

LADY AVON, CCIX, 7 months; dam Flora, sire Lord Raglan.

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General Grant took first prize for thorough-bred Short-horn Durhams, at the Provincial Exhibition held at Halifax, in October, 1874.

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