

**ALMA.**—Fall wheat, 28 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 22; barley, 30; oats, 45; peas, 28; hay, about 1½ tons per acre.

**DRAYTON.**—Fall wheat, 37 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 30; barley, 40; oats, 49; peas, 30; potatoes, 60; hay, 1½ tons per acre. Crops reported excellent; all kinds of grain looking well.

**PALMERSTON.**—Fall wheat, 39 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 20; barley, 18; oats, 35; peas, 35; potatoes, 200 to 250; hay, 1½ tons per acre. Wheat light in straw, but healthy in appearance.

**LISTOWEL.**—Fall wheat, 20 to 25 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 16; barley, 30; oats, 49; peas, 25; potatoes, 150; hay, 1 ton per acre. Fall wheat, oats, peas and potatoes above the average.

**HARRISTON.**—Fall wheat, 20 to 25 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 20; barley, 40; oats, 60; peas, 40; potatoes, 200 to 250; hay, 1 ton to 1½ tons per acre.

**CLIFFORD.**—Fall wheat, 35 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 28; barley, 40; oats, 60; peas, 29; potatoes, 200; hay, about 1 ton per acre. Crops better than for some years, and grain of excellent quality.

**MILDMAY.**—Fall wheat, 25 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 18; barley, 28; oats, 35; peas, 29; potatoes, 200; hay, 1 ton per acre.

**PINKERTON.**—Fall wheat, 30 to 35 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 20; barley, 30; oats, 50; peas, 30; potatoes, 150 to 200; hay, 1 ton per acre. All crops, except hay, ten per cent. above average.

**FAIRLEY.**—Fall wheat, 39 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 20; barley, 35; oats, 50; peas, 30; potatoes above average crop. Except hay, all crops one-third more than last year.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—Fall wheat, 25 to 30 bushels per acre; spring wheat, 20; oats, 40; peas, average crop, large quantities sown; potatoes, looking well and uninjured by bug; hay, light. Prospects of harvest better than for many years past.

Mr. H. K. Burroughs, Roxbury, sends the *Country Gentleman* a sample lock of wool, about 15 inches long, from one of the Cotswold ewes purchased by him from Mr. Stone, of Canada. Her fleece weighed 14 pounds.

**THE CROPS IN P. I. ISLAND.**—The crops look splendidly and there is a promise of a more than usually bountiful harvest. The weather is cool and showery. The summer visitors from the continent, of whom there are a great number on the island just now, are delighted with the country and climate. — *Cor. N. B. Telegraph.*

**CROPS IN MANITOBA.**—For the last few weeks we have had some excessively warm weather, the two hottest days being 20th July and 5th August, when the thermometer stood 94 in the shade, and we have heard of its reaching 125 in the sun. Fortunately we have not heard of any cases of sunstroke. The rains following the heat have been unusually heavy, with much lightning in the westward. Still the crops where they have escaped the grasshoppers look splendid.

**CROPS IN QUEBEC.**—The prospects of a good crop in the Province of Quebec are thus set forth by the *Argentine Advertiser*:—The crops this year in the section around Arundel, Harrington, and Salaberry promise remarkably well, and the harvest is expected to be exceptionally good. Mr. Stannforth, a farmer there, has raised over 100 tons of hay, all well housed and will have over 1,000 bushels of oats. Other farmers have also done well. If immigrants could be induced to visit the district they would probably conclude there was no occasion to go further West, as a large extent of the best land is awaiting settlement, the soil being very fertile, and free from stone. Mr. Sydney Bellingham, who owns land there, says there is plenty of room for 3,000 settlers. In fact the advantages the county of Argentine offers to the agriculturist, stock-raiser, and manufacturer, require only to be made generally known to insure its becoming one of the most rich and populous districts in the province. Doubtless when it is traversed by a railway there will be more facilities for settling it, but land will not be so cheap. It is better to take time by the forelock and secure the advantage of increased value that the advent of the iron horse will bring to all kinds of real estate. We are informed that the French Canadians are spreading west into this country from St. Jerome, and adjacent districts, and as they are noted for large families, they must by natural increase, before many years, form a very conspicuous element in the population. Crown lands are remarkably cheap in this county, only one shilling and sixpence per acre.

### Short-horns at Hull.

Our genial friend, Jno. Thornton, 15 Langham Place, London, Eng., sends us a list of entries and of prizes given at the last meeting of the Royal Society, at Hull, (July, 1873). To show how foolish our prejudice (now fast dying out, we are happy to say) for reds is, we give the colors of the prize animals.—Bulls over 3 years old, 1st roan, 2d white, 3d roan, 4th roan; 2 year old, 1st roan, 2d roan, 3d red and white, 4th white; 1 year old, 1st roan, 2d red-roan, 3d red, 4th white; calf, 1st roan, 2d red and white, 3d roan. Reserve, roan, over 3 years old, 1st roan, 2d dark-roan, 3d white. Reserve, rich roan; heifers 2 years old, (or in English style) "heifers in milk or in calf not exceeding 3 years old" 1st red, 2d roan, 3d roan. Reserve, red; yearling, 1st red and white, 2d red, 3d roan. Reserve, roan; calf, 1st roan, 2d roan. Reserve, roan. To sum up, 1st prize, roan 6, reds 2, all prizes—roans 20, reds 7, whites 1. There was no first prize red bull; but, unlike last year, when the whites carried everything before them, there was also no first prize white bull. Our reader will remember that last year the first three aged bulls were all white; this year three out of four are roan. It was generally thought by the bystanders that the white "Lothian," however, should have been first, instead of the roan "Telemaachus." The judges evidently thought differently. It is worthy of note also and should be pressed home to the detractors of the dairy qualities of Short-horns—that in the ring for the best pair of dairy cows, *open to all breeds*, the prize was carried off by Mr. William Dunn, of Ellrhy Grange, on a pair of Short-horns. These who say, "Booth for the butcher and Bates for the poet," should notice also that Lady Pigot thought a pair of her Booths good enough millers to enter them for this prize. The Short-horns also carried off the prize for best pair of 3 year old heifers of any breed. — *Home Journal.*

### Sales of Clydesdales.

The following sales of thorough bred Clydesdale horses were recently made by our enterprising friend, Mr. James J. Davidson, of Balsam Pickering:—*Sir Walter Scott*, dark brown, aged 3 years; got by Sir Walter from Darling 2d, sold to Mr. Ball, of Huntingdon, P. Q., for \$1,800.

*Scott's Pride*, black, imported, sold to Mr. William Moffat, Cayahoga Co., Ohio, for \$1,550.

*Darling*, bay, aged 16 months, weight 1425 lbs, girth 6 feet 10 inches, got by Conqueror from Darling 2d, which won twenty prizes at our Provincial and local fairs. His dam and grand dam, were also winners of first prizes at the Highland Agricultural Society's Show. He was sold to Messrs. Lloyd and Lindsay, Macomb, McDonald Co., Illinois, for \$1,500.

We had the opportunity of seeing this splendid animal while passing through en route for his future home in the West. As a finer specimen of his breed it would perhaps be difficult to find anywhere on the continent. We congratulate Mr. Davidson on the result of his ventures so far, and trust that his future operations in the same direction may prove equally remunerative.

### Short-horn Sales.

The sale of Messrs. Hughes and Richardson, Lexington, Ky., came off August 7th. Thirty-two cows and heifers were sold at an average of \$381 72 each, and thirteen bulls and bull calves at an average of \$138 08 each; total, \$14,010.

At the sale of Mr. James E. Sudduth, Stony Point, August 5th, the prices were not quite so good. Twenty-four cows and heifers averaged \$293 51, and nine bulls and bull calves averaged \$168 00 each; total, \$9,559.

The following private sales have transpired during the progress of the public sales:—

Booth bull "Breastplate," to J. H. Pickrell, III., \$6,250, bull calf, by Breastplate, to J. H. Kissinger, Mo., \$1,200, 1½th Duke of Geneva, sold by Mr. G. M. Bedford to Geo. Murray, Racine, price not made public, yearling bull, bought of A. J. Alexander by C. W. Jones & Co., Cal., dam a Mammoth \$350.

On August 15th, Dr. Stevenson, of Greencastle, Indiana, held a sale of Short-horns, when forty-two cows and heifers averaged \$363 69 each, and twelve bulls and bull calves averaged \$193 75 each.

### Cattle Diseases.

#### Cattle Plague.

Reports from Vienna and Pesth agree in the statement that cattle-plague has been stamped out in Hungary, where since the last outbreak the government have prevented the movement of animals, except under very severe restrictions and veterinary inspection. The disease, however, still continues in Croatia, Slavonia, and the military frontier; also in the district of Avret-His-san, at Salonica.

#### Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

This disease has appeared among the cattle in Algeria. It seems to have spent itself in Great Britain and Ireland, and also in many countries in Europe.

#### Small Pox and Scab.

Both these sheep diseases exist in Pomernia, and as it this period of the year the inoculation of sheep and lambs is generally had recourse to, we may soon expect to hear of an increase of sheep pox.

#### Pleuro-Pneumonia.

Our information is to the effect that very little alteration has taken place in the extent of this disease in Great Britain. We learn also that the malady has appeared among the cattle at Damascus, and that it has caused great losses in some of the surrounding villages.

#### Lead-Poisoning Through London Manure.

The assistance of the College has very recently been sought for the purpose of investigating a somewhat serious loss in two herds of cattle—one in Hertfordshire, and the other in Sussex. In the Hertfordshire case nine animals died out of a herd of forty-one, the whole being more or less affected. The animals were turned to pasture on May 3d, at which time they were all in perfect health. Within a few days symptoms of illness were observed in several of them, and on the 13th one of the animals died. This was followed by an aggravation of the disease and the death of others, until nine had succumbed to the malady. In the Sussex case, the herd consisted of twenty-three animals. They were put to grass on May 23d, and went on well till the seventh or eighth day afterwards, when several of them were observed to be ill. On June 1st three died, and the illness continuing, a fourth died on June 12th, and a fifth on June 14th. In each case both the symptoms and post-mortem appearances were indicative of lead-poisoning. Confirmation of this opinion was subsequently obtained by a chemical analysis of the contents of the stomachs. &c., large quantities of the carbonate and other compounds of lead being detected. Enquiry led to an examination of the pasture grounds in each case, when it was found that the same cause had been in operation in both—viz., that the pastures had been dressed with refuse matters got together in London and sold as manure. In the Hertfordshire case, although the pasture had been dressed as far back as March, large masses of old paint were still to be found lying about among the grass. This was also the case in the other instance, but here the material had been used very shortly before the animals were turned out. Not only the scraping out of paint pots, but every kind of rubbish which goes to make up a London dustman's collection was to be found in the field. — *The Veterinarian for August.*

**SHORT-HORN SALES.**—During the interval from July 24th to August 8th, there were reported in the *Country Gentleman* the following public sales of Short-horn cattle from what is known as the Blue Grass region of Kentucky:—

| No. Sold. | Breeder's Name.     | Average. | Aggregate. |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|------------|
| 36        | G. M. Bedford       | \$820 44 | \$29,300   |
| 15        | Hampton Estate      | 605 10   | 9,075      |
| 45        | Van Meter herd      | 286 43   | 12,925     |
| 15        | James Hall          | 342 60   | 5,139      |
| 70        | R. H. Brewster      | 321 43   | 22,510     |
| 25        | Hughes & Richardson | 311 73   | 7,793      |
| 40        | E. G. Bedford       | 282 67   | 11,308     |
| 62        | Walter Handy        | 263 71   | 16,299     |
| 71        | J. L. Sudduth       | 238 43   | 9,559      |
| 30        | Messrs. Richmond    | 219 57   | 6,587      |
| 322 head. | General average     | \$329 60 | \$172,360  |

**PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.** The London *Advertiser* says: The state of affairs on the Palace grounds indicate that the Local Committee are pushing forward with all possible speed the preparations for the approaching Provincial Exhibition, to be held in this city towards the close of next month. The addition to the Horticultural shed has been finished, and one hundred additional horse stalls are rapidly approaching completion, and the lumber is on the sites of the new mechanical shed and herd pens. There seems to be a spirit of energy about the local officials which the Association managers would do well to imitate.