

than in former days. Although we have discarded the pure Clyde as too big and clumsy, we are constantly importing fine Clydesdale, or Cumberland, or Yorkshire horses very little inferior in bone and weight of carcase, and by breeding from them, we have very much increased the size and weight of our farming stock, and of this style of horse there were at Hamilton many fine specimens. Still, however, since even in these days of triumphant materialism, blood cannot be altogether superseded by bone, the thorough-bred horse maintains his supremacy, and we were therefore glad to find at the show this year a larger number of thorough-breds than usual. Foremost among them, and indeed the animal most deserving attention among horses of all classes, was "Antonio," a thorough-bred stallion just imported by Dr. Morton, of Bradford, in the County of Simcoe, well-known as thoroughly versed in horse flesh, and devoted to all that tends to their improvement. The advent of a new blood horse of really fine quality, is an event of sufficient importance to be worthy of special attention, and we therefore gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of giving some particulars of the valuable animal whose services Dr. Morton has brought within reach. From "Antonio's" pedigree, we learn that he was full brother to "Andover," who was winner of the Derby in 1854, and who is now in the stud of the Emperor of Russia; he was got by "Bay Middleton" out of "Sister to Agis," by "Defence;" g. d. "Soldier's Joy," by the "Colonel." "Antonio" was bred by Mr. W. Etwale, and purchased from him by Sir Robert Peel, by whom he was sold to Dr. Morton. "Antonio" was foaled in 1856, and as a three-year old he ran at Ascot, Newmarket, and Goodwood, winning stakes and matches to the amount of \$10,000. He is a dark bay, with black points, without a single white hair, stands 16 hands, with plenty of bone and muscular power, and when in flesh will make a very showy animal. When shown at Hamilton he was low in condition, having been in training when purchased, and suffering also from the effects of the voyage. Of the other horses shown in this class there were none worthy of especial mention. "Antonio" took the first prize for this year, which as he was newly imported, was trebled, and also the gold medal as the best blood horse of any age.

The show of agricultural horses, roadsters,

and heavy draught horses, was very both as regards the number of those and their generally good qualities. We not aware, however, of any fresh importations in these classes, or of anything of especial mention; the published list gives the names of all who were selected by the judges to be deserving of premium.

DURHAM CATTLE.

Before entering upon a description of cattle we should observe that the accommodations provided for them were better more extensive than upon any previous session. At Kingston, it is true, that the principal cattle shed was for its size better ranged than any at Hamilton, but it did not have held the animals that were exhibited. The shed at Kingston will be remembered, a double one, having raised and boarded passage between two rows of stalls; a most convenient arrangement for the inspection of the cattle. At Hamilton the stalls were erected all the walls of the enclosure, and though there were no covered ways for visitors, still they were roomy and convenient for the exhibitors.

The show of Durhams, though unquestionably very fine, did not display the improved features of improvement visible in other departments of the exhibition. Fresh importations having taken place, some of the best herds being not so conspicuously represented as on former occasions. And what was remarked upon as a special circumstance, and was certainly felt to be a thing but encouraging by those who had gone to so much trouble and expense in curing new stock, was, that in several instances the prizes were awarded to those that have been long in the country, which, whatever their other good qualities may have been, were generally regarded as deficient in those finer points which are the aim of every breeder to attain. It is especially the case with regard to age, and the conclusion is inevitable, that the decision of the judges in these cases is correct, as very possibly it was, that the labors of our importers for some years have been in vain.

The observation which we have previously made, that at this year's exhibition there have been more generally distributed formerly, is especially the case with Durham Cattle, for, as will be seen in the list, a number of new names appear.