

In cattle the exhibition is beyond all praise, and quite exceeds in the beauty and value of the animals any exhibition that we have yet had in Canada. In this remark I refer more particularly to Durhams and Devons, for in Ayrshires I am of opinion that our Kingston Exhibition was better than this, and of Galloways they here have none. There are a few fine Herefords, of which breed we have in Canada no good specimens, and a few Alderneys, of which we have none. Samuel Thorne, of Thorndale, Washington Hollow, Dutchess county, N. Y., who is the largest exhibitor of Durhams on the ground, is believed by those well informed upon the subject, to be the possessor of probably the largest and best herd of high bred Durhams in the world. He is a young man with ample means, and he has entered into the business of importing and breeding cattle, sheep and swine on the most extensive scale, boldly picking up the choice lots at the great sales in England, and carrying them off over the bids of some of the wealthiest English breeders, anxious to secure them. Amongst the bulls which he exhibits here are "Grand Turk" (12969) which takes the 1st prize here as an imported bull, over three years old; "Second Duke of Thorndale," 1st prize as a yearling, and stated by many experienced judges here to be the finest animal they have ever seen; and "fourth Duke of Thorndale," under 1 year old. Amongst the cows and heifers are "Lalla Rookh," of European celebrity as a prize taker at English exhibitions, and who has also carried away the palm at every competition on this continent; her cost in England was \$3,000; she is a perfect model of a Durham cow, and takes the 1st prize here as an imported cow. "Mistress Gwynn," 1st prize as a cow, 3 years old and upwards, bred in the country; "Fornarina," 2d prize do; "Favorite," 1st prize, 2 years old; "Gertrude," 2d do; "Lady of Oxford" and "Princess of Oxford," 1st and 2d prizes as yearlings. I cannot describe the merits of these animals in the technical language used by breeders, but they are superb, and should be seen to be appreciated. There are many other good animals on the ground in the hands of other breeders, as will be shown by the prize list, but I have not time to particularize. Amongst the exhibitors of foreign cattle, that is, cattle owned out of the State, is Mr. W. R. Duncan, of Kentucky, who has fifteen or twenty Durhams.—They are good servicable cattle, but somewhat old in style, and not equal in beauty to those from the herds of the chief New York breeders. In the class of Devons, Mr. C. S. Wainwright of the "Meadows," near Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, is, I believe the largest exhibitor, and I believe he is also the possessor of the largest herd of this breed of cattle in the State. Nearly all of the animals he exhibits have all the points of the Devon in perfection. His Bull "Omer Pasha," which obtains the first prize here as an imported bull, was awarded the first prize as a yearling at the show of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, at Carlisle, in 1855. Still, Mr. Wainwright, although he takes the largest number of prizes in Devons, has been obliged to yield the first prize, whether rightly or not I cannot say, to other competitors, in some of the subdivisions of the class. While speaking of Devons, I will observe that scarcely anything can be more beautiful, in the way of an exhibition of cattle, than the large numbers of yokes of Devon oxen on exhibition here. They are all so much alike in their general appearance, color and symmetry, and their long tapering graceful horns, that when a large number of them are displayed together, as they are here, the effect is very striking and agreeable.

In sheep, the exhibition is also large, there being over 600 entries of sheep, swine and poultry. The largest number of sheep on exhibition are Merinos and Saxons, which, although they have an indisputably fine fleece, have no great attraction for the Canadian breeder. There are a good many Southdowns on exhibition. Mr. Thorne has a very fine lot. They are bred from recent importations, either from the flock of Jonas Webb, Babraham, or from sheep that were prize winners at the show of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. The long-wool sheep exhibited by breeders in the State are not, generally speaking, very good. Mr. Snell of Chinguacousy, has the best lot on the ground, and he has sold several of them at very good prices.

The show of pigs is not very large, and nothing very noticeable in it, except some particularly beautiful Essex pigs, shown by Mr. Thorne.

In poultry there is nothing deserving of very particular remark. I think the display is scarcely equal to that at some of our own Provincial Exhibitions.

The attendance to-day has been immense. Every part of the twenty-acre enclosure, and of every building in it, has been crowded to such an excess that it has been difficult to move about. The receipts to-day have been over \$7,000, making, I believe, nearly \$16,000 to the present time, (Thursday evening.)