

Mr. Parsons, would have written very differently had he had as much experience in Devon as in Durham cows. That the latter may give more milk, I admit, but not in proportion to their size. As to the seven-eighth cows purchased of me, it is clear I never represented them as such; as it is certain I did not breed one of them, my own rearing are sold at very different prices. It is well known that no cows, (excepting those from the Channel Islands) produce so much cream from the same quantity of milk as Devons. It appears to me an absurdity to say that a large animal does not require longer, and richer pasture, than a small one. I am aware of the great aptitude to fatten, and the fine form of the Durham cattle; I also know, as may any one else by referring to the Smithfield reports, that the beef from them does not make so much by nearly a penny per lb., as from some smaller breeds;—there may not be that difference here—in winter, altho' there is, at the present time, one dollar a hundred;—this I will prove, if required, any day during the warm weather, either in Toronto or Hamilton. It appears that the first prize was awarded to a Devon fat ox, last Smithfield cattle show; and the Durhams were, (to use a sporting phrase,) no where.

I have no wish to detract from the favourite stock of Mr. Parsons, and many other gentlemen; that the Durhams are a beautiful race of animals, no one can deny, and useful too, when raised in a climate and on a soil adapted to them; that they do not answer for breeding in many counties in England, is also well known. Send them to Ireland and see what their offspring will be in a few years! I do not flatter myself I can convince the admirers of Durhams; particularly those brought up in counties where they are bred, that they are not *the* superior stock; such persons do not, or will not, know other breeds. This reminds me of an intimate friend of mine at a fair in Surry; for altho' there were many thousands of cattle and sheep, he could not see them; in fact, there were neither Durham cattle nor Leicester sheep; he in consequence sent to his brother, Mr. John Grey, of Milford Hill, Northumberland, an eminent breeder; for a drove of both Durhams and Leicesters;—one year, however, convinced him that Down sheep and hardier cattle were best suited to his location; and the reason why the latter only were shewn on sale at the fair before mentioned. If in England, Hereford and Devon cattle are considered worthy of as high premiums as Durhams, with her milder climate, richer pastures, and though last, not least, abler means; all these essentials being more necessary for the latter kind, why do the

Directors of the Provincial Association, shew a preference not allowed by the Directors of the Royal Society of England?

I have answered Mr. Parsons' letter as concisely as possible, for "*Augustus*" had, in fact, sufficiently explained it away, even before it appeared. The sort of cattle named under the above signature, I think likely would please many persons in this country, more than the higher bred north Devon, being of larger size, and, without question, the best working cattle known. I would like to see a yoke of them, ploughing against a yoke of thorough-breds, either of the milking or fattening family, I don't care which!

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
DAN'L TYE.

Wilmot, Aug. 7th, 1851.

To the Editor of the Canadian Agriculturist.

[The following Communication has come to hand since the foregoing was in type.]

Sir,

My letter of the 7th having been posted too late for the last number of the "*Agriculturist*," you will oblige me by inserting this one as an addendum and I will not trouble you, or your readers, further.

The frank and able communications from your correspondents Messrs. Farmer and Allen, must not only add to the use and interest of your publication, but also to its circulation. I should, had I not written in haste made an observation similar to the latter gentleman as to premiums for native cattle; in my opinion a most important suggestion, if it would cause farmers to take more care, and use more judgment in breeding them. I would advise the taking off some of the premiums from the ornamental Durham, and give them to the useful.

There appears to be an impression that Durham cattle mature much sooner than any other kind. I will therefore, for a small stake—say five pounds—shew four two years old heifers (calved in April 1849) against any four of a like age, Mr. Parsons can produce, the property and breed of one person—mine to be of the best quality, and the fattest. Show to come off in Galt, any day Mr. Parsons will fix previous to the State Fair at Rochester. Judges to be butchers.

I care not how the Durhams were fed in winter, if even on dollar notes, as I heard a gentleman in Toronto say was the food necessary for