

ply that the animal's owner finds agriculture not only a delightful, but a profitable pursuit. And we scarcely ever knew a stock-breeder who had a thorough love of his business that did not carry his liking for purity and good blood into all departments of his stock, and who did not exemplify the principle on every acre of his farm.

DURHAMS.—There were some very superior animals shown in the Durham classes. Prominent among the males, we noticed 'Baron Solway,' a well formed compact roan, the property of Mr. John Snell, of Edmonton. This animal has proved a valuable acquisition to the province; and, judging from his offspring on the ground, he seems to transmit his own admirable qualities with considerable purity. He is by 'General Harelock,' bred by Mr. R. Simms, Dumfries, Scotland, and has already won distinguished laurels in this Province. Mr. Snell also exhibited the 'Duke of Bourbon,' a yearling Durham bull, imported from Kentucky. This animal is remarkable alike for beauty of style and for faultless symmetry. He is of the renowned 'Duke' breed, and already his weight foots up some 1,500 lbs. The remaining animals shown by the same exhibitor, in the Short-horn classes, were six bull calves by 'Baron Solway,'—some of them exhibiting symptoms of such promise—two three-year old cows; one two-year old heifer; and one heifer calf,—also by 'Baron Solway.' In the same class the Hon. D. Christie, of Brantford, was a prominent exhibitor. That gentleman's animals were deservedly admired. His herd of eight was composed of one bull calf—'Oxford of Athelstane'; three magnificent cows; one three-year old heifer; one two-year old heifer; one one-year old heifer; and one heifer calf. Mr. Christie also competed with a particularly good yearling grade heifer—one of the most promising animals that we ever had the privilege of inspecting. Respecting the ring of aged Durham cows, five of the animals were magnificent specimens of the breed, and would be difficult to equal in any show ground in any country. Mr. Christie's two cows—'Queen of Athelstane' and 'Iacada,' were respectively awarded the first and second honours in this splendid class. These animals will unquestionably surpass any two Durham cows on this continent. In the class of three-year old Short-horn cows, the judges appeared to have considerable difficulty in arriving at a decision, and when it was reached, much dissatisfaction was caused by it. Mr. John Snell's cow was awarded the first prize. Hon. D. Christie's 'Princess of Athelstane' received second honours, and Mr. F. W. Stone's cow was assigned the third place. But for some confusion and misunderstanding on the part of the judges, Mr. Christie's cow would undoubtedly have carried off the palm. This and some other alleged blunders, have led several agriculturists of high standing to the conviction that the change in the mode of selecting judges inaugurated last year, was a most unfortunate one, and that on its repeal depends, in a great degree the prosperity and usefulness of the Provincial Exhibition. Messrs. W. & J. Peters, London, competed in the two-year old class of Durham bulls, with a very well-formed animal of a pure white colour. There is considerable prejudice against white sires among most breeders—a weakness, by the way, if it be one, which we share. Still the animal possesses much merit, notwithstanding this apparent drawback. In the same class, Mr. John Miller, Pickering, competed with a very superior roan bull, bred in Kentucky, and descended from some highly esteemed blood. His sire was 'Duke of Ardrrie,' and the animal, if he be fortunate cannot fail to be an acquisition to our breeders. The same exhibitor showed one bull calf, by 'Marian Duke of Ardrrie,' one aged cow, and one yearling heifer, in the Short-horn classes. Mr. F. W. Stone, Moreton Lodge, Guelph, competed in the Durhams with one two-year old red bull by '3rd Grand Duke,' two bull calves—one red and the other roan—the latter by 'Duke of Northumberland,' and the former by '3rd Grand Duke'; three magnificent cows—of the respective ages of three, four and six years; two yearling heifers by 'Malton Duke,' and three heifer calves. These animals are all in prime condition, and not absurdly encumbered with fat. Mr. George Wood, of Downie, showed a very promising year old bull in the same class. With careful attention and good feeding we have little doubt but that he will prove a useful animal. We did not ascertain how his dam was bred, but his sire, 'Oxford Lad,' augurs well for his future career. Another very useful looking Durham bull was exhibited by Mr. R. Smith, of London. This animal is three years old, of a highly respectable origin, possesses a capital loin and flank, and is full and well turned behind. A very promising bull calf was also exhibited by Mr. Thomas Douglass, of Lobo. He is by 'Baron Renfrew,' and is of an attractive red and white colour. Other exhibitors of Durhams were Messrs. Stephen Moffit, Galt,

one yearling bull; Messrs. Hunter, of Elora, a three-year old roan bull of great beauty and promise; Joseph Thompson, Whitby, one three-year old white bull; Thomas Davis, Hobbcoke, one year old bull; Geo. Miller, Markham, the fine aged bull, 'Marian Duke,'—a gay bull, with a good fore end and a nice loin, one bull calf, one aged cow, one three-year old heifer, and one one-year old heifer. There were several other good animals whose owners we failed to ascertain.

DEVONS.—Turning next to the Devons, we found a considerable number of the animals well deserving of an extended notice did our space permit. In this section, Mr. John Pincombe, of Westminster, exhibited one aged bull, 'Prince of Wales,' imported from Lord Portman's celebrated herd; two yearling bulls, two bull calves, one aged cow, two four-year old cows, two three-year old cows, two three-year old heifers, and two yearling heifers. Some of these animals were good specimens of the breed. Particularly would we mention one of the three-year old heifers, whose shape is almost faultless. Messrs. W. & J. Peters were also exhibitors of Devons. Their animals are composed of one aged cow, one three-year old heifer, one yearling heifer, and one heifer calf. In the same classes, Mr. Reuben Spooner, of Kingston, showed a four-year old bull, 'Governor,' by 'Conqueror,' a very superior animal, and one two-year old heifer. Mr. M. Perdue, two bull calves, one aged cow, two yearling heifers, and a very superior two-year old bull, 'Jeff. Davis,' by 'Lord Elgin.' George Mann, Bowmanville, one aged bull, 'Devonian,' imported from England; one aged cow, two two-year old heifers, one yearling heifer, and one very promising bull calf. W. & L. Courtice, Darlington, one aged bull, 'Duke of Darlington,' sire and dam imported from England, one yearling bull, two bull calves, two aged cows, one three-year old cow, one two-year old heifer, four yearling heifers, and one heifer calf (Devon fanciers will have an opportunity of competing for these fine animals on the 17th of October, when they will be submitted to the auctioneer's hammer). Among the Devons, as well as in the other classes, several deserving animals must necessarily pass unnoticed.

HEREFORDS. With the single exception of one yearling bull exhibited by Mr. M. Perdue, Mr. F. W. Stone monopolized the competition, in the Hereford classes. The fine herd of these picturesque cattle which Mr. Stone exhibited is composed of two aged bulls—'Guelph' and 'Commodore'; two yearling bulls, three bull calves, three aged cows, two three-year old do., three two-year old heifers, three year old do., and three heifer calves. It is unnecessary to add a word of commendation respecting these animals. The eye of the connoisseur as well as the uninitiated dwells on them with pleasure and gratification. In many respects the Herefords are well worthy the attention of the breeder. They are not first-class milkers, but they are thrifty, useful cattle, and pay well for the shambles.

AYRSHIRES. Among the animals comprising the Ayrshire classes we noticed the following: A yearling bull; one bull calf; one three-year old heifer, and one one-year old heifer, the property of Mr. Thomas Guy, of Port Oshawa; a fine lot of cows and heifers exhibited by Mr. R. L. Denison, Toronto; one two-year old bull; two bull calves, and several year old heifers, the property of Mr. P. Wright, of Cobourg. Other exhibitors in this section, were Messrs. W. Weld, Delaware; H. C. Thomson, Secretary to the Upper Canada board of Agriculture; John Pratt, Cobourg. Wm. Wheeler, Scarborough; Thomas Thompson, Williamsburg; the Hon. George Crawford, Brockville, and others whose names we failed to learn. This useful class of animals was but moderately represented. We did not observe among any of the specimens on the ground a first-class representative of the breed. More care and judgment are required in the selection of both sire and dam before these profitable dairy animals attain to the degree of excellence which they merit in this Province.

GALLOWAYS.—The principal exhibitors of Galloways were Messrs. Jno. Snell, Edmonton—one aged bull, 'Black Jack,' whose brows have several times been laurel crowned; one yearling bull, two bull calves, one aged cow, and several heifers and calves; Thos. McCrae, Guelph—one aged bull, one bull calf, and several cows and heifers. Mr. Wood also exhibited four very superior animals; and a few others were on the ground whose owners were not forthcoming at the time of our inspection of their property. The Galloways remain much at the same standard of merit as last year. There is room for improvement, and we think the breed is deserving of more attention than has hitherto been extended to it in this Province. Mr. James Nimmo, of Camden, was the chief competitor in the Angus classes. His

two animals are composed of one three-year old bull, two two-year old bulls, one one-year old bull, two bull calves, two aged cows, and yearling heifers. These are all very creditable specimens of the breed, which, by the way, is not a popular one in this country.

OTHER BREEDS.—It is a matter of regret that none of our breeders take to Alderneys, a very deserving and valuable breed. Their milk is remarkably rich, almost equal to ordinary cream, and it takes far less of it, or of the cream it produces, to make a pound of butter or cheese, than that of any other variety of dairy cattle. They are handsome creatures, kindly, and take on fat very readily. Respecting grade cattle, we may briefly state that they were well represented. Some of the specimens were first-rate, with, of course, the usual proportion of ordinary and inferior. We particularly noticed a two-year old heifer owned by Hon. D. Christie, that might easily be taken for a pure-bred Short-horn even by a judge of Durham cattle; another two-year old heifer of large size and perfection of shape, owned by Mr. George Alton, of Nelson, and a red cow of great excellence, the property of Mr. W. Thompson of Markham.

FAT CATTLE. There were some highly deserving among the fat cattle. One fat steer, in particular, the property of Mr. J. Vine, St. Catharines, is a miracle of size and condition. He is four years old, weighs over 3,200 pounds, and conveys a lively idea of what the Behemoth must have been, when that ancient quadruped appeared in the flesh.

SHEEP.

This department was at once the most gratifying and humiliating feature of the show. Gratifying because a finer collection of animals—exhibiting the presence of the most desirable qualities of the various breeds could scarcely be seen, and humiliating because the greater number of them were totally disqualified for competition on account of unfair shearing. In the long-wool classes the Inspectors found that, with the exception of the lambs, every animal had a larger proportion of old wool than fair, honest clipping would warrant. This is a discredit able and mortifying fact—more especially when it is remembered that many of the best breeders in the Province were among the competitors. It is almost unnecessary to say that much grumbling and dissatisfaction were occasioned by this decisive action of the Inspectors, and that their veto was condemned by the exhibitors as absurd and unjust. We think differently. The four gentlemen who discharged this thankless office were evidently well qualified for their business, and the public generally owe them a debt of gratitude for the fearless and honest manner in which they discharged their duty. Unfair clipping has been for years a crying evil at our Exhibitions; and if the wholesome lesson that has been administered on the present occasion has the effect of remedying the abuse, Canadian flock-masters may be thankful, even though a few cases have been unjustly condemned. The sheep on the ground were such admirable specimens of their respective breeds that they required no dishonest artifices to recommend them. We fearlessly assert that in no country in the world could the Cotswold and Leicesters shown at the recent Exhibition, be surpassed. Especially among the latter we observed some wonderful examples of girth, foreflank and quality of wool. Any one with half an eye could see their value, and to the touch even of the inexperienced judge, their backs indicated the presence of the most recommendatory qualities. Several of the rams shown by Messrs. Miller, Stone, &c., were well worth studying, as showing to what an advanced state of cultivation the breeds have been brought, without impairing the activity of the animal—the bone being in fair proportion to the superstructure of mutton. In the two classes just named, the number of competitors was unusually large. In fact, but for the unfortunate shearing disqualification, long-wooled sheep were unexceptionably the most brilliant feature of the whole exhibition. Several choice animals were sold to buyers from the other side of the line. It is almost unnecessary to say that the prizes realized here, in some instances, reached an almost fabulous mark. We must not omit to mention that Mr. Kirby, of Halton, showed a few of his improved Lincolns imported last June, very beautiful sheep with long fleeces of combed wool of high style and lustre. These sheep show very plainly that much of the improvement effected in them has come from a dash of Leicester blood. The Merinos are no favourites of ours; but we do the animals on the ground but justice, when we say that they formed the most creditable collection that has ever appeared at an Exhibition in this Province. Nevertheless they are very far behind the fine specimens of this breed for which the United States in general, and particularly the State of Vermont has become so renowned.