

Committee—Mrs. Smith, Miss Isabella Farish, F. A. Baily.

On account of there being no entry for chemises, one of the classes specified, and only one for shirts, the committee took the liberty of awarding special prizes for lace work, of which there was a creditable exhibit. In non-classified fancy work, the committee, on account of the large and varied exhibits, had considerable trouble in judging which article showed the largest amount of ingenuity, taste and originality, and, if possible, at next meeting, would recommend a more extended classification in this department. One exhibit, in particular, deserves notice—a model bridge—which was excellent in conception and workmanship. Another excellent piece of work was a fern stand, (rustic), which seemed perfect for the purpose intended. In fancy Berlin work also, the designation covered a large field, and the committee had some difficulty in deciding between the respective merits of crochet Afghan and the various other wool work exhibited; but the committee, when in doubt, decided the claims to prizes by the superiority of the workmanship.

Class 12.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Entries, 38; Premiums, 36; Amount, \$82.

Committee—L. E. Baker, S. A. Crowell, James D. Horton.

The Committee on miscellaneous articles wish to notice the great improvement made in this department. The neatness and ingenuity shown deserve special commendation. In machinery we would notice a watchmaker's lathe, made by Mr. David Hilton, one of the neatest and most complete we have ever seen; also, a steam engine by Mr. Rowe, on the working beam principle, is very perfect and neat. The assortment of axes and edge tools was the best ever exhibited here. Many articles not put in for prizes, we think deserve special mention. A horse-shoe made by C. Gould is certainly well made, also a potato hack by B. Barreau. A case of boots, shoes and slippers by H. W. Crowell was very nice. The assortment and quality of stoves we do not think can be beat in the Province. The wood carving was excellent, also the fret work.

In Thornton's London "Short-Horn Transactions," just published, we observe among the births a red-and-white Bull Calf, by Grand Duke 31st, to the Earl of Bective's Rose of Underley. This cow is full sister to the White Rose of Lucyfield, being out of Cawood's Rose, by Captain Tregunter. She was purchased as a heifer by the Earl in 1875 for a hundred guineas.

THE SACKVILLE AND WEST-MORLAND EXHIBITION.

In the *Transcript* of Sackville, N. B., we find an interesting report of the Sackville and Westmorland Agricultural Society's Exhibition, from which we extract the following:—

The Exhibition of the Sackville and Westmorland Agricultural Society, held in this place on Tuesday, 14th October, gave broad hints as to the possibilities of our country. The display in almost all departments was excellent. A decided advance on the shows of former years was noticeable. The stock-yard and sheds were well filled with Durham cattle and their grades. Some splendid specimens of this breed were on the grounds. Prominent among these were a pair of two-year-old steers, belonging to Mr. Bradley Etter, said to girt over seven feet.

SWINE.

The hogs, both fat and for breeding purposes, were well represented. White Chesters and Berkshires were the predominating types. The number and quality of the specimens shown proved that the farmers in this vicinity were fully alive to the importance of careful selections for breeding purposes.

SHEEP.

In the matter of sheep we cannot report that there was any evidence of improvement on the exhibits of former years. Good sheep can be, and have been, raised within the bounds of the territory covered by the operations of our Society. But, lacking the extended ranges of hilly pastures favorable for sheep grazing, it is probable that other parts of our County and Province will always be able to excel the parishes of Sackville and Westmorland in this department.

HORSES.

Some good horses were shown, but indication of great advancement in this agricultural product was wanting. However, some very fine young colts were exhibited; and, if there was not so much evidence of improvement as is desirable, there was no evidence of a falling off.

IN THE BUILDING.

The display of the more direct products of the soil were such as would have disgraced no section of our country. Of roots, there was a splendid spread. Turnips, carrots, parsnips, mangels, beets, sugar beets and potatoes attracted a great deal of attention. And here there was evidence of progress and of improvement in the methods of cultivation. In this department there were more samples exhibited than last year, and of a superior

quality. The prize mangels averaged a pound more in weight each, and the Swedish turnips a pound and a half more than those of the previous year.

A large quantity of grain in the building, especially of wheat, was a very pleasing feature. The wheat was very good, notwithstanding that our harvest weather was not as favorable as usual. The prize bushels weighed over 60 lbs. to the bushel, and were clean and bright; and all that was offered for examination would, with good milling, make superior bread.

Arranged on a table and shelf along one side of the building were cabbages, squashes, pumpkins, tomatoes and other horticultural products. The season has not been a favourable one for the growth of these, and for size they did not come up to those that have graced this table in former years.

DAIRY.

On a raised platform at one of the room there was a display of products of the dairy. In this department there was a larger quantity of butter than of cheese. The butter was almost uniformly good. And those who took the prizes have cause to congratulate themselves. The judges were a long time tasting and re-tasting before they could place the tickets satisfactorily.

The display in domestic manufactures was very creditable, showing that the farmers' families could be comfortably and tastily clad in the products of their own wheels and looms.

John Barnes, of River Herbert, N. S., had some very excellent dyking spades on one of the tables. He has been making these tools since 1838; so that he has become very skillful at the work. Recently he has been making some entirely of cast steel, which have given great satisfaction to those who have used them. These spades took first prize at the N. S. Provincial Exhibition at Halifax.

In speaking of the Short Horn cattle, reference ought to have been made to a recent importation from Ontario, exhibited by Mr. Albert Fawcett. A very fine three year old heifer and a bull calf, pure bred.

VENNOR has put forth a prediction as to the approaching winter, of which he says: "Though still distant, looked at through the weather-glass of past experience, appears formidable. There are well defined indications of severity and lengthy duration when it does set in, but the outline presented to him just now depicts the heaviest snow-falls, as characterizing chiefly the latter half and end of the winter."