



[We give a portrait of the Galloway, in order that such of our readers as have never seen them may form an opinion of their merits from appearance, as well as the statements of the gentlemen who took part in the discussion which follows.—*Ed.*]

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FARMERS' CLUB.

GALLOWAY CATTLE.

The Township of Hamilton Farmers' Club met in the Township Hall, Coldsprings, on Friday the 1st February. This being the first meeting of the Society in the new Hall, it was well attended.

Mr. Matthew Forsyth, Vice President, in the Chair.

The subject of discussion was then introduced by Mr. Riddell reading the following paper on Galloway Cattle:—

MR. CHAIRMAN,—I can scarcely account for the task of bringing the properties of Galloway Cattle before this meeting being laid upon me, as I am not a breeder of any class of pure bred cattle, my stock consisting wholly of Natives and Grades, and my inclination, tastes, and habits lying more in the cultivation of the soil than in the breeding of Stock; besides our Society numbers amongst its members Mr. Wm. Roddick, who was the first to introduce Galloway Cattle into this neighborhood, if not into the Province, and certainly he is much better qualified to bring their merits before you than I can pretend to be.

On a subject such as the present it is needless to pretend to originality, so I shall do little more than make a few extracts from some of the various writers who have written on the subject of Cattle. Of the origin and early history of Galloway Cattle I can say little. Martin, a celebrated English writer on Cattle thinks they are descended from the same wild Cattle that used to roam in the ancient forests of Caledonia, some of which, he says, are still to be found in Chatelherault Park in Lanarkshire, which are mostly if not always polled.