

breeds of these animals in the country. In the sheds were dairy produce, domestic manufactures, and other articles were exhibited, they were so crowded, that we had not an opportunity of seeing them, but we have no doubt there was a good show of these things.

Edward Masson, Esq., of Terrebonne, President of the County of Terrebonne Agricultural Society, gave a very splendid entertainment at his house, to a numerous company of gentlemen who attended the exhibition. Amongst the number we observed the Hon. A. N. Morin, Provincial Secretary, and member for the County of Terrebonne, who had come from Quebec to be present. Another member of the Legislative Assembly, Dr. Poulin, was also present. The Hon. Mr. DeBleury, J. Fraser, Esq., of St. Marc, T. Dumas, Esq., of Montreal, and Alfred Turgeon, Esq., of Terrebonne, we recognised at the table, and many more whose names have already appeared in other reports, and therefore it is not necessary to mention them here. We had the satisfaction of hearing the address of Mr. Masson, and the Hon. Mr. Morin, which were excellent, but we left immediately after. Mr. Masson's entertainment was the best we ever had an opportunity of witnessing at an Agricultural Meeting. Indeed there was a profusion of good things, and served in superior style. It forcibly reminded us that agriculture was beginning to obtain the consideration it is so well entitled to receive from those who wish the prosperity of Canada. It is quite evident that if Mr. Masson did not regard it favorably, he would not have taken so much trouble to do honor to gentlemen who attended the Meeting. It was most gratifying to see men of different politics meet in perfect harmony on this neutral ground, to encourage and promote agricultural improvement. It is a matter of regret, however, that they do not meet oftener for the same object, and if they did, improvement would make rapid progress. The free discussion and interchange of ideas, on subjects connected with our agriculture would produce the most beneficial and happy

results. It is not to catch prizes that should bring agriculturists together to these exhibitions, but rather to see the products of systems of husbandry, including live stock and their management—to become acquainted with these systems, and to hear discussions on useful subjects. If agriculturists have superior animals or other products, it is very proper that they should show them for their own credit, and for the information of others; and it is also right that they should be awarded prizes, as a certificate of excellence, and to reimburse them the expense of bringing stock or other products to these Shows. This would be very reasonable, and is altogether different from exhibitors showing a grasping desire to catch a great number of prizes, where there would not be a numerous competition, and in consequence where animals of very questionable merit might gain prizes, because there were no better. We beg to submit these observations for consideration, with a sincere desire that what is best for the interest of agriculture, may be adopted as a general governing principle at all Agricultural Exhibitions.

COUNTY OF MONTREAL CATTLE SHOW.

This Show took place at Montreal, on the 30th of September last, but it was not so numerously attended as might be expected, nor was the exhibition of stock very superior for the County of Montreal. There was, however, some excellent imported sheep, belonging to the President of the Society, John Dodds, Esq., and to John Penner, Esq., of Lachine, who also exhibited other good sheep. We mention the names of these gentlemen as regular importers of sheep, a plan that is well calculated to improve this useful stock. We did not observe any new specimens of neat cattle, and the show of these animals disappointed us. There were some good horses. We noticed particularly two or three two year old colts, which were very promising. The show of brood mares was good, though we have seen better in the County of Montreal. We did not see many horses that we would suppose