

ing great good to the farmers of these provinces Jamie the Laird, purchased from Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, Ont., has proven a fine stock horse, and some of his colts on exhibition were very creditable.

Cattle.—Shorthorns were almost entirely unrepresented. Herefords were present in limited numbers, and the same was true of Galloways and Aberdeen-Polls. The Devons were an inferior lot. The exhibit of Red-Polls was very fair. The show of Jerseys was both large and good; a good many fair animals were on exhibition, indeed some of them were excellent. The show of Ayrshires was also good, the competition in the cow and heifer classes being close, and difficult to decide. In Holsteins, J. R. Page & Bros., Amherst, N.S., were the foremost exhibitors, although several first-class animals belonging to other exhibitors were on hand, particularly in the line of bulls. The stock bull of the Page Bros., imported from Smiths & Powell, is a grand animal. Grade cattle were in plentiful supply. They consisted of all manner of crosses, no one breed having become very generally entrenched as yet.

Sheep.—The best sheep from the maritime provinces consisted of Leicesters and Shropshires. Other breeds were almost entirely lacking, except such as were brought from Ontario by W. P. & C. H. McNish, of Lyn. These consisted of Shropshires, Lancols, and Southdowns, and they carried off nearly all the prizes for these breeds.

Swine.—The three breeds of swine on exhibition were the Berkshires, Yorkshires, and Chester Whites. There is not as much attention given to the breeding of swine and sheep in these countries as there should be, if conclusions may be drawn from the numbers of the animals on exhibition.

Grain.—The exhibit of cereal grains was very small indeed. This was accounted for by the unusual amount of wet weather, which not only delayed the harvesting of the crop, but also discolored it to an unusual degree. Buckwheat is a striking feature of the maritime provinces grain exhibit. It is wonderful how it yields. Mr. Hall, of Gagetown, N.B., obtained in one instance 25 bushels from sowing a single peck. The large yield is probably explained by the humid nature of the climate.

Field Roots.—The exhibit of field roots was fairly good, especially potatoes. The soil will undoubtedly grow roots in abundance, and this branch of Agriculture is receiving a good deal of attention at the hands of the farmers.

Fruit.—The exhibit of fruit was very fair, but, it is said, not nearly equal to that of former years. The Nova Scotia apples were on the whole considerably ahead of those from New Brunswick. The fruit generally was smooth and free from blight spots. In many instances the varieties are a good deal different from those in Ontario. Some varieties which flourish in Ontario, as the Spy, Baldwin, and Rhode Island Greening, are rather inferior to what we find them in Ontario. The Duchess of Oldenburg evidently flourishes well, particularly in New Brunswick.

The Provincial Exhibition of Prince Edward Island.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

This exhibition was held from September 30th to October 4th. It was the first one held on the Island of a provincial character, and has been located at Charlottetown. In all fairness it must be pronounced a decided success. The board of managers spared no pains in fitting up the grounds and in the erection of handsome and commodious buildings. The taste shown, not only in the design of the various buildings, but also in the finish in all details, is of a high order. The sheds for the live stock are so erected that in judging the animals are simply led out between the sheds, where the open space is quite sufficient for the purposes of judging. Such an arrangement is very convenient. The arrangement of the exhibits inside of the agricultural hall was also very perfect. Indeed it would be difficult to suggest improvement in this respect. This is in itself a great matter, for it not only enables the visitor to see the various products to advantage, but it also enables the judges to complete their work with expedition and haste.

Horses.—The exhibit of horses at this show was excellent, both in the light and heavy classes. It seem-

ing the government imported some stallions years ago, and allowed the farmers to use them for service, and at a fee that was simply a nominal one. The attention of farmers was thus directed to the improvement of light horses, which are now produced in large numbers and are of good quality. It was found necessary, however, after a time, to withdraw this form of rendering assistance, as it interfered with private enterprise. It was not withdrawn, however, until it had served the purpose of arousing public attention to the advantages of better breeding. The heavy horses are growing in numbers and are also good in quality. They consist of Clydes, Shires, and Percherons. It is beginning to be realized in Prince Edward Island, as elsewhere, that there is more money and less uncertainty in the results in breeding heavy horses than light ones.

Cattle.—The besting breeds of cattle were not very numerous. The Shorthorns were in the ascendant. The only herd of Herefords exhibited was owned by Mr. Palmer, of Charlottetown, and the only herd of Galloways by the Hon. Donald Ferguson. The former came from the Ontario Agricultural College farm, and from Mr. Fleming's herd, and the latter were purchased from the importation of Mr. Thomas McCrae, Guelph. They belonged to the importation shipwrecked on the eastern seaboard some years ago. Evidently a good deal of attention is given to the breeding of dairy cattle. The herds of both Ayrshires and Jerseys were good, and the classes for grade cattle of the Ayrshire, Jersey, and Guernsey types were filled to overflowing. There were many good animals among them, but the farmers as yet do not recognize the importance of adherence to up-grading in one line only, that is by continuing to use bulls of the same breed as those used when the grading was commenced.

Sheep.—The Leicester sheep were both numerous and good in quality. They evidently outnumber all the other breeds combined in the Island. The Shropshires came next in point of numbers. Some were good but others of them were rather ancient in their markings. Oxford-Downs are just being introduced, and there were a few Merinos. Grade sheep were out in very large numbers. The principal of them were on a Leicester, or even a more common foundation. It seemed strange to your correspondent to notice flocks of grade sheep on exhibition with a grade ram at their head. The good sense of the farmers will surely prevent them in future from repeating this egregious blunder. So long as motley sires are used, just so long will motley animals be raised, and the best class of buyers will be led to purchase elsewhere.

Pigs.—These were not numerous but were very fair specimens. The Berkshire and Yorkshire breeds seem to hold the fort, particularly the former.

Poultry.—This Island is noted for poultry. Many beautiful specimens were on hand. Poultry has hitherto been the great agricultural export of the Island.

Field Roots.—These were first-class in almost every department, quite equal in most respects to those in Ontario. Mangolds and turnips are both quite at home in the red sandstone soil of this island. Potatoes were ahead of anything that I have seen in any of our exhibitions of the present year. This applies both to size and smoothness of outline.

The Hamilton Grand Central Fair.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

To say that the Grand Central Fair, which was held at Hamilton from the 22nd to the 27th of Sept., was an unqualified success, would certainly not be adhering strictly to the truth, for while the weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance was fairly large, there is no doubt that the fair of 1890 was not by any means equal to the fairs that have been held in Hamilton in the past. What this is due to, is not so easy to say, but there is no doubt but that the fact that the prize list had been considerably cut down was one factor. Take for example the classes for draught and agricultural horses,—in place of having two classes for draught horses, one for imported and one for Canadian bred, both these classes were shown together; while in agricultural horses there was no section for yearling stallions, thus driving those yearlings that should have shown in this class into the draught class.

Such an arrangement as this, it is needless to say, created a good deal of dissatisfaction among exhibitors, and the opinion was freely expressed that before Hamilton fair could expect to regain its former prestige, it would be necessary to have the prize list carefully gone over and very materially altered.

Among the principal exhibitors of draught and agricultural horses we noticed Messrs. Hendrie & Co., of Hamilton; A. K. Tegart, of Tottenham; Ormsby & Chapman, of Springfield-on-the-Credit; Patrick O'Hare, of Binbrook; John Fothergill & Son, of Burlington; Thos. Macklin, of Hamilton; Snider & Edmondson, of Brantford; and Robert Smith, of Glanford. In aged stallions the red went to A. K. Tegart, who showed a bay horse, Lord Wilton, got by Lord Erskine, while the blue was taken by Robt. Smith, of Glanford, the third place going to Ormsby & Chapman's Shire stallion. In three-year-olds, first went to a colt owned in Caledonia, whose owner's name we did not ascertain, second and third going to Ormsby & Chapman; while in two-year-olds the judges placed a very plain, rough-legged horse first, the second going to a nice, smooth, sweet colt, shown by P. O'Hare. Among the mares shown in the draught class we would especially mention a very thick, blocky mare, shown in the aged class, and bred by Mr. Booth, of Caledonia, and a yearling filly shown by Mr. Jas. Hall, of Streetsville. This filly promises to grow into a very fine pattern of a brood mare; she is a thick, blocky mare, with plenty of quality, and Mr. Hall is to be congratulated on the acquisition of such an animal.

The leading exhibitors of light horses were Messrs. Hendrie & Co., of Hamilton, and Mr. John Dymont, of Orkney, who swept the thoroughbred classes, as usual, while in carriage horses the first for aged stallions went to Orr & Harrison's well-known horse Ryshawk, who also was awarded the diploma. Other exhibitors were Messrs. Snider & Edmondson, who showed their imported Cleveland horse Prince George, and several of his get, and Mr. Alex. Allan, of Ancaster, who showed a very nice, smooth horse, Glengarry, a breezy looking fellow, with fair action and got by Old Cleveland.

In cattle, the classes were in some cases fairly well filled. Of Shorthorns, the principal herds represented being those of Messrs. J. & W. B. Watt, of Salem; C. Terryberry, Glanford; John Currie, Everton; W. Barker, Paris; Wm. Chisholm, Brisbane; and Eastwood Bros., Mimico; the diploma for the best bull of any age going to the last named firm, while the best prize went to J. & W. B. Watt, with W. D. Barker 2nd, and John Currie 3rd. There was only one herd of Herefords, that of Daniel Reed, Glanford, who showed some four or five head. The dairy classes for cattle were perhaps as well filled as any on the ground, there being four herds of Ayrshires, and four of Holsteins, the herd prize for Ayrshires going to James McCormick, of Rockton, other prize winners being Messrs. Smith, of Fairfield; Gerrard, of Hamilton, and Anderson, of Hamilton; while in Holsteins the prizes were pretty evenly divided between Messrs. Felan & Breckon, of Oakville; Kennedy, of Ayr; Stevenson, of Ancaster; and McNiven & Son, of Grimsby, and Mr. F. Rankie, of Ancaster, the latter taking first on his yearling bull. In Jerseys, the well-known herd of Mr. George Smith, of Grimsby, swept everything, except in the class for aged bulls, where first went to Mr. J. S. Job, of Waterdown. In grade and fat cattle the prizes were divided between Messrs. Webber, of Glanford; Atkinson, of Utoka; Barker, of Paris; and Watt, of Salem. The sheep classes were only fairly well filled, the principal exhibitors being, in long wools, Messrs. John Kelly, Wm. Pelch, H. Crawford & Son, and John Wood & Son, and in Downs, Messrs. Hanmer & Son, Wm. Pettit, J. T. Harcourt & Son, S. Evans, John Jackson, and A. Simonton.

The pigs, in the opinion of many spectators, made the best exhibit on the ground, all the classes being well filled and the competition strong. Large breeds were represented by Ormsby & Chapman, R. Dorsey, Jos. Featherstone, and D. DeCourcy, who divided the prizes among them; while in Poland Chinas, Messrs. Dorsey and W. M. & J. C. Smith, divided the honors. In Suffolks, all the firsts went to R. Dorsey, except in boars under six months, where it was awarded to Jos. Featherstone, who also took a number of seconds. In Berkshires, the grand herd shown by Mr. George Green, of Fairview, made almost a clean sweep.

Poultry was a very creditable exhibit, the competition in some of the classes being very keen.