

future success of our farmers lies in Stock raising; we have superior grazing ground, and are able to grow roots in abundance, they being a sure crop.

The work of the year compares fairly with the past, showing number of members 161, as against 168 for 1875; amount of subscriptions \$244, as against \$304; 94 Exhibitors as against 98; 621 entries, as against 533; number of Premiums awarded 318, as against 284; amount of Premiums awarded \$450.60, as against \$414.75, and amount of admissions to Court House \$83.20, vs. \$33.85.

The Yarmouth Society has an excellent plan of requiring the Committee of Judges in each class of exhibits to make up a General Report (as well as Prize List), pointing out special merits or demerits. We have not room for the detailed Prize List, but we gladly cull from the *Yarmouth Herald* the very serviceable remarks made in some of these general reports. The Committee on Class 1. *Horses*, "were very much pleased to find the Horses in such good condition, particularly their grooming, and we were gratified to find that the style and condition of the Stock was much enhanced by the splendid, spacious and even ground on which it was exhibited, for the Horses, above all other animals, require to be kept clean and dry, to be either comely or comfortable. We were particularly struck with one very fine horse, "Dominion Splendor," whose style, muscle and gentleness we would think have to excel; and another very superior stock horse, "Lord Nelson," whose proud, flashing, defiant eye his deep thick chest and short back is a guarantee of his ambition and ability to jerk his feet from under a vehicle. But the horse that particularly took our attention, and one that a person has only to look at to admire, was "Hiawatha," whose beauty, bearing and points are unmistakable signs of action, speed and endurance. A number of other fine horses we would like to mention, but cannot for want of time and space. We would respectfully recommend that as an inducement to breed, raise and exhibit, more carefully and extensively, a higher premium be paid for this class, as there is very much more care, risk and expense in raising fine horses than any other stock."

The Committee on *Short Horns and Ayrshires* report as follows:—"We find in the Short Horns not a single entry of thorough bred and only two grade. This we regret very much, and are sorry to have it go abroad that Yarmouth County does not produce a single thoroughbred Short Horn. We hope that some of our farmers may soon find it profitable to start a herd in this class, "the aristocracy of cattle." In the Ayrshire class, we are pleased to report a fine exhibit, almost all the animals taking prizes being pure blood and of a fine quality."

The Committee on other *Thoroughbred Stock* report:—"Whatever may be said about the stock exhibited on the grounds, there is one thing certain, that among the Jerseys or Alderneys were the finest lot of dairy Cows ever shown in Yarmouth. There were also some fine Heifers, one thorough bred Heifer Calf was very fine. There were very few Devons exhibited."

The Committee on *Oxen and Steers* report a fair number of exhibitors in this class and the size only ordinary; they would recom-

mend the Durham to Stock raisers for profit, and hope that the day is not far distant when it will not be an unusual sight to see Oxen as large as the largest exhibited at this time.

The Committee on *Female Cattle Stock—any Breed*—report cows six years old and upwards and 5 years old and upwards, very good; 3 and 4 years no entries; 2 year old, Heifer in milk not worthy first premium. Committee suggest that exhibitors be more careful in placing their stock in the proper class.

The Committee on *Sheep, Swine and Poultry* report as follows:—"The sheep were a decided improvement on former years. The Shropshire deserves particular mention. The Swine very good, but the number of entries small; only two Spring Pigs over 4 months on the ground. The Fowls were not as good as previous years; only two pairs of Turkeys on Exhibition. There was one pair of Pekin Ducks that were very fine."

The Committee on *Dairy Produce* report an increase in the number of entries for Butter; many parcels of Rolls very superior, making it difficult to decide between them; on the whole the crocks were not so good as they should have been; there was only one entry for cheese. They trust another year will find a better display in this article.

The Committee on *Grain and Seeds* report the whole number of entries, 33; divided as follows:—Wheat, 4; Barley, 8; Rye, 1; Oats, 5; Buckwheat, 1; Corn, 4; Beans, 3; Peas, 2; Timothy Seed, 1; Turnip Seed, 2; collections of Stock, 2. All of the articles were of fair quality and some very excellent. None of the varieties of Wheat, Rye, or Buckwheat were named, but all were of good quality. Barley, good; Oats, good; Corn, very fine; Beans good; Timothy Seed only one sample but good in quality. No entries of Clover Seed; two entries of Peas, very good in quality, but being lacking in quantity were not allowed a premium. Sample of Turnip Seed first class. Collection of seeds were very good in quality, but the quantity was very small and assortment limited, as has always been customary. The committee remind members of the importance of class 5, and suggest that in the future it receive the attention which it merits, and which it has never met with in the past.

The Committee on *Vegetables* suggest better preparations another year, but believe that the interest in the Exhibition is well sustained. In several instances the judges have to admit that owing to the close approximation in excellence of many articles, they had to award prizes almost pro forma, and with a feeling of regret that there was but one first prize to any one variety.

Fruits and Flowers.—The Committee report the exhibit of Apples larger than any former occasion, and of a good size. The collection of Pears small, and there were no Plums brought forward. Special mention is made of a dozen Peaches (160) grown in a green house at Milton, also of a basket of Concord Grapes (No. 43) raised in the open air at Carleton. To both these special prizes were recommended to be awarded.

Fine Arts, &c.—The Committee found some difficulty in fully deciding which specimen of Penmanship was the best. They recommend that in future Exhibitions the premiums should be so distributed as to make the lightest only one dollar, the second seventy-five cents, the third and subsequent prizes fifty and twenty-five cents, as the

specimen copy books seem so even in regard to merit that the larger prizes are out of proportion to the others, after contrasting the merits of all. We recommend the future division of prizes to be as follows: one for \$1, one 75 cents, one 50 cents, five at 25 cents each, which is the present amount now given. The maps were only three, and the Committee hope that next year the specimens to be sent forward will be greater in number, as map making is a branch of study which includes penmanship and drawing, and ought to be cultivated by all scholars, as it combines the training of the eye, the hand and the mind. The Committee regret that there were no specimens whatever of Pencil Drawings or Crayon, and trust that next year will bring out a large exhibition of such work.

Home Manufactures.—Many of the Exhibits were of shorter lengths than required, entailing unnecessary work upon the Committee.

In *Carriage, Cabinet and Blacksmith Work* there were but few entries, but the specimens shown were worthy especial mention. Under the head of Brass Work were exhibited two Bells, which were superior both in tone and finish. The Steam Fire Pump, Capstan and Lawn Vases were much admired. In Stoves the assortment was so large and the amount of taste displayed in the arrangement so complete, that your Committee have to acknowledge their inability to fairly rank these articles, more especially in reference to the Cook Stoves; and in awarding the first prize to the "Island Crown," we did so, feeling that the "Victor" was equally worthy of that honor. As for smoothness of casting and general utility, we consider it fully equal to any manufactured. We regret that no exhibitions were made of *Leather, Harness Work and Boots and Shoes*, which occupy so important a position in our local manufactures and trust that next year these interests will be fully represented.

Miscellaneous.—Specimen of Carving, an exquisite piece of work representing Deer leaping over a crag. The whole is done in miniature, cut from a solid piece of mahogany. The Deer is about one inch in length. Awarded 1st prize. Also by the same a Wooden Vase carved out of walnut, admirably executed, awarded 2nd prize.

A Basket of Flowers in Wax, very beautiful and life like (No. 157) 1st prize.

No 141 represents a small wooden Box with cover and compartment, very finely inlaid with various colored woods, the whole turned in a lathe and equal to some of the best Chinese work. Also some finely turned articles in calcareous spar, 1st prize.

No. 150—Represents samples of Artificial Stone, by the Yarmouth Art. Stone Manufacturing Company. These samples consisted of well-curbs, window-caps, key-stones, and a variety of articles usually cut from granite and freestone. The samples shown could not be distinguished from the real stone. Awarded 1st prize.

At Braebridge the Muskoka and Parry Exhibition was chiefly remarkable for the fine display of roots.

At the Quebec County Exhibition, Oct. 4, Messrs. Caron and Garneau strongly urged sugar beet culture.