

### The Eastern Townships Exhibition at Sherbrooke, P. Q.

The success that has attended the annual exhibitions held at Sherbrooke must be attributed in a large measure to the energy and zeal of the Board of Directors who originated and carried it forward to its present high position, and which, in some practical points, are in advance of shows that assume more pretensions.

It has been the aim of the management to make their exhibition as educational as possible in character, and in this they have spared neither trouble nor expense. Among the features not generally in vogue they have adopted the single expert judge system in most of the classes, those for this purpose being brought from long distances. This has the effect of giving more satisfaction to exhibitors, while those on the

In Clyde stallions the grand horses of Mr. Robert Ness, Howick, described in other columns, carried all before them, taking first and second in both aged and three-year-old classes, and first in two-year-old, while a yearling, owned by Thomas Irvine, Montreal, took first in his class.

In the brood mares Thomas Irvine, H. D. Smith and R. H. Pope carried winning colors.

In Percherons the Haras National had two winners.

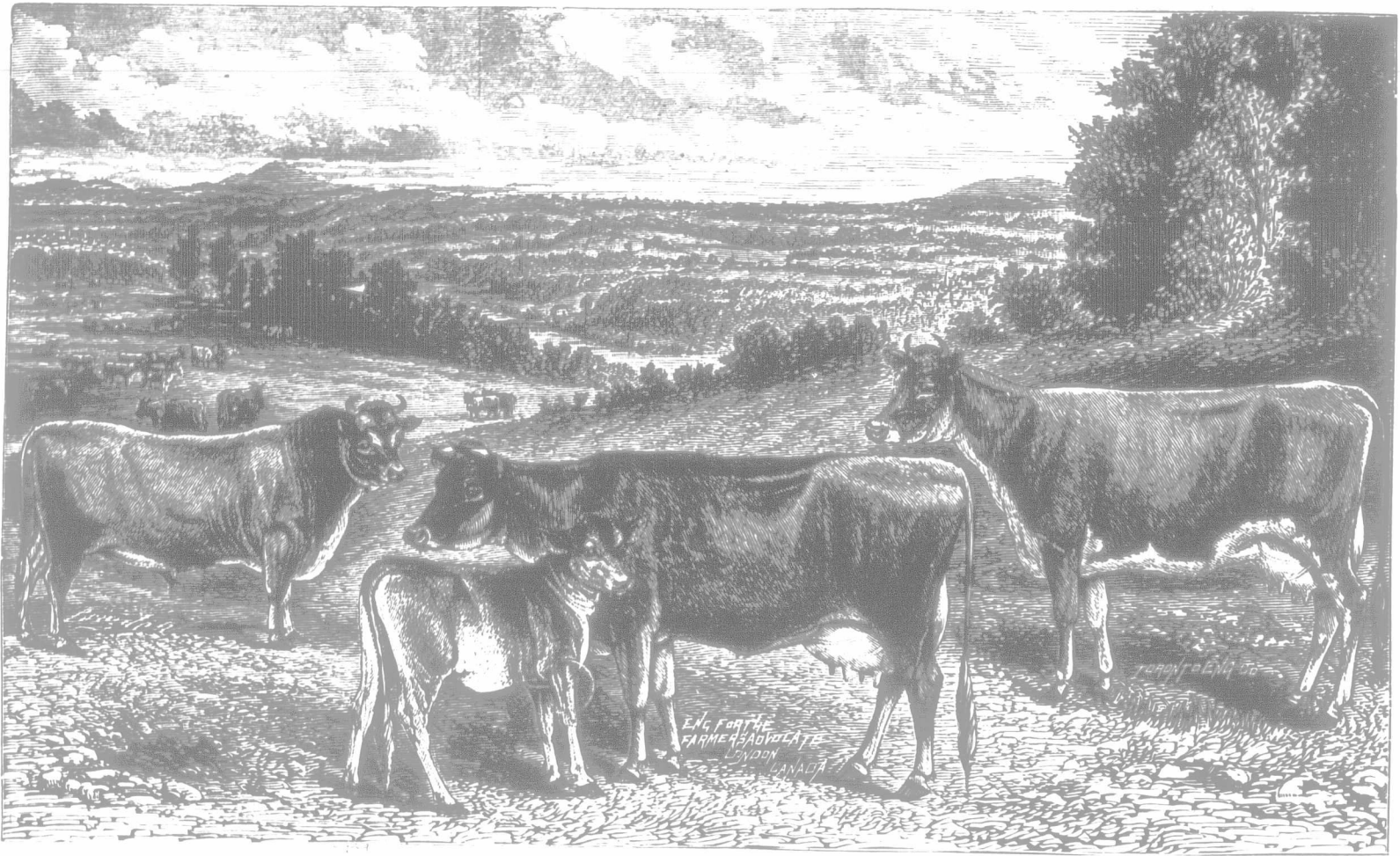
In coaches the French Coacher owned by the Haras National won in the aged class, while the Yorkshire horse shown by Mr. Robert Ness, took the red in the three-year-old class, and also sweepstakes.

Shorthorn cattle were not in high show condition, most of the cattle being brought straight

herds of Messrs. Dawes, Lachine; Hon. H. M. Cochrane, Hillhurst; Mr. H. D. Smith, Compton, all carried winning cards, the former winning the herd prize.

Sheep were not a large exhibit, yet some good Shropshires were shown by Mr. G. W. Faller, Capleton, and Hon. H. M. Cochrane, and Leicesters by R. W. Frank, Kinsbury; B. C. Howard, Applegate; George, Davidson, Fairfax; and some excellent Southdowns by Mr. Guy Carr, Compton; A. E. Humphrey and T. S. Humphrey, both of Dixville.

A most interesting feature in the show was the working dairy under the direction of Prof. Robertson, of the Ottawa Experimental Farm. As special prizes had been offered for the milk and butter tests of herds of ten cows, also four and single cow tests, the supply of milk was



A VIEW OF HILLHURST FARM, THE PROPERTY OF THE HON. M. H. COCHRANE, COMPTON, P. Q.

outlook for more knowledge can learn much from a well qualified judge.

Although much of the stock on exhibition was not in the training that is generally seen at some of the exhibitions, still the grand pasturage with which the eastern townships abound has carried the cattle into capital form, beyond which it is not in the interest of breeders to push them.

A large share of the light horses were standard-bred, a class being purposely made for those holding certificates, while a roadster class was also included, as also were Hackneys, some beautiful specimens of which were shown by Hon. H. M. Cochrane. In this latter class some half-bred Hackneys, sired by the imp. Hackney horse Fordham, were much admired, and if our farmers were to breed more of this class we should hear less about horses being a drug on the market.

from the pastures. Some useful cattle were shown by J. S. Mair, Howick; Mr. John Racey, Lennoxville; Mr. Alton Hodge, Eaton; G. W. Chaddock, Cookshire.

In Herefords the herds of Mr. H. D. Smith, Compton; Hon. H. M. Cochrane and Messrs. Dawes, Lachine, and a few young things from the herd of R. H. Pope, M. P., shared in the prizes offered, the former winning the herd prize.

In Polled-Angus R. H. Pope, M. P., and Messrs. Dawes were the principal exhibitors, the former winning the herd prize.

The dairy cattle were exceedingly well brought out, the Ayrshires of Mr. Thomas Irvine, Montreal, and those of Mr. R. Robertson, Howick, being especially good. Some good cows were shown by Messrs. George Davidson, Fairfax, and Hale, Sherbrooke.

The Jerseys were a particularly good lot. The

large enough to keep a staff of experts busy on this work of testing and sampling, as well as making butter and cheese. As all the modern dairy appliances were forward, such as cream separators, Babcock milk testers, butter workers, etc., the crowd that was constantly in attendance showed the interest that both sexes were taking in this part of the show, a grant for this purpose having been made by the Ottawa Government, and a new and very suitable handsome building erected on the grounds. This building was nicely decorated with silage corn, and hung with mottoes, such as the following:—"Canada Leads the World in Cheese," "Best Farm Policy—Butter, Beef, Cheese and Bacon," "Winter Dairying Pays the Best," "Nine Millions of Cheese Exported Yearly," the whole forming a novelty which the visitors showed their appreciation of by crowds that gathered around this part of the grounds.